

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MAY 23, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0310  
1114 S. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with minimal traditional styling; central, front-gabled entry hood; single and paired 6:6 windows; synthetic siding.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1947 by Pearl Blackmore, a widow who lost her husband in World War II. Pearl Blackmore was a native Austinite, and had a twin sister named Merle; both were waitresses at a frozen custard stand in 1930. After her husband's death, Pearl built this house to raise her 5 children. She never had an occupation listed in the city directories. Her oldest son, Denis Blackmore, Jr., lived with her in this house in the 1950s. He worked as a service station attendant and as an electrician.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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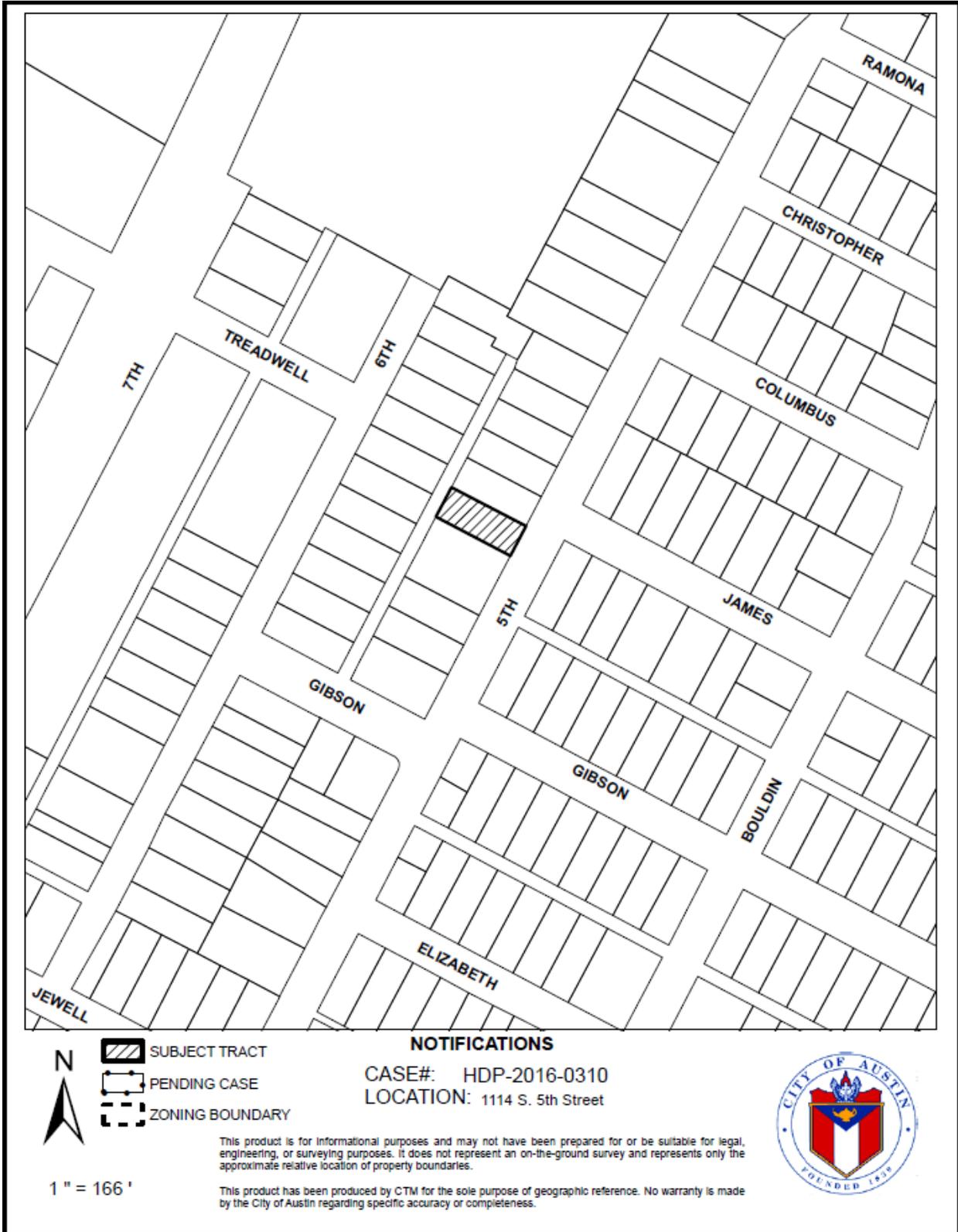
The house is not listed in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, 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. The house is a typical post-World War II cottage, and there are still many of these houses dotting modest neighborhoods throughout the city. Houses such as this one define the character of those neighborhoods, and applicants should seriously consider whether demolition is necessary.

LOCATION MAP



1114 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1947



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1114 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992	L. Pearl Blackmore, owners Retired
1985-86	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Retired
1981	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Retired
1977	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Widow, Dennis Blackmore Retired
1973	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Widow, Dennis Blackmore Retired
1968	L. Pearl Blacksmore, owner Widow, Dennis Blackmore No occupation listed
1962	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Widow, Dennis Blackmore No occupation listed
1959	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Widow, Dennis Blackmore No occupation listed Also listed is Dennis Blackmore, Jr., an electrician for Atkison Electric, 1114 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1955	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Widow, Dennis Blackmore No occupation listed Also listed is Dennis Blackmore, Jr., U.S. Army.
1952	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Widow, D.W. Blackmore No occupation listed Also listed is Dennis Blackmore, an attendant at Cobb's Service Station, 601 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1949	L. Pearl Blackmore, owner Widow, D.W. Blackmore No occupation listed

1947           The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Pearl Blackmore, the widow of D.W. Blackmore, is listed at 1102 W.  
Annie Street; she had no occupation shown.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

**Pearl Blackmore (ca. 1947 – ca. 1998)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Dennis and Pearl Blackmore as the renters of the house at 75 Rainey Street in Austin. Dennis Blackmore was 27, had been born in Texas, and was a painter. Pearl Blackmore was 26, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 children: Dennis, Jr., 8; Billie R., 5; Myrna F., 4; and Grace, 1.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Pearl Glenn (Blackmore) as the 16-year old daughter of Maggie Glenn, who rented her house at 825 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Maggie Glenn was a 50-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. She had 6 children listed with her: Arnold, 27, a lineman for the telephone company; May, 21, an operator for the telephone company; Floyd, 19, a soda clerk at a drug store; twins Merle and Pearl, both 16, and both waitresses at a frozen custard stand; and Doris, 10, who had no occupation listed.

## **Pearl Blackmore**

**Mrs. Pearl Blackmore, a lifelong resident of Austin, died on March 27, 1998, at the age of 84.**

**Mrs. Blackmore's husband, Denis Blackmore, Senior, was killed in action during the Second World War. His death left her to raise five young children alone. The happiness and success of those children in later years is a testimony to her efforts. Four of the children survive, Bill Blackmore of Georgetown, Myrna Fields of Austin, Grace Lane of Austin and Louis Blackmore of Georgetown. The eldest child, Denis Blackmore, Junior, died in 1993. Mrs. Blackmore is survived by 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; as well as a sister, Doris Tankersley, of Midland.**

**Mrs. Blackmore will be remembered by all who knew her as a gentle, loving soul of deep Christian faith. Her death leaves the world a poorer place.**

**Funeral services will be on Monday at 10:00 a.m., Harrell Funeral Home, with Dr. George Magnor officiating, and Reverend Joel Thielepape assisting. Interment at Capital Memorial Park.**

**Pallbearers will be her grandsons.**

**Arrangements with Harrell Fuenral Home, 443-1366.**

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Obituary of Pearl Blackmore  
Austin American-Statesman, March 29, 1998

## Denis Blackmore

Denis Blackmore, 61, of Austin died Monday, December 27, 1993.

He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church and was a member of Delwood Northeast Optimist Club for over 21 years, serving as a board member and vice president of maintenance for the past 15 years. His hard work and dedication provided the youth of the Northeast community with the finest facilities in the city. In addition, Denis was editor of the DNEO Newsletter, keeping everyone up to date on what was going on in the club.

His other passion was washer pitching and in 1982 the club initiated an annual "Denis Blackmore Washer Pitching Tournament" in his honor. Though his physical condition deteriorated the past few years, his presence and enthusiasm for the tournament inspired all members.

To say the club will miss Denis is an understatement. To borrow a phrase from a popular song, Denis was, indeed, the "Wind Beneath the Wings" of the Delwood Northeast Optimist Club.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Wednesday in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location with Reverend Bob Scott officiating. Interment will be in Cook-Walden/Capital Parks.

Mr. Blackmore is survived by his wife, Hilda Blackmore; his sons, Tracy Allen Blackmore and Tommy Blackmore, all of Austin; two granddaughters, Arielle and Bailey Blackmore; his mother, Pearl Blackmore of Austin; brothers, Bill Blackmore and Louis Blackmore, both of Georgetown; and two sisters, Myrna Fields and Grace Lane, both of Austin.

The family offers a special thanks to the doctors and nurses of the Seton Heart Transplant Program.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Seton Transplant Endowment Fund, 1201 West 38th Street, Austin, 78705.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Denis Blackmore, Jr.

Austin American-Statesman, December 29, 1993

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**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**

No. **B 3221**

Austin, Texas

Received of L. PEARL BLACKMORE Date 5-6-47

Address 1114 1200 SO. 5

Amount TWENTY + NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber MOFFIS Size of Tap 5/8"

Date of Connection 5-20-47

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2" 6" CI

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'

From 50 Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 28"

Depth of Service Line 24"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 7'

Checked by Engr. Dept. E.B.B. C-18-47

No. Fittings	Size	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	Req. No.
1	Curb Cock 5/8"					1	1	1	1		W-323-502	K. Field
1	Elbow 3/4" COP											
1	St. Elbow 3/4" SL. COP											
1	Bushing 3/4" COP											
1	Reducer 2" X 3/4" TAP											
4	Pipe 5/4" COP											

*changed to 6" CI Main  
3/4" copper on 701-144*

**INDEXED**

Water service permit to Pearl Blackmore for this house (1947)

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT**

No. 22235

Austin, Texas

Received of Blackmore Date 5/6/1947

Address 1114 S. 5th.

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Builder or Owner L. P. Blackmore Plumber \_\_\_\_\_

Lot 11 & 12 Block 11 Subdivision South Hts. Plat No. 114

Date of Connection	By City	By Plumber	Checked By	Size Main	Depth	Main Assign.	Stub Depth	Stub Location	Book No.	Paving Cut	No.									
<u>5/20/1947</u>	<u>33' N/S. PL</u>		<u>Hernandez</u>	<u>6"</u>	<u>9'</u>	<u>in S. 5th.</u>	<u>Prop. Line 3'</u>		<u>A-1057</u>											
No. Fittings	34' Pipe	Pipe	Wyes	Bends	Reducers	Plugs	Sand	Gravel	Remix	Stoppers	Castings	Other tap	1 hr. truck	Labor:	foreman	2.02	40 hrs.	26.80	total	34.76

Sewer service permit to Pearl Blackmore for this house (1947)