

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 26, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-0886  
1408 E. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Relocate a ca. 1895 house to 6407 Porter Street, Austin.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, L-plan, hipped-roof frame residence with recently restored wood siding, and a brick veneer wainscot at the base of the projecting bay; non-historic metal windows in single and double configurations; partial-width shed-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal supports. The house had synthetic siding when first surveyed and researched in 2008, as well as the metal windows and the brick veneer wainscoting.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built around 1895. The first owners and occupants were Dan and Agnes McNamara, who lived here for many years. Dan McNamara was an Irish-born railroad engineer, who lived in this house almost until his death in 1943. Agnes McNamara was born in Texas, and lived here until around 1950 when she moved to a house on Laurel Lane. The house was a rental unit for a period of time after Mrs. McNamara moved out; it was converted to a tri-plex in 1962.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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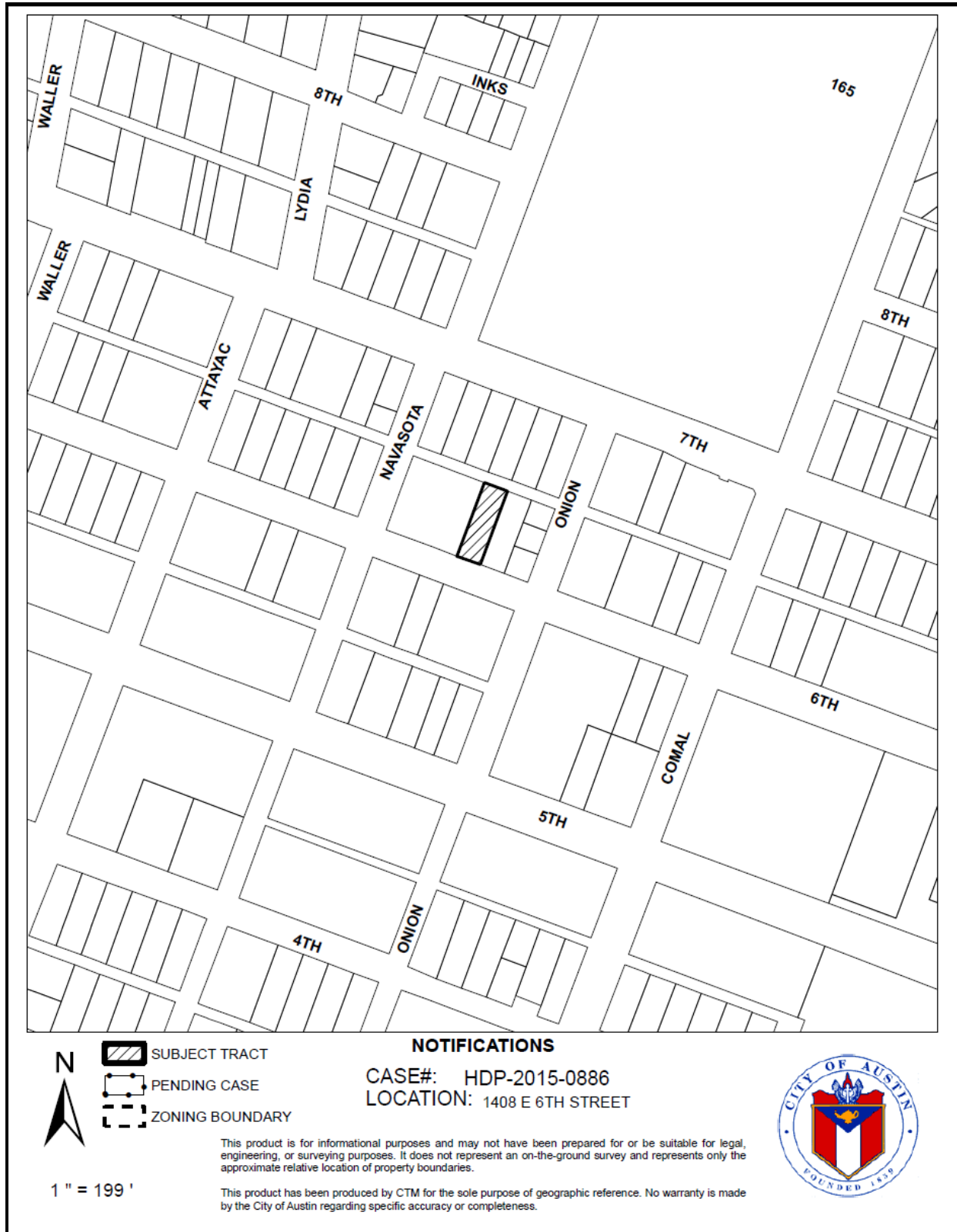
The house is not listed in any City survey. It was in the area covered by the East Austin Historic Survey (1980), but that survey only identified houses with historical or architectural significance.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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. While the house has some interest as the long-time home of a railroad engineer, it has been significantly modified over the years and little of its historic fabric remains. Staff further recommends the erection of a plaque at this site, commemorating the history of this neighborhood as the home of many railroad employees such as Dan McNamara. This neighborhood was intimately tied to the adjacent railroad facilities, and many people who made their livelihood with railroad-related work lived here. With the transformation of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the Saltillo area, this history may be lost without proper commemoration.

## LOCATION MAP



1408 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1895



2008 photograph



2015 photograph

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1408 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
May, 2008

1992	A:	Rogelio and Mary E. Reyes, renters Cook
	B:	Mary P. Fuentes, owner Cook
	C:	Floridalma Lam, renter Waitress, Mexico Tipico restaurant, 1707 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1987	A:	Crescencio Maldonado, renter Retired
	B:	Vacant
	C:	Jose M. Carrasco, renter No occupation listed
1981	A:	Christine Maldondo, renter Retired
	B:	Sarah Faison, renter Baby sitter Also listed is Edward Faison, no occupation shown.
	C:	No return
1977	A:	Tommy L. and Bertha Baker, renters Cook, Frisco Shop restaurant
	B:	Sarah Faison, renter Babysitter
	C:	Vacant
1973	A:	Tommy L. and Bertha Baker, renters Cook, Frisco Shop, 5819 Burnet Road.
	B:	Sarah Faison, renter No occupation listed
	C;	Debbie Terrazas, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Debbie Terrazas was a new resident at this address.
1967	A:	Tommy L. and Bertha Baker, renters Cook, Night Hawk Restaurants
	B:	Vacant
	C:	Melvin Smith, renter Laborer, University of Texas
1962		Clemente M. and Augustina Casas, renters No occupation listed

1959	Clemente A. and Augustine O. Casas, renters Cook Robert E. Lee Grill, 101 W. 20 <sup>th</sup> Street.-
1957	Lillie Moreno, renter No occupation listed
1955	Noe O. and Felipa Gonzales, owners Proprietor, Apollo Café, 1502 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1952	Joel M. McKinney, renter No occupation listed NOTE: Agnes McNamara is listed at 114 Laurel Lane. She was the widow of Dan McNamara and had no occupation shown.
1949	Agnes J. McNamara, owner Widow, Daniel McNamara No occupation listed
1947	Agnes J. McNamara, owner Widow, Daniel McNamara No occupation listed
1944-45	Dora McNamara, owner No occupation listed NOTE: Daniel and Agnes McNamara are not listed in the directory.
1940	Daniel A. and Agnes McNamara, owners No occupation listed
1937	Daniel A. and Agnes McNamara, owners Engineer Also listed are Joseph and Vera Perrone. Joseph Perrone did not list an occupation; Vera Perrone was a beauty operator at Cooper's Beauty Salon (William S. Cooper, proprietor), 1002 Congress Avenue.
1935	Daniel A. and Agnes J. McNamara, owners No occupation listed
1932-33	Daniel A. and Agnes J. McNamara, owners No occupation listed
1930-31	Daniel A. and Agnes J. McNamara, owners No occupation listed
1929	Daniel A. and Agnes J. McNamara, owners No occupation listed Also listed are Edgar E. and Novaleen Hoppe, renters; Edgar Hoppe was a stock helper at the Self-Service Cash Grocery Company. Also listed is A. Jack Garner, a renter, who worked as a barber at Silver's Barber Shop (Moritz Silver, proprietor), 117 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street.

1927	Daniel A. and Agnes J. McNamara, owners No occupation listed Also listed are A. Jack Garner, a barber at the Driskill Barber Shop; and Kiet and Dora Richardson; Kiet Richardson worked as a brakeman for the Southern Pacific Lines.
1924	Daniel A. and Agnes J. McNamara, owners No occupation listed
1922	Daniel A. and Agnes J. McNamara, owners No occupation listed
1920	Daniel A. McNamara, owner (Agnes McNamara is not listed) Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1918	Daniel A. McNamara, owner Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1916	Daniel A. McNamara Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1914	Daniel A. McNamara Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1912-13	Daniel A. McNamara Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1910-11	Daniel A. McNamara Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1909-10	Daniel A. McNamara Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1906-07	Daniel A. McNamara Passenger engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1905	Daniel A. McNamara Passenger engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1903-04	Daniel McNamara Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1900-01	Daniel McNamara Engineer, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
1898-99	Daniel McNamara Engineer, Austin and Northwestern Railroad
1897-98	Daniel McNamara Engineer, Austin and Northwestern Railroad



- 1895-96      Daniel McNamara  
Engineer, Austin and Northwestern Railroad
- 1893-94      Daniel McNamara is listed as an engineer for the Austin and Northwestern  
Railroad, residing at 810 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Dan and Annie McNamara (ca. 1895 – ca. 1950)**

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Dan and Annie McNamara at 1408 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street with five children, all under the age of 13. Dan McNamara is listed as an Irish-born locomotive engineer.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Dan and Annie McNamara at 1408 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street with three children: Mary, 15, Lillie, 13, and Harry, 9. Dan was 50; Annie was 51. Both had been born in Ireland, but all of the children listed has been born in Texas. Dan McNamara was listed as a locomotive engineer.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Dan McNamara as a single roomer at 1408 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the home of Travis Hamilton, a high school janitor. Dan McNamara is listed as being 79 years old [should be closer to 59 years old] and a widower, who worked as a locomotive engineer.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Dan and Agnes McNamara owning the house at 1408 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, which was worth \$3,500. Dan was then 73; Agnes was 50. Dan had been born in Ireland; Agnes had been born in Texas. Neither listed an occupation. With them lived two boarders, A.J. and Harry Garner. A.J. Garner was a 46-year old barber who had been born in Texas. Harry Garner was 19 and had no occupation listed.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Dan and Agnes McNamara as the owners of this house, which was worth \$2,000. Dan McNamara was 83, had been born in the Irish Free State, and had no occupation listed. Agnes J. McNamara was 59, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had renters in the house: Ira and Stella Logan, with their daughter, Jessie. Ira Logan was 29, had been born in Texas, and was an assistant foreman for the railroad. Stella Logan was 25, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their daughter Jessie was 2. They had lived in rural Bastrop County in 1935.

According to his 1943 death certificate, Dan McNamara was born in Ireland in 1857. He was living at this house at the time of his death. He was retired.

## Obituary

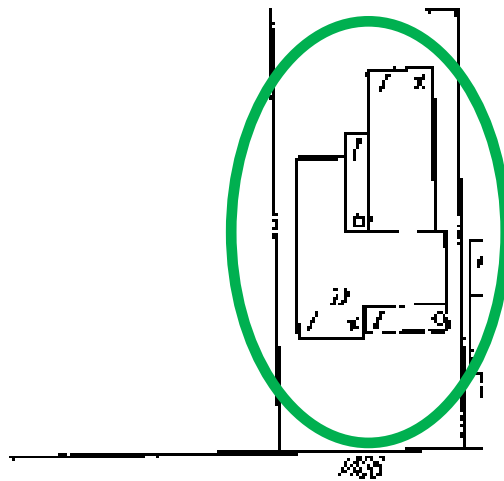
**McNAMARA**—Daniel (Dan) McNamara, retired Southern Pacific engineer, 86, died in a local hospital early Tuesday morning. Mr. McNamara was with the Southern Pacific for 50 years. He was born in Ireland, March 9, 1857. He came to this country from Ireland at the age of 16. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Agnes J. McNamara of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. A. H. Elward of Lakehurst, N. J. and Miss Mary K. McNamara of Austin; six sons, D. F. McNamara of Memphis, Tenn., C. A. McNamara of Tulsa, Okla., E. W. McNamara of Seminole, Okla., J. C. McNamara of Dallas and H. W. McNamara of Houston. Rosary services will be held at Cook Funeral home Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. Requiem mass will be held from St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 a. m. Wednesday with Father James J. O'Brien officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary.

Obituary of Dan McNamara  
Austin Statesman, July 27, 1943

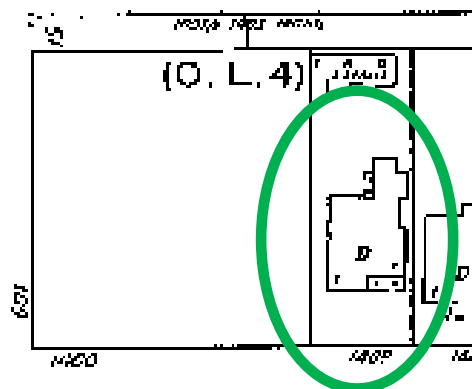
**McNAMARA**—Requiem mass was said Wednesday at 9 a. m. at St. Mary's Catholic church with Father James J. O'Brien officiating, for Daniel McNamara, 86, who died Tuesday. Burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery under direction of Cook Funeral home. Pallbearers were Alfred D. Riley, Carl Clinger, Burleson Priest, Joe Peronne, John Morrey and Dan Hubener.

Obituary of Dan McNamara  
Austin Statesman, July 28, 1943





The 1900 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map shows the house.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the house with a modified configuration. The same footprint appears on the 1962 map.

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

No. 2344A

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7/15/1914  
 Address 1408 E. 6th.  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 8 Block 1 Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. 30

Date of Connection _____	No. Fittings 10' Pipe 4" Pipe Yees Bends 4" Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Ramix Stoppers Castings Other Labor: _____ hrs.
By City <u>±18' E/WC in alley</u>	
By Plumber _____	
Checked By _____	
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth _____	
Main Assign. <u>in alley, in St.</u>	
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line _____	
Stub Location _____	
Book No. <u>B-824</u>	
Paving Cut _____ No. _____	

Sewer connection permit (1914)

**M. H. Fleurnoy** **1408 East 6th St.**  
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Repair and Remodel Residence

**63608 4-19-629 2,000.00**

**Owner** **Add 5**  
 8-23-62 E 31660 (Apt. B)  
 E 31661 (Apt. C)

**3 FAMILY UNIT - New roof, Install partitions to create  
 addtl kitchen & bathroom, Redecorate, Repair under-  
 pinning, sheetrock interior.  
 (Three families in house now, but doubling up on Kitchen  
 and Bath**

Building permit to M.H. Flournoy to remodel the house and convert it to a triplex (1962)