

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 27, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0818  
1106 MYRTLE STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Relocate a ca. 1930 house outside the city.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular –plan, front-gabled, frame bungalow with a partial-width, front-gabled, partially-inset porch on ornamental metal posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built in 1930 by Mrs. Ollie Cleveland, a widow, who had lived with her late husband in Georgetown, Texas, where her husband was a restaurant cook. Ollie Cleveland moved to Austin in the 1920s, and lived with her sister and grandfather at 1173 Navasota Street before building this house around 1930. Her sister was a cook for a private family, and Ollie Cleveland followed that same career. She had a daughter, Ardella Cleveland, who died in 1954. In her later years, Ollie Cleveland was listed in city directories as a maid for private families. She died in 1966, while still residing in this house. A woman named Birdie Mercer is shown as the owner of the house in the 1968 city directory; Mercer was Ollie Cleveland's maiden name, so it is possible that Birdie was a relative. Around 1970, the house was purchased by Mamie Reed, who with her late husband, had lived in Rosewood Courts prior to moving to this house. Her husband had worked as an attendant in the Motoramp Garage, which was attached to the Norwood Building, before his death in 1968. Mamie worked as a custodian in the Norwood Building. She died in 2010.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed as a medium priority for preservation in the Cultural Resources of East Austin Survey (2000).

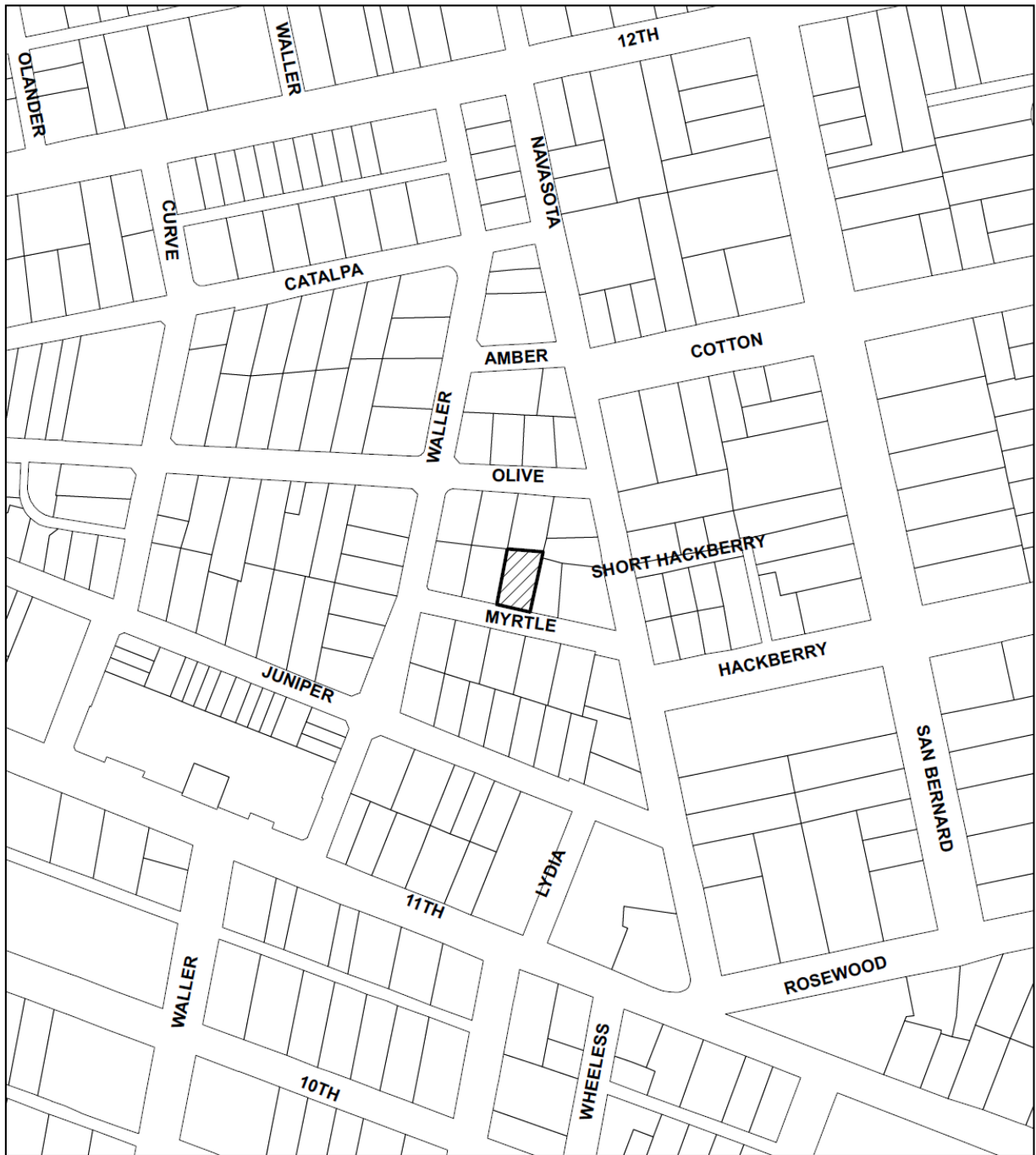
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the relocation permit; while the house has an interesting history, it does not rise to the level of an individual landmark, and will be re-used in a new location.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 200'

CASE#: HDP-2014-0818  
Address: 1106 Myrtle Street

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1106 Myrtle Street  
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1106 Myrtle Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
October, 2014

1992	Mamie R. Reed, owner Retired
1985-86	Mamie R. Reed, owner Custodian, Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1981	Mamie R. Reed, owner Custodian, Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street
1977	Mamie R. Reed, owner Widow, Lonnie Reed, Jr. Custodian, Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1973	Mamie R. Reed, owner Widow, Lonnie Reed, Jr. Custodian, Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1968	Birdie Mercer, owner No occupation listed

NOTE: Lonnie and Mamie Reed are listed at 1135 Chicon Street, Apt. 2; he was a driver for the Motoramp Storage Garage, 7<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Streets; she had no occupation listed.

NOTE: Ollie Cleveland died in 1966; she was residing in this house when she passed away. Her maiden name was Mercer.

1962	Ollie Cleveland, owner Widow, Wiley Cleveland Maid
1959	Ollie Cleveland, owner Widow, Wiley Cleveland Maid, Earl E. Simms, accountant, 2705 Scenic Drive.
1955	Ollie Cleveland, owner Widow, Wiley Cleveland Cook
1952	Ollie Cleveland, owner Cook
1949	Ollie M. Cleveland, owner No occupation listed
1947	Ollie M. Cleveland, owner Widow, Wylie Cleveland Cook
1944-45	Ollie M. Cleveland, owner Widow, Wylie Cleveland Cook
1941	Ollie M. Cleveland, owner Cook
1939	Ollie Cleveland, owner Cook Also listed is Ardelia Cleveland, no occupation stated.
1937	Ollie Cleveland, owner No occupation listed Also listed is Idella Cleveland, no occupation stated.
1935	Ollie Cleveland, owner Domestic, William F. and Mamie Gohlke, 709 W. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street; he was the vice-president-general manager of Walker's Aus-Tex Chili Company. Also listed is Ardella Cleveland, no occupation stated.
1932-33	Ollie Cleveland, owner Cook, William F. and Mamie Gohlke, 709 W. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street; he was the vice-president-general manager of Walker's Aus-Tex Chili Company. Also listed is Ardella Cleveland, no occupation stated.
1930-31	Robert Palm (colored), owner

No occupation listed

Ollie Cleveland, renter  
Cook, William F. and Mamie Gohlke, 709 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street; he was the vice-president-general manager of Walker's Aus-Tex Chili Company.  
Also listed is Idella Cleveland, no occupation stated.

1929 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Ollie and Idella Cleveland are listed at 1173 Navasota Street; neither had an occupation stated in the directory.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### Ollie Cleveland (ca. 1930 – ca. 1966)

Ollie and Ardella Cleveland appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$1,900. Ollie Cleveland was a 50-year old African-American cook in a private home; she had been born in Texas. Ardella Cleveland was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ollie and Ardella Cleveland living with her sister, Addie Felder, at 1173 Navasota Street, along with their grandfather, Robert Palm. The family rented their house on Navasota Street. Both Ollie and Ardella Cleveland were cooks for private families, as was Ollie's sister, Addie Felder. Robert Palm was 80, and had no occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Ollie and Ardella Cleveland living in a house they owned in Georgetown, Texas. Ollie Cleveland was a 32-year old widow who worked as a cook for a private family; Ardella Cleveland was 15 and had no occupation listed. They had a roomer, Albert, Weatherford, a divorced 31-year old African-American waiter in a restaurant. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Wiley and Ollie Cleveland living in Georgetown, Texas, with their young daughter, Idella. Wiley Cleveland was a 32-year old Texas-born cook in a restaurant. Ollie Cleveland had no occupation listed in the census report.

Ardella Cleveland died in Austin April 10, 1954.

### **MRS. OLLIE CLEVELAND**

**Funeral for Mrs. Ollie Cleveland will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church with Rev. J. Ray Thornton officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Fuller Mercer Sheffield Funeral Service.**

**Survivors include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Birdie Mercer, Austin, and several nieces and nephews.**

**Pallbearers will be the nephews of Mrs. Cleveland.**

Obituary of Ollie Cleveland  
Austin American, June 22, 1966

**Mamie Reed (ca. 1970 - )**

Lonnie Reed, Jr. appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for rural Travis County, where he appears as the 16-year old son of Lonnie and Malissa Reed. He had no occupation listed; his father was a farm laborer. He had an older brother, Willmon, who was also a farm laborer. Lonnie Reed, Jr. died in Holy Cross Hospital in Austin on July 23, 1968 of carcinoma of the tongue; he was a 44-year old porter who had been born in Travis County and was living in Rosewood Courts at the time of his death.

**LONNIE REED JR.**

Funeral for Lonnie Reed Jr. will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. E. M. Franklin officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of Fuller Sheffield Funeral Service.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mamie Reed of Austin; two daughters, Mary Ann Reed and Lisa Michelle Reed, Austin; three sons, Lonnie Lee, Johnny and Willie James Reed, Austin; stepmother, Mrs. Malissa Lee Austin; sister, Miss Nava Jo Reed, San Antonio; brother, Rev. William Reed, Austin; and stepbrother, Deloris Drake, Austin.

Obituary of Lonnie Reed  
Austin American, July 26, 1968

*Mamie Rosalee Reed, 81, homemaker, of Austin died Friday. Visitation 1:00 p.m. Thursday, King-Tears Mortuary. Services noon Friday, Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church. Burial Evergreen Cemetery.*

Obituary of Mamie R. Reed  
Austin American-Statesman, December 30, 2010

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

No. A 3387  
Sec. 32

## PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. Ollie Cleveland Address 1106 Myrtle  
Plumber J. J. Slater Size of Tap 1/2 Date 7-11-30

## Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 7/11/30  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4  
 Size Service Made 3/4  
 Size Main Tapped 3/4  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6'6"  
 " " " " 30'6"  
 Location of Meter at curb  
 Type of Box brick  
 Depth of Main in St. 18"  
 " " Service Line 18"  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 3'6"  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. J. J. Slater 8-2-30

No. Fittings	Size	No. Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Conn.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Req. No.
2	3/4"	1	1	1	1	1	3/4"	1	3/4"x3"			1	1	1	1		2-531

Foreman's Signature BENSON

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Water service permit to Ollie Cleveland for this house (1930)