

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 26, 2015
PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
FOR CODE COMPLIANCE
2906 E. 13TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Potential demolition of a ca. 1940 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with numerous additions to the rear; full-width shed-roofed independent porch; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built by M.E. Chernosky, a local developer, in 1940. The first occupants, who lived here until around 1946, were renters. From then on, the house was owned and occupied by Horace and Emma Walker, an African-American couple. Horace Walker worked for filing stations, and later worked as a janitor. Emma Walker was a cook for a private family in 1940; after Horace's death, she became a maid.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff does not believe that the house has historical or architectural significance to warrant a further hearing by the Commission upon application for demolition.

2906 E. 13th Street
ca. 1940



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2906 E. 13th Street

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

1992	Emma Walker, owner Retired
1985-86	Emma Walker, owner Retired
1981	Emma Walker, owner Maid
1977	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Horace: No occupation listed Emma: Maid
1973	Emma Walker, owner Widow, H.J. Walker Maid
1968	Emma Walker, owner Widow, H.J. Walker Maid
1962	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Janitor, State Department of Health
1959	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Utility man, Ward Body Works, manufacturers, 4201 S. Congress Avenue.
1955	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Laborer
1952	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Repairman, Reed Sales, Conoco products, tires, gas ranges, appliances, sporting goods, 214 Congress Avenue.
1949	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Employed by Kocurek Service Station and Garage, 307 W. 19 th Street and 1818 San Jacinto Boulevard.
1947	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Painter, Brown and Williams Garage and Paint Shop, 604 Neches Street.
1944-45	Harvey and Rosetta Gibson, renters No occupation listed NOTE: Horace and Emma Walker are not listed in the directory.
1941	The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Harvey and Reta Gibson are listed at 1182 Singleton Avenue. He was a porter.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Horace and Emma Walker (ca. 1946 -

Horace and Emma Walker appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 2101 E. 14th Street in Austin. Horace Walker was 24, had been born in Texas, and was the porter at a filling station. Emma Walker was 26, had been born in Texas, and was a cook for a private family. They had no children listed with them. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Horace Walker living in the home of his uncle, Thomas Francis, in Travis County. Horace was 14, and a student. His uncle was a roofer.

M. E. Chernosky

2906 East 13th. St.

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Chernosky #4

Box residence

20619 - 10/17/40

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Building permit to M.E. Chernosky for the construction of this house (1940)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		Nº 15336	
Austin, Texas		Sec. 254	
Received of	M. E. Chernosky	Date	10-30-40
Address	2906 East 13th		
Amount	Two and 50/100	\$	2.50
Plumber		Size of Tap	2"
Date of Connection	11-29-40		
Size of Tap Made	3/4"		
Size Service Made	1"		
Size Main Tapped	2 1/2" C-I		
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	8'		
From W- Prop. Line to Curb Cock	20'		
Location of Meter	Back of curb line		
Type of Box	Lead		
Depth of Main in St.	2'		
Depth of Service Line	20'		
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	35.5'		
Checked by Engr. Dept.	12-16-40 L.F.		

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 3/4"
1	Elbow 3/4" x 1/2"
1	St. Elbow 3/4" x 1/2"
1	Bushing 3/4" x 1/2"
1	Reducer 1" x 3/4"
1	Pipe 3/4" copper, 20'
1	Lead Comp. 3/4" C-I
1	Nipples 3/4" C-I
1	Union 3/4" C-I
1	Plug 3/4" C-I
1	Tee 3/4" C-I
1	Stop 3/4" C-I
1	Box 3/4" C-I
1	Lid 3/4" C-I
1	Valves 3/4" C-I
1	Job No. 51331-31
1	Req. No. 51331-31

CHANGED TO 6" MAIN AND RENEWED SERVICE WITH COPPER ON 11-29-40

INDIANA

Water service permit to M.E. Chernosky for this address (1940)

5-6-81 Repair to water heater

Horace J. Walker

2906 E. 13th St.

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Chernosky Sub.

addn. to residence

26877 3-26-45

\$200.00

Owner

Move sink

Tap on lot

Building permit to Horace Walker for an addition to the house (1945)

Horace J. Walker

2906 East 13th St.

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Chernosky #4

One room addition to residence.

37732

5-18-48

\$300.00

Owner

Building permit to Horace Walker for an addition (1948)

Horace J. Walker

2906 East 13th Street

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Chernosky #4

Box addition to rear of residence.

42005 9-21-49

\$200.00

Owner

None

Building permit to Horace Walker for an addition (1949)

Horace J. Walker 2906 East 13th Street
 155 4 1 29 B

Chernosky #4

Box garage.

44190 4-11-50

\$75.00

Owner

None

Building permit to Horace Walker for the construction of a garage (1950)

H. J. Walker 2906 E. 13th St.
 255 4 1

Chernosky #4

Fr. add. rear of residence.

68864

4/3/58

500.00

owner

none

BEDROOM

Building permit to Horace Walker for the construction of an addition (1958)

H. J. Walker 2906 E. 13th Street
255 4 1

Chernosky #4.

Extend front porch & remodel present porch.

72853 5/19/59 25.00

owner =

ADDN TO FRONT PORCH

Building permit to Horace Walker to extend the front porch (1959)