

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 25, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0198  
1006 WOODLAND AVENUE**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, stuccoed frame house with a central entry under a front-gabled entry hood; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1939 by F.N. Moore, a local real estate investor. The first occupants were Fred and Ethel Hargis, who rented the house until 1940. Fred Hargis was a salesman for Purity Feed and Hatchery; Ethel Hargis was a stenographer for the Texas Auto Insurance Service in the Scarbrough Building. According to the 1940 U.S. Census, where Fred and Ethel Hargis are shown as the renters of a house on Travis Heights Boulevard, Fred was a salesman for a wholesale liquor company.

From around 1946 to around 1965, the house was owned and occupied by a widow, Laura B. McArthur. Laura McArthur was the widow of Claudius M. McArthur, a rural mail carrier in Travis County. Laura McArthur had no occupation listed in the city directories for all of the time that she lived in this house.

Gordon N [Nolen] and Loitney Young, are listed as the owners and occupants of the house from the mid-1960s through the early 1990s. Gordon N. Young was a building construction inspector and supervisor for the City Electrical Department. He had previously been a carpenter, as was his father, and had spent time as a stockman on a ranch in eastern New Mexico. He and Loitney moved here from a rented house on W. Johanna Street. Loitney Young died in 1983; Gordon continued to live in this house after her death; he passed away in 2004.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is not listed in any City survey.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use to the greatest extent possible. The applicant is considering moving the house across the street to the other side of Woodland Avenue, and staff would support that relocation over demolition of the structure. While the house lacks the requisite architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is a typical late 1930s cottage that was very prevalent throughout the city, but especially in South Austin working-class neighborhoods. Every consideration should be given to preserving this vanishing architectural type to the greatest extent practicable. If the Commission decides to release the permit, then staff recommends the 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



1006 Woodland Avenue  
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1006 Woodland Avenue

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

1992	G. Nolen Young, owner Retired
1985-86	G. Nolen Young, owner Retired
1981	Gordon N. and Loitney C. Young, owners Retired
1977	Gordon N. and Loitney C. Young, owners Retired
1973	Gordon N. and Loitney C. Young, owners Building construction inspector, City Electrical Department
1968	Gordon N. and Loitney C. Young, owners Construction supervisor, City Electrical Department
1962	Laura B. McArthur, owner Widow, Claudine M. McArthur

No occupation listed

NOTE: G. Nolan and Loitney Young are listed at 715 W. Johanna Street; he was the construction supervisor for the City Electrical Department.

- 1959 Laura B. McArthur, owner  
Widow, Claudius McArthur  
No occupation listed
- 1955 Laura B. McArthur, owner  
Widow, C.M. McArthur  
No occupation listed
- 1952 Laura B. McArthur, owner  
Widow, Claudius M. McArthur  
No occupation listed
- 1949 Laura B. McArthur, owner  
Widow, Claudius M. McArthur  
No occupation listed
- 1947 Laura B. McArthur, owner  
Widow, Claude M. McArthur  
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 John R. and L. Sue Adkerson, renters  
John: Accountant, City Finance Department  
L. Sue: Stenographer, State Board of Insurance Commissioners, Fire  
Division.  
NOTE: Laura McArthur is not listed in the directory.
- 1941 Vacant
- 1939 Fred B. and Ethel C. Hargis, renters  
Salesman, Purity Feed and Hatchery, 205 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- 1937 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Fred B. and Ethel C. Hargis are listed at 1105 Rio Grande Street. He was the assistant manager of Purity Feed and Hatchery, 205 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; she was a stenographer for the Texas Auto Insurance Service Office, 605-08 Scarbrough Building.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Fred and Ethel Hargis (ca. 1939 – ca. 1940)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Fred and Ethel Hargis as the renters of the house at 1407 Travis Heights Boulevard. Fred Hargis was 30, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman for a wholesale liquor company. Ethel Hargis was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Betty, 1. Fred Hargis died in Ingleside, Texas in 1974. He was a retired accountant.

##### **Laura B. McArthur (ca. 1946 – ca. 1965)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Laura B. McArthur as the owner of a house worth \$2,100 in Precinct 5 of Travis County. She was a 52-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. With her lived her son, Cecil M. McArthur, 18, who had been born in Texas, and worked as an usher at a movie theater.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Claudius M. and Laura Belle McArthur as the owners of a farm in Justice Precinct 6 of Travis County. Claudius M. McArthur was 46, had been born in Texas, and was a rural mail carrier. Laura Belle McArthur was 34, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Gordon B., 16; Hazel, 14; and Claudius H., 12. All the children had been born in Texas.

### **Laura Belle McArthur**

~~Laura Belle McArthur, 87, of 2505  
Little John Lane passed away Monday.~~

~~Survivors include daughters-in-law,  
Mrs. Harold McArthur and Mrs. Gordon  
McArthur, both of Austin; and  
three nieces.~~

~~Funeral services 1:30 PM, Saturday,  
from Wilke-Amey-Caly Funeral Home,  
Chapel of the Bells, with Reverend  
Bruno Schmidt officiating. Burial, Ma-  
sonic Cemetery.~~

~~Services under the direction of  
Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.~~

Obituary of Laura B. McArthur  
Austin American-Statesman, January 25, 1985

### **Gordon Nolen and Loitney C. Young (ca. 1965 – ca. 2004)**

Gordon Young appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as living on a ranch in Quay County, New Mexico. He was 35, had been born in Texas, and was a stockman. He is listed as being single.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Nolan Young as the 25-year old son of B.F. and Mary Jane Young, who lived at 804 W. Annie Street in Austin. Nolan Young was a carpenter, as was his father. He was the oldest of the couple's 4 children listed.

### **Loitney Young**

Loitney Young, 74, 1006  
Woodland, passed away  
Saturday.

She was a member of  
Congress Avenue Baptist  
Church.

Survivors include her  
husband, Nolen Young,  
Austin; sister, Sue Sanders,  
Austin; brothers, Marlton  
O. Metcalfe, Austin, Wil-  
liam Tracey Metcalfe,  
Mercedes, Charles B. Met-

calfe, Estes Park, Colora-  
do; nieces, Patsy Johnson  
and Faye Dickson, both of  
Austin; nine nephews.

Services are 3:30 PM  
Tuesday from Wilke-  
Amey-Clay Funeral Home,  
Chapel of the Bells, with  
Reverend Robert Sheffield  
officiating. Burial will fol-  
low i Austin Memorial  
Park.

Pallbearers are ne-  
phews, George Sanders,  
Bobby Sanders, Clifton

**Sanders, Curtis Sanders,  
John Dickson, and Jesse  
Johnson. Honorary pall-  
bearers are nephews, Orin  
Metcalf, Donald Met-  
calf, and Ben Metcalf.**

Obituary of Loitney C. Young  
Austin American-Statesman, November 28, 1983

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**Gordon Nolen Young**

Gordon Nolen Young passed away February 16, 2004, at the age of 99. Nolen was born December 11, 1904, to Benjamin Franklin Young and Mary Jane Nolen Young.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Loitney Clara Metcalf; sister, Winifred Young; special friend and sister-in-law, Sue Sanders; and numerous other family members.

He is survived by his sisters, Lois Paschall and Verna Covington; brother, Woodrow Young; brother-in-law, George Sanders, and many nieces and nephews.

He was a long-time member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church. After attending the University of Texas, he was employed by the City of Austin Electric Department for 43 years.

His family would like to express their appreciation to Stonebridge Health Center for the loving care and respect extended to Uncle Nolen for the past two years.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at Harrell Funeral Home in Austin.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2004, at Harrell Funeral Home Chapel, followed by burial at Austin Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congress Avenue Baptist Church or to your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, Austin, TX 78745 512-443-1366.

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Obituary of Gordon Nolen Young  
Austin American-Statesman, February 18, 2004

F. N. Moore 1106 Woodland Ave.  
 133 - 43 19&20 -  
 Travis Heights  
 frame stucco res. with gar. attached  
 292n - 10-23-39  
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Building permit to F.N. Moore for the construction of this house (1939)

~~Connection Charge~~ #1698 No 16258

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas, 10-23-1939

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions  
 on premises owned by F.N. Moore  
 at 1106 Woodland Ave. Street,  
 further described as lot 19&20 block 43, outlot  
 subdivision Travis Hts., division \_\_\_\_\_, plat 133,  
 which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed ? fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
 charge.

2 DEEP Respectfully,  
 DT-PL W. C. Blumhans

Stub Out

Connected 11-29 1939 Pu PR

Size of Main 6 inches. 11-18-39

Size of Service 4 inches. 11-21-39

4 Feet Deep Per permit 9 ft.

Feet from Property Line Per 67 ft.

Feet from Curb Line 2 ft. Curb 11 ft.

Inspected by Boatright of St.

Connection made by Conditon

12610 Per lot 19 L. H. B. 11-19

Sewer connection application for this address (1939)