

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 22, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0221
1310 E. 13TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1902 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a partial-width shed-roofed independent porch on non-historic wood posts; synthetic siding.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1902; the first known occupants of the house were John A. and Emma Walker, who lived here for the rest of their lives. John Walker was a hotel waiter, first at the Avenue Hotel, then at the Driskill Hotel. In the city directories from 1920 to 1924, he is listed as an expressman. He does not appear in city directories after 1924, but there is no record of his death. Emma Walker then continued to live in the house until her death in 1960. She worked for various families as a maid. Her married son, Claude W. Walker, lived here with his mother in the late 1930s and early 1940s. Claude Walker was a porter at the Littlefield Building. After Emma Walker's death in 1960, the house became a rental unit for several years, until purchased by Wilbert and Lucille Knox. Wilbert Knox was a laborer for Fox-Schmidt, plumbers, until his retirement.

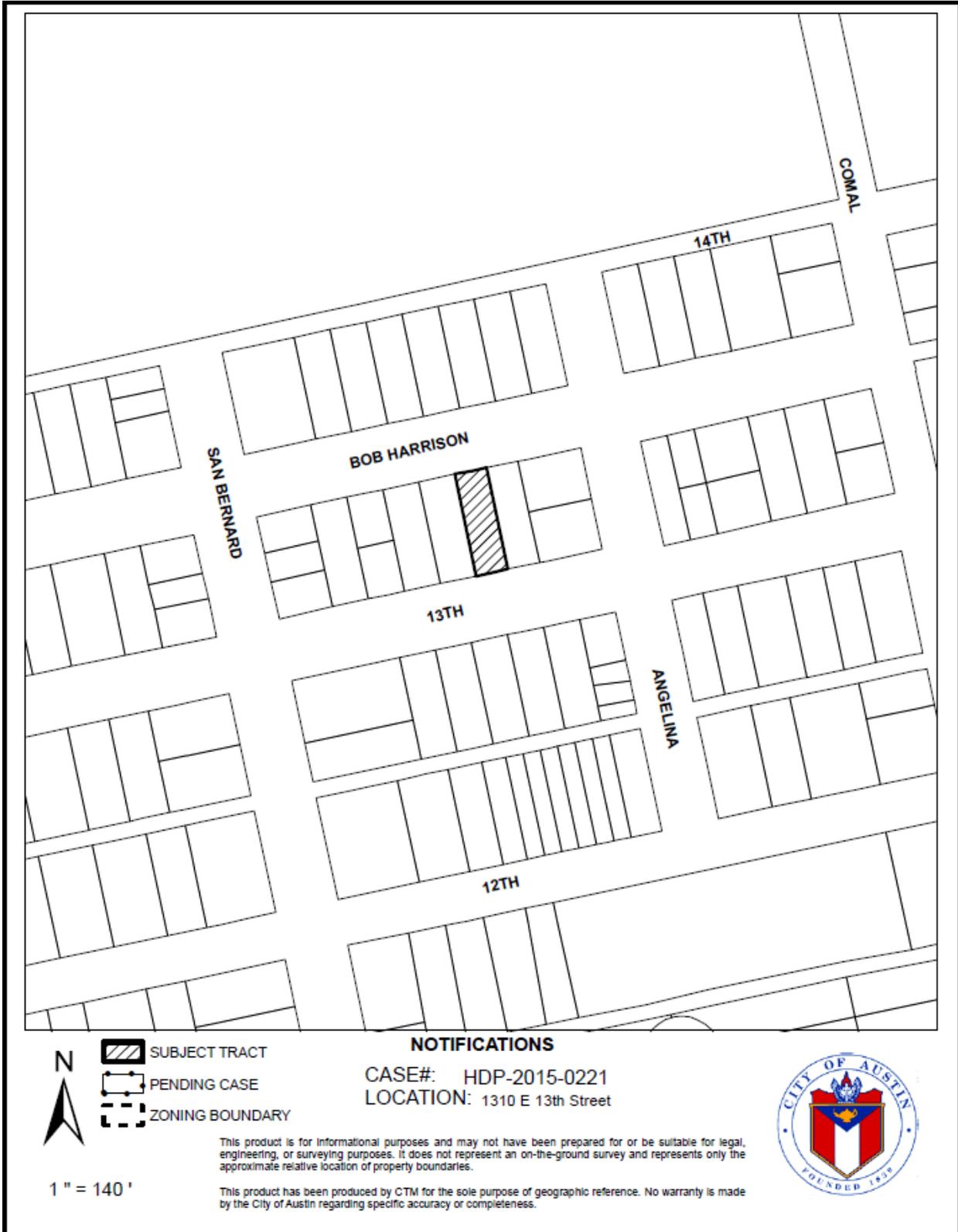
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as a high priority for preservation in the Historic Resources Survey of East Austin (2000), but the house had its original 4:4 windows and board-and-batten siding at that time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit. The applicant has devised a plan that will adaptively re-use the existing house and build an addition behind it. Staff recommends 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, prior to release of the permit.

LOCATION MAP



1310 E. 13th Street
ca. 1902



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1310 E. 13th Street

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

1992 Wilbert and Lucille M. Knox, owners
Retired

1985-86 Wilbert and Lucille Knox, owners
Laborer, Fox-Schmidt, plumbing contractors, 1906 E. 4th Street.

1981 Wilbert and Lucille Knox, owners
Laborer, Fox-Schmidt, plumbing contractors, 1906 E. 4th Street.

1977 Wilbert and Lucille Knox, owners
Laborer, Fox-Schmidt, plumbers, 1906 E. 4th Street.

1973 Wilbert and Lucille Knox, owners
Laborer, Fox-Schmidt, plumbing contractors, 1906 E. 4th Street.

Bobbie R. Hennington, renter
Employed by Seton Hospital

NOTE: The directory indicates that Bobbie R. Hennington was a new resident at this address.

- 1968 Ima M. Haskins, owner
Maid
- 1962 Rebecca Haskins, owner
No occupation listed
NOTE: Ima M. Haskins is not listed in the directory.
- 1959 Walter and Gertrude Graham, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: Walter Graham was Emma Walker's brother.
- 1955 Emma Walker, owner
Maid
- 1952 Emma Walker, owner
No occupation listed
- 1949 Emma Walker, owner
No occupation listed
- 1947 Claude W. and Bertha Walker, owners
Employed at Oakwood Cemetery
Also listed is Emma Walker, the widow of John Walker; she had no occupation shown.
- 1944-45 Emma Walker, owner
Widow, John Walker
No occupation listed
Also listed are Claude W. and Bertha Walker; he was a laborer.
- 1941 Claude W. and Bertha Walker, owners
Porter, Littlefield Building
Also listed is Emma Walker, a maid for Doris Connerly, the reference librarian at the State Library, who lived at 506 W. 29½ Street.
- 1939 Claude W. and Bertha Walker, owners
Porter, Littlefield Building
Also listed is Emma Walker, no occupation shown.
- 1937 Emma Walker, owner
Domestic for Barbara H. Gault, a clerk at the State Highway Department, who lived at 4214 Alice Avenue.
Also listed are Claude W. and Bertha Walker; he was a porter at the Littlefield Building.
- 1935 Emma Walker, owner
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
NOTE: Claude W. and Daisy Walker lived at 2003 Manor Road; he had no occupation listed.
- 1932-33 Emma Walker (colored), owner
No occupation listed

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- 1930-31 Emma Walker (colored), owner
No occupation listed
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- 1929 Emma Walker (colored), owner
No occupation listed
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- 1927 Emma Walker (colored), owner
No occupation listed
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- 1924 John A. and Emma Walker (colored), owners
Expressman
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- 1922 John A. and Emma Walker (colored), owners
Expressman
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- 1920 John A. and Emma Walker (colored), owners
Expressman
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- 1918 John A. and Emma Walker (colored), owners
Bellman, Driskill Hotel
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1916 John A. Walker (colored)
Waiter, Driskill Hotel
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1914 John A. Walker (colored)
Waiter
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1912-13 John A. Walker (colored)
Waiter, Driskill Hotel
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1910-11 John A. Walker (colored)
Porter
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1909-10 John A. Walker (colored)
Porter
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1906-07 Gus [sic] Walker (colored)
Waiter, Driskill Hotel
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.

- 1905 John A. Walker (colored)
Waiter, Driskill Hotel
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1903-04 John A. Walker (colored)
Waiter, Avenue Hotel, 717 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street.
- 1900-01 Unknown
NOTE: John A. Walker is listed as a waiter at the Avenue Hotel on Congress Avenue; he lived at 1903 University Avenue.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

John A. and Emma Walker (ca. 1902 – ca. 1957)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows John A. and Emma Walker at this address (noted as 1210 E. 13th Street). John A. Walker was 45, had been born in Arkansas, and worked as a hotel waiter. Emma Walker was 37, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons: Claude, 20; and Leslie, 19. Both boys had been born in Texas, and neither had an occupation listed. With them lived Emma's brother, Walter Graham, 29, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

John A. and Emma Walker appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which is listed as 1210 E. 13th Street. John A. Walker's birthplace is listed as Kentucky; he was a hotel waiter. Their son Leslie, 31, lived with them. He was divorced, and worked as a hotel waiter.

John A. Walker died February 24, 1925 in Austin. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Emma Walker as a 44-year old widow at this address; she owned the house, which was worth \$1,500. She was a laundress for a private family. With her lived a lodger, Kitty Pollard, a 5-year old widow who worked as nurse.

MRS. EMMA WALKER

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Walker, 93, who died Tuesday, will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in Grant Chapel AME Church, with Rev. B. L. McCormick officiating.

Pall bearers are Lee Pickens, Frank Smith, Emzie Franklin, Jack Dallas, L. W. White and William Parr.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of Phillips and Upshaw Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter in law, Mrs. Bertha Walker.

Funeral notice for Emma Walker
Austin American-Statesman, April 17, 1960