# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION AUGUST 25, 2014 NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT PERMITS NRD-2014-0128 804 WINFLO DRIVE WEST LINE

#### **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1953 house that is non-contributing to the historic district.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch on round wood posts; metal-framed multi-light casement windows.

#### RESEARCH

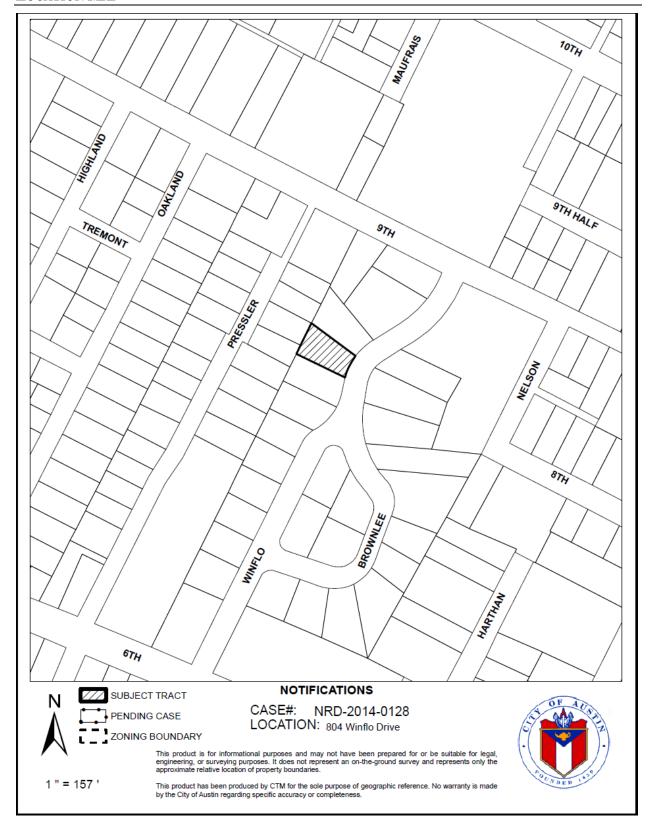
The house was built in 1953 by Louis and Freida Gerhardt, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Louis Gerhardt was born in New York, and moved with his family to San Saba, Texas, by 1940, where his father was a department store manager. Louis was an immunologist for the State Department of Health, who also had several commercial ventures, including the ownership of Texas Auto Parts, and management of the The Fair, a men's clothing store on 6th Street. He died in 2007, but there was no obituary in the Austin newspapers. Freida Gerhardt died in 2011 with only a death notice in the Austin paper. Two of her sons still live in the house.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as non-contributing to the West Line National Register Historic District.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center, and upon the Commission's review of the plans for the replacement structure for this site. This house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.



## 804 Winflo Drive ca. 1953



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 804 Winflo Drive

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

1992	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Retired
1985-86	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Manager, The Fair Shop (not listed in the directory)
1981	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Manager, The Fair Shop, men's clothing, 311 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1977	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Manager, The Fair Shop, men's clothing, 311 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1973	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Immunologist, State Department of Health
1968	Louis S. and Freida Gerhardt, owners Proprietor, Texas Auto Parts, 1114 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.
1962	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Proprietor, Texas Auto Parts, 1114 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.

1959	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Proprietor, Texas Auto Parts, 1114 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, and immunologist, State Department of Health.
1955	Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt, owners Associate immunologist, State Department of Health
1953	Louis and Freida Gerhardt, owners Associate immunologist, State Health Department
1952	The address is not listed in the directory.  NOTE: Louis and Frieda Gerhardt are listed at 607 Dawson Road; he was an associate immunologist for the State Department of Health.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### Louis S. and Frieda Gerhardt (ca. 1953 – ca. 2011)

Louis Gerhardt appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for San Saba, Texas as the 19-year old son of Morris and Anna Gerhardt, who rented a house there. Louis Gerhardt was listed as absent from the family home. His father was a New York-born manager of a department store. His mother was a saleslady. Louis Gerhardt had been born in New York and had no occupation listed.

The Gerhardts had an infant son that died in 1955 due to premature birth, in 1955. The infant's death certificate indicates that his father was Louis Samuel Gerhardt, who had been born in New York; the mother was Freida Rothkop, who had been born in Texas. The family was living at 804 Winflo Drive at the time of the infant's death. The Gerhardts had an older son, Alan Edward, who was born in 1950, and a younger son, David Harold, born in 1957. Their Jewish circumcisions were noted in the Houston Jewish Herald-Voice.

Louis S. Gerhardt died December 23, 2007. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

**GERHARDT, Freida**, of Austin died Monday. Services 10 a.m. today, Austin Memorial Park. Arrangements by Cook-Walden, Lamar location.

Obituary of Freida Gerhardt Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, August 23, 2011 Mr.&Mrs. L. Gerhardt

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Building permit to Louis Gerhardt for the construction of a frame addition (1970)