

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 14, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-1046
1803 HASKELL STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1931 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch on ornamental metal supports; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1931 and was a rental property until the late 1950s. Early tenants included a telephone installer, a car salesman, a UT maintenance man, and a grocery store clerk. Joe and Annie Almanza appear to have rented the house in the mid-1950s, and purchased it by the late 1950s. Joe Almanza, Jr. was an auto painter at the Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealership. By the early 1970s, he opened his own body shop with Dan Bocanegra; they were in business until around 1980. He is listed as a mechanic and painter in the 1980s, and retired around 1990.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage adaptive re-use and rehabilitation if possible, but otherwise 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



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2015-1046
Address: 1803 HASKELL STREET

1" = 200'

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1803 Haskell Street
ca. 1931



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1803 Haskell Street

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

1992	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, Jr., owners Retired
1985-86	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, Jr., owners Painter
1981	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, Jr., owners Mechanic
1977	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, owners Proprietor (with Dan Bocanegra), Dan's and Joe's Body Shop, 2900 E. 1 st Street.
1973	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, Jr., owners Proprietor (with Dan Bocanegra), Dan's and Joe's Body Shop, 2900 E. 1 st Street.
1968	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, Jr., owners Proprietor (with Dan Bocanegra), Dan's and Joe's Body Shop, 2900 E. 1 st Street.
1962	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, Jr., owners Painter, Charles Maund Oldsmobile-Cadillac, 1214 W. 6 th Street.
1959	Joe A. and Anita Almanza, Jr., owners

- Painter, Charles Maund Oldsmobile-Cadillac, 1214 W. 6th Street.
- 1955 Joe A. and Annie A. Almanza (not listed as owners)
Painter, Goad Motor Company, Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealers, 1214 W. 6th Street.
- 1952 John W. and Ruth Huckbay, renters
Driver
NOTE: Joe Almanza (Anita is not listed) was a helper at Goad Motor Company, Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealers, 1214 W. 6th Street. He lived at 907 Holly Street.
- 1949 John and Betty Bovol, renters
Maintenance man, University of Texas
- 1947 Otis L. and Anne Woodall, renters
Clerk, Kash-Karry, groceries, 1001-03 Congress Avenue, 412 W. 6th Street, and 3101 Guadalupe Street.
- 1944-45 Otis L. and Ann Woodall, renters
No occupation listed
- 1941 William R. and Elwyn Fowler, renters
Salesman, Covert Auto Company, Buick dealers, 416-20 San Antonio Street.
- 1939 Jesse D. and Dafna Gunn, renters
Laborer
- 1937 Ernest and Birdie Morgan, renters
No occupation listed
- 1935 Ernest and Birdie Morgan, renters
Porter, Austin Baking Company, 300 Fannin Street.
- 1932-33 Leroy J. and Willie Powell, renters
Installer, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
- 1930-31 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Leroy and Willie Powell are listed at 1100 W. Annie Street; he was a groundsman for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

LeRoy and Willie Powell (ca. 1931 – ca. 1934)

LeRoy and Willie Powell appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1008 W. Johanna Street in South Austin. LeRoy Powell was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a lineman for the telephone company. Willie Powell was 20, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Doris Nell, 7 months.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows L.L. and Willie Powell as the owners of the house at 813 W. Johanna Street in South Austin. L.L. Powell was 33, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for the telephone company. Willie Powell was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their daughter, Doris, was 10.

Ernest and Birdie Morgan (ca. 1934 – ca. 1938)

Ernest and Verda Morgan are listed as the renters of the house at 67 Navasota Street in the 1930 U.S. Census. Ernest Morgan was 34, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman for a bakery. Verda Morgan was 30, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Bernice, 7; and son Shirley, 5. Additionally in the household were Verda Morgan's sister, Verla Murchison, 24, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed; and Verda Morgan's mother, Mary Arnold, a 58-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. They also had 2 roomers: Lester Walter, 21, who had been born in Texas and was a battery man at a battery station; and Kenith Roberson, 19, who had been born in Texas and was a battery man at a battery station.

William and Elwyn Fowler (ca. 1940 – ca. 1943)

William R. and Elwyn Fowler are listed as the renters of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. William R. Fowler was 33, had been born in Louisiana, and was an automobile salesman. Elwyn Fowler was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Elwyn' Fowler's 2 sons: Raymond Leo Prewitt, 15; and Jack Robert Prewitt, 12. Both boys had been born in Texas. The family had lived in Beaumont, Texas in 1935.

Otis and Annie Woodall (ca. 1943 – ca. 1948)

Otis and Annie M. Woodall appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as roomers in the home of Lillie Eckert at 808 Spence Street in Austin. Otis Woodall was 33, had been born in Texas, and was a research assistant in the Water Well Survey. Annie M. Woodall was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Otis L. Woodall as the 23-year old son of W.A. and Arabell Woodall, who rented their quarters at 104½ W. 14th Street in Austin. Otis was a clerk in a grocery store; his father was a carpenter. His older sister was a nurse, and his younger brother was a clerk in a grocery store as well.

At the time of his death in 1968, Otis Woodall was living at 4207 Avenue H. He was a checker clerk in a grocery store. He had been born in Travis County, and was buried in Lytton Springs Cemetery in Caldwell County.

OTIS L. WOODALL

— Otis L. Woodall, 61, 4207 Ave. H. died at his home Sunday.

— He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ann Woodall; a daughter, Mrs. Pearl Treadway of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Mabel LaShelle of Austin; a brother, Robert B. Woodall of Paleface; and four grandchildren.

— Funeral will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. B. A. Bledsoe officiating. Burial will be in Lytton Springs Cemetery.

— Pallbearers will be Hyatt Feroze, Harold Johnson, Fred Johnson, Eddie Westling Jr., Buddy Wright and Ray Wright.

Obituary of Otis Woodall
Austin American, April 22, 1968

Joe and Anita Almanza (ca. 1954 -)

Anita A. Almanza *"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* 2 Timothy 4:7 Anita A. Almanza was received into the arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday the twelfth of October 2011 at St. David's Hospital, in Austin, Texas. She was born on the fifth of March 1927, in Rock Springs, Texas, to Santiago and Maria Ancira. She married Joe Almanza on the nineteenth of April 1953 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. Their marriage was blessed with three sons: Joel, James and Jerry. Anita was a devoted wife and mother, who was committed to her Lord, Jesus Christ, her children and family. Life brought many

challenges to her. In her forties, she began to lose her eye sight and almost eleven years ago, due to her illness, she was fed through a feeding tube. In spite of these limitations, she continued to cook and attend to the affairs of her household until approximately three months ago. Anita was grounded in her Christian faith and was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. Despite her blindness, she was blessed to attend the 'Walk to Emmaus,' which greatly enhanced her walk with Christ. One of her great joys was to attend Sunday school and services at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. She loved to listen and sing classic hymns and praise songs. Besides her faith, Anita's greatest joy was to care for her children, her granddaughters and the rest of her family. Anita was always ready to be of service to others. She was the principal caregiver to her parents and her aunt. Whenever there was a need, whether a family member or neighbor, she was always ready to serve. Anita was direct and not

afraid to express her opinions. For many years, she took care of children at her home, including her own grandchildren and the children of her nephews. Anita was preceded in death by her parents, Santiago and Maria Ancira; sister, Rosa A. Aleman and brother, Ross Ancira. She is survived by her husband, Joe Almanza; sons, Joel Almanza, James Almanza and wife, Liz and Jerry Almanza. Anita is also survived by three granddaughters, Nikki Almanza, Melissa Almanza and Gabriela Almanza, along with five nephews and one niece. A Christian visitation will be held on Saturday, the fifteenth of October 2011 from five o'clock until seven o'clock in the evening at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, TX. A prayer service will follow the visitation. A service of death and resurrection will be held on Sunday, the sixteenth of October 2011 at half past two o'clock in the afternoon at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 200 Brushy Street, Austin, TX, 78702. Interment will follow at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery. In lieu of flowers and customary remembrances, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 200 Brushy Street, Austin, TX, 78702. May the Lord's angels lead you into the heavenly Jerusalem and surround you with his light.

Obituary of Anita Almanza
Austin American-Statesman, October 14, 2011

Joe A. ALMANZA
1926 - 2015 Obituary



"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8

Joe A. Almanza was received into the arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday the 15th of April 2015 at the Riverside Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, after a lengthy illness. He was born on the 23rd of December 1926, in Austin Texas, to Jose and Perfecta Almanza. He married Anita Ancira on the 19th of April 1953 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC) in Austin, Texas. Their marriage was blessed with three sons: Joel, James, and Jerry.

Joe Almanza was a proud veteran of [World War II](#), and served in the Navy on the USS Pierce from 1943 to 1945, as Seaman First Class and was honorably discharged on the 18th of April, 1946.

Joe was a longtime member of EUMC where he attended with his wife Anita. He was devoted to his family and his greatest joy was his granddaughters whom he loved so much. Besides his faith, he spent many years caring for his wife Anita who was blind and due to her illness, was fed through a feeding tube. He was a steadfast and committed father who provided support to his family and his sons. He was part owner of an auto body shop in his early years, and worked at various auto places as a painter. His final job during his late years was as a school crossing guard here in Austin.

Thank you to all of the staff at the Riverside Health Center and New Century Hospice who helped care for our dad. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph & Perfecta Almanza, and brothers Albert, Matias, Johnny, Cruz Gonzalez; sisters Esther, Rebecca, Feliz, and Linda. He is survived by his sister Mary Hernandez of California; sons, Joel Almanza, James

Almanza and wife Liz, and Jerry Almanza; three granddaughters, Nikki Almanza, Melissa Almanza, and Gabriela Almanza, along with five nephews and one niece.

A Christian visitation will be held on Saturday, the 18th of April 2015 from 5-7:00 PM in the evening at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX. Services will begin at 7 PM. A service of death and resurrection will be held on Sunday, the 19th of April 2015 at 2:00 PM at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 200 Brushy St., Austin TX. Interment will follow at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery.

We will miss you!! Praise the Lord, you are at rest!

Obituary of Joe Almanza
Austin American-Statesman, April 17, 2015