

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 18, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0369
901 DAWSON ROAD**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-and-a-half story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, stone-veneered frame house with a front-gable in the front with board-and-batten siding in the tympanum, and a front-gabled entry bay; single and paired 1:1 windows.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1937, and was initially rented by Walter and Lillian Pinson, who lived here until around 1940. Walter Pinson was a carpenter, who had been born in Navarro County. They had lived in rural Stonewall County, Texas in 1935, and later moved to Corpus Christi, where Walter continued his carpentry trade. He later became a Baptist minister, and died in Calhoun County, Texas in 1958. From around 1940 to around 1948, the house was rented by Hillery and Tennie Owens. Hillery Owens was a cab driver, who also owned his own taxi company around 1940. He had been an auto mechanic in Pampa, Texas in the 1930s. The house was later rented to a series of tenants, including an engineer, a laborer, a painter, and a lawyer.

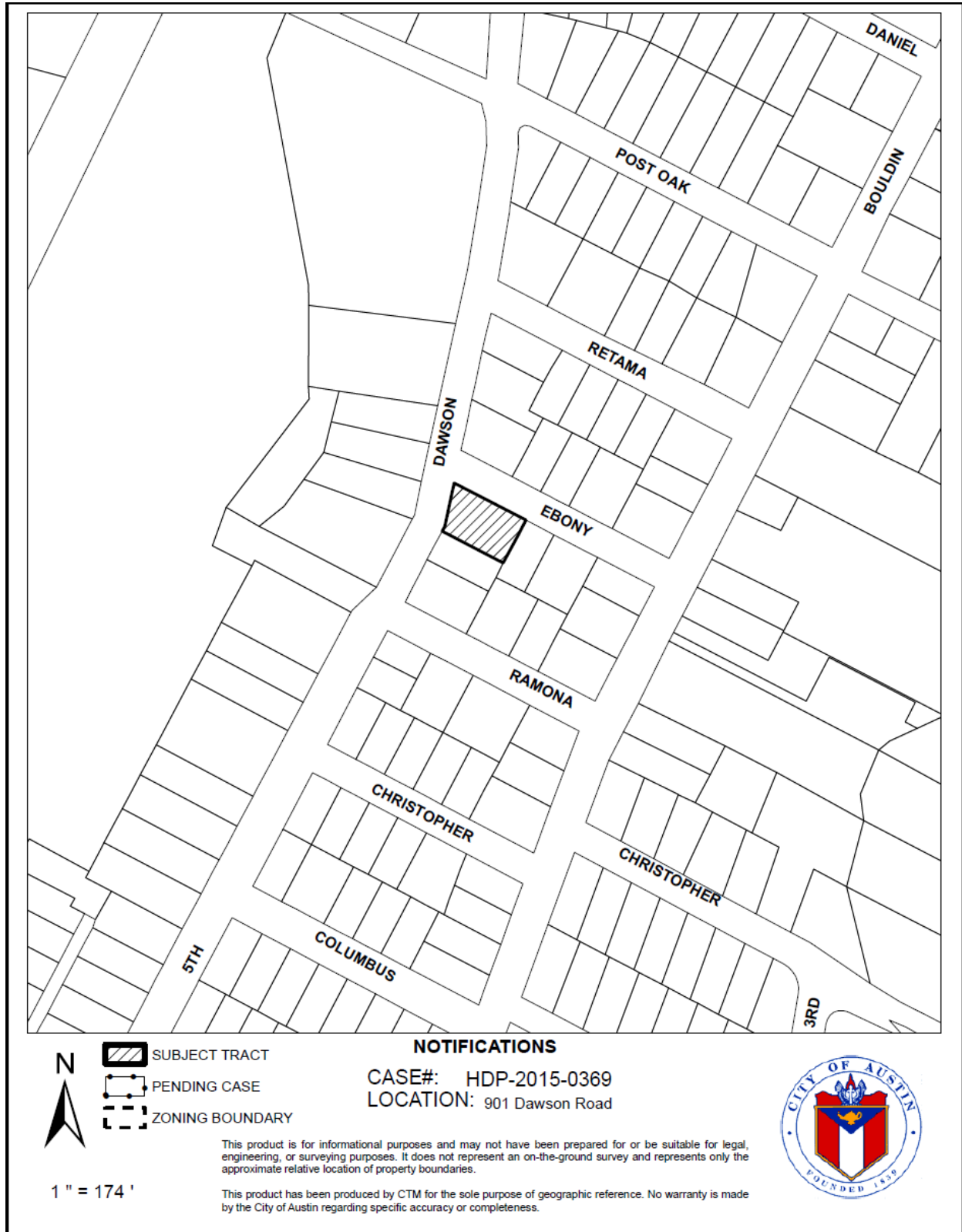
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone to June 22, 2015 to fully consider alternatives to demolition. While the house lacks the historical associations to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is certainly an excellent example of a vernacular style with stone veneer that typifies its 1930s construction date as well as a choice of style and materials that was popular in the Bouldin Creek neighborhood at that time. Every effort should be made to evaluate alternatives to demolition to retain and adaptively re-use the house.

LOCATION MAP



901 Dawson Road
ca. 1937



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 901 Dawson Road

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

1992	Jimmie L. Caples, renter Retired
1985-86	No return
1981	Michael W. and Kay Walton, renters No occupation listed
1977	Terry J. and Mary Johnson, renters Clerk, State Department of Public Welfare
1973	Terry J. Johnson, renter Stock clerk, State Department of Public Welfare NOTE: The directory indicates that Terry J. Johnson was a new resident at this address.
1968	Terry and Joan Weeks, renters Terry: Lawyer, 308 W. 11 th Street

	Joan: Employed by the State Department of Public Welfare
1962	Percy J. and Nettie E. Garrett, owners No occupation listed
1959	Gilbert D. and Winnie Bartlett, renters Painter
1955	Joseph W. and Alma L. McDaniel, renters Laborer
1952	Ray and Ethel Fleetwood, renters Engineer Also listed is Stanley R. Fleetwood, a student.
1949	Jerrel F. and Hester Chester, renters U.S. Navy
1947	Hillery and Tennie Owens, renters Driver, Owl Taxi, 102 W. 3 rd Street and 2442 Guadalupe Street.
1944-45	Hillery and Tennie Owens, renters Driver
1941	Hillery and Tennie Owens, renters Chauffeur, Congress Taxi, 314 Congress Avenue. NOTE: Walter D. and Lillian Pinson are listed at 5302 Avenue H; he was a carpenter.
1939	Walter D. and Lillian M. Pinson, renters Carpenter NOTE: Hillery and Tennie Owens are not listed in the directory.
1937	No houses are listed in Dawson Road. NOTE: Walter D. and Lillian M. Pinson are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Walter D. and Lillian Pinson (ca. 1937 – ca. 1940)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Walter and Lillian Pinson as the renters of the house at 935 E. 52nd Street in Austin. Walter Pinson was then 37, had been born in Texas, and was a carpenter. Lillian Pinson was 30, had been born in Oklahoma, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 children: Wayne, 14; John, 11; Melba, 9; and Margaret, 3. All the children had been born in Texas. The family had lived in rural Stonewall County, Texas in 1935. By 1944, they were living in Corpus Christi, where Walter was a carpenter. Walter Pinson died December 25, 1958 in Calhoun County, Texas. At the time of his death, he was a minister in a Baptist Church and was living in Tivoli, Texas. He had been born in Navarro County.

Hillery and Tennyne Owens (ca. 1940 – ca. 1948)

Hillery and Tennyne Owens appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Hillery Owens was 45, had been born in Texas, and was the owner of a private taxi with his own business. Tennyne Owens was 36, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters, Verba Lee, 18, a creamery attendant in a creamery; and Billy, 14, who had no occupation listed. Both girls had been born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Hillery and Tennyne Owens renting a house in Pampa, Texas, where Hillery was an auto mechanic. Tennyne had no occupation listed. Their daughters had no occupations listed. Another listing in the 1930 U.S. Census shows the same information for the family living in Pampa, but they had a roomer, Arthur McCullough, a 31-year old Mississippi-born auto mechanic.

Hillery Owens' 1949 death certificate shows that he was a 54-year old cab driver who had been born in Holder, Texas. He was living at 1715 Valeria Street in Austin at the time of his death, and was divorced.

HILLERY OWENS
 Hillery Owens, 54, died at his home, 1715 Valeria Street, Sunday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Tinnie Owens; one son, Bernard G. Owens of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Billie Hamilton and Mrs. Dee Bible, both of Austin; four brothers, Elias Owens, Herman Owens and Walter Owens of Austin and Howard Owens of Lamesa and four sisters, Mrs. Cora McDonald and Mrs. Virgie Williams of Brownwood, Mrs. Lula Gilliam of Coleman and Mrs. Sally Fortner of Owens.
 The body is at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Hillery Owens
 Austin American, May 23, 1949

HILLERY OWENS
 Hillery Owens, 54, died at his home at 1715 Valeria Street Sunday.
 Funeral services will be held at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. with the Rev. Carlyle Marney officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Park.

Funeral notice for Hillery Owens
 Austin American, May 24, 1949

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 4954 Sec 113

M. *Wm Yelderman* Address *901 Adams St*

Plumber *see* Size of Tap *1/2* Date *12-14-36*

changed to 6" Main & 3/4 Copp on 700-881

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection *3/10/37*

Size of Tap Made *3/4*

Size Service Made *3/4*

Size Main Tapped *2"*

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock *6'6"*

From *No* Prop. Line to Curb Cock *4'*

Location of Meter *AT CURB*

Type of Box *1000*

Depth of Main in *8'* *CURB 2'*

Depth of Service Line *2'*

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main *36"*

Checked by Engr. Dept. *12-18-37*

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No. Fittings	Size	Material	Remarks
2	Curb Cock	3/4"	
1	Elbow	3/4"	
2	St. Elbow	3/4"	
1	Bushing	3/4"	
1	Reducer	1/2" to 3/4"	
	Pipe		
	Lead Comp.		
	Nipples		
	Union		
	Plug		
	Tee		
	Stop		
	Box		
	Lid		
	Valves		

Foreman's Signature *Benson*

Req. No. *15345*

Water service permit for this address (1936)

Connection Charge \$ 1502 No. 16060 ✓

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Sub Austin, Texas, 8-29 1939

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 MRS JANE D PARKER
at 901 DAWSON Rd. Street,
further described as lot 14815 block 4, outlot
subdivision Arborea Est. #3 division, plat 113,
which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 6 fixtures.

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

REDIEP Respectfully Jane D. Parker.
AT - PL by Ruth D. Tamm
Stub Out

Connected 12-21 1939 Permit Pd.
Size of Main 1 inches. 12-18-39
Size of Service 4 inches. a.k.

2 Feet Deep in ST
20 Feet from Property Line Con 1-N
Feet from Curb Line of SLL

Inspected by Boatright

Connection made by Hughes Required
12720 JHB A-1336 ✓

Sewer connection application for this address (1939)