

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 27, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0848
2100 CHESTNUT AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1931 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, clipped front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width clipped front-gabled inset porch that has a partial projection from the front facade; single and paired 1:1 fenestration, with a number of modern replacement windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1931 by Ida Davis, who had no occupation listed in city directories. She lived here until around 1938. David Johnson, a laborer, is listed as the owner of the house in the 1939 city directory; he was a laborer. The next owners and occupants were David Johnson's brother, Joe Johnson, and his wife, Maggie, who lived here until the mid-1950s. Joe Johnson appears as the owner of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census, when he was working as a porter at Camp Mabry for the U.S. Property and Disbursing Office. He then went to work as a porter for the State Adjutant General's Office, and after World War II, he became a trucker for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

After the Johnsons moved in the mid-1950s, the house became a rental unit. Tenants included Dorothy Black, a maid, who rented here from the mid-1950s through the mid-1960s, a clerk at the Texas Department of Education, a clerk at Yaring's, and a cook, who were all more short-term renters.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house appears in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984), but without a priority for research.




STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, and has had too many modifications to warrant preparation of a documentation package. While the loss of this house impacts the availability of affordable housing in the neighborhood, the condition of this house and the lack of significance justify release of the permit.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 158'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0848
LOCATION: 2100 Chestnut Ave.

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2100 Chestnut Avenue
ca. 1931



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2100 Chestnut Avenue

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

1992	Nettie Wooten, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Charlie and Nettie Wooten, renters Retired
1981	No return
1977	Leslie and Katherine Roland, renters Cook, Sid's Restaurant, 3501 N. Lamar Boulevard
1973	Emma Blackwell, renter Clerk, Yaring's, a complete department store for women and children (several locations).
1968	Essex and Peggy Moore, renters Clerk, Texas Department of Education
1962	Dorothy Black, renter Maid

1959	Dorothy Black, renter Maid
1955	Dorothy Black, renter Maid
1952	Joe and Maggie Johnson, owners Trucker, Southern Pacific Lines NOTE: Dorothy Black is listed at 1607 Cedar Avenue; she was a maid.
1949	Joe and Maggie Johnson, owners Trucker, Southern Pacific Lines
1947	Joe and Maggie Johnson, owners No occupation listed
1944-45	Joe and Maggie Johnson, owners U.S. Army
1941	Joe and Maggie Johnson (not listed as owners) Porter, State Adjutant General's Office
1939	David Johnson, owner Laborer NOTE: Joe and Maggie Johnson are listed at 1900 E. 22 nd Street; he was a porter for the U.S. Property Disbursing Office at Camp Mabry.
1937	Ida Davis, owner No occupation listed NOTE: David Johnson is not listed in the directory.
1935	Ida Davis (not listed as owner) No occupation listed
1932-33	Ida Davis, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The address is listed as the west side of Chestnut Avenue, 1 house north of 21 st Street.
1930-31	No houses are listed this far north on Chestnut Avenue. NOTE: Ida Davis is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

David Johnson (ca. 1938 – ca. 1940)

Joe and Maggie Johnson (ca. 1940 – ca. 1954)

David and Joe Johnson appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the sons of Walter and Ida Johnson, who owned their home at 2612 San Pedro Street in Austin. Walter Johnson was a 53-year old Texas-born laborer; Ida Johnson was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. David Johnson was 13; Joe Johnson was 12. Both boys had been born in Texas. They were the middle two of the Johnsons' 4 children. David Johnson died June 2, 1959 of cardiac arrest in Austin. His death certificate shows Joe Johnson as his brother. He had been a self-employed concrete contractor.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Joe and Maggie Johnson as the owners of this house, which was worth \$1,000. Joe Johnson was 36, had been born in Texas, and was a porter in an army camp. Maggie Johnson was 38, had been born in Texas, and took in washing at home. With them lived a niece, Ida lee Washington, 13, who had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Joe Johnson's August 19, 1974 death certificate shows him as a retired gardener, and the son of Walter and Ida Johnson of Travis County.

JOHNSON, Joe, 67, 2001

Chicon, died Monday. Services
4 p m Wednesday at Mt. Sinai
Baptist Church (King Tears).
Survivors: wife, Mrs. Maggie
Johnson of Austin; sister, Mrs.
Margaret Washington of
Austin; brother, Walter
Johnson of Austin

Obituary of Joe Johnson
Austin American-Statesman, August 21, 1974

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS **INDEXED** No. 381

M. Ida Davis Address 2100 Chestnut Ave.

Plumber Self Size of Tap 1/2 Date 6-12-31

changed to 6" main on 13131

Date of Connection 6-12-31

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 18'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 18'

Location of Meter at curb

Type of Box lock

Depth of Main in St. 18"

Depth of Service Line 18"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 19'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-1-31 JCF

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Foreman's Report

No. Fittings	Size	Material
2	3/4"	Curb Cock
1	3/4"	Elbow
1	3/4"	St. Elbow
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Bushing
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Reducer
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Pipe
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Lead Comp
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Nipples
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Union
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Plug
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Tee
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Stop
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Box
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Lid
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Valves

Foreman's Signature Durham

St. Reg. No. 1-9554

Water service permit to Ida Davis for this house (1931)