

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 27, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0863
3505 BANTON ROAD

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof, stuccoed concrete block residence with non-historic vinyl siding; metal-framed casement windows; the carport has been converted into a room to the left of the house.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1948 by Rogan Giles, the son of Bascom Giles, a principal developer in this neighborhood. Bascom Giles was a commissioner in the General Land Office, who developed this neighborhood as well as the Maplewood neighborhood north of 38 ½ Street. Their signature style was a blend of minimal traditional and International style, executed in concrete block and with a stuccoed exterior. South of 38½ Street, the Giles family built single family homes; north of 38½ Street, they built two-story duplexes. Streets in the neighborhood south of 38 ½ Street bear names related to the Giles family, including Giles Street, Bascom Lane, and Banton Road, which was the maiden name of Bascom Giles' wife. Rogan and Vera Giles lived in this house only until around 1950. The next owners and occupants were Walter and Thea Davis in the early 1950s – Walter Davis was in the U.S. Air Force. The house was a rental unit in the mid- to late 1950s, when Birdie Huddleston, the divorced wife of Delbert A. Huddleston, rented the house. Birdie Huddleston was a retired public school teacher; after her divorce from Delbert, she and their son, D.A., Jr. had lived in Southeast Texas, in and around Kirbyville and the sawmill town of Call. D.A. Huddleston, Jr. lived across the street at 3506 Banton Road. Delbert, Sr. and his new wife, Ruby Huddleston are listed as the owners of the house in the 1962 city directory. They lived here until January, 1964, when they moved to E. 15th Street, where Delbert perished in a house fire later that month. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the house was owned and occupied by Willie Lee and Charlesetta Crayton, an African-American couple who had grown up in Lee County. Willie Crayton worked for the Gary Job Corps in San Marcos while he and Charlesetta lived in this house. The house has been a rental since the 1980s.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

While the Giles Place neighborhood is a good candidate for a historic district (the Giles duplexes north of 38 ½ Street are already part of the Wilshire Woods National Register Historic District), this house is in disrepair, and has lost a significant amount of integrity; it likely would not be contributing to any potential historic district, and does not have the necessary architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark. Staff recommends release the permit.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0863
LOCATION: 3505 Banton Rd.

1" = 159'

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3505 Banton Road
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
3505 Banton Road

From City Directories, Austin History Center
Prepared by the City Historic Preservation Office
October, 2014

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| 1992 | Jeannie Chatmon, renter
Receptionist, Travis State Hospital |
| 1985-85 | Bryan A. Newsome, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Bryan A. Newsome was a new resident at this address. |
| 1981 | No return |
| 1977 | Frank and Virgie Wiley, owners
Janitor, Handy Andy Super Market (several locations) |
| 1973 | Willie L. and Charlesetta Crayton, owners
Employed by the Job Corps, San Marcos, Texas |
| 1968 | Willie L. and Charlesetta Crayton, owners
Employed by the Job Corps, San Marcos, Texas |

- 1962 Delbert A. and Ruby Huddleston, owners
Watchman, Boat Town of Texas, 3826 Lake Austin Boulevard.
NOTE: Delbert Huddleston, Jr. and his wife, Louise lived at 3506 Banton Road.
- 1959 Birdie Huddleston, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: Delbert A. Huddleston is not listed in the directory; Ruby Huddleston is listed at 715½ West Avenue; she was an office secretary at the State Teachers' Retirement System. The 1957 city directory shows Delbert and Ruby Huddleston at 715 West Avenue; he was a patrolman for the City School Patrol. Delbert A. and Dorothy Huddleston lived at 3506 Banton Road; he was a policeman. Birdie Huddleston lived at 2105-A Sabine Street; she had no occupation listed.
- 1955 Raymond A. and Bertha Dise, renters
Raymond: Student
Bertha: Student
- 1952 Walter H. and Thea Davis, owners
U.S. Air Force
NOTE: Rogan and Vera Giles are listed at 704 Winsted Lane; he was a student at the University of Texas.
- 1949 Rogan B (anton) and Vera Giles, owners
Real estate developer
- 1947 The street is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Rogan Giles is listed as a student at the University of Texas; he lived in Manor, Texas.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Rogan and Vera Giles (ca. 1948 – ca. 1950)

Rogan Giles was the son of J. Bascom Giles, a real estate developer and state official with the General Land Office. The Giles family developed this neighborhood, as well as the duplexes north of 38½ Street in the Maplewood neighborhood. Their specialty design was the concrete block house with casement windows in a minimal traditional/International style design. Rogan Giles' middle name was Banton, his mother's maiden name. He and Vera married December 18, 1948, and were divorced in 2005.

Birdie Huddleston (ca. 1957 – ca. 1960)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Birdie Huddleston living with D.A. Huddleston, Jr. in Manor, Texas, where Birdie was a public school teacher. D.A. Huddleston, Sr. is not listed in the household. Birdie Huddleston is listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as a divorcee living with her son, D.A. in Call, Newton County, Texas, where she was a public school teacher and D.A., Jr. worked as an electrician's helper in the sawmill. Lenore Bird Huddleston died September 21, 1961 in Austin; her death certificate shows that she had been born in Burleson County, Texas, was a retired school teacher for the Kirbyville Independent School District, and that her last residence was at 715 West Avenue in Austin.

Delbert and Ruby Huddleston (ca. 1960 – ca. 1964)

Delbert and Birdie Huddleston appear in the 1920 U.S. Census for Corpus Christi, Texas. Delbert Huddleston was a 35-year old Texas-born public school teacher. Birdie Huddleston was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a 7-year old son, D.A. Huddleston, Jr., who had been born in Texas. With them lived Delbert's parents, John N. and Emma Huddleston. John N. Huddleston was a Louisiana-born gardener; Emma Huddleston

had no occupation listed. His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that he was a high school teacher in Corpus Christi. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Delbert and Birdie Huddleston living with Delbert's parents in Huntsville, Texas. Delbert's father was a farmer. None of the other family members had occupations listed.

Austin Invalid Dies of Burns

By NAT HENDERSON

A 79-year-old man, Delbert A. Huddleston Sr., died Wednesday night from burns sustained when a space heater started a fire that in turn spread to his bed.

Huddleston was the fourth fire fatality in Austin this year. During all 1963 the city had only seven fire deaths.

The elderly man was an invalid but was able to get around on crutches. His wife was at work when the fire was reported at his home at 303 East 15th Street at 3:10 p.m.

Huddleston was believed to be dead when firemen found him badly burned on the bed in a room at the rear of the home where he had resided only a

week. However, he was rushed to Brackenridge Hospital when he was found to be still alive. He died four hours later in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Huddleston did not smoke. Fire Chief R. H. Dickerson said a space heater burning in the room appeared to have ignited a cloth-covered foot stool. The fire then spread to a pillow that apparently had fallen from the bed. The pillow in turn set fire to the bed where Huddleston was sleeping.

The man's crutches were near the bed. Chief Dickerson said he apparently was overcome by smoke before awakening from a nap.

The bed was charred, and flames burned the wall in one corner of the room. The ceiling of the room was scorched, but damage to the home was relatively light.

American-Statesman/UPI

Fire Chief R. H. Dickerson inspects a bed in which a 79-year-old man sustained fatal burns Wednesday afternoon at 303 East 15th Street. Chief Dickerson said his investigation revealed that a space heater first set fire to a cloth-

covered foot stool, which in turn ignited the bed in which the invalid man was sleeping. Delbert A. Huddleston Sr., who was rushed to Brackenridge Hospital in a Cook ambulance, died four hours after the fire.

News story on the death of Delbert A. Huddleston
Austin American, January 23, 1964

D. A. HUDDLESTON SR.

Funeral services for D. A. Huddleston Sr. were held Thursday from Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Marshall Hampton officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery.

Funeral story on D.A. Huddleston, Sr.
Austin American, January 24, 1964

Willie Lee and Charlesetta Crayton (ca. 1966 – ca. 1975)

Willie Lee Crayton was born in 1936; he and Charlesetta Shepard were married in Lee County, Texas in 1966. The 1940 U.S. Census shows Willie Lee Crayton as the 3-year old son of Albert and Patricia Crayton of Lee County, where Albert Crayton owned his own farm.

24 ✓ Rogan Giles 3505 Banton Road
 40
 Giles Place #2
 Masonry residence and car port attached
 38404 7-21-48 \$6000.00
 Keystone Bldrs. of Austin, Inc.

#144517 8-13-74 Willie Lee Crayton Remodel 5
 Exist. Res. 2,000.00 A-1 Bldrs.

Building permit to Rogan Giles for the construction of the house (1948) and to Willie Lee Crayton for a remodel of the house (1974)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT No. 25952
 Austin, Texas NE/II

Received of W. W. Davis Date 1-29-49
 Address 3505 Banton Road
 Amount \$ _____
 Builder or Owner Rogan Giles Plumber _____
 Lot 40 Block _____ Subdivision Giles Place Plat No. 242

Date of Connection	<u>2-15-49</u>	
By City	<u>7½' N/SLL</u>	
By Plumber	_____	
Checked By	<u>Ramos</u>	
Size Main	<u>Depth</u>	_____
Main Assign.	_____	
Stub Depth	<u>Prop. Line</u>	<u>3'</u>
Stub Location	_____	
Book No.	<u>A-2108</u>	
Paving Cut	_____ No. _____	
No. Fittings	Size	Price
9' Pipe	4"	1.17
Pipe	_____	_____
Wyes	_____	_____
Bends	_____	_____
Reducers	_____	_____
Plugs	_____	_____
Sand	_____	_____
Gravel	_____	_____
Remix	_____	_____
Stoppers	_____	_____
Castings	_____	_____
Other	_____	.25
1 hr truck	_____	5.60
Labor:	8 hrs	_____
1 hr Foreman	_____	1.00
		8.00

Sewer service permit referencing Rogan Giles as the owner of the house (1949)