

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 24, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0723
709 NORWALK LANE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, partial-width front-gabled independent porch on ornamental metal posts; paired 1:1 fenestration on the front of the house.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1940 by Walter Hunter, a local builder and investor. The first owner and occupant of the house was Beatrice Petty, a widow, originally from Florence, Texas, where her husband had worked as a farm laborer and later as a restaurant cook. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Beatrice Petty worked as an attendant at Austin State Hospital. She lived in this house until around 1957. The house was a rental property in the late 1950s; in 1968, it was purchased by Gertrude O. Nations, a waitress at Maudie's Café on W. 7th Street. The house is still held by Gertrude's son, Lester Nations.

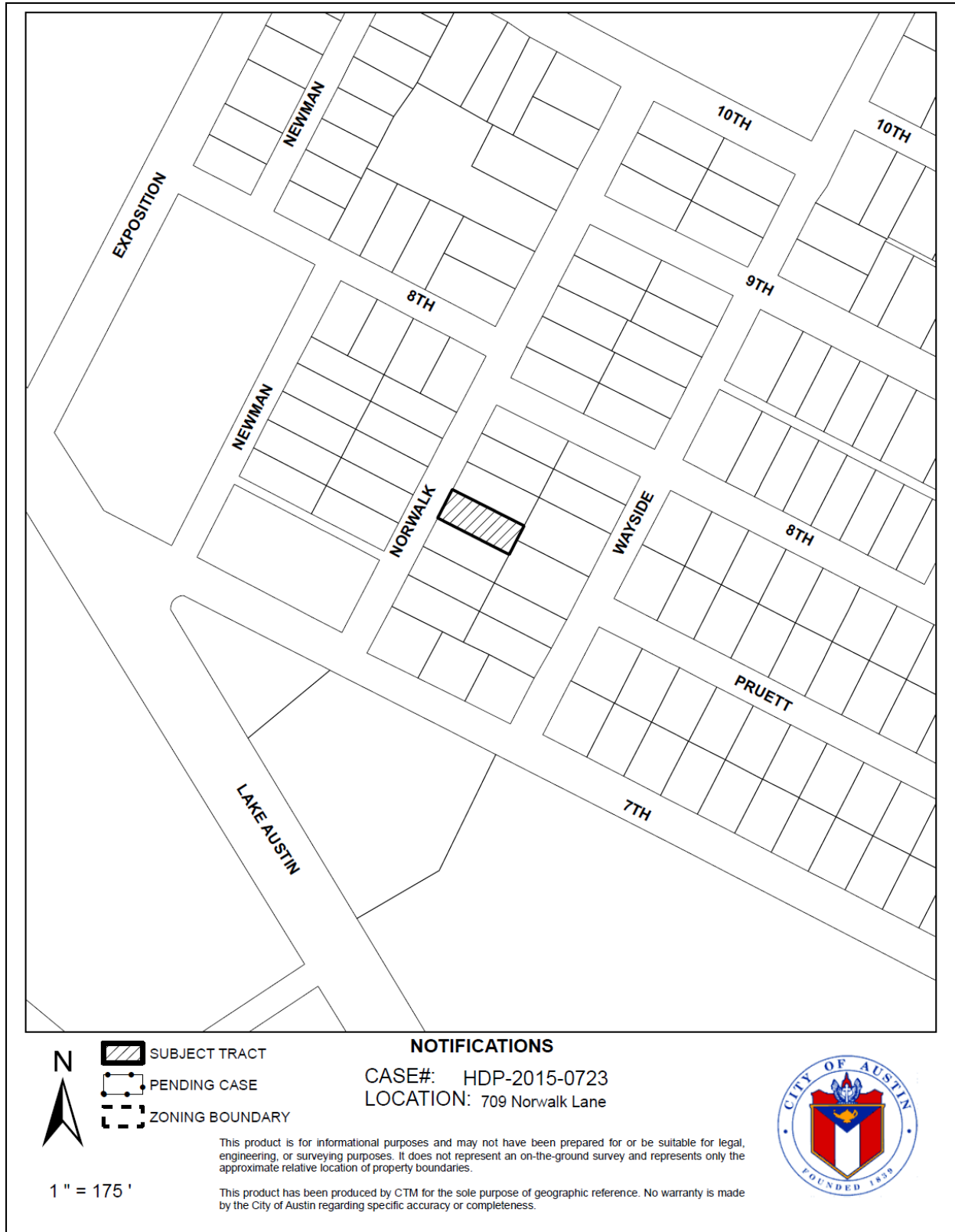
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the boundaries of 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 landmark.

LOCATION MAP



709 Norwalk Lane
ca. 1940



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 709 Norwalk Lane

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

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| 1992 | Gertrude O. Nations, owner
Waitress, Maudie's Café, 2608 W. 7 th Street. |
| 1985-86 | Gertrude O. Nations, owner
Waitress, Maudie's Café, 2608 W. 7 th Street.
Also listed are Rester B. nations and Ruth Nations; neither had an occupation shown. |
| 1981 | Gertrude O. Nations, owner
Waitress, Maudie's Café, 2608 W. 7 th Street.
Also listed are Lester B. Nations, Ruth Nations, and Wanda S. Nations; none had an occupation shown. |
| 1977 | Gertrude O. Nations, owner
Widow, Henry C. Nations
Waitress, Alamo Restaurant, 604 Guadalupe Street.
Also listed are Lester B. Nations and Wanda S. Nations; neither had an occupation shown. |
| 1973 | Gertrude O. Nations, owner
Waitress, Maudie's café, 2608 W. 7 th Street. |

Also listed are Lester Nations, a cashier at Big Bear Food Stores (multiple locations); and Wanda Nations, no occupation shown.

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| 1968 | Gertrude O. Nations, owner
Waitress, Maudie's Café, 2608 W. 7 th Street. |
| 1962 | Vacant
NOTE: Gertrude O. Nations is not listed in the directory. |
| 1959 | Aaron E. and Billie Seymour, renters
Examiner, State Highway Department |
| 1955 | Beatrice Petty, owner
Widow, Lon Petty
Attendant, State Hospital |
| 1952 | Beatrice Petty, owner
Widow, L.S. Petty
Attendant |
| 1949 | Beatrice Petty, owner
Widow, John Petty
Attendant, Austin State Hospital |
| 1947 | Beatrice Petty, owner
Widow, Samuel L. Petty
No occupation listed |
| 1944-45 | Beatrice Petty, owner
Widow, Samuel L. Petty
No occupation listed |
| 1941 | Beatrice Petty, owner
Widow, Lon Petty
No occupation listed |
| 1939 | The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Beatrice Petty is not listed in the directory. |

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Beatrice Petty (ca. 1940 – ca. 1957)**

Lon and Beatrice Petty appear in the 1920 U.S. Census for Florence, Texas, where they lived on a rented farm. Lon Petty was 39, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer on a general farm; Beatrice Petty was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a 7-year old daughter, Willie. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Lon and Beatrice petty in a rented house in Florence, Texas with their daughter, Willie Mae. Lon Petty was a restaurant cook. Neither Beatrice nor Willie Mae Petty had an occupation shown.

Beatrice (Bea) Petty

Beatrice (Bea) Petty, age 94, of Austin died Wednesday.

She was a member of Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ.

Survivors include her sister, Ollie Mae Owens; grandson, Billy A. Seymour, Sr., both of Austin; three great-grandchildren, Billy Seymour, Jr., John Seymour and Tammy Hogan; two nephews, W.C. Atkins and Dennis Atkins.

Services, 10:00 AM Saturday, Weed-Corley Funeral Home, with Minister Ray Chester officiating. Burial, Austin Memorial Park. Pallbearers: Billy Seymour, Jr., Jon Seymour, Tim Hogan, Dr. Lloyd Doggett, Sr., Buddy Honeycutt and Dale Wheat. Honorary pallbearer will be Travis Long.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 North Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Beatrice Petty
Austin American-Statesman, May 24, 1985

Gertrude O. Nations (ca. 1968 – ca. 2006)**Olive Gertrude Nations**

Olive Gertrude Nations went home to be with her Lord on March 6, 2006. She was born on March 23, 1921 in Pickens, Oklahoma. Olive was able to spend her last days comfortably at home.

Many thanks to Vista Care Hospice for their assistance in making Olive's wish to pass at home possible. Thanks also to Dr. Lucksinger and Dr. Heinrich and the Medical Staff of St. David's and Cornerstone Hospital and Heartland SNF. Olive lived a long and happy life, seeing many changes in the world around her. She was able to remain steady in her faith of God and family.

Olive raised four children while working over 25 years at the original Maudie's Café. She was a member of Hyde Park Baptist Church, and enjoyed attending the Sunday school class.

Olive was preceded in death by her husbands, Henry Clay Nations and later, Fred Reed, and sister Hazel Smalling.

Olive is survived by her sons Lester and Bruce Nations of Austin; daughters Linda Nations of Irving and Wanda Barnie and husband Roy of Mesa, Ariz.; brothers, Bill Hampton of Concord, Calif., Clayton Hampton, Arnold Hampton, Coy Walters, Norman Walters all of Springfield, Oreg.; brother in law, Lloyd Smalling of Springfield, Oreg.; sister, Lavelle Morris of Broken Bow, Okla.; and grandchildren, Matthew and Krista Arttbury, Ian Barne and Michelle Yates.

Visitation for family and friends will be Wednesday, March 8, 2006 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 North Lamar, with Pastor Dan Gardner officiating. Graveside services will follow.

See www.mem.com to view the pictorial memorial and share condolences.



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Funerals & Cremations
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454-5611

Obituary of Gertrude O. Nations
Austin American-Statesman, March 8, 2006

Walter Hunter

709 Norwalk La.

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Building permit to Walter Hunter for the construction of the house (1940)