

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JANUARY 26, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-1152  
1106 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BOULEVARD**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1919 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled transitional Neo-Classically-influenced cottage with a central, partial-width, front-gabled independent porch on triple column posts and brick piers; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; central, clipped gable vent dormer.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built around 1919; the first owners and occupants were the Rev. Warren and Lula Rader, who lived here for only a short time. Rev. Rader was a Missouri-born minister, who had served at a Methodist church in Missouri before moving to Texas. He is listed in the city directory as a missionary, and had lived in Yoakum, Texas prior to moving to Austin; he later lived in Fredericksburg. The house was rented by Alex and Ira Fitzpatrick in the early 1920s; he was the president and manager of the Home Ice and Cold Storage Company. Leander and Celia Soderberg owned and occupied the house in the mid- to late 1920s; he was a Swedish-born baker who had a gravestone company, National Monument Works, at the time that he and Celia moved into this house. He then went back into baking as his primary activity; he was the owner of the Town Talk Bakery, where his son, Tony, also worked.

Burl and Gladys Bryant rented the house in the early 1930s while he was the superintendent of rural schools for the State Department of Education. Burl Bryant had been the superintendent of the county schools in Wichita Falls, Texas before moving to Austin; he later went back to Wichita Falls and worked as a public school teacher.

During the mid-1930s, the house was rented by Charles and Mamie Franklin; he was a clerk at Fischer Brothers, a grocery store on W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. From the late 1930s through the mid-1940s, the house was owned and occupied by Bartley and Barbara Gilliland. Bartley Gilliland was the owner of a typewriter service company in Austin.

The house then became a rental unit until just after World War II, when it was purchased by Jesse and Emma Raven, who lived here until the mid-1980s. Jesse Raven (along with his brother, Louis), grew up in Austin and were auto mechanics from a very early age. They opened Raven's Garage at 605 Red River Street in the early 1920s, and were in business at that location until around 1980. The building on Red River Street was then a live music club called Raven's Garage for a couple of years in the 1980s, and later became Emo's, the stalwart of Austin's downtown punk music scene.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Either postpone to February 23, 2015 or initiate a historic zoning case for the applicant to further consider alternatives to demolition. This house appears to be one of the very first built in Travis Heights (1919), and has both historical and architectural significance with

its long history with several prominent owners and tenants. It is also a very good example of a transitional style cottage, with its Neo-Classical details and clipped gables. This house should be rehabilitated and preserved rather than demolished.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2014-1152  
Address: 1106 TRAVIS HEIGHTS



1" = 200'

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1106 Travis Heights Boulevard  
ca. 1919



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1106 Travis Heights Boulevard

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
January, 2015

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| 1992    | Andrew W. Long, owner<br>Retired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1985-86 | Andrew W. Long, owner<br>Retired<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Andrew W. Long was a new resident at this address.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1981    | Jesse L. and Emma R. Raven, owners<br>Retired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1977    | Jesse L. and Emma R. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor, Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1973    | Jesse L. and Emma R. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor, Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1968    | Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor, Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1962    | Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor, Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1959    | Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor, Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1955    | Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor, Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1952    | Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor (with Louis H. Raven), Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1949    | Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven, owners<br>Proprietor, Raven's Garage, 605 Red River Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1947    | Henry H. and Edwina Moore, renters<br>Manager, Steck Company, printers, binders, and office supplies and furniture, 9 <sup>th</sup><br>and Lavaca Streets.<br>NOTE: Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven are listed at 901 E. 38 <sup>th</sup> Street; he was in<br>the auto repair business, but Raven's Garage was listed with Louis H. Raven as<br>the proprietor. |
| 1944-45 | Sam S. and Pauline Wolf, renters<br>No occupation listed<br>½: Vacant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

- 1941 Bartley D. and Barbara Gilliland, owners  
Proprietor, Typewriter Service Company, 126 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.  
½: Mortimer L. Finch, renter  
Tool sharpener
- 1939 Bartley D. and Barbara Gilliland, owners  
Manager, Typewriter Service Company, 114 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.  
½: Vacant  
NOTE: Charles H. and Mamie Franklin are listed at 1008 Riverside Drive; he was a clerk for Fischer Bros. Grocery, 609 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1937 Charles H. and Mamie Franklin, renters  
Clerk, Fischer Bros., groceries, 609 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
½: Vacant
- 1935 Charles H. and Mamie Franklin, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1932-33 Burl and Gladys Bryant, renters  
Chief supervisor, Rural Schools, State Department of Education
- 1930-31 James R. and Mabel Towns, renters  
Salesman
- 1929 Harry L. and Laura Bengtson, renters  
Book-keeper, State Department of Banking  
NOTE: Leander Soderberg (Celia is not listed) is also listed at 1106 Travis Heights Boulevard. He was the proprietor of the Town Talk Bakery; his son Tony was a baker at Town Talk.
- 1927 Leander and Celia Soderberg, owners  
Proprietor, Town Talk Bakery, 119 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Also listed is Tony Soderberg, a baker at the Town Talk Bakery.
- 1924 Leander and Celia D. Soderberg, owners  
Proprietor, National Monument Works, 1100½ E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Also listed are Irvin Soderberg, a baker at the Bon Ton Bakery; Tony Soderberg, a helper at National Monument Works, and Walfred Soderberg, employed by the National Monument Works.
- 1922 Alex M. and Ira Fitzpatrick, renters  
President and manager, Home Ice and Cold Storage Company, 307 Guadalupe Street.
- 1920 Rev. Warren M. and Lula Rader, owners  
Missionary
- 1918 No houses are listed on Travis Heights Boulevard.  
NOTE: The Rev. Warren M. and Lula Rader are not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Warren M. and Lula Rader (ca. 1919 – ca. 1920)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Warren and Lula Rader living in Yoakum, Texas, where Warren Rader was a 50-year old Missouri-born clergyman. Lula Rader was also 50, had been born in

Missouri, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Evance, 23, who had been born in Missouri and was a clerk in the railroad store.

Warren M. and Lula Rader appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for Fredericksburg, Texas. Warren M. Rader was 71, had been born in Missouri, and was a minister. Lula Rader was 70, had been born in Missouri, and had no occupation listed. They had lived in Vinita, Oklahoma in 1935. Warren Rader died in an automobile accident in San Antonio in 1955. He was listed as a retired minister.

#### **Alex and Ira Fitzpatrick (ca. 1920 – ca. 1923)**

Alex and Ira Fitzpatrick appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 1009 Harwood Place. Alex Fitzpatrick was 42, had been born in Texas, and was the manager of an ice company. Ira Fitzpatrick was 37, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Willis, 16; and Gloria, 3. With them lived Ira Fitzpatrick's mother, Susan D. Hudgins, a 63-year old Alabama-born widow with no occupation listed. The family had a servant, Cora Frietag, 24, who had been born in Texas, and is listed as a maid.

#### **Leander and Celia D. Soderberg (ca. 1923 – ca. 1928)**

Leander and Celia Soderberg appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of a house at 1206 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Leander Soderberg was 37, had been born in Sweden, and was a baker with his own bakery. Celia Soderberg was 34, had been born in Sweden, and was a saleswoman in a bakery. They had 4 children: Irving, 16, who had been born in Illinois; Walfred, 14, who had been born in Texas; Tony, 9, who had been born in Texas, and Margie, 3, who had been born in Texas. None of the children had an occupation listed. With them lived Celia Soderberg's mother, Corine Forstund, a 68-year old Swedish-born widow with no occupation listed. Soderberg had his bakery at 1200½ E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

At the time of his death in 1936, Leander Soderberg was divorced.

<b>LEANDER SODERBERG</b>
Funeral services for Leander Soderberg, who died at a local hospital Tuesday, will be held at the Meeks-Hyltin Funeral home Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. E. E. Wheelless officiating. The funeral cortege will leave at 3 o'clock and go to Taylor, where burial will be in the Taylor cemetery.
Surviving are three sons, Irving, Tony and Walfred, and a daughter, Margie, all of Austin.

Obituary of Leander Soderberg  
Austin American, October 14, 1936

#### **Burl and Gladys Bryant (ca. 1931 – ca. 1933)**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Burl and Gladys Bryant as the owners of a house in Wichita Falls, Texas. Burl Bryant was 41, had been born in Texas, and was the superintendent of the county schools. Gladys Bryant was 36, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Burl E., 5; and Mary G., 1. Both children had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Burl and Gladys Bryant back in Wichita Falls, where he was a public school teacher. Neither Gladys nor their children had occupations listed in the census report.

**Charles H. and Mamie Franklin (ca. 1933 – ca. 1938)**

Charles H. and Mamie Franklin appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 400 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Austin. Charles H. Franklin was 52, had been born in Texas to English-born parents, and was a clerk in a grocery store. Mamie Franklin was 39, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 daughters: Marguerite, 19, a stenographer in an insurance office; Joe W., 14; and Vernon N. 12. All three girls had been born in Texas.

**Bartley D. and Barbara Gilliland (ca. 1938 – ca. 1943)**

B.D. and Barbara Gilliland appear as the owners of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$3,500. B.D. Gilliland was 37, had been born in South Carolina, and was the manager of a typewriter service company. Barbara Gilliland was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Frank, 9 months.

## **Austinite Found Dead In Parked Automobile**

**B. D. Gilliland, a resident of Austin for the past 18 years, was found dead in his car parked in the 2600 block of Lamar Boulevard Wednesday afternoon.**

**Gilliland, 47 years old, operated the Typewriter Service Company here. He lived at 1609 Palma Plaza.**

**Justice of the Peace Travis Blakeslee, who investigated the death, said he would return a verdict after conferring with doctors.**

**Gilliland is survived by his widow; a son, Frank Gilliland of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Alfred Filakov of Short Hills, New Jersey, and a brother, W. A. Gilliland, Charlotte, N. C.**

**The body is at the Cook Funeral Home pending completion of arrangements.**

News story on the death of B.D. Gilliland  
Austin American, January 5, 1950

**B. D. GILLILAND**

Funeral services for B. D. Gilliland will be held Saturday at 4 p. m. at the Cook Funeral Home with Mrs. Cora A. Lewis, Christian Science Practitioner, officiating. Pallbearers will be John Gaines, Malcolm Tyler, Jack Huppertz, Val Aldred, Charles Linberg and Bill Lewis. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Funeral notice for B.D. Gilliland  
Austin American, January 7, 1950

**Jesse L. and Emma E. Raven (ca. 1948 – ca. 1985)**

Jesse and Emma Raven appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 29 Bierce Street in Austin. Jesse Raven was 41, had been born in Texas, and was an auto mechanic with his own shop. Emma Raven was 42, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, George, 12, who had been born in Texas. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Jesse and Emma Raven at their house at 29 Bierce Street. Jesse Raven was an auto mechanic. Emma Raven's parents had been born in Germany.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Jessie Raven as the 21-year old son of Harmon and Lillie Raven, who owned their home at 1175 San Bernard Street in Austin. Harmon Raven was a Texas-born house carpenter. Both Jesse and his younger brother, Lewis (who was 19 at the time of the census report) were auto mechanics.

**Emma Raven**

Emma Raven, age 91, of Austin, died Saturday, August 20, 1988.

She was a life time resident of Austin and a member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jesse L. Raven; son and daughter-in-law, George and Glenda Raven; and two grandchildren, Greg and Gina Raven, all of Austin.

Graveside services 10:00 AM, Monday at Capital Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to a church of your choice.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home in Austin. 443-1366.

Obituary of Emma Raven  
Austin American-Statesman, August 21, 1988

## **Jesse L. Raven**

**Jesse L. Raven, age 93, of Austin died Sunday, September 22, 1991.**

**Mr. Raven was a member of the Austin Masonic Lodge #12, AF & AM; Ben Hur Shrine; charter member of Austin Rifle Club; Texas State Rifle Association; life member of National Rifle Association; and a veteran of World War I. He was an automobile mechanic with Raven's Garage.**

**Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, George and Glenda Raven; two grandchildren, Greg Raven and Gina Raven, all of Austin; two brothers, Louie Raven of Austin and Charlie Raven of Fort Worth.**

**Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, September 24, 1991, at Capital Memorial Park, with Reverend Jimmy Pritchard officiating.**

**Those desiring to do so may make memorial contributions to Congress Avenue Baptist Church Century Fund or your favorite charity.**

**Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home in Austin. 443-1366.**

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Obituary of Jesse L. Raven  
Austin American-Statesman, September 24, 1991