

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 13, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-0103  
4104 RAMSEY AVENUE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939-1940 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a full-width inset porch on plain, square, wood posts; 1:1 fenestration; integral one-car garage.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1939-1940 by the McNeley Construction Company of Austin. The first owners and occupants were Norwood and Margaret C. King, who lived here until around 1943. Norwood King was a clerk at the gas company; Margaret King was a district supervisor for the WPA, but there does not seem to be any other information about her besides what is contained in the city directory listing.

From 1943 to around 1960, the house was owned and occupied by the Christal family. Thomas and Julia Christal, along with their daughter, Elizabeth, are listed in the city directories. Thomas Christal was a real estate agent; Elizabeth Christal was a department manager for Buttrey's, a women's clothing store just west of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.

The house appears to have been a rental property for much of the time since 1960.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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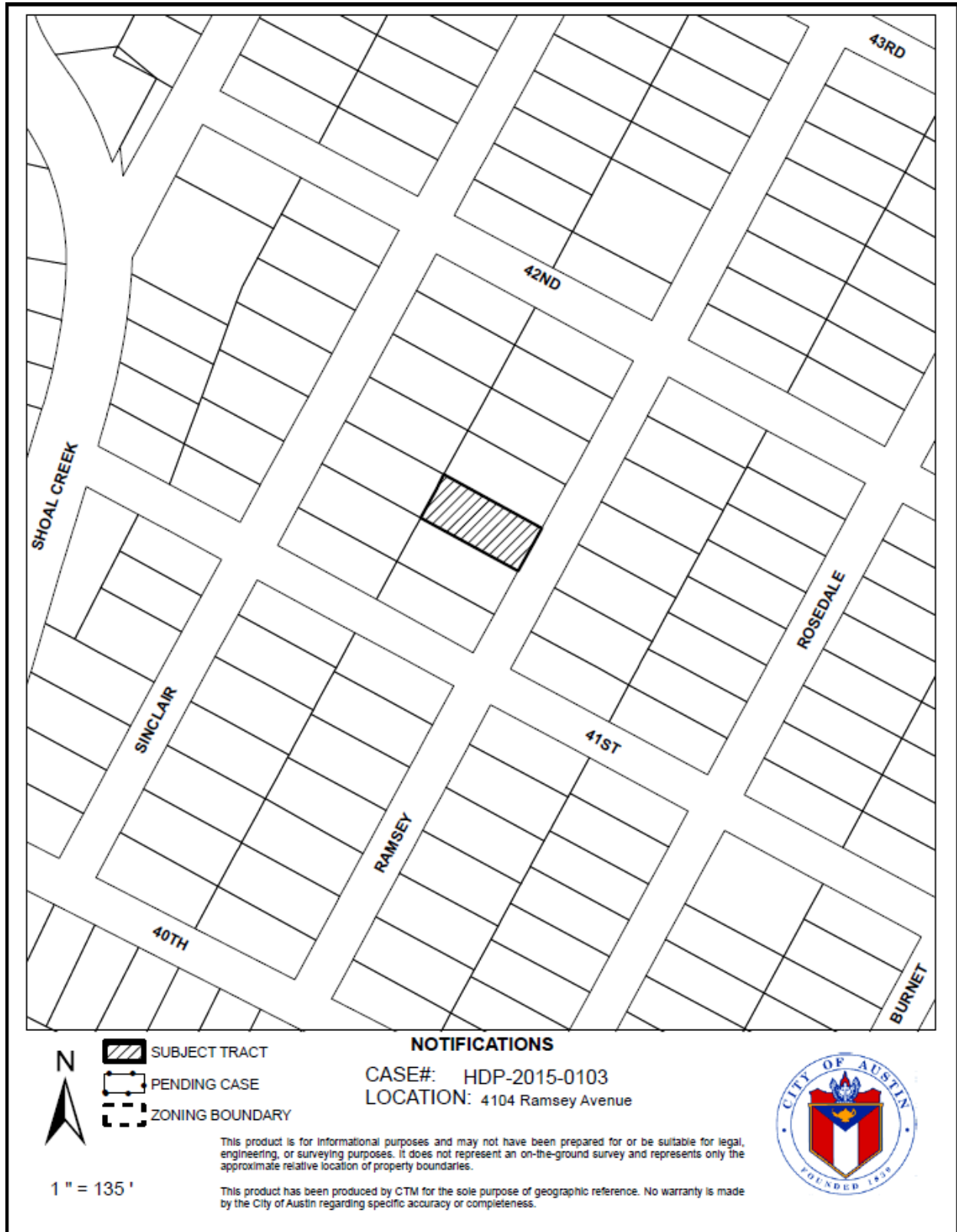
The house is not within the bounds of any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



4104 Ramsey Avenue  
ca. 1939-1940



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
4104 Ramsey Avenue

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

1992	Jennifer Nolte, renter Student
1985-86	Vacant
1981	Jack Jarrell, renter Nurse
1976	Carol Kemplin, renter Writer
1966	Donald and Natalie Petesch, owners No occupation listed
1961	Tommy and Luba A. Laws, owners Pharmacist, Tower Drug, 2807 San Jacinto Boulevard
1955	Thomas J. and Julia C. Christal, owners No occupation listed

- 1949 Thomas J. and Julia C. Christal, owners  
Real estate agent, 6 Pope Building.
- 1947 Elizabeth Christal, owner  
Department manager, Buttrey's, women's and children's ready-to-wear clothing,  
107 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1944-45 Elizabeth Christal, owner  
Saleswoman  
NOTE: Neither Norwood nor Margaret King are listed in the directory.
- 1942 Norwood and Margaret C. King, owners  
Norwood: Clerk  
Margaret: District Supervisor, WPA
- 1941 Vacant  
NOTE: Irving Norwood King and Margaret King are listed at 2107 Brooklyn; he  
was a clerk for the Texas Public Service Company.
- 1940 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Norwood King, and his mother, Lula King, are listed at 605 Park  
Boulevard. Neither had an occupation shown.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### **Norwood and Margaret King (ca. 1940 – ca. 1943)**

Norwood King appears in the 1940 U.S. Census with his mother, Lula King, at what appears to be a boarding house at 1504 Congress Avenue. He was single, 24, and a clerk for the gas company. He had been born in Arkansas. His mother, Lula King, was a 45-year old Texas-born widow who did alterations for a dry cleaner. Norwood King died in Kerrville, Texas March 12, 1995. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers. Margaret C. King died August 26, 1999.

### **Elizabeth Christal; Thomas and Julia Christal (ca. 1943 – ca. 1960)**

Thomas and Julia Christal appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1823 W. 37<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Thomas Christal was 69, had been born in Texas, and was a real estate salesman. Julia Christal was 62, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived 2 daughters, Margaret, 37, a grade school teacher; and Elizabeth, 27, a saleslady in a department store. Both women had been born in Texas.

McNeley Const. Co. 4104 Ramsey Ave.  
 76 - 3 40' of 14 & 20'  
 of 13 -

McGuire Addition

frame res. with garage integral

283n - 8-8-39

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Building permit to the McNeley Construction Company for the construction of this house (1939)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		Nº 17241																																					
Received of <u>Wm. P. McNeley Const.</u>		Date <u>Mar 7, 1940</u>																																					
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Water service permit to McNeley Construction Company for this house (1940)

Connection Charge \$ # 2080 No 16637  
 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas, 3-7 19 40

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas  
 Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions  
 on premises owned by Wm P. McNeley Co  
 at 4104 Ramsey Street,  
40' of 14' x 20'  
 further described as lot 13, block 3, outlot \_\_\_\_\_,  
 subdivision McCurrieden division \_\_\_\_\_, plat 76,  
 which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
 charge.

1- DEEP Respectfully,

AT - PL  
 Stub Out

R. W. Gissell  
by H. B. Osborn

Connected 4-3 19 40

Size of Main 4 Stub inches.

Size of Service 4 inches.

13 Feet Deep Est. Curb

Feet from Property Line

Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by Boalwaith

Connection made by Cohens

Per Rd  
3-7-40  
3-29-40  
OV

Con 1' H  
of 5' L  
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Sewer connection application by the William P. McNeley Company for this address (1940)