

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
AUGUST 22, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0527  
2010 ASHBY AVENUE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width inset porch; single and paired 1:1 and 6:6 fenestration; large, one-story addition to the rear of the house.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1947 by Joe Adams, who did not live here. The first occupants were Arthur E. and Selma Bayer, who rented the house from around 1947 to around 1950. Arthur Bayer was an analyst for the State Department of Public Welfare. The house was listed as vacant in the 1952 city directory, then occupied by Billie D. and Fonetta Simmons until around 1985. The city directory of 1955 shows Billie D. and Fonetta Simmons as renters, but all later directories show them as owners. Billie D. Simmons was a printer who worked for Von Boeckmann-Jones, until the late 1960s, then went to work as a printer for the University of Texas. Fonetta Simmons had a business, Fonetta's Décor, on Barton Springs Road. They specialized in plaster.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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





2010 Ashby Avenue  
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
2010 Ashby Avenue

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

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| 1992    | Bill Simmons, owner<br>Assistant editor, Henderson & Henderson, publishers (no listing in the alphabetical section of the directory). |
| 1985-86 | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Printer, University of Texas  |
| 1981    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Printer, University of Texas  |
| 1977    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Employed at the University of Texas   |
| 1973    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Proprietor, Fonetta's Décor (no listing in the alphabetical section of the directory).        |
| 1968    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Proprietor, Fonetta's Décor, plaster, 300 Barton Springs Road.                                |
| 1965    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Printer, Von Boeckmann-Jones, printers, lithographers, 700 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street.        |
| 1962    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Printer, Von Boeckmann-Jones, printers, lithographers, 700 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street.        |
| 1959    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, owners<br>Composition, Von Boeckmann-Jones, printers, lithographers, 700 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street.    |
| 1955    | Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons, renters<br>Printer, Von Boeckmann-Jones, printers, lithographers, 700 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street.       |
| 1952    | Vacant<br>NOTE: Billy D. and Fonetta Simmons are not listed in the directory.   |
| 1949    | Arthur E. and Selma Bayer, renters<br>Analyst, State Department of Public Welfare   |
| 1947    | The address is not listed in the directory.<br>NOTE: Arthur E. and Selma Bayer are not listed in the directory.                       |

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

**Billie D. and Fonetta Simmons (ca. 1953 – ca. 1985)**

## **Billie D. Simmons**

**Billie D. Simmons, 58, of Austin passed away Saturday.**

**Survivors include his wife, Fonetta Simmons, Austin; son, Bill Simmons, Austin; daughter, Gale Stone, Buda; brothers, Garland Simmons, Odessa, Walter Lee McAlexander, Hale Center, Marvin Simmons, Gladewater; sisters, Annie Lou McPherson, Gladewater, Betty McAlister, Longview; three grandchildren.**

**Funeral services 10:00 AM Tuesday, from Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, Chapel of the Bells, with Reverend Melvin Clearman and Reverend Tom Wilson officiating. Burial, Memorial Hill Park.**

**Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.**

Obituary of Billie D. Simmons  
Austin American-Statesman, July 29, 1985

Joe Adams 2010 Ashby Avenue  
 74'x150' of W.A.  
 202 Jones Tr.

Morris Estate

Frame residence and garage

32957 2-24-47

\$3500.00

Owner

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Building permit for the construction of this house (1947)

602-4

CHANGED TO 6" MAIN AND RENEWED  
 SERVICE WITH COPPER ON 1/31/1-760-676

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**

Austin, Texas

Received of JOE D. ADAMS No. 3053  
 Date 7-1-47

Address 2010 ASHBY AVE

Amount TWENTY AND 00/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber SELF Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 5-20-47

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From ~~ENR~~ Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2.3'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 24"

Depth of Service Line 24"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 35'

Checked by Engr. Dept. E.B.D. 6-20-47

**INDEXED**

No. Fittings	Size	
1	Curb Cock 3/4"	✓
1	Elbow 3/4" COP.	✓
1	St. Elbow 3/4" STEEL	✓
1	Flushing 3/4" COP.	✓
1	Reducer	
37	Pipe 1/2" 3/4" COPPER	
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
1	Plug 1/2" ELB	
1	Stop 1"	
1	Box 1"	
1	Lid 1"	
	Valves	
	Job No. <u>W-323-502</u>	
	Req. No. <u>4542</u>	

Water service permit for this address (1947)

## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. 28688

*Dist*

Received of BILLIE D. SIMMONS Date 3-17-58

Address 2010 ASHBY

Amount TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS \$ 25.00

Builder or Owner SAM C Plumber SELF

Lot W 74' WATSONS TRACT Block Subdivision PORTION OF Plat No. 2102

Stubbed-out Date of Connection 3-21-58

By City 12.5' E of WLL ✓

By Plumber

Checked By Powell

Size Main 8" Depth ± 4'

Main Assign. 14.5' 58' NPL

Stub Depth 4' Prop. Line 3'

Stub Location

Book No. A-2676 ✓

Paving Cut No. ON 3-19-58 JMB

No.	Fittings	Size	Price
15'	Pipe	6" Con	3.75
1	Bends	6" Con	.98
	Wyes		
	Reducers		
	Plugs		
	Sand		
	Gravel		
	Remix		
	Stoppers		
	Castings		
1	Other	Tap 6" Con	.98
	Backhoe	1 Hr.	3.00
	Labor	12 Hrs	15.00
	Truck	1 Hr.	1.50
	Person	1 Hr.	1.90
	Total		\$27.11

*MARKS & STAT.*

Sewer service permit by Billie D. Simmons for this address (1958)

**Billy Simmons** 2010 Ashby Ave.

202 W 74' X 178' of W. A. Jones Tr. -

Partition of Morris Estate

Frame Addition to rear of Residence

83142

3-14-62

2400.00

Owner

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**BEDROOM AND DEN**

Building permit to Billy Simmons for a rear frame addition (1962)