

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0505
1602 WALNUT AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a prominent front-gabled independent porch; single and paired 1:1 fenestration, mostly replacement windows.

RESEARCH

Although the building permit for this house references a masonry structure, there does not seem to be any evidence that masonry was ever applied to this house. The first tenant was Henrietta Hill, who had no occupation listed in the city directories. Henrietta Hill was married to Charles A. Hill, and before this house was built, they lived next door with Charles' mother, Alberta Hill, at 1604 Walnut Avenue. Henrietta Hill is not listed in city directories after the mid-1940s, and by the late 1940s, the directories show Charles and Dorothy Hill as the owners of this house. Charles Hill was a laborer; the 1940 U.S. Census shows him as a general laborer in construction and yard work. By the early 1950s, Charles Hill was working as a porter in the Austin National Bank on Congress Avenue, a job he held until the early 1960s. He then became a janitor at the State Board of Control. He and his wife, Dorothy, divorced in 1975, and Dorothy Hill lived in this house until at least the early 1990s. She was a nurse's aide at the University of Texas.

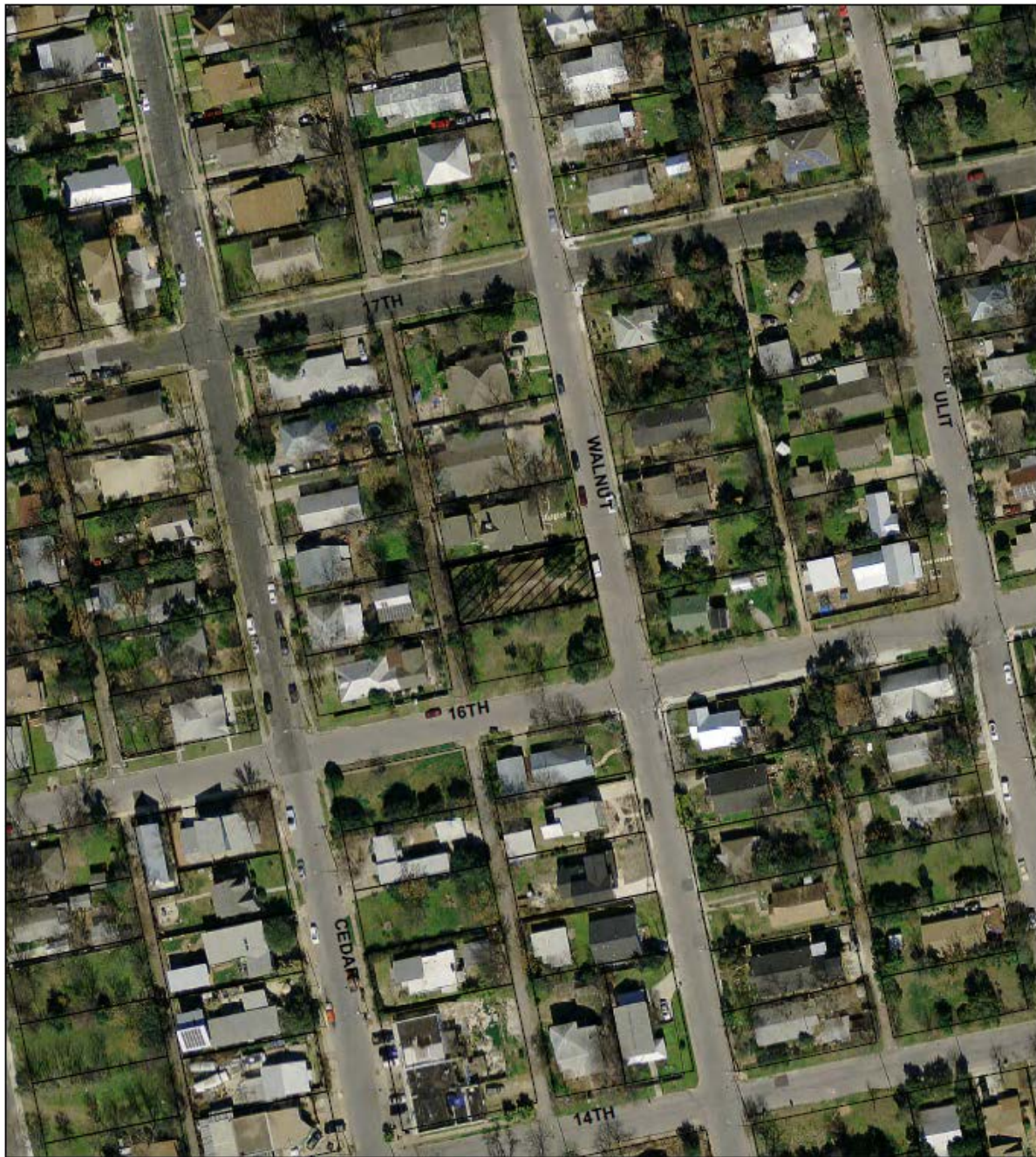
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit. It is not clear whether the house maintains its original siding, and the windows have been changed, that with a lack of historical significance, make this house ineligible for designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 107'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0505

LOCATION: 1602 Walnut Ave.

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1602 Walnut Avenue
ca. 1948-49



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1602 Walnut Avenue

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

1992	Dorothy J. Hill, owner Nurse's assistant, University of Texas
1985-86	Edward L. Hill, renter Nurse, University of Texas NOTE: Dorothy J. Hill is not listed in the directory.
1981	Dorothy J. Hill, renter Nurse's assistant, University of Texas
1977	Dorothy J. Hill, owner Nurse's aide, University of Texas
1973	Dorothy J. Hill, owner Nurse's aide, University of Texas
1968	Charles A. and Dorothy Hill, owners Janitor, State Board of Control

- 1965 Charles A. Hill, owner
Janitor, State Board of Control
NOTE: Dorothy Hill is not listed in the directory; the house is listed as vacant in the address cross-reference section of the directory.
- 1962 Charles A. and Dorothy Hill, owners
Porter, Austin National Bank, 517 Congress Avenue.
- 1959 Charles A. and Dorothy Hill, owners
Porter, Austin National Bank, 517 Congress Avenue.
- 1955 Charles A. and Dorothy Hill, owners
Charles: Porter. Austin National Bank, 517 Congress Avenue.
Dorothy: Maid
- 1952 Charles A. and Dorothy Hill, owners
Porter, Austin National Bank, 517 Congress Avenue.
- 1949 Charlie and Dorothy Hill, owners
Laborer
- 1947 Vacant
NOTE: Charlie and Dorothy Hill are not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory.
- 1944-45 Henrietta Hill, renter
No occupation listed
- 1941 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Henrietta Hill is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Charles A. and Henrietta Hill

Charles A. and Dorothy Hill

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Charles A. and Henrietta Hill living with his mother, Alberta Hill, next door at 1604 Walnut Avenue. Charles A. Hill was 29, had been born in Texas, and was a general laborer in construction and yard work. Henrietta Hill was 18, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Charles A. Hill, Jr., 9 months, and a daughter, Benja Shirley. Charles' mother, Alberta Hill was a 54-year old widow who had been born in Texas and worked as a housekeeper in a private home.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Charles A. Hill as the 20-year old son of Alberta Hill, who owned her home at 1604 Walnut Avenue. Charles A. Hill is listed as a Texas-born laborer for a private family. His mother, Alberta Hill, was a 40-year old Texas-born divorcee who worked as a laundress for a private family.

Charles A. and Dorothy J. Hill were married March 14, 1949 and divorced on May 14, 1975 in Travis County, according to Texas divorce records.

HILL, Charles, 89, of Austin died Sunday. Services 2 p.m. Saturday, St. James Baptist Church. Burial Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements by King-Tears.

Death notice for Charles Hill
Austin American-Statesman, April 15, 1999

Chas. Hill	1602 Walnut Avenue
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Masonry residence.

39821 12-21-48	\$150.00
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Owner

Building permit to Charles Hill for the construction of this house (1948)

Receipt No. 14485 Application for Sewer Connection N^o 43122
 Austin, Texas, 5-27-1950

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
Chas. A. Hill at 1602 Walnut Street,
 further described as Lot 5 Block 9 Outlot Division
 subdivision Plat 38, which is to be used as a res
 In this place there are to be installed 2 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 38760
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'

Sub-~~City~~ Connected 9' N of sec
 (Location)

Date 6-12-1950

By Williams

NOTE: Connection Instruction

Mum 14.5' N of E.R.

Sever in Alley to 5' Box in rear on E

Respectfully,

Owner

Sewer connection application by Charles A. Hill (1950)

Charles A. Hill

1602 Walnut Avenue

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Glenwood Addition

Hollow tile addition to res at rear.

67307

8/21/57

150.00

change 2

owner

add 3

Present kitchen to be eliminated and moved to new par
 LIVING ROOM-BATHROOM, KITCHEN & 2 BEDROOMS

Building permit to Charles A. Hill for an addition (1957)