

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JUNE 22, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-0315  
715 W. JOHANNA STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof, stone-veneered frame house with a central, front-gabled projecting entry porch with a round-arched opening; single and paired 1:1 fenestration with decorative wood screens.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1938 by G. Nolen Young, and his wife, Loitney, who lived here until the mid-1960s. G. Nolen Young was a native of Travis County, and worked for the City Engineering Department and City Water, Light, and Power Department for his entire career, as a rodman, surveyor, and foreman. The house was then owned and occupied by Adolph and Aida Olgine. Adolph Olgine was a computer operator for the IRS. He and Aida divorced in 1984, and Aida remained in the house through the early 1990s.

**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 owners have argued that this house does not present the needed opportunities for rehabilitation, and has structural damage, and while staff does not fully agree, the fact remains that this house does not qualify as a historic landmark, so staff must very reluctantly recommend 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



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2015-0315  
LOCATION: 715 W Johanna Street



1" = 167'

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715 West Johanna Street  
ca. 1938



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
715 West Johanna Street

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

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| 1992    | Aida and Ida Olgine, owners<br>No occupation listed  |
| 1985-86 | Adolph and Ida Olgine (not listed as owners)<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: Adolph and Aida Olgine divorced in Travis County October 10, 1984. |
| 1981    | Adolph and Ida Olgine, owners<br>Computer operator, IRS  |
| 1977    | Adolph and Aida Olgine, owners<br>Computer operator, IRS   |
| 1973    | Adolph and Aida Olgine, owners<br>Computer operator, IRS   |
| 1968    | No return<br>NOTE: Adolph and Aida Olgine are not listed in the directory.   |
| 1962    | G. Nolen Young, owner  |

There is no listing for a G. Nolen Young in the alphabetical section of the directory.

- 1959 G. Nolen and Loitney C. Young, owners  
Foreman, City Water, Light, and Power Department
- 1955 G. Nolen and Loynta Young, owners  
Employed by the City Electric Department
- 1952 G. Nolen and Loitney C. Young, owners  
Foreman, City Electric Department
- 1949 Gordon N. and Loitney C. Young, owners  
Survey man, City of Austin
- 1947 Gordon N. and Loitney C. Young, owners  
Party chief, City Water, Light, and Power Department
- 1944-45 G. Nolen and Loitney C. Young, owners  
Surveyor
- 1941 G. Nolen Young (not listed as owner)  
Rodman, City Engineering Department  
NOTE: Loitney C. Young is not listed in the directory.
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: G. Nolen and Loitney Young are listed at 2005 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street; he was a rodman.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### **Gordon Nolen and Loitney C. Young (ca. 1940 – 1965)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Gordon and Loytney Young as the owners of this house, which was worth \$2,350. Gordon Young was 35, had been born in Texas, and was a surveyor for the City Engineering Department. Loytney Young was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a saleslady in a variety store. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Nolan Young as the 25-year old son of B.F. and Mary Jane Young, who rented their home at 804 West Avenue in Austin. Both Nolan and his father are listed as carpenters in building construction.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Gordon Young as the 15-year old son of Benjamin F. and Mary J. Young, who lived at 804 West Avenue in Austin, a house they owned. Benjamin F. Young was a 47-year old Texas-born salesman for a grocery store. Mary J. Young was 40, had been born in Texas, and was a retail grocery merchant. Gordon was the oldest of their 5 children, and had no occupation listed.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Gordon N. Young as the 5-year old son of Benjamin F. and Mary J. (Nolen) Young, who lived on Fredericksburg Road in Justice Precinct 5 of Travis County. Gordon N. Young had been born in Texas. Benjamin Young was listed as having his own income. With them lived Mary J. Young's mother, Sarah F. Nolen, a 63-year old Texas-born widow with her own income, and Mary Young's sister, Elizabeth M. Nolen, 28, who had no occupation listed.



### **Gordon Nolen Young**

Gordon Nolen Young passed away February 16, 2004, at the age of 99. Nolen was born December 11, 1904, to Benjamin Franklin Young and Mary Jane Nolen Young.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Loitney Clara Metcalfe; sister, Winifred Young; special friend and sister-in-law, Sue Sanders; and numerous other family members.

He is survived by his sisters, Lois Paschall and Verna Covington; brother, Woodrow Young; brother-in-law, George Sanders, and many nieces and nephews.

He was a long-time member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church. After attending the University of Texas, he was employed by the City of Austin Electric Department for 43 years.

His family would like to express their appreciation to Stonebridge Health Center for the loving care and respect extended to Uncle Nolen for the past two years.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at Harrell Funeral Home in Austin.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2004, at Harrell Funeral Home Chapel, followed by burial at Austin Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congress Avenue Baptist Church or to your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, Austin, TX 78745 512-443-1366.

Obituary of Gordon Nolen Young  
Austin American-Statesman, February 18, 2004

G. N. Young

715 West Johanna

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Bouldin Addition

Rock veneer residence- box garage

248n - 11/7/38

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Building permit to G. Nolen Young for the construction of this house (1938)

~~Connection~~ #666 No 15004 ✓

**Application for Sewer Connection.**

Austin, Texas, 11/7 1938

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 G. Nolen Young at 715 W. Johanna Street, further described as lot 8, block I, outlot subdivision Bouldin, division, plat 116 which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

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

23 DEEP Respectfully, W. C. Klumbauer

AT-PL Stub Out

Connected 1-13 193 9 Permit Pde  
Size of Main 6 inches. 1-9-39  
Size of Service 4 inches. PHV-11-39  
4 Feet Deep in ST 13  
3.2 Feet from Property Line com 14  
Feet from Curb Line 71 at 12  
Inspected by Boatright T L H  
Connection made by H. Young 10737

Sewer connection application by G. Nolen Young for this house (1938)

Mr. Traylor & Mr. Bennett

We live next door to the property CURRENTLY UNDER HISTORIC REVIEW at 715 W. Johanna 78704.

Last week we called code compliance / 311 after calling your offices and attempting to address the below issues. They should be out this week.

The person who answered the phone said that no one was available to talk to us – and that Scott is the PM on the project and he was busy too.

My husband also left you a voice mail – no returned call.

1. You need to maintain the property – the grass is knee to neck ht. over 12” is code violation
2. You need to come out and secure the doors – a neighbor came over and told us that the back door is open/ unlocked.  
Same thing happened at the house across the street and it became a homeless hang out – multiple 911 calls and arrests. We have 2 kids and live next door.
3. This house is still under historic review until June 22<sup>nd</sup> – and will be damaged/ stripped by the homeless before then. I can't imagine that the City will be pleased about that if they deem historic.

We would appreciate it if you all were more responsive / neighborly – as we have lived next door for 12 years.

My husband and I are also both licensed by the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners – and work from home so will be watching the construction carefully.

Obviously we are against the house demolition – and know that it can be incorporated into a very nice, large single family home however that is not the easiest route – but the right one.

I have copied the City of Austin Historic Review office on this email.

**Linda Witt** - RID, IIDA, LEED-AP  
Witt & Witt Interior Design  
713 West Johanna Street  
Austin, Texas 78704