

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MARCH 28, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0109
1703 GARNER AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1923 house that was moved to the current site in 1953.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, Cumberland-style frame house with double front doors, a central, front-gabled independent porch on ornamental metal posts; and single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1923, and was originally located at 907 Holly Street; it was moved to the current location in 1953, possibly at the same time that the construction of I-35 through downtown Austin was beginning, as this house was located in a block of Holly Street that is now part of I-35. Paul O. Simms, a local real estate developer, is the applicant for the utility permits at the new site.

The first owner of the house was Alice Renois, who retained ownership of this house through two more marriages and widowhoods until around 1946. Alice Renois Davis Jackson was a native of Bastrop County, Texas. She never had an occupation listed in the directory, but at the time of the publication of the 1924 directory, she was the widow of Theodore Renois, a carpenter; he and Alice had lived at 1606 E.14th Street in Austin in 1922. In the 1927 directory, she is listed as Alice Davis, the widow of Thomas J. Davis, and by the time of the publication of the 1932-33 directory, she was Alice Jackson, the widow of Nathan Jackson. She had roomers in the house listed in the 1930 U.S. Census, but was living here alone at the time of the 1940 census, when she was a 70-year old widow.

The house was then owned by Joseph and Perfecta Almanza in the mid-1940s; he was a dishwasher at the Greyhound Coffee Shop, associated with the Greyhound bus terminal. He and Perfecta had several grown children living in the house, all employed. The house was a rental property in the late 1940s, and in 1953, it was moved from Holly Street to its current location.

The first owners and occupants of the house at the current site were Walter and Barbara Sankey, Jr., who lived here until around 1960. Walter Sankey, Jr. was a serviceman for Walker Tire Company. Around 1960, the house was purchased by John V. and Lillie Gomez, who lived here the rest of their lives. John V. Gomez was a mail handler for the Post Office; he was shot to death on S. 1st Street in 1971, but Lillie continued to live in this house. She was employed by Yaring's, a women's and children's clothing store on Congress Avenue.

STAFF COMMENTS

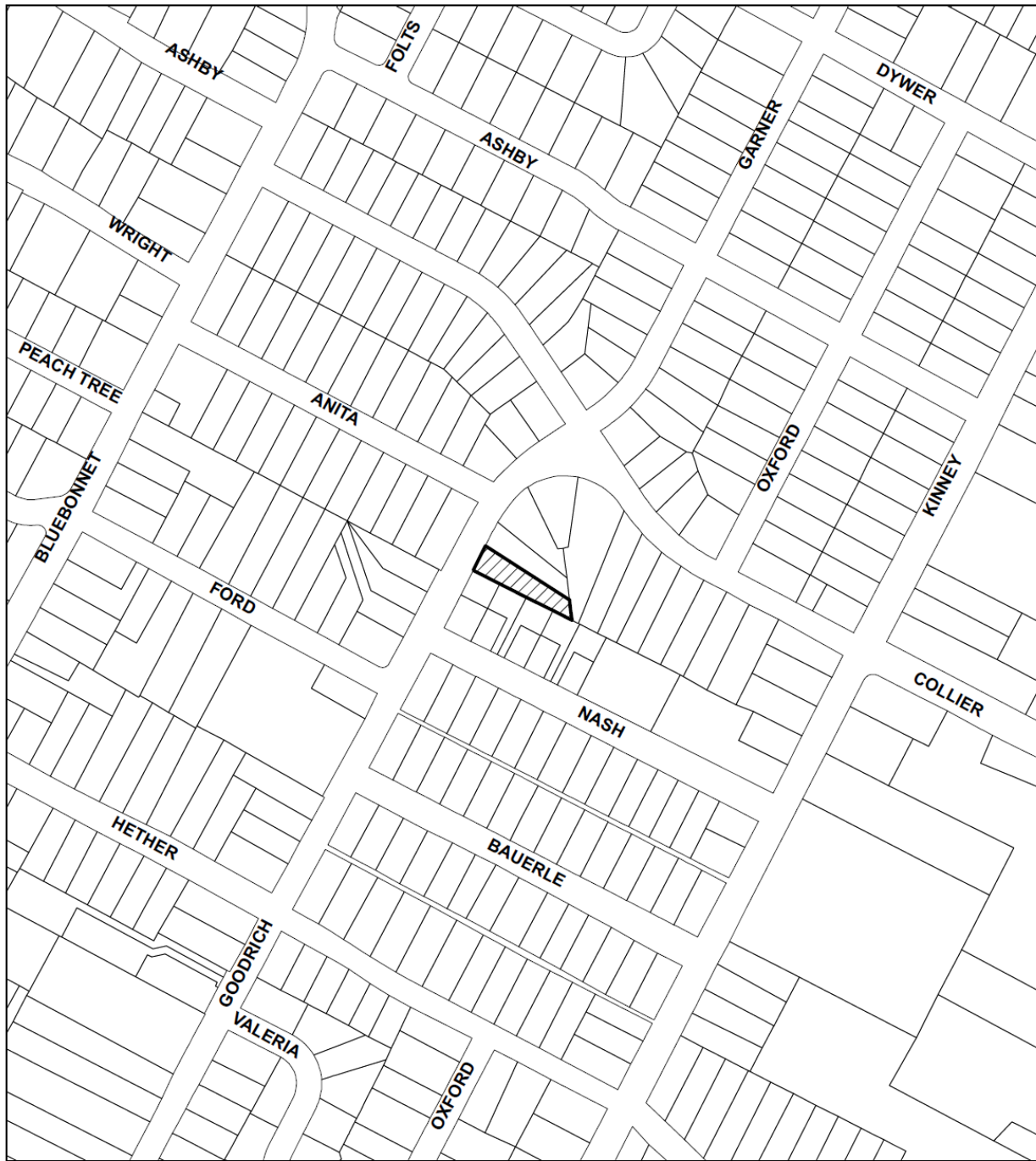
The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use if possible; staff understands that the house has some serious mold problems, but the house is a good example of an unadorned Cumberland style house, a relatively rare style in Austin. If the house cannot reasonably be rehabilitated, the staff recommends release of 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

1" = 250'

NOTIFICATIONS

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1703 GARNER

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1703 Garner Avenue
ca. 1923
Moved to this site ca. 1953 from 907 Holly Street



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1703 Garner Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
March, 2016

1992	Lilia G. Gomez, owner Employed by Yaring's, 506 Congress Avenue and 2901 S. Capital of Texas Highway.
1985-86	Lillie Gomes, owner Employed by Yaring's, complete department store for women and children, 506 Congress Avenue and multiple locations.
1981	Lillie Gomez, owner Employed by Yaring's, complete department store for women and children, 506 Congress Avenue and multiple locations.
1977	Lilly Gomez, owner No occupation listed
1973	John V. and Lilly Gomez, owners Mail handler, Post Office
1968	John B. and Lilly Gomez, owners

Mail handler, Post Office

1962 John V. and Lilly Gomez, owners
Laborer, Gleam Chemical Products, chemical manufacturers, 404 Baylor Street.

1959 Walter C. and Barbara Sankey, Jr., owners
Serviceman, Walker Tire Company, 510-12 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Johnnie and Lilly Gomez are listed at 905 W. Johanna Street; he was a helper for Rhoades Transfer and Storage, 813 Airport Boulevard.

1955 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Walter C. and Barbara Sankey are listed at 1206 W. 6th Street; he was a truck driver for a roofing contractor.

NOTE: The house was moved from 907 Holly Street, probably for the construction of I-35 in 1953. The following listings are for the residents of the house when it was located on Holly Street.

1954 The address is not listed in the directory.

1952 Alfredo and Jay Lopez, owners
No occupation listed

1949 Fred and Mary Lopez, renters
Laborer

1947 Joseph and Perfecta Almanza, owners
Dishwasher, Greyhound Coffee Shop, 118 E. 10th Street.
Also listed are Herlinda Almanza, a clerk at the Farm Seed and Hardware Company, 300 E. 6th Street; John Almanza, a refinisher at Austin Upholstery, 710 Red River Street; Joseph Almanza, Jr., a mechanic; and Matias Almanza, auto repair.

1944-45 Alice Jackson, owner
Widow, N.J. Jackson
No occupation listed

1941 Alice Jackson, owner
No occupation listed

1939 Nathan J. and Alice Jackson, owners
No occupation listed

1937 James C. and Rachel McCleary, renters
No occupation listed

1935 Arthur L. and Dorothy B. Stewart, renters
Salesman, W.H. Richardson and Company, hardware, 416-18 Congress Avenue.

William O. and Bertha Flynn, renters
Plumber, Harper & Lipscomb, plumbers and electricians, 2544 Guadalupe Street.
NOTE: The address is listed as 815 Holly Street.

1932-33 Mrs. Alice Jackson, owner

No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 815 Holly Street.

1930-31 Alice Davis, owner
Widow, Thomas J. Davis
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 815 Holly Street.

1929 Alice Davis, owner
Widow, Thomas J. Davis
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 815 Holly Street.

1927 Alice Davis, owner
Widow, Thomas J. Davis
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 815 Holly Street.

1924 Alice Renois, owner
Widow, Theodore E. Renois
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 815 Holly Street.

1922 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Theodore E. and Alice Renois are listed at 1606 E. 14th Street. He was a carpenter.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Alice Davis Jackson (ca. 1923 – ca. 1934 and ca. 1938 – ca. 1946)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alice Davis as the owner of this house, which was worth \$3,000. She was a 60-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. Her father had been born in Alabama; her mother had been born in South Carolina. She had 3 roomers in the house: Rachel Jones, a 39-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed; Robert Blalock, a 42-year old Texas-born carpenter; and Hans E. Hafner, a 43-year old Texas-born riveter for a construction company, whose parents had been born in Germany.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alice Jackson as the owner of this house, which was worth \$1,000. She was a 70-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation and lived here alone.

MRS. ALICE D. JACKSON

Mrs. Alice Davis Jackson, 91, of 310 Radam Lane died Tuesday.

She had been a resident of Austin and Travis County 50 years. She was a member of the Christian Church.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Frances Love of Austin, and Mrs. C. J. Fuhrmann, Mrs. I. H. King, and Mrs. Delmar Schafer, all of San Antonio; a son, W. L. Smith of Houston; 21 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

The body is at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home pending completion of the funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Alice Davis Jackson
Austin American, February 1, 1961

MRS. ALICE D. JACKSON

Mrs. Alice Davis Jackson, 90, of Rt. 1 Box 971, died in a local hospital Tuesday. She had been a resident of Austin and Travis County 50 years and was a member of the Christian Church.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Frances Love of Austin, Mrs. C. J. Fuhrmann, Mrs. J. A. King and Mrs. Delmar Schaefer, both of San Antonio; a son, W. L. Smith of Houston; 21 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Gene Rutledge officiating.

Pallbearers will be Lester Smith, Samuel Hawkins, Gerald Houghton, Eddie Trapp, Donald Swayze and Carl Fuhmann.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Obituary and funeral notice for Alice Davis Jackson
Austin American, February 2, 1961

John V. and Lilia Gomez (ca. 1960 -)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows John Gomez as the 10-year old son of Crescencio and Barilla Gomez, who rented their house at 2610 E. 4th Street in Austin. Crescencio Gomez was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer in the concrete pipemaking industry. Barilla Gomez was 27, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. John Gomez was the oldest of the couple's 3 children. All the children had been born in Texas. The family had lived in rural Caldwell County, Texas in 1935.

His 1971 death certificate shows that Johnny V. Gomez was living at 1703 Garner at the time of his death. He had been born in 1930 in Texas to Crescencio Gomez and Luisa Varela, and was married to Lillie Gomez. He was employed by the Post Office. He was the victim of a homicide, having been shot at 2420 S. 1st Street in Austin.

JOHNNY GOMEZ

Requiem Mass for Johnny Gomez, 41, of 1703 Garner, will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. at Cristo Rey Catholic Church with Rev. Dan Villanueva officiating.

Rosary was Sunday evening at Mission Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lillie Gomez; two daughters, Elizabeth Gomez and Bonnie Kay Gomez; a son, Johnny Gomez Jr., all of Austin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crescenico Gomez; four brothers, Jesse, Jimmy and Ernest Gomez, all of Austin and Paul Gomez of Grand Prairie; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Gonzales of Grand Prairie and Miss Gloria Gomez of Austin.

Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery with full military honors under the auspices of Bergstrom Air Force Base.

Gomez died Saturday in an Austin hospital.

Obituary of Johnny Gomez
Austin American, July 26, 1971

J. L. Nichols 1703 Garner Avenue
 107 9 F - -
 Barton Heights "B"
 Moved from 907 Holly Street.
 Move frame residence onto lot & repair.
 54911 9-14-53 \$800.00
 Mobilized House Movers
 5 in place.

Building permit to move the house from 907 Holly Street to 1703 Garner Avenue (1953)

J. L. Nichols 1703 Garner Avenue
 107 9 F - -
 Barton Heights "B"
 Erect garage.
 55350 11-2-53 \$100.00
 Owner
 -
 Moved from 900 Lambie St.

Building permit to move the garage from 900 Lambie Street to 1703 Garner Avenue (1953)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

E No 107 1298

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Received of PAUL O. SIMMS Date 7-54Address 1703 GARNER AvenueAmount TWENTY AND NO/100 \$ 20.00Plumber 7 Size of Tap 3/4"Date of Connection 7-26-54Size of Tap Made 3/4"Size Service Made 3/4"Size Main Tapped 6" CFFrom Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'From /V-Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'Location of Meter CURBType of Box LOCKDepth of Main in St. 3'Depth of Service Line 2'From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 10'Checked by Engr. Dept. 8-13-54 Ad

No. Fittings	Size
Curb Cock	
Elbow	
St. Elbow	
Bushing	
Reducer	
1/2" Pipe	1/2" COP
Lead Comp	1/2" COP
Nipples	1/2" COP
Union	1/2" COP
Plug	3/4" COP
Tee	3/4" ANGLE
Stop	3/4" ANGLE
Box	20" W
Lid	
Valves	
Job No.	20323-502
Req. No.	1788

Water service permit to Paul O. Simms for this address (1954)

Receipt No. 21669 Application for Sewer Connection No. 3509Austin, Texas, 7-8 1954

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 Paul O. Simms at 1703 Garner Street,further described as Lot A Block 7 Outlot Divisionsubdivision Barton Hb B Plat 107 which is to be used as a residenceIn this place there are to be installed co fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 9292-A

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3' 4 1/2' at main 9-1-54 BZ

Respectfully,

Sub-Out } 2 1/2' S. H. C. Reimer

Connected (Location)

Date 9-7-54By CarsonNOTE: Connection Instruction 6" Sewer at 11.5' in StMain 14.5' Hg SR 7 4 1/2"

Sewer connection application by Paul O. Simms for this house (1954)