

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0424
6203 BERKMAN DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1952 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, front-gabled independent porch on metal supports; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1952 by Hans and Clara Hansson for their son, Harry Hansson, who lived here until around 1954, and then again in the early 1970s. Harry Hansson was a clerk at the Safeway grocery store when he first moved into this house; his later career was as an elevator mechanic. The house was rented out in the mid-1950s and all through the 1960s to house painters. By 1973, Harry Hansson moved back into the house with his wife, Mary; they lived here until around 1975, when his mother, Clara Hansson, moved in. Clara Hansson was a widow at that point – her husband Hans had been a cook and baker for St. Edward's University. She had no occupation listed in the city directories. She lived here until her death in 1988.

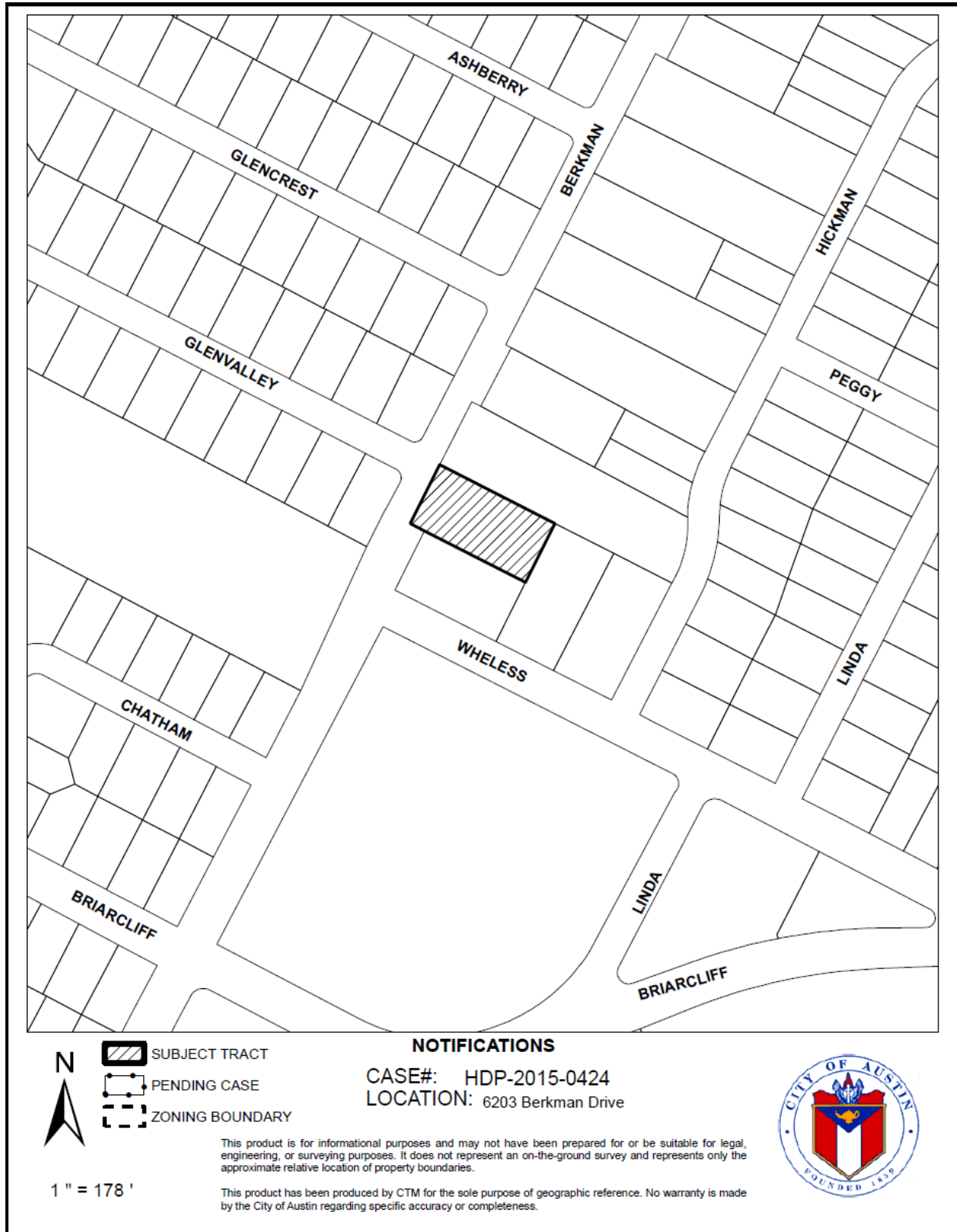
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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 district.

LOCATION MAP



6203 Berkman Drive
ca. 1952



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 6203 Berkman Drive

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

1992	Jerry R. Musick, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Jerry R. Musick was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Clara F. Hansson, renter Retired
1981	Clara F. Hansson, owner Retired
1977	Clara F. Hansson, owner Widow, Hans H. Hansson No occupation listed
1973	Harry H. and Mary Hansson, owners Mechanic, Montgomery Elevator Company (not listed in the directory) NOTE: Clara F. Hansson is not listed in the directory.
1968	Taylor M. and Addie M. Ray, Jr., renters Painter NOTE: Harry Hansson is not listed in the directory. Hans and Clara Hansson are listed at 910 E. 14 th Street; he was retired.

- 1962 Taylor M. and Addie M. Ray, Jr., renters
Painter
- 1959 Taylor M. and Addie M. Ray, Jr., renters
Painter, Jake J. Bitzan, paint contractor, 160 Newfield Lane.
- 1955 John R. and Lake E. Durbin, renters
Refrigeration mechanic, H.L. Arnold, 102-04 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: Taylor and Addie Ray are listed at 5410 Montview Avenue; he was a painter for Jake J. Bitzan.
- 1954 John R. and Lake E. Durbin, renters
Painter
NOTE: The house is listed as 6203 Wheless Lane.
- 1953 Harry H. Hansson, owner
Clerk, Safeway, grocery stores (multiple locations)
NOTE: The house is listed as 6203 Wheless Lane.
NOTE: John R. and Lake Durbin are listed at 6210 Linda Lane; he was a painter.
- 1952 Neither Wheless Lane nor Berkman Drive are listed in the directory.
NOTE: Hilding H. and Clara Hansson are listed at 910 E. 14th Street; he was a baker at St. Edward's University and High School. Clara Hansson continued to live at 910 E. 14th Street until she moved into this house in the mid-1970s.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Harry Hansson (ca. 1952 – ca. 1953, and ca. 1969 – ca. 1975)

Clara Hansson (ca. 1975 – ca. 1988)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows H.H. and Clara Hansson as the owners of the house at 910 E. 14th Street in Austin. H.H. Hansson was 43, had been born in Sweden, and was the baker for a dormitory. Clara Hansson was 42, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Corrine, 16; Harry, 13; and William, 13. All the children had been born in Texas, and none had an occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Hans and Clara Hansson at the E. 14th Street address. Hans Hansson is listed as a chef for a dormitory; Clara Hansson had no occupation listed.

HANS H. "SWEDE" HANSSON

Funeral for Hans H. "Swede" Hansson, 77, of 910 E. 14th St., will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Hylltin-Manor Funeral Home with Rev. C. J. Mann officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery with graveside services under the auspices of Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M.

Hansson died in a local hospital Wednesday morning.

He was a member of Memorial Methodist Church and a member of Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, a member of the Ben Hur Shrine, and a World War I veteran. He had been a resident of Austin for 55 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Clara F. Hansson of Austin; two sons, Harry H. Hansson and William F. Hansson of Gatesville; one daughter, Mrs. Corrine Green of San Clemente, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Obituary of Hans H. "Swede" Hansson
Austin American, October 19, 1972

Clara F. Hansson

Clara F. Hansson, 91, a lifetime resident of Austin, died Monday, January 18, 1988.

She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with Reverend Robert J. Scott officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery Annex.

Mrs. Hansson is survived by her son, Harry H. Hansson of Austin; daughter, Corrine Green of San Clemente, California; daughter-in-law, Bennie Bell Hansson of Gatesville, Texas; grandchildren, Harold David Hansson, John Jeffery Hansson, both of Austin, Mary Michael Green of Pasadena, California, Lucy Zahray of Bryan and Shawn

Hansson of Houston; great-grand-daughters, Amanda Christine Hansson and Jessica Nichole Hansson, both of Austin.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Clara Hansson
Austin American-Statesman, January 19, 1988

Harry H. Hansson

Mr. Harry H. Hansson, age 73, of Austin, died Thursday, November 25, 1999.

Harry was a lifelong resident of Austin. He retired from U.T. Systems as a Construction Inspector and spent most of his career as an Elevator Mechanic. Harry will be remembered as an active man who enjoyed staying busy.

He was preceded in death by parents, Hans and Clara Hansson, wife and mother of his children, Mary Hansson, and brother, Bill Hansson.

Harry is survived by wife, Bettie Hansson of Austin; two sons, David Hansson and wife Sharon, and Jeff Hansson, all of Austin; sister, Corrine Green; numerous grandchildren, and Bettie's children.

The family will receive visitors from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday evening.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m., Saturday, at the Amey Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Oakwood Annex.

Services are under the direction of Amey Funeral Home, 7811 Rockwood Lane, two blocks east of MoPac, one block south of Anderson Lane, 452-4001.

Obituary of Harry H. Hansson
Austin American-Statesman, November 26, 1999