

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 25, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0474
1612 FOREST TRAIL**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1933 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan, brick-veneered frame house with hipped roofs; single 6:6 fenestration; single porthole window in the front facade.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1933 for Albert C. and Mildred Cook, who lived here until around 1943. Albert Cook was a native of Indiana, and worked as a hydraulic engineer for the State Board of Water Engineers. In the mid- to late-1940s, the house was owned and occupied by Chester and Libbie Cameron; he was a salesman. Walter and Patricia Harris are listed as the owners of the house in the 1949 city directory; Walter Harris had his architectural office at the house. Patricia Harris is listed here alone in the 1952 city directory; she was the secretary for the Austin Community Guidance Center.

There were a series of owners in the late 1950s and early 1960s, including Windy Winn, the partner of John C. McLane in their advertising agency (Winn-McLane); and Marvin H. Young and his wife, Johnnie, who lived here in the early 1960s. Marvin H. Young was a salesman for a cement company. Marvin Young's widow, Johnnie, lived in this house in the late 1960s and until around 1980.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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 appears to have undergone several modifications over the years, and does not have the requisite architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: HDP-2016-0474
1612 FOREST TRAIL



1" = 208'

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1612 Forest Trail
ca. 1933



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1612 Forest Trail

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

1992	Edward A. and Melanie L. Gaylord, owners No occupation listed
1985-86	Edward A. and Melanie L. Gaylord, owners Edward: Oil and gas trusts, Republic Bank, 900 Congress Avenue. Melanie: Office manager, Black, Atkinson & Vernooy, architects.
1981	Robert and Tina Westerkam, renters No occupation listed
1977	Mrs. M.H. Young, owner Retired
1973	Mrs. Johnnie H. Young, owner Widow, Marvin Young Retired
1968	Mrs. Johnnie H. Young, owner Widow, Marvin Young No occupation listed

- 1965 J. Stewart and Norma Allen, owners
Assistant department director, State Commission for Higher Education
- 1962 Marvin H. and Johnnie H. Young, owners
Salesman, Trinity Cement Company (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory).
- 1959 R. Windy and Barbara Winn, owners
Proprietor (with John C. McLane), Winn-McLane Associates, advertising agency, 1004 International Life Building, 815 Brazos Street.
NOTE: Marvin H. and Johnnie H. Young are listed at 1610 Forest Trail; he was a salesman for Trinity Cement.
- 1955 Vacant
- 1952 Patricia H. Harris, owner
Secretary, Austin Community Guidance Center, 412 W. 17th Street.
- 1949 Walter C. and Patricia Harris, owners
Architect (office at the house)
- 1947 Chester C. and Libbie Cameron, owners
Salesman
- 1944-45 Chester C. and Libbie Cameron, owners
Salesman
- 1942 Albert C. and Mildred M. Cook, owners
Hydraulic engineer, State Board of Water Engineers
- 1941 Albert C. and Mildred M. Cook, owners
Assistant office engineer, State Board of Water Engineers
- 1939 Albert C. and Mildred M. Cook, owners
Hydraulic engineer, State Board of Water Engineers
- 1937 Albert C. and Mildred M. Cook, owners
Assistant office engineer, State Board of Water Engineers
- 1935 Albert C. and Mildred Cook, owners
Assistant office engineer, State Board of Water Engineers
NOTE: The house is listed as 1412 Forest Trail.
- 1932-33 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Albert and Mildred Cook are listed at 705 Sparks Avenue; he was an assistant office engineer at the State Board of Water Engineers

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Albert C. and Mildred M. Cook (ca. 1933 – ca. 1943)

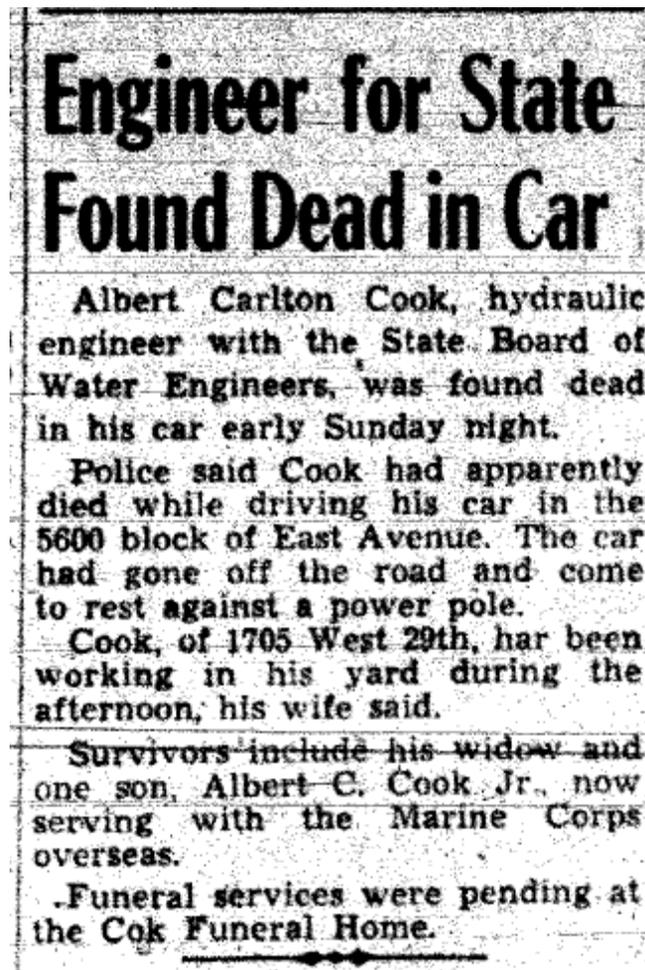
The 1940 U.S. Census shows Albert C. and Mildred Cook as the owners of this house, which was worth \$6,000. Albert C. Cook was 40, had been born in Indiana, and was an engineer for the State Water Board. Mildred Cook was 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son: Albert, Jr., 10, who had been born in Texas. With them lived Mildred's

sister and brother: Geraldine Stockton and Robert B. Stockton. Geraldine Stockton was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a librarian for the city. Robert B. Stockton was 19, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Both Geraldine and Robert Stockton had lived in rural Williamson County in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Albert C. Cook as the owners of the house at 105 Sparks Avenue, a house that was worth \$2,500. Albert C. Cook was 38, had been born in Indiana, and was a civil engineer for the State Board of Water Engineers. Mildred Cook was 22, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their son, Albert, Jr., was 2 months old.

His World War I draft registration card shows that Albert C. Cook was living in San Antonio. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas [?] in 1892, and was a locomotive engineer for the San Antonio, Uvalde, and Gulf Railway in Pleasanton. He was single, and was tall with a slender build. He had blue eyes and brown hair.

His 1951 death certificate shows that Albert C. Cook. Sr. was born in 1892 in Indiana. He was living at 1705 W. 29th Street at the time of his death, and employed by the State Board of Water Engineers. He is buried in the Bagdad Cemetery in Leader.



News story on the death of Albert C. Cook
Austin American, February 26, 1951

NOTE: Albert C. Cook's death certificate indicates that his death was caused from a coronary occlusion.

Mildred M. Cook

Mildred M. Cook, age 89, of Austin died Saturday, March 30, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A.C. Cook.

She had lived in Austin since 1927 and was a member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 2, 1996; at 10:00 a.m. at the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, with Reverend Edwin Silliman officiating. A graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Bagdad Cemetery in Leander.

Survivors include her son, Albert Carlton Cook, Jr. of San Antonio; her sister, Geraldine E. Stockton, of Austin; and her brother, Robert Blake Stockton, of Houston.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Mildred M. Cook
Austin American-Statesman, April 1, 1996

PERMITS:

The garage and driveway were constructed in 1985.