

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 23, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-0077  
2211 CANTERBURY STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1923 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame houses with a partial-width inset porch; single 1:1 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built in 1923; the first owners and occupants were Alfred J. and Elizabeth Ebner, who had moved to Austin from a farm near Paige in Bastrop County. They lived on Willow Street prior to moving into this house. Alfred J. Ebner was a carpenter, who died of typhoid fever in 1928. Elizabeth Ebner continued to live in this house until her death in 1957. She worked as a “canvasser” and in the Home Hygiene Project in the late 1930s. Her daughter, Corine Ebner Mathews, a nurse, owned and occupied the house after Elizabeth’s 1957 death until around 1965, when she sold the house to Virginia Puente Moreno, who lived here until her death in 1982. Virginia Moreno was a widow for all the time she lived in this house; her late husband had been a waiter in a Mexican-food restaurant; Virginia Moreno had also worked for the WPA in the late 1930s and early 1940s as a seamstress in the WPA Sewing Room.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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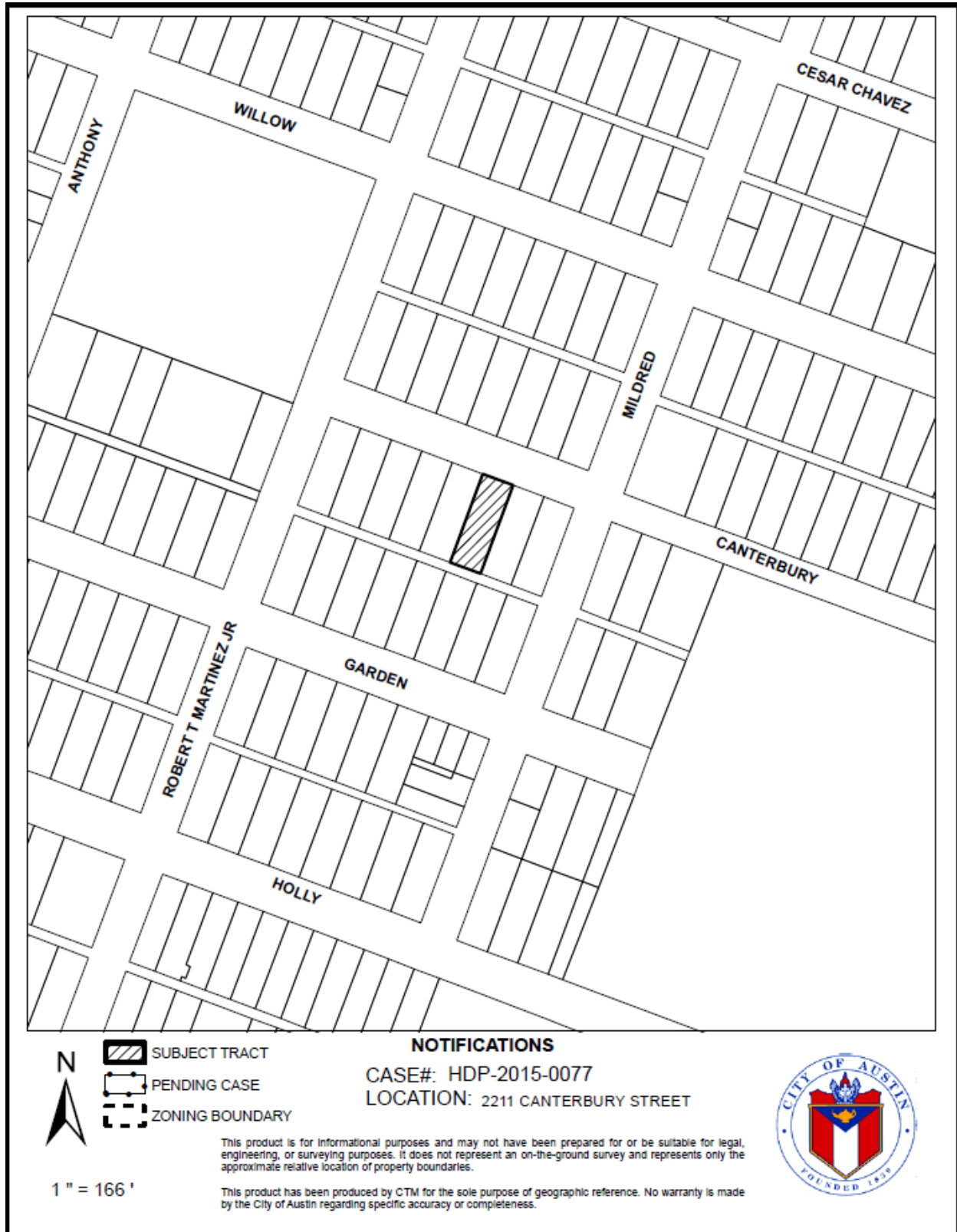
The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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The house appears to be in fair condition; staff recommends that the applicant consider rehabilitation and re-use of the house if feasible; if not, then staff recommends release of 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.

## LOCATION MAP



2211 Canterbury Street  
ca. 1923



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2211 Canterbury Street

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

- 1992            Danny Robledo, renter  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The directory indicates that Danny Robledo was a new resident at this address.
- 1985-86        Antonio and Mary Sustaita, renters  
Retired  
NOTE: The directory indicates that Antonio and Mary Sustaita were new residents at this address.
- 1981            Virginia P. Moreno, owner  
No occupation listed
- 1977            Virginia P. Moreno, owner  
Widow, David Moreno  
No occupation listed
- 1973            Virginia P. Moreno, owner  
Widow, David Moreno  
No occupation listed
- 1968            Virginia P. Moreno, owner  
Widow, David Moreno  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: City directories of the 1950s and 1960s show David and Virginia Moreno at 2313 Corta Street; he was a waiter at the Spanish Village Café on Red River Street.
- 1962            Corine Mathews, owner  
Nurse  
NOTE: Virginia Moreno is listed at 2313 Corta Street; she was a clerk at Dees' Grocery, 1311 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.  
NOTE: Corine Mathews was the daughter of Alfred J. and Elizabeth Ebner.
- 1959            Corine Mathews, owner  
Nurse  
NOTE: Corine Mathews was the daughter of Alfred J. and Elizabeth Ebner.
- 1955            Elizabeth Ebner, owner  
Widow, A.J. Ebner  
No occupation listed
- Corine Mathews, renter  
Telephone operator, Western Indemnity Life Insurance Company, 928 Littlefield Building.  
NOTE: Corine Mathews was the daughter of Alfred J. and Elizabeth Ebner.



1952	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed
1949	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed
1947	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed
1944-45	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed
1941	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed
1939	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed Also listed are Corrinne Ebner and Dalworth Ebner; neither had an occupation listed.
1937	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner Worker, Home Hygiene Project Also listed is Dalworth C. Ebner, a clerk in the Public Service Project, Attorney General's Department.
1935	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed
1932-33	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed Also listed is Corrinne Ebner, no occupation stated.
1930-31	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner Canvasser
1929	Elizabeth Ebner, owner Widow, Alfred J. Ebner No occupation listed Also listed is Corine Ebner, a student at the University of Texas.
1927	Alfred J. and Elizabeth Ebner, owners Carpenter
1924	Alfred J. and Lizzie Ebner, owners

Carpenter

1922            The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Alfred J. and Lizzie Ebner are listed at 1714 Willow Street; he was a  
carpenter.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

**Alfred and Elizabeth Ebner (ca. 1923 – ca. 1957)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Alfred and Lizzie Ebner as the renters of a farm near Paige, Bastrop County, Texas. Alfred J. Ebner was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a farmer. Lizzie Ebner was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Corine, 8; and Dalworth, 4 months. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Alfred and Lizzie Ebner on a farm in Bastrop County, where Alfred was listed as a farmer, and Lizzie was listed as a farm laborer on the home farm.

Alfred J. Ebner died August 13, 1928 of typhoid fever. He was a carpenter.

**MRS. ELIZABETH T. EBNER**

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Ebner, 66, of 2211 Canterbury Street, died in a local hospital Saturday afternoon. She was born in Bastrop County and has resided in Austin for 36 years. She is survived by one son, I. C. Ebner, Austin; one daughter, Mrs. Corine Mathews, Austin; four brothers, N. Shutz, B. H. Shutz, Will Shutz, and C. A. Shutz, all of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. W. C. Mink, Miss Mary Shutz, Mrs. A. M. Smith, and Miss Rosalee Shutz, all of Austin; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Monday with Father Victor Goertz officiating. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery Annex.

Obituary of Elizabeth Ebner  
 Austin American, July 28, 1957

**Virginia Puente Moreno (ca. 1965 – ca. 1982)**

Virginia Puente (later Moreno) appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 21-year old daughter of Romana Puente, a 46-year old widow who rented her house at 803 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Both Romana and Virginia Puente had been born in Texas; Romana Puente had no occupation listed; Virginia Puente was a seamstress in the WPA Sewing Room. Virginia Moreno died in 1982.