

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS - DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION**  
**NRD-2016-0065**  
**1713 W. 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, pyramidal- and hipped-roof brick-veneered house with modern replacement windows in single, double, and triple configurations; recessed entry.

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**RESEARCH**

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Murray Graham, a local developer, took out a building and sewer permit for this address in 1939, but apparently, that house was never built. The current house dates from 1940, and was built by C.E. Henderson. It was vacant for a short time after construction, then rented by Rev. Basil and Myrta Shilling until around 1946. The Shillings were from Oklahoma, and Rev. Basil Shilling was the pastor at the University Church of Christ while in Austin. He died in Memphis, Tennessee in 1995. There were a series of owners through the late 1940s and early 1950s, including a director of equalization for the State Department of Education, and a plumbing salesman. In the mid-1950s, the house was rented by a general contractor, then owned by a department manager at Sears in the late 1950s. A series of renters followed until the mid-1980s, when the house was owned and occupied by John D. English, a trade show and convention coordinator for the Texas Manufactured Housing Association.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey. The house is listed as non-contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit upon the review of plans for the replacement structure by the Commission. This house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP





1713 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1940



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 1713 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992	John D. English, owner No occupation listed
1985-86	John D. English, owner Meeting planner
1981	John D. English, renter Trade show/convention coordinator, Texas Manufactured Housing Association, 6937 N. Interregional Highway.
1977	Bill and Carol Walston, renters No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Bill and Carol Walston were new residents at this address. NOTE: John D. English is not listed in the directory.
1973	Vacant
1968	Thomas E., Jr. and Jonnie Anderson, renters Consultant, Texas Education Agency
1965	Mrs. Beal Johnson, renter

No occupation listed

- 1962 Leslie and Marie Shallberg, renters  
Insurance research, Steck Company, printers, publishers, and office supplies, 9<sup>th</sup> and Lavaca Streets.  
Also listed is Mrs. Louise Shallberg, the manager of the Austin Insurance Agency, 201 Capital National Bank Building, 7<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Streets.
- 1959 James J. and Helen Rollins, owners  
Department manager, Sears, department store, 900-02 Congress Avenue.
- 1955 Allen B. and Cordie deSteiguer, renters  
General contractor, 3411 Jefferson Street.
- 1952 Ernest G. and Eva C. Walston, owners  
Salesman
- 1949 Ernest G. and Eva Walston, owners  
Salesman, N.O. Nelson Company, plumbers, 616 Perdenales Street.
- 1947 Albert B. and Pauline Martin, owners  
Director of equalization, State Department of Education.
- 1944-45 Rev. Basil and Myrta Shilling, owners  
Pastor, University Church of Christ, 110 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1942 Rev. Basil and Myrta Shilling, renters  
Pastor, University Church of Christ, 110 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1941 Vacant
- 1940 The address is not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Basil and Myrta Shilling (ca. 1942 – ca. 1946)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Basil and Myrta Shilling as the renters of the house at 301 Moore Boulevard in Austin. Basil Shilling was 40, had been born in Oklahoma, and was a minister. Myrta Shilling was 42, had been born in Oklahoma, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Tommy J., 13, who had been born in Oklahoma. The family had lived in Healdton, Oklahoma in 1935. Basil Shilling died in Memphis, Tennessee in 1995. He was a gospel preacher.

Murray Graham

1713 W. 29th St.

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Bryker Woods C

frame res. &amp; frame garage

282N - 8-4-39

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Building permit to Murray Graham for the construction of a frame residence and garage at this site (1939). This house was apparently never built.

## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 16007

Austin, Texas

Received of Fox Schmidt Date 8/9/1939  
 Address 1713 W. 29th  
 Amount \$                       
 Builder or Owner Murry Graham Plumber                       
 Lot 7 Block 2 Subdivision Brykerwood C Plat No.                     

Date of Connection	<u>stub out 9/8/1939</u>	No. Fittings 12 1/2" pipe Pipe Wyes Bends Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings 4" tap Other Labor: 1 1/2 day 3.75
By City	<u>12' E/WLL</u>	
By Plumber	<u>                    </u>	
Checked By	<u>Boatright</u>	
Size Main	<u>6" Depth 4'</u>	
Main Assgn.	<u>in St., 12 1/2' from PL</u>	
Stub Depth	<u>Prop. Line 3 1/2'</u>	
Stub Location	<u>B-1302</u>	
Book No.	<u>                    </u>	
Paving Cut	<u>No.                      </u>	

Sewer service permit for this address for the house permitted by Murray Graham (1939). That house was never built.

C.E. Henderson

1713 W. 29th. St.

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Brykerwoods C

Brick Venr. Res. &amp; Box Garage

18858 - 2-14-40

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Building permit to C.E. Henderson for the construction of this house (1940)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		No 17200	
Austin, Texas		Sec. 209	
Received of Mike Butler		Date Feb 29th, 1940	
Address 1713 W 29			
Amount Two and 50/100--		\$2.50	
Plumber C M Lanier		Size of Tap 1/2"	
Date of Connection	3-5-40	No. Fittings	Size
Size of Tap Made	3/4	1 Curb Cock	5/8"
Size Service Made	3/4	1 Elbow	
Size Main Tapped	2"	1 St. Elbow	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	6'	1 Bushing	3/4"
From W <sub>1</sub> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	16'	1 Reducer	3/4"
Location of Meter	CURB	2 Pipe	3/4" COPPER
Type of Box	LOCK	1 Lead-Comp	3/4" COPPER
Depth of Main in St.	21	1 Nipples	3/4"
Depth of Service Line	12"	1 Union	3/4"
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	16'	1 Plug	3/4"
Checked by Engr. Dept.	4-12-40 LE	1 Tee	3/4"
		1 Stop	3/4"
		1 Box	3/4"
		1 Lid	2"
		Valves	
		Job No.	44101E
		Req. No.	44123

Water service permit for this address (1940)

## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 16610

Austin, Texas

Received of C. M. Lanier Date 2/29/1940  
 n Address 1713 W. 29th.  
 Amount \$                       
 Builder or Owner Mike Butler Plumber                       
 Lot 7 Block 2 Subdivision                      Plat No. 61

Date of Connection <u>6/4/1940</u>	No. Fittings 15' pipe 4" pipe Wyes Bends Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings 1 Other 4" tap Labor: <u>1 day 3.00</u>	Size 4" 1.50	Price
By City <u>2' E/WL1</u>			
By Plumber <u>Boatright</u>			
Checked By <u>Boatright</u>			
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth <u>4'</u>			
Main Assign. <u>in St. (29th)</u>			
Stub Depth <u>                    </u> Prop. Line <u>38'</u>			
Stub Location <u>                    </u>			
Book No. <u>B-1302</u>			
Paving Cut <u>                    </u> No. <u>                    </u>			

Sewer service permit for this address (1940)