

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0389
3400 CEDAR STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1910 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with a full-width wraparound porch on monumental battered columns; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1910. The first known occupant was George V. Chasey, a draftsman for C.H. Page & Brother; Chasey had previously lived on Blanco Street, and lived in this house until around 1911. Stephen White, one of the proprietors of Donnelly & White, a plumbing supply business on Congress Avenue, lived here with his wife Mercedes from around 1911 to around 1913. The house had a series of short-term renters through the 1910s, including a Studebaker salesman, a traveling salesman, and a photo engraver. Through most of the 1920s, the house was owned and occupied by Cecil and Bertha Hall; he was a salesman.

From the late 1920s through the mid-1970s, the house was owned and occupied by Carabel Potter, and her husband, Floyd, with a couple of renters in the mid-1930s. Floyd Potter was an instructor at the University of Texas, but he and Carabel apparently split up – he died in Huntsville many years later, and Carabel continued to live in this house. She was listed in the city directories as the widow of Floyd Potter, and was a music teacher at the house. The house has been a rental property since the mid-1970s.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984), and retains a high degree of integrity. The house would be contributing to a potential historic district in this North University neighborhood.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone to July 25, 2016 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition. The house has architectural significance, and more research is necessary to determine its historical significance to make a fully-informed decision regarding its potential for individual designation as a historic landmark. If, however, the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends 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

NOTIFICATIONS

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1" = 333'

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3400 Cedar Street
ca. 1910



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3400 Cedar Street

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

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| 1992 | Roxann Starr, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Roxann Starr was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | No return |
| 1981 | Dale Clements, renter
Nursery worker |
| 1977 | Michael J. and Pat Polacheck, renters
Tech, UT
NOTE: The directory indicates that Michael J. and Pat Polacheck were new residents at this address. |
| 1973 | Carabel H. Potter, owner
Widow, Lloyd Potter
Retired |

1968	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, Lloyd Potter Retired
1962	Carabel H. Potter, owner Music teacher (at the house)
1959	Carabel H. Potter, owner Music teacher (at the house)
1955	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, F.E. Potter Music teacher (at the house)
1952	Carabel H. Potter, owner Music teacher (at the house)
1949	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, Floyd E. Potter Music teacher (at the house)
1947	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, Floyd E. Potter Music teacher (at the house)
1944-45	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, Floyd E. Potter Music teacher (at the house)
1941	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, Floyd E. Potter Music teacher (at the house)
1939	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, Floyd E. Potter Music teacher (at the house)
1937	Carabel H. Potter, owner Widow, Floyd E. Potter Music teacher (at the house)
1935	Robert N. and Hildegard Callan, renters Bookbinder NOTE: Floyd E. and Carabel H. Potter are not listed in the directory.
1932-33	Frank W. and Lillie Gilmore, renters Carpenter
1930-31	Floyd E. and Carrie B. Potter, owners Instructor, University of Texas
1929	Floyd E. and Carrie B. Potter, owners Instructor, University of Texas

- 1927 Cecil C. and Bertha Hall, owners
Salesman
NOTE: Floyd E. and Carrie B. Potter are not listed in the directory.
- 1924 Cecil C. and Bertha Hall, owners
Salesman
- 1922 Cecil C. and Bertha Hall, owners
Traveling salesman
- 1920 George H. and Marie Rider, renters
Photo engraver, Capital Engraving, over 901-03 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: Cecil C. and Bertha Hall are not listed in the directory.
- 1918 John S. and Floy Swope, renters
Traveling salesman
- 1916 John T. Matherson
Salesman, Anderson & Benson, Studebaker automobiles and accessories, 111-15 E. 5th Street.
- 1914 James B. Sisk
No occupation listed
Also listed are Lillie L. Sisk, a student at the University of Texas; Ralph B. Sisk, a student; and Walter B. Sisk, a student.
- 1912-13 Stephen White
Proprietor (with John R. Donnelly), Donnelly & White, plumbers, gas and steam fitters, heating contractors, plumbers' supplies, 905 Congress Avenue.
- 1910-11 George V. Chasey
Draughtsman, C.H. Page & Brother (C.H. and Louis C. Page, proprietors), architects and structural engineers, 347-52 Austin National Bank Building, 507-09 Congress Avenue.
- 1909-10 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: George V. Chasey is listed at 912 Blanco Street; he was a draughtsman for C.H. Page & Brother.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

George and Mary A. Chasey (ca. 1910 – ca. 1912)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows George and Mary A. Chasey at this address. George Chasey was 28, had been born in New Jersey, and was an architect. Mary A. Chasey was 26, had been born in New Jersey, and had no occupation listed. They had two daughters, Helen D., 6, who had been born in New Jersey; and Miriam, 3 months, who had been born in Texas.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows George V. and Mary A. Chasey living in a rented house in San Antonio with their two daughters. George V. Chasey is listed as a civil engineer for a surveying firm.

George Vanderveer Chasey died in San Antonio in 1960. His death certificate shows that he was born in 1880 in New Jersey, and was a teacher. He had lived in San Antonio for 41 years.

Stephen and Mercedes White (ca. 1912 – ca. 1913)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Stephen White living with his aunt and uncle, Middleton and Mattie E. Dunn, at 1504 E. 12th Street in Austin. He was 29, had been born in Texas, and was a steamfitter for a steam heating plant. He was not married. His uncle, Middleton Dunn, was a surveyor.

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that Stephen White was born in 1880, and was living at 103 W. 33rd Street in Austin. He was a self-employed plumbing and heating contractor with offices at 905 Congress Avenue. He was of medium height and medium build, with gray eyes and brown hair.

Stephen and Mercedes White appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 103 W. 33rd Street in Austin. Stephen White was 39, had been born in Texas, and was a steamfitter in a plumbing shop. Mercedes White was 33, had been born in Louisiana, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Stephen White died in Austin in 1941. His death certificate shows that he was a widower living at 103 W. 33rd Street, that he was born in 1880, and was a retired plumber.

Retired Business Man Dies Here

Stephen White, 60, retired prominent business man of Austin died at his home, 103 West 33rd street at 3:30 a. m. Thursday.

Mr. White was owner of the Donnelly-White company, but retired about a year and a half ago. He was also owner of St. Elmo-Tel. He had lived in Austin all his life and was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors are one sister, Mrs. Lucy W. Sheffield of Austin, and two nephews, John Cecil Sheffield and Beverly Stephen Sheffield of Austin.

Funeral services will be held from the Cook Funeral home at 4 p. m. Friday with Dr. Kenneth Pope officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dr. H. T. Perlin, Dr. Chas. Hackett, Herbert Finch, Jake Hirshfeld, J. F. Johnson, and Charles Weyerman.

Obituary of Stephen White
Austin American, May 30, 1941

Cecil C. and Bertha Hall (ca. 1921 – ca. 1928)

Cecil Cullum Hall's 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that he was born in 1891 in McKinney, Texas. And was living in McKinney at the time of his registration. He was single, and

worked as a traveling salesman for Cudahy Packing Company of Chicago, Illinois. He was tall with a medium build, and had blue eyes and black hair.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Cecil C. and Bertha E. Hall living in a rented house in San Antonio. Cecil C. Hall was 32, had been born in Texas, and was a wholesale grocery salesman. Bertha E. Hall was 32, had been born in Illinois, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Maxine E., 10, who had been born in Texas. They also had a roomer, Sallie Stillwell, 23, a Texas-born stenographer for the street railway line.

Cecil C. and Bertha Hall were living in a rented house in San Antonio at the time of the 1930 U.S. Census. Cecil Hall was a traveling salesman. Bertha Hall was a secretary in a studio. Their daughter, Maxine, 20, was a costume designer. They had 2 lodgers: Herbert Reich, 28, a Texas-born meat salesman; and Lydia A. Parr, 45, a Texas-born practical nurse in private duty. She was a widow.

His 1949 death certificate shows that Cecil Cullum Hall was born in McKinney, Texas in 1891, and was living in San Antonio at the time of his death in Llano, Texas. He was a flour and feed salesman.

Floyd E. and Carabel Potter (ca. 1928 – ca. 1931, and ca. 1936 – ca. 1975)

Floyd E. and Carrie B. Potter are listed in the 1920 U.S. Census of Oklahoma City, where they owned an apartment house. Floyd E. Potter was 27, had been born in Texas, and was a cabinet maker in a furniture factory. Carrie B. Potter was 28, had been born in Kansas, and was the manager of an apartment house. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Floyd E. and Carabel Potter as the owners of this house, which was worth \$3,000. Floyd E. Potter was 37, had been born in Ohio to Indiana-born parents, and was a teacher at the University of Texas. Carabel Potter was 34, had been born in Kansas to Indiana-born parents, and was a music teacher. They had a son, Floyd E. Potter, 4, who had been born in Kansas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Carabel Potter as the owner of this house, which was worth \$2,500. She was a 49-year old divorcee who had been born in Kansas and was a music teacher at the house. With her lived her son, Floyd, 14, who had been born in Kansas and had no occupation listed. They had lived in Wahpeton, North Dakota in 1935.

His 1968 death certificate shows that Floyd E. Potter was living in Huntsville, Texas at the time of his death. He was retired.

Carrie B. Potter's 1975 death certificate shows that she was living in Kerrville, Texas at the time of her death. She was born in 1892 in Kingman, Kansas, and was a self-employed music teacher.

POTTER, Mrs. Carabel
Haltom, 83, 8507 El Rey Blvd.,
died Wednesday. Services 3:30
p.m. Friday at Weed-Corley
Funeral Home. Survivors: son,
Floyd E. Potter Jr. of Austin;
three grandchildren.

Obituary of Carabel Potter
 Austin American-Statesman, September 26, 1975

Carabel H. Potter	3400 Cedar
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Inman Heights

Frame garage.	
41138	
6-1-49	\$600.00

Owner

Building permit to Carabel Potter for the construction of a garage (1949)