

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 14, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-1113  
914 POST OAK STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, L-plan frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch; single 1:1 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built over the winter of 1946-47 by Joe Carlin, a Mexican restaurant operator. He and his wife, Elvira, rented this house out until the early 1960s, when Elvira is listed as the owner. Their tenants included a bus driver, an electrical lineman, and a clothes presser. Elvira Carlin is listed as the owner of the house in the 1962 city directory; she was a companion to the Sternenberg family, who owned Kuntz-Sternenberg Lumber Company. The house was then rented out in the 1960s and 1970s; Elvira Carlin moved back into the house in the mid-1980s. Elvira Carlin is most known for the ownership of El Charro, which was at 912 Red River Street, and La Tapatia, which was at 1509 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street restaurants with her husband in the 1940s and 1950s.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use over demolition, but 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.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2015-1113

Address: 914 POST OAK

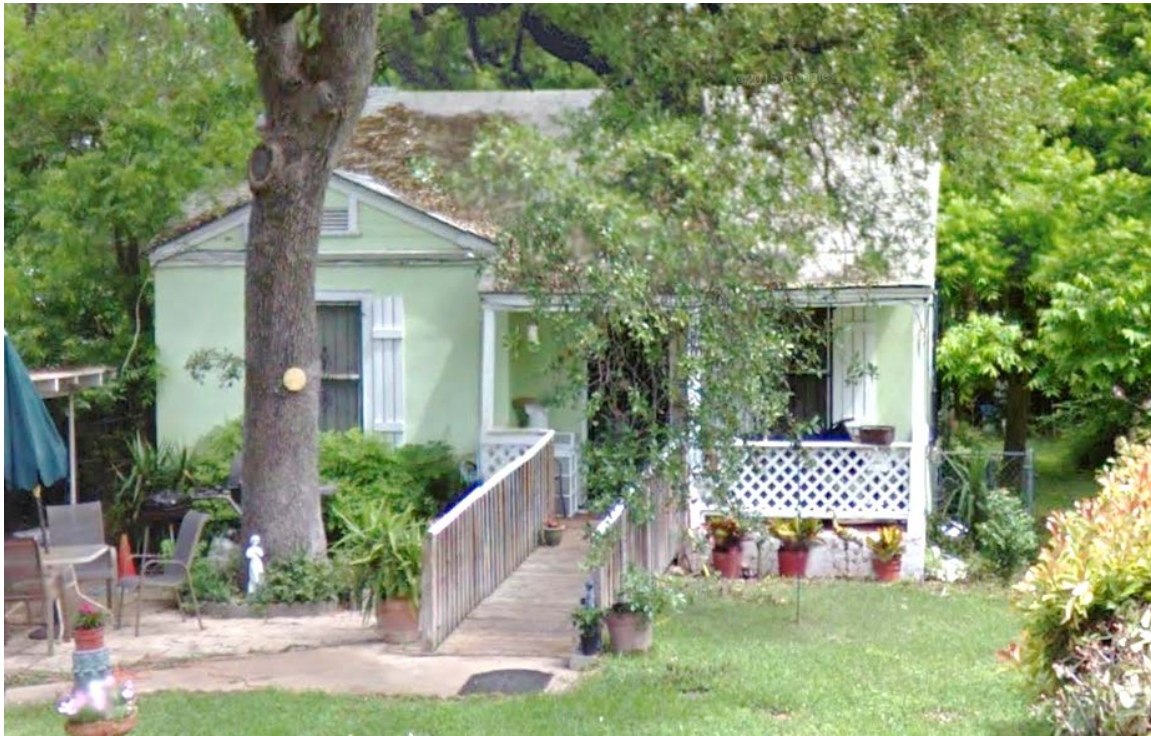
1" = 200'

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914 Post Oak Street  
ca. 1946



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
914 Post Oak Street

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

1992	Elvira H. Carlin, owner Retired
1985-86	Elvira H. Carlin, owner Saleswoman, Bernice Koch, Twin Oaks Florist, 302 E. Oltorf Street.
1981	Elvira H. Carlin, owner Employed by Twin Oaks Florist, 302 E. Oltorf Street. NOTE: The directory indicates that Elvira H. Carlin was a new resident at this address.
1977	No return
1973	Glen Roxales, renter Assistant, Post Office NOTE: The directory indicates that Glen Roxales was a new resident at this address.
1968	Fred and Rose Agado, Jr., renters Branch manager, 7-11 Dairy Stores (multiple locations)

- 1962 Elvira Carlin, owner  
Companion to F.W. and Edna Sternenberg, 310 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: F.W. Sternenberg was the founder and owner of Kuntz-Sternenberg Lumber Company, 601 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1959 Sid and Imogene Lahon, renters  
Lineman, City Electric Department  
NOTE: Elvira Carlin is not listed in the directory.
- 1955 Troy D. and Dorothy Briscoe, renters  
Troy: Presser, Acme Cleaners, 4624 Burnet Road  
Dorothy: Assembler, Hall Level and Manufacturing Works, 1119 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1952 Charles and Wilma Briscoe, renters  
Driver, Austin Transit Company  
NOTE: Troy D. and Dorothy Briscoe are listed at 605 W. Gibson Street; he was a presser for Acme Cleaners, 4624 Burnet Road.
- 1949 Vacant
- 1947 Vacant
- 1944-45 Vacant
- 1941 Harry E. and Elizabeth Stephens, renters  
Stoneworker
- 1940 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Harry and Julia Stephens are listed at 1408½ E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: The 1939 city directory shows Harry and Elizabeth Stephens at 1408½ E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street; he was a stone mason.

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

#### **Elvira H. Carlin (owner, ca. 1960 - ; resident ca. 1960 – ca. 1965 and ca. 1980 - )**

Jose and Elvira Carlin appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of a house at 904 Lydia Street in East Austin. Jose Carlin was 29, had been born in Mexico, and was a restaurant operator. Elvira Carlin was 27, had been born in Texas, and was a cook for a sorority house. They had 4 children: Maria, 10; Juanita, 7; Elvira, 4; and Jose, 2. All of the children had been born in Texas. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Joe and Elvira Carlin as the renters of the house at 902 Waller Street. Joe Carlin was 22, had been born in Mexico, and was a soda dispenser at a drug store. Elvira Carlin was 19, had been born in Texas to Mexican-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

**CARLIN, Elvira H.**, 99, retired restaurant owner, of Austin died Tuesday. Visitation 6 p.m. and rosary 7 p.m. Thursday, Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home. Services 11 a.m. Friday, San Jose Catholic Church. Burial Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Obituary of Elvira H. Carlin  
Austin American-Statesman, May 4, 2011



### **Elvira Hernandez Carlin**

Elvira Hernandez Carlin, former restaurateur, born August 7, 1911, died Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the age of 99.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac and Delfina Garza Hernandez; her husband, Jose Trujillo Carlin; her sisters, Mary Meyers, Bessie Salinas, Cora Mattison, Josephine Acevedo, Celia Guerra, and Camille Rivera; and her grandson, Steve Garcia.

She is survived by her children, Mary D. Rosales, Elvira Carmona (Frank), Juanita (Janie) Baldoza (Edward), Joe Carlin (Dolores), and Cecelia Van Horn (Bruce). Also surviving her are twelve grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She spent her formative years in South Austin. She married Jose Trujillo Carlin on July 14, 1929 and they lived in East Austin. They were the original owners of three restaurants: El Charro #1 and #2, and La Tapatia, from the early nineteen thirties to the early fifties. She retained ownership of the building housing La Tapatia until 1975. Jose died in 1948 at the age of 38. She sold her restaurants in order to raise her children as a single mother. They had part ownership of the Red River Café and Alamo Restaurant.

Besides loving and nurturing her children, grand, great and great-great-grandchildren, Elvira loved music, dancing, football (especially Emmitt Smith), flowers and bingo. She was vibrant and always on the go until recently, when she was overcome with a terminal illness. She died with family members at her bedside.

The family will receive friends at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011 followed by recitation of the rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 6, 2011 at San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest Avenue. Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Special thanks of appreciation are extended to Debra and Melanie for their hospice care.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to the San Jose Scholarship Fund, 2435 Oak Crest Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting

[www.cookwaldenforestoaks.com](http://www.cookwaldenforestoaks.com).

**Cook-Walden Forest Oaks**

Cemetery, Funerals & Cremations



6300 W. William Cannon Dr.  
(512) 892-1172

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Obituary of Elvira H. Carlin  
Austin American-Statesman, May 5, 2011

Joe Carlin

914 Post Oak Street

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Arboles Terrace

Frame residence and garage

29034 2-8-46

\$4,600.00

T. J. Godwin

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Building permit to Joe Carlin for the construction of this house (1946)

USE D STUB 16296

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT** No. **2221**

Austin, Texas

Received of JOE CARLIN Date 7-30-46

Address 914 POST OAK ST.

Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber 7 Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 1-9-47

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 66"

From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 58"

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. INDEXED

Depth of Service Line INDEXED

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. MA 2-5-47

No. Fittings	Size	Material	Remarks
2	Curb Cock	50V	
	Elbow		
	St. Elbow		
	Bushing		
1	Reducer	3/4" COPPER	
2	Pipe	2" 8"	
3	Nipples	3/4" 1/2" 1/4"	
2	Union		
2	Plug	3/4"	
2	Tee	3/4"	
1	Box	3/4"	
1	Lid		
	Valves		
	Job No.	18923-502	
	Req. No.	BENSON	

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Water service permit to Joe Carlin for this house (1947)



Receipt No. 6872 Application for Sewer Connection No. 21371  
 Austin, Texas, 10-1-46  
 To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.  
 Sir: I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by  
Joe Carlin at 914 West Oak Street,  
 further described as Lot 5-2 Block 1 Outlot 1 Division 1  
 subdivision Maplewood Terrace Plat 11-3 which is to be used as a Res.  
 In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 24280  
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 12-15-46  
 Depth at Prop. Line 3'-4' at stub Respectfully, Bassey  
 Sewer Outlet 36' N. of E.L.L. Joe Carlin  
 Connected' (Location)  
 Date 1-4-47  
 By Blum  
 NOTE: Connection Instruction install on 4" stub  
4" stub on west lot line

Sewer connection application by Joe Carlin for this address (1946)