

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 9, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-1117  
1409 CANTERBURY STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1909 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, wing-and-gable plan, frame house with a partial-width shed-roofed porch on plain, square wood posts; single 2:2 fenestration; fish-scale imbrication in the tympanum of the projecting front gable; synthetic siding.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built around 1909, and was listed as vacant in the 1909-10 city directory. The first occupant was H. Luke Presnell, who was a driver for an ice plant; he lived here only until around 1912. George J. Shelton, a blacksmith, lived here through the mid-1910s. The house was then rented by a Canadian-born widow, Nellie Starr, and her brother, George Dolan. Nellie Starr was the widow of a driver for the Fire Department; George Dolan was an assistant driver for the Fire Department, but the 1920 city directory shows him as a foreman for the Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. Nellie Starr and George Dolan lived here until around 1923.

Sterling C. Bryant and his wife, Fronney are listed as the owners and occupants of the house from the mid-1920s until around 1929. Sterling Bryant was a laborer in a lumber yard. Robert M. McCall and his wife, Joyce are listed as the owners of the house in the 1930 U.S. Census as well as the 1930-31 city directory. Robert McCall was 80 in 1930 and had no occupation listed. He and Joyce lived here until around 1931. Norman E. Rutledge, a fireman, and his wife, Beulah, owned and occupied the house through the rest of the 1930s. From around 1940 to around 1950, the house was owned and occupied by Charles and Vivian Puryear. At the time that he lived in this house, Charles Puryear was a pipefitter and steamfitter. He and Frank Bradshaw eventually opened a plumbing and heating contracting firm, and later, Puryear had his own plumbing and heating contracting business.

The house was a rental through the 1950s and early 1960s, when it was purchased by Arnold and Olga Ramirez, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Arnold Ramirez was an attendant and later supervisor at Austin State Hospital.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed in the East Austin Historic Survey (1980), indicating its significance.

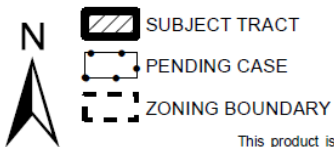
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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. The house is in an extremely deteriorated condition, and rehabilitation is not economically feasible.

## LOCATION MAP



1" = 200'

CASE#: HDP-2014-1117  
Address: 1409 CANTERBURY

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1409 Canterbury Street  
ca. 1909



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1409 Canterbury Street

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

1992	Arnold and Olga Ramirez, renters Supervisor, Austin State Hospital
1985-86	Arnold and Olga Ramirez, renters Supervisor, Austin State Hospital
1981	Arnold and Olga M. Ramirez, renters Nursing service worker, Austin State Hospital
1977	Juan L. and Olga M. Ramirez, owners Carpenter, Austin State Hospital
1973	Arnold and Olga Ramirez, renters Attendant, Austin State Hospital
1968	Fred and Olga Ramirez, renters Attendant, Austin State Hospital

- 1962 Fernando and Petra Marrero, Jr., renters  
Presser, Shamrock Cleaners, 3507 Jefferson Street.  
Also listed is Jesus Marrero, a student.
- 1959 Fernando and Petra Marrero, Jr., renters  
Presser, Shamrock Cleaners, 3507 Jefferson Street.
- 1955 Horace and Lois Glass, renters  
Construction worker, Ricks Construction, 714 Denson Drive.
- 1952 Thomas E. and Beulah Swenson, renters  
Attendant, Confederate Men's Home
- 1949 Charles G. and Vivian Puryear, owners  
Proprietor (with L.H. Bradshaw), Bradshaw & Puryear, plumbing and heating  
contractors, 103 Brazos Street.
- 1947 Charles G. and Vivian Puryear, owners  
Proprietor (with Frank Bradshaw), Bradshaw & Puryear, plumbers, 103 Brazos  
Street.
- 1944-45 Charles G. and Vinia Puryear, owners  
Steamfitter
- 1941 Charles G. and Vivian Puryear, renters  
Pipefitter
- 1939 Norman E. and Beulah Rutledge, owners  
City fireman
- 1937 Norman E. and Beulah Rutledge, renters  
City fireman
- 1935 Norman E. and Beulah H. Rutledge, owners  
Ladderman, Central Fire Station
- 1932-33 Lewis F. and Fannie M. Skog, renters  
Carpenter  
NOTE: Norman E. Rutledge (no wife listed) lived at 114 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street; he was a  
ladderman for the City Fire Department.
- 1930-31 Robert M. and Joyce A. McCall, owners  
No occupation listed
- Lena Bryant, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1929 Sterling C. and Fronia Bryant, owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: Lena Bryant is not listed in the directory.
- R. Haley and Inez Carter, renters  
No occupation listed

- 1927 Sterling C. and Froney Bryant, owners  
Helper, Brydson Lumber Company, 415 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1924 Sterling C. Bryant, owner  
No occupation listed  
Also listed are Bennett F. and Helena Bryant, he was a lineman for the City Light Department, Inez Bryant, the widow of Alex Bryant, no occupation listed; and Raymond Bryant, no occupation listed.
- 1922 Nellie Starr, renter  
Widow, James P. Starr  
No occupation listed  
Also listed are Kathleen Starr, no occupation stated; and Mamie Starr, a student at St. Mary's Academy.  
NOTE: Sterling C. Bryant is listed as a repairman for the Austin Street Railway; he lived at 2013 Holly Street.
- 1920 George M. Dolan, renter  
Foreman, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Plant, 121 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1918 Nellie Starr, renter  
Widow, James P. Starr  
No occupation listed
- 1916 George J. Shelton  
Blacksmith, John Dillingham, blacksmith, 2207 East Avenue.
- 1914 George J. Shelton  
Blacksmith, John Hildinger & Son, blacksmith and auto repairs, 3000 Guadalupe Street.
- 1912-13 George J. Shelton  
Elevator operator, State Capitol  
NOTE: H. Luke Presnell is listed as living on the east side of S. Congress Avenue, 4 blocks south of Johanna Street; he was a driver for the Lone Star Ice Company, manufacturers and dealers in ice, 207 Colorado Street; factory, 201 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, corner Colorado Street.
- 1910-11 H. Luke Presnell  
Driver, Consumers Fuel and Ice Company, coal and ice, 4<sup>th</sup> and Red River Streets.
- 1909-10 Vacant  
NOTE: Henry L. Presnell is listed at 1410 Willow Street; he was a driver for the Lone Star ice factory, 207 Colorado Street.
- 1906-07 The address is not listed in the directory.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### Luke Presnell (ca. 1910 – 1912)

Henry Luke Presnell's 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that he was living in Austin; had been born January 13, 1873, and was self-employed as a farmer. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Henry L. and Ada Presnell as the owners of a house on Breckenridge Road in

South Austin. Their house was worth \$6,000. Henry L. Presnell was 57, had been born in Tennessee, and was a salesman for an ice plant. He died in 1955 in Blanco, Texas.

#### **George J. Shelton (ca. 1912 – ca. 1917)**

George J. Shelton appears in the 1920 U.S. Census with his wife, Willie L. and 4 children. The family rented their home at 1400 Garden Street in Austin. George J. Shelton was 42, had been born in Texas, and was a blacksmith with his own shop. His oldest son, Frank, was a clerk in a grocery store. With the family lived Willie L. Shelton's parents, Milton and Ida Vardell; Milton Vardell was employed at the State Capitol; Ida Vardell was a stenographer in a book store. The 1910 U.S. Census shows the family living at 1410 Garden Street. George J. Shelton was listed as blacksmith.

#### **George M. Dolan and Nellie Starr (ca. 1917 – ca. 1923)**

George M. Dolan and Nellie Starr appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Nellie Starr was a 35-year old widow; George M. Dolan was her brother. Both had been born in Canada. Nellie Starr had no occupation listed; George M. Dolan was a caller for the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. Nellie Starr had 4 children: Kathleen, 15; Mamie, 13; Anna Lee, 11; and George, 5. All of the children had been born in Texas and none had an occupation listed. The 1910 U.S. Census shows George Dolan living with his sister, Nellie Starr, and Nellie's husband, James Starr, at 1005 Lydia Street in Austin. George Dolan was an assistant driver for the Fire Department. His brother-in-law, James Starr was a driver for the Fire Company. Nellie Starr had no occupation listed. George Dolan died in Austin in 1929.

#### **GEORGE M. DOLAN**

Funeral services for George M. Dolan, 50, who died suddenly Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock in Renfro drug store No. 1, will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rev. John O'Rourke officiating. Interment will be in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Dolan had been a resident of Austin the greater part of his life and is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Starr and Mrs. Mary Rousseau of Austin.

The body of Mr. Dolan was removed to his home at 906 East Seventh street by the Cook Funeral home. Dr. H. B. Granberry, who attended Mr. Dolan, announced that death was caused from heart trouble.

Pallbearers for the funeral will be: Will Johnson, Vernon Johnson, Harland Cagle, Tom Dougherty, Joe Macken and John Morrey Jr.

Obituary of George M. Dolan  
Austin American, December 22, 1929

**STARR**—Mrs. Nellie Starr, 53, died at the residence, 505 West 14th street, Wednesday. She was born in Montreal, Canada, Sept. 28, 1883, and came to Austin 50 years ago. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church for 50 years.

Survivors are three daughters, Miss Kathleen Starr of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Fred Barkley and Miss Anna Lee Starr of Austin; one son, George Starr of Alvin, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Mary Rousseau of Austin, and three grandchildren.

Rosary services will be held from the residence Thursday at 8 p. m. Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's Catholic church Friday at 9 a. m. with the Rev. Father James J. O'Brien officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers will be Joe Macken, D. M. Knutson, Victor Pannell, Henry Alff, E. C. Bartholomew and Vernon Johnson.

Obituary of Nellie Starr  
Austin Statesman, June 20, 1940

### **Sterling C. and Fronie Bryant (ca. 1923 – ca. 1929)**

Sterling C. and Fronie M. Bryant appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the owners of a house on a rural route in Travis County. Sterling C. Bryant was 36, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer in a lumber yard. Fronie Bryant was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a laundress at the Scottish Rite Temple. They had a son, Sterling, Jr., 5. With them lived Richard and Inez Carter, who were relatives. Both were 50; both had been born in Texas. Richard Carter was a laborer doing odd jobs; Inez Carter had no occupation listed.

**BRYANT**: Sterling C. Bryant, 52, died in a local hospital Wednesday night. He was employed by the City of Austin and had lived in Austin for over 30 years. He was a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Fronie Wells Bryant; three sons, J. T., Robert Louis and Arthur Lee, (another son, Sterling Bryant, Jr., who had been missing in action for over a year, was declared officially dead by the Navy in May); mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Haley Carter; two brothers, Louis and Raymond Bryant; two sisters, Mrs. Allen Pickle, (all of Austin) and Miss Rhoda Bryant, US Army, San Antonio and two step-sisters, Mrs. Weldon Dumas, Hearn and Mrs. T. J. Jennings, Winters.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. John Barclay at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Friday. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Sterling C. Bryant  
Austin Statesman, August 22, 1946

### **Robert and Joyce McCall (ca. 1930 – ca. 1931)**

Robert M. and Joyce McCall appear as the owners of this house in the 1930 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$2,000. Robert M. McCall was 80, had been born in Texas, and had no



occupation listed. Joyce McCall was 77, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a roomer, Frederica Siegler, a 79-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

### **Norman and Beulah Rutledge (ca. 1934 – ca. 1939)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows N. Ellis and Beulah Rutledge at 1502 Fredericksburg Road, a house they owned. Ellis Rutledge was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a fireman. Beulah Rutledge was 26, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons: Darrell, 4; and Norman, 1.

### **Charles G. and Vivian Puryear (ca. 1940 – ca. 1950)**

Charles G. and Vivian Puryear appear as the owners of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$1,800. Charles Puryear was 33, had been born in Texas, and was a pipefitter. Vivian Puryear was 34, had been born in Oklahoma, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

**PURYEAR, Charles G.**  
 Charles G. Puryear, 71 of 1912 Alta Vista, died Sunday, in a local hospital. Born in Hays County, he had been a resident of Austin and Travis County for the past 62 years. He was a member of Elks Lodge No. 201 for 24 years and Downtown Optimist Club for 30 years. He was the past owner of C.G. Puryear Plumbing and Heating Co. for twenty-five years.  
 He was also a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local No. 286, and Masters Plumbers Association and Associated Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling Contractors of Texas. He helped to organize Mechanical Contractor's Association of Austin and Mechanical Contractors Association of Texas, which he was a member of for 25 years. In 1970 he was awarded a lifetime membership, when he retired. Mr. Puryear was a member of United States Chamber of Commerce.  
 Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Vivian Puryear of Austin; and sister, Bernice Reed, also of Austin.  
 Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. from the Chapel of Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with the Reverend A.D. Eberhart officiating.



Graveside services will be under the auspices of the Elks Lodge, No. 201, in Forest Oaks Memorial Park in Oak Hill. Pallbearers will be George Anderson, Sam Anderson, Don Berry, Eddie Bostick, Johnny Reed and Jerry Berry. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr. Robert F. Anderson, Dr. Claud A. Martin, all former employees of C.G. Puryear Plumbing and Heating Co., all members of Elks Lodge No. 201, and all members of Downtown Optimist Club.

Obituary of Charles G. Puryear  
 Austin American-Statesman, February 13, 1979

Arnold and Olga Ramirez (ca. 1965 – ca. 2014)



**Arnold L. Ramirez, Sr.**  
**1928 - 2008**

Our beloved Arnold L. Ramirez, Sr., 79, resident of Austin was called by our Heavenly Father on Friday, June 27, 2008. Preceded in death by his parents, Arturo and Susie L. Ramirez.

Survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Olga (Sharp) R. Ramirez; his loving children, Mary Ann DeHoyos, Sylvia Ramirez, Arnold Ramirez, Jr., John Ramirez; six sisters, Connie Mendoza, Nora Arambula, Molly Flores, Susie Huerta, Fina Mojica, Yolanda Ramirez; three brothers, Gilbert (Flea) Ramirez, Ray Ramirez, Louie Ramirez; granddaughters, Amanda DeHoyos and Kristin Ramirez; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Recitation of Holy Rosary on Monday at 7:00 p.m., at Mission Funeral Home - Remembrance Chapel. Mass of Christian burial on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church; Rev. Fr. Francisco Villegas Muñoz, OMF Conv. officiating. Interment will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Serving as Pallbearers, Philip and David DeHoyos, Eric, Chris, Joseph and Paul Ramirez.

Honorary Pallbearer, Arnold Ramirez, Jr.

View memorials on-line, visit [www.missionmemorials.com](http://www.missionmemorials.com)



**Obituary of Arnold Ramirez**  
**Austin American-Statesman, June 29, 2008**

#### **RAMIREZ, Olga**

Olga Ramirez, 79, of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2014. Preceded in death by, Husband Arnold Ramirez, Father John Ramirez, and Mother Carmen Ramirez. Is survived by her four children, Mary Ann DeHoyos, Arnold Ramirez Jr., Sylvia Ramirez and John Ramirez, Sisters Carmen Lopez, Virginia Ledesma and Ellen Garza.

Eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 1206 E. 9th Street Austin Tx. 78702 on April 17th, 2014 at 11:00 am.

Obituary of Olga Ramirez  
Austin American-Statesman, April 13, 2014

OWNER C. F. Puryear ADDRESS 1409 Canterbury  
PLAT 135 LOT 5 BLK. 3 DIV   
SUBDIVISION Canterbury Square  
OCCUPANCY re-roof res and re-floor front porch  
OWNERS  
BLD PERMIT # 89446 DATE 9-23-63 ESTIMATE 300.00  
CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES   
WATER TAP REC #  SEWER TAP REC #

# RESIDENCE

Building permit to Charles Puryear to re-roof the house and re-floor the front porch (1963)