

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 27, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-0254  
903 S. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1936 duplex.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story, rectangular-plan, stone-veneered frame duplex with a hipped roof; single and double 1:1 fenestration; exterior metal stairway to the second floor apartment on the right side of the house.

**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built in 1936; there was an application for a sewer connection that year, but the record of the application is no longer extant. Isaac B. Felps and his wife, Lois, were the first owners and occupants of the house, and they occupied it as a single family residence until around 1943. Isaac Felps had no occupation listed in the city directories, but his 1963 obituary notes that he was the owner of a garage. Lois Felps was a legal secretary for Coleman Gay, an attorney with offices in the Norwood Building.

After World War II, the house was converted to duplex use with a variety of tenants, including students, a tinner, a hair stylist, a manicurist, and a police officer.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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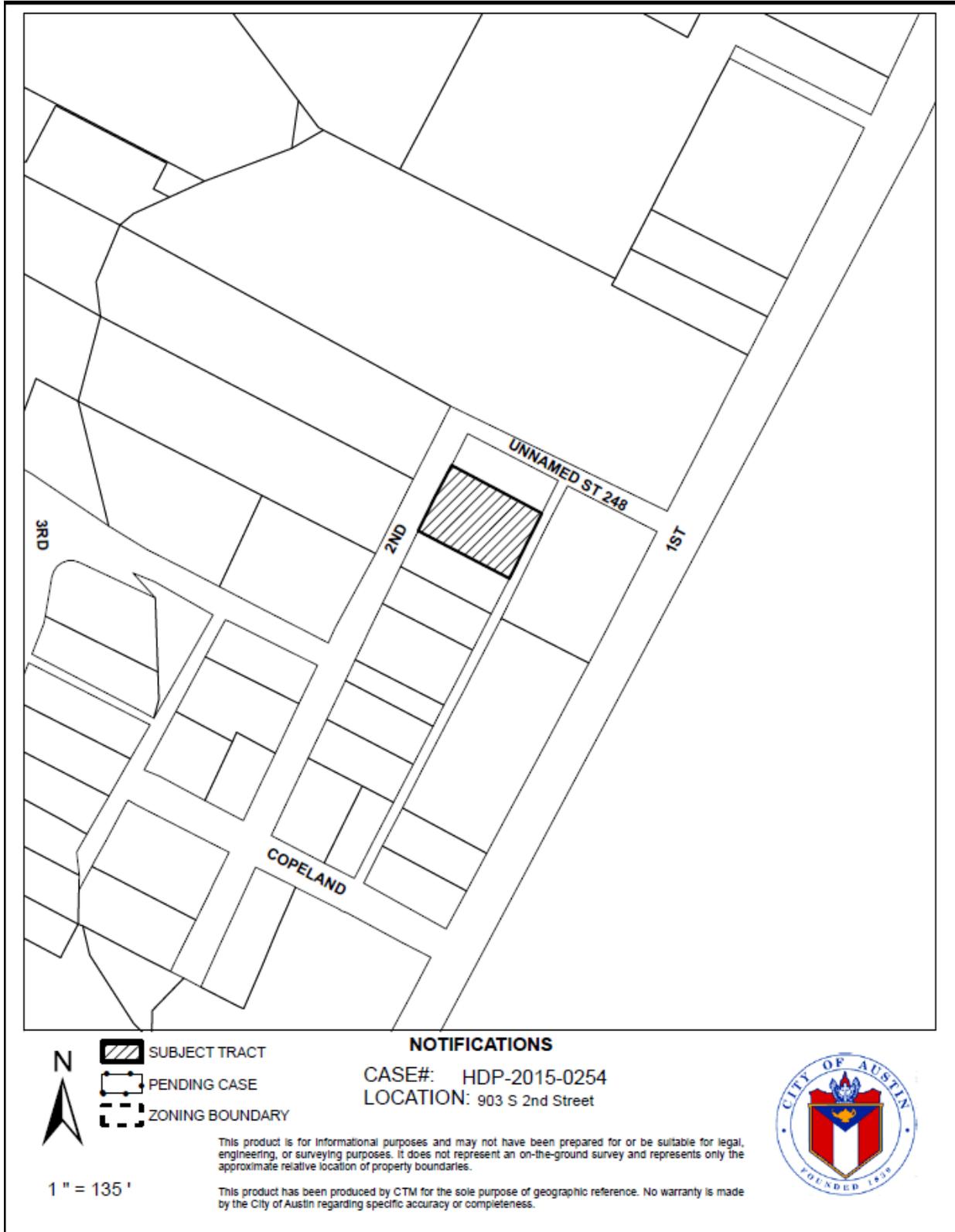
The house is not listed in any City survey.

**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 has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



903 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
ca. 1936



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 903 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

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

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| 1992    | Gary A. Quadlander, renter<br>No occupation listed   |
| 1985-86 | Paul J. Esparza, renter<br>Employed by Austin Specialized Services (not listed in the directory)<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Paul J. Esparza was a new resident at this address. |
| 1981    | Lola M. Beard, owner<br>Retired  |
| 1977    | Local M. Beard, owner<br>Retired   |
|         | Barbara Foust, renter<br>Nurse   |

- 1973 Lola Beard, renter  
Retired  
½: Vacant
- 1968 Kittie Contat, renter  
Widow, Robert L. Contat  
No occupation listed  
½: Billie Beard, renter  
Manicurist, Commodore Perry Hotel, 812 Brazos Street.
- 1962 Robert L. and Kitty Contat, renters  
No occupation listed  
½: Frank Chapa, renter  
City policeman
- 1959 Robert L. and Kitty Contat, renters  
Helper, Goodwin Auto Company, used cars, 500-02 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.  
½: Vacant
- 1955 Billie Beard, owner  
Hair stylist, Goodfriends', ladies' apparel, 901 Congress Avenue.  
½: Joe and Ruby Simmons, renters  
Employed by Bland Construction Company, 4704 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1952 W.J. Rowland, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1949 James N. and Doris MacCallay, renters  
Student  
  
J.E. and Mary A. English, renters  
Student
- 1947 James N. and Doris K. MacCallay, renters  
James: Student, University of Texas  
Doris: Waitress, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
and Congress Avenue.  
  
Irrie A. and Virginia Lindsay, renters  
Tinner, Gage Brothers, sheet metal, 607 Red River Street.
- 1944-45 Melvin A. and Ida B. Pannell, renters  
Driver
- 1941 Isaac B. and Lois Felps, owners  
Isaac: No occupation listed  
Lois: Stenographer
- 1939 Isaac B. and Lois Felps, owners  
Isaac: No occupation listed  
Lois: Secretary, Coleman Gay, lawyer, 1208 Norwood Building.
- 1937 Isaac B. and Lois Felps, owners

Isaac: Farmer  
 Lois: Secretary, Coleman Gay, lawyer, 1208 Norwood Building.  
 Also listed are Otto F. and Lorene Schlueder; he was a cook.

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The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Isaac and Lois Felps are not listed in the directory.

### **ISAAC B. FELPS**

Isaac Benjamin Felps, 52, of 2933 Eckert, died Tuesday morning at his residence. He had been a resident 29 years, was owner of Felps Garage, and a member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow; parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Felps, Sr., of Manchaca; daughter, Miss Mary Ellen Felps of Austin; 3 sisters, Mrs. Chester Patton, Mrs. A. L. Reither and Mrs. Raymond Ender of Austin; and brother, N. H. Pheips Jr. of Manchaca.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Gordon B. Bays officiating. Burial will be in the Miller Creek Cemetery near Johnson City.

Obituary of Isaac Felps  
 Austin American, October 30, 1963

### **ISAAC B. FELPS**

Funeral services for Isaac Benjamin Felps, 52, of 2933 Eckert were held Wednesday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Gordon B. Bays officiating. Pallbearers were Richard T. Patton, Cecil C. Patton, Charles E. Patton, Jimmy W. Felps, John R. Felps and Sidney E. Brownlee. Burial was in Miller Creek Cemetery near Johnson City.

Funeral story on Isaac Felps  
 Austin American, October 31, 1963

