# 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. 13<sup>th</sup> Street ca. 1940



# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2906 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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

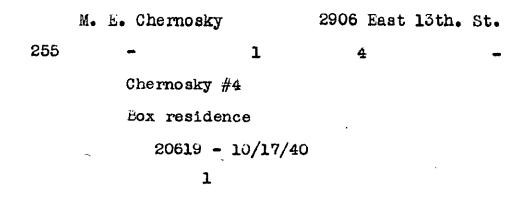
1992	Emma Walker, owner Retired
1985-86	Emma Walker, owner Retired
1981	Emma Walker, owner Maid
1977	Horace J. and Emma Walker, owners Horace: No occupation listed Emma: Maid
1973	Emma Walker, owner Widow, H.J. Walker Maid
1968	Emma Walker, owner Widow, H.J. Walker Maid
1962	Horace J. and Emma Walker, 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.

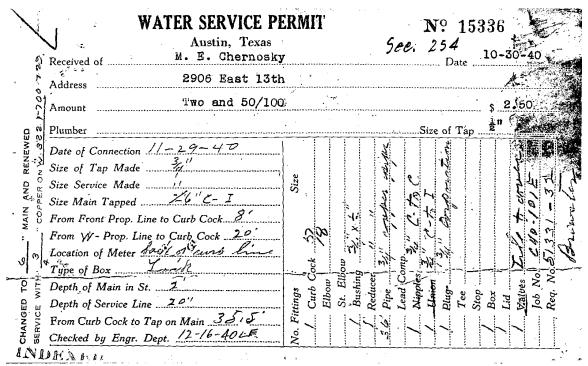
# **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

# 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



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



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

5-6-81 Repair to miss stari 2906 E. 13th St. Horace J. Walker 4 В 255 29 1 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. 255 1 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 255 1 Chernosky #4 -Box addition to rear of residence. 42005 9-21-49 \$200.CO Owner None

Building permit to Horace Walker for an addition (1949)

none

Herace J. Walker 2906 East 13th Street 1 155 29 B Chernosky #4 Box garage. \$75.00 44190 4-11-50 Owner None Building permit to Horace Walker for the construction of a garage (1950) 2906 E. 13th St. H. J. Walker 1 255 Chernosky #+ Fr. add. rear of residence. 500.00 68864

# BEDROOM

owner

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

H. J. Walker

2906 E. 13th Street

255 4

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Chernosky #4.

Extend front porch & remodel present porch.

72853

5/19/59

25.00

owner

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# ADDN TO FRONT PORCH

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