

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0507
4608 SPEEDWAY**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partially-inset shed-roofed porch on ornamental metal supports; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built ca. 1946 by Ray Yates, a local real estate developer who is most notable for developing the Crestview neighborhood. The first owners and occupants were Jerome J. and Olive A. Brown, who lived here until around 1951. Jerome J. Brown was a lithograph operator. The house was owned by Manfred and Lois Holck, Jr.. in the early 1950s while Manfred was a student at the University of Texas.

Around 1953, the house was rented by Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Wilmer C. Hanson grew up on a cotton farm in Williamson County, Texas, and sored as a maintenance man for the Southland Ice Corporation at 9th and Red River Streets when he and Gladys moved into this house. Oak Farms Dairy took over the building and Wilmer Hanson worked as a driver and shop foreman for the dairy until his retirement in the mid-1980s. The city directory of 1992 shows the couple as the owners of the house.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, 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 has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



4608 Speedway
ca. 1946



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
4608 Speedway

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

1992	Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, owners Retired
1985-86	Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters Retired
1981	Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters Shop foreman, Oak Farms Dairy, 901 Red River Street.
1977	Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters Shop foreman, Oak Farms Dairy, 901 Red River Street.
1973	Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters Shop foreman, Oak Farms Dairy, 901 Red River Street.
1968	Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters Shop foreman, Oak Farms Dairy, 901 Red River Street.
1965	Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters Driver, Oak Farms Dairy, 901 Red River Street.

- 1962 Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters
Driver, Oak Farms Dairy, 901 Red River Street.
- 1959 Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, renters
Mechanic, Oak Farms Dairy, 901 Red River Street.
- 1955 Wilmer C. and Gladys C. Hanson, owners
Maintenance man, Southland Corporation, ice, 901 Red River Street.
- 1952 Manfred, Jr. and Lois D. Holck, owners
Student, University of Texas
NOTE: Wilmer and Gladys Hanson are listed at 6203 Brooks Street; he was a foreman at the Southland Corporation, ice, 901 Red River Street.
- 1949 Jerome J. and Olive A. Brown, owners
Lithograph operator
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Jerome J. Brown does not appear to be listed in the directory. There is a Jerome Brown, who lived at 5606 Jim Hogg Avenue, but he was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1946, and was divorced. The Jerome Brown at 5606 Jim Hogg had no occupation and no wife listed in the 1947 directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Wilmer C. and Gladys Hanson (ca. 1953 -)

Wilmer Hanson appears in the 1920 U.S. Census as the 2-year old son of Albert and Hanna Hanson of Summit, Travis County, Texas. The Hanson family rented their home. Wilmer was born in Texas, as were his mother and 3 older brothers. His father, Albert, 35, had been born in Sweden and was a farmer. He immigrated to the United States in 1902.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Willmer Hanson, then 12, living with his parents on a cotton farm in Williamson County, Texas. Willmer had no occupation listed, but his two oldest brothers are both listed as farm laborers. His father is listed as a cotton farmer.

Wilmer C. Hanson

Wilmer C. Hanson, age 85, of Austin passed away Friday, May 30, 2003. He was born September 25, 1917.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Gladys Madsen Hanson; his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Robert Hilbig; granddaughter and her husband Beth and Michael Orta; grandson and his wife Greg and Laura Hilbig; and great-grandchildren, Jasmine and Mikey Orta. Also surviving are one brother-in-law, five sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

Wilmer was a World War II veteran, serving from 1942-1946 as a tank-er in the Third Armored Division. He retired from Southland Corporation in 1983 with 35 years of service. He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Visitation will be at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1st.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. with funeral services beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2003 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Burial will follow at Palm Valley Lutheran Cemetery in Round Rock.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 200 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78705. (512) 452-8811

Obituary of Wilmer Hanson
Austin American-Statesman, June 1, 2003

Roy Yates
 57' x 156' of Roy
 210 Yates 10
 Tract

4608 Speedway

Frame residence & garage

31357 9-3-46

\$4500.00

Owner

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Building permit to Ray Yates for the construction of this house (1946)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT No. B 1785

Austin, Texas

Received of RAY YATES Date 7-3-46

Address 4608 SPEEDWAY

Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber GRIFFIS Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 7-21-47

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'

From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 21'

Location of Meter

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 3'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 10'

Checked by Engr. Dept. E. H. H. 6-20-47

No. Fittings	Size	Description
1	3/4"	Curb Cock
1	1/4"	Elbow COPPER
1	1/4"	St. Elbow C.I. COPPER
1	3/4"	Bushing STEEL
1	3/4"	Reducer
12	1/4"	Pipe COPPER
		Lead Comp.
		Nipples
		Union
		Plug
1	1 1/4"	Tee WIP
1	1"	Stop LOCK
1	1"	Box LOCK
1	1"	Lid
		Valves
		Job No. <u>W-323-502</u>
		Req. No. <u>4-1-47</u>

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Water service permit to Ray Yates for this address (1946)