

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 22, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0397
2506 E. 13TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1929 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, front-gabled inset porch on ornamental metal posts; permastone siding on the front of the house under the front porch; windows have been boarded over.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1929, and was a rental unit until around 1946. The renters included a porter, a warehouse worker, and a maid. Around 1946, the house was purchased by Jesse J. and Lucille Baker, who had rented it in the early 1940s. Jesse J. Baker was a cook at the Night Hawk Restaurant, who then worked as a porter in a UT dormitory, and later as a gardener for the City Parks Department. Jesse Baker died in 1985; Lucille Baker continued to live here until her death in 1990. The house was then occupied by a Jacquelyn Baker – it is unclear as to whether she was related to Jesse and Lucille Baker.

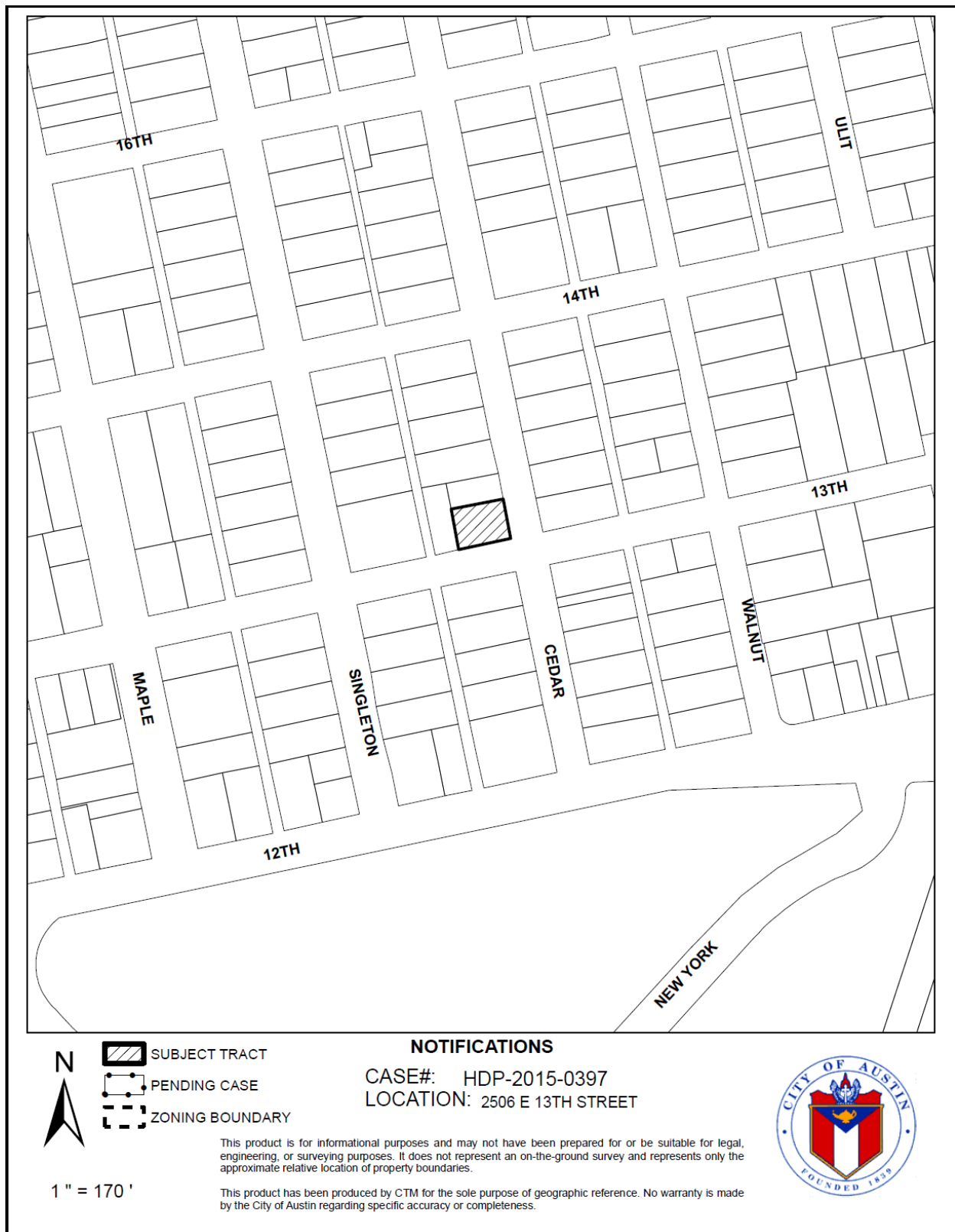
STAFF COMMENTS

The house appears in the Chestnut Neighborhood Historic Resources Survey (2001) with a low priority for preservation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit. The house has been boarded up for many years, and is in a seriously deteriorated condition; it does not have the requisite architectural nor historical significance to warrant consideration of alternatives to demolition or as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



2506 E. 13th Street
ca. 1929





Photograph taken ca. 2000

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2506 E. 13th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
August, 2011

1992	Jacqueline Baker, owner Employed by the Four Seasons Hotel
1985-86	Lucille Baker, owner Retired NOTE: Jacqueline Baker is not listed in the directory.
1981	Jesse J. and Lucille W. Baker, owners Retired
1977	Jesse J. and Lucille W. Baker, owners Retired
1973	Jesse J. and Lucille W. Baker, owners Park ground maintenance man, City Parks and Recreation Department
1969	Jesse J. and Lucille W. Baker, owners Gardener, City Parks Department
1965	Jesse J. and Lucille W. Baker, owners Gardener, City Parks Department
1961	Jesse J. and Lucille W. Baker, owners Porter, Goodall-Wooten Dormitory

- 1957 Jesse J. and Lucille W. Baker, owners
Cook, Night Hawk Restaurant, 336 S. Congress Avenue and 1907 Guadalupe Street.
- 1953 Jesse J. Baker, owner
Cook, Night Hawk Restaurant, 336 S. Congress Avenue and 1907 Guadalupe Street.
NOTE: Lucille W. Baker is not listed in the directory.
- 1949 Jesse J. and Lucille Baker, owners
Cook, Night Hawk Restaurant, 336 S. Congress Avenue and 1907 Guadalupe Street.
- 1947 Jesse J. and Lucille Baker, owners
Employed by Night Hawk Restaurant No. 2, 1907 Guadalupe Street.
- 1944-45 Jesse J. and Lucille Baker (not listed as owners)
No occupation listed
- 1942 Jesse J. and Lucille Baker (not listed as owners)
Cook, Night Hawk Restaurant No. 2, 1907 Guadalupe Street.
- 1939 Fernando Marshall, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: Jesse J. and Lucille Baker are listed as living at 1912 E. 9th Street; he was a cook.
- 1937 Ruth Johnson, renter
Maid, Arthur L. and Ava Brown, 809 Baylor Street.
NOTE: Arthur L. Brown was an accountant with the Works Progress Administration.
- 1935 Lee D. and Gertrude Gamble, renters
Warehouseman, Schumacher Company, wholesale groceries, 110-18 E. 4th Street.
- 1932-33 Vern and Bertha Wilson, renters
Porter, Slaughter's Cash and Carry Grocery, 210-12 W. 9th Street.
- 1930-31 Andrew Harris (colored), renter
No occupation listed
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: There is a listing for an Andrew and Alberta Harris at 2311 E. 16th Street; he had no occupation shown.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Andrew Harris (ca. 1930-31)

Andrew Harris appears in the 1930 U.S. Census report at this address. He was then 43, had been born in Texas, and worked as a laborer for a building contractor. He was married to a woman named Roberta, who was 39, had been born in Texas, and was a servant for a private

family. Andrew and Roberta Harris had 4 children; their oldest, 20-year old Chester, was married and worked as a presser for a tailor shop. Andrew and Roberta also had 2 grandchildren in the house, but it does not appear that they were Chester's children, as they both had the surname of Hill.

Jesse and Lucille Baker (ca. 1941 – ca. 1990)

Chapel. (Cook-Walden)
BAKER, Jesse James, 78, of Austin
 died Sunday. Services 11 a.m. Friday at
 David Chapel Baptist Church. Burial Evergreen
 Cemetery. (Fuller-Stafford)
JEFFERSON, Mrs. Edna M. of Round

Funeral notice for Jesse James Baker
 Austin American-Statesman, February 27, 1985

Lucille Baker
 Lucille Baker, age 80, of Austin,
 died Thursday.
 Funeral service will be Wednesday
 at 2:00 PM at the King Tears Mortuary
 Chapel. Public viewing will be Mon-
 day and Wednesday at the mortuary.
 Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.
Terry Jean Green

Funeral notice for Lucille Baker
 Austin American-Statesman, December 23, 1990

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. W. L. Baucous Address 2506 16th

Plumber himself Size of Tap 1 1/2 Date 10/25/28

CHANGED TO 1 1/2 MAIN AND RENEWED
 SERVICE WITH 3/4 COPPER ON W-322 Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 10/25/28

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'

" " " " 29'

Location of Meter at curb

Type of Box load

Depth of Main in St. 20

" " Service Line 16"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 29.9'

Checked by Engr. Dept. INDEXED

Foreman's Signature [Signature]

No. Fittings	Size	Material
1	3/4"	Curb Cock
1	3/4"	Elbow
1	3/4"	St. Elbow
1	3/4"	Bushing
1	3/4"	Reducer
1	3/4"	Pipe
1	3/4"	Lead Comp.
1	3/4"	Apples
1	3/4"	Union
1	3/4"	Plug
1	3/4"	Stop
1	3/4"	Box
1	3/4"	Lid
1	3/4"	Valves
1	3/4"	1/2" x 3/4" Tap on Main

Req. No. 562

Water service permit (1928)

"Jesse James Baker 2506 East 13th St.
 38 6 18
 Glenwood
 Repair & Remodel Residence
 81687 10-24-61 2,000.00
 US Bldg. Materials -

RESIDENCE

Apply Aluminum Siding and Replace wood floor
 in porch with concrete.

Building permit to Jesse J. Baker to apply aluminum siding and replace the wood porch floor
 with concrete (1961)

OWNER	Jessie J. Baker	ADDRESS	2506 E. 13th St.
PLAT	38	LOT	6
		BLK.	18
SUBDIVISION	Glenwood		
OCCUPANCY			
BLDG. PERMIT #	181611	DATE	5-4-79
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	3,000.0
CONTRACTOR	M.R. Const.	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	
Remdel and repair existing res.			

Building permit to Jesse J. Baker to remodel and repair the house (1979)