

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0580
306 E. 32ND STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, cross-gabled Tudor Revival-styled brick-veneered house; round-arched entry; round-arched multi-light casement floor-to-ceiling window in the front-facing gable; 1:1 fenestration elsewhere.

RESEARCH

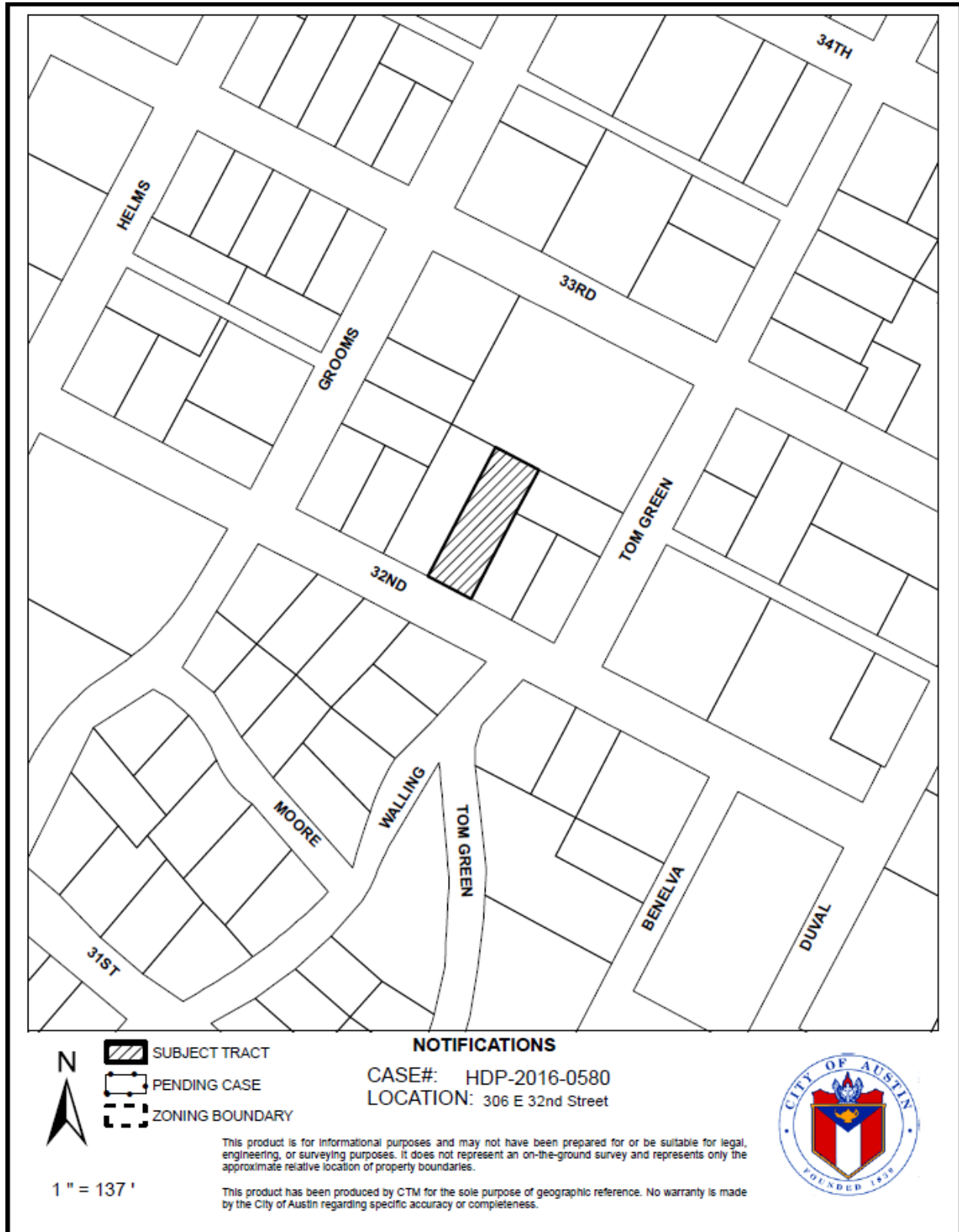
The house appears to have been built in 1936 by T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, who lived here until around 1959. T. Douglas Morrison was from Hillsboro, Texas, and was an accountant, later auditor, later chief clerk for the Texas Railroad Commission. The house was built with a garage apartment; renters included a zoological tech at the University of Texas, a statistician for the State Health Department, a chemical engineer at the State Health Department, and beginning in the early 1950s, students at the University of Texas. Rosalie Morrison died in 1959 and shortly thereafter, it appears that T. Douglas Morrison moved back to Hillsboro. The house was a rental property from the 1960s onward, with tenants including a natural resources attorney in the State Attorney General's Office, a professor at the University of Texas, a research associate at the University of Texas, while the apartment continued to be rented by students.

STAFF COMMENTS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone to September 26, 2016 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition. While the house probably does not qualify on its own as a historic landmark, it exhibits a very fine example of mid-1930s Tudor Revival styling and is important to the historical context of the North University area, and every consideration towards adaptive re-use should be afforded before resorting to demolition. If the Commission does not postpone, then staff must reluctantly recommend release of 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.

LOCATION MAP



306 E. 32nd Street
ca. 1936



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 306 E. 32nd Street

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

1992	A:	William R. Bisanz, renter Student
	B:	John K. Mitchell, renter Financial consultant
1985-86	A:	Vacant
	B:	Kirk Mitchell, renter Student
1981	A:	Jill Cropper, renter Administrative aide, State of Texas
	B:	John Kirk Mitchell, renter Student
1977		Linda E. Reichl, renter No occupation listed
	B:	Fred C. Davis, renter Student
1973		Jack S. and Stella Turner, renters

Research associate, University of Texas
 B: Natillee Headricks, renter
 No occupation listed

1968 Curtis and Marie Shelley, renters
 Professor, University of Texas
 B: Edward and Carol Tharp, renters
 Student

1965 Linward and Beverly Shivers, renters
 Natural resources attorney, State Attorney General
 B: Frank B. Ray, renter
 Student

1962 James E. Squires, renter
 Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, 111 E. 8th Street.
 B: Rolando Olvera, renter
 Student

1959 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners
 No occupation listed
 B: Don and Elizabeth Brown, renters
 Student

1955 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners
 Clerk, State Railroad Commission
 B: Lawrence and Mary Metler, renters
 Student

1952 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners
 Supervisor, State Railroad Commission
 B: Charles and Laverne C. Meeks, renters
 Charles: Student, University of Texas
 Laverne: Student, University of Texas

1949 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners
 Assistant supervisor, State Railroad Commission
 B: Sol Smith, renter
 There is no listing for a Sol Smith in the alphabetical section of the directory.

1947 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners
 Accountant, State Railroad Commission
 B: Sol and Dorothy Smith, renters
 Chemical engineer, State Railroad Commission

1944-45 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison (not listed as owners)
 Rate expert, State Railroad Commission
 B: Martin P. and Bettie J. Shad, renters
 U.S. Army

1941 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison (not listed as owners)
 No occupation listed
 B: W. Don and Jane Carroll, renters

Statistician

NOTE: The 1940 U.S. Census shows the Carrolls at this address; he was a statistician for the State Health Department.

- 1939 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners
Auditor
½: Jesse C. and Mary Carter, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 308 E. 32nd Street.
- 1937 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners
Accountant, State Railroad Commission
½: Russell W. and Etta M. Cumley, renters
Zoological tech, University of Texas
NOTE: The 1940 U.S. Census shows Russell W. and Marietta Cumley living in Madison, Wisconsin where he was an instructor at the University of Wisconsin. He was 29; she was 21. Both had been born in Texas.
NOTE: The house is listed as 308 E. 32nd Street.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison (ca. 1936 – ca. 1960)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison as the owners of this house, which was worth \$6,000. T. Douglas Morrison was 47, had been born in Texas, and was the district campaign manager for a political campaign. Rosalie Morrison was 46, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows the rental unit at this address occupied by W. Donald and Jane Carroll. W. Donald Carroll was 25, had been born in Louisiana, and was a statistician for the State Health Department. Jane Carroll was 24, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison as the renters of an apartment at 208 W. 17th Street in Austin. T. Douglas Morrison was 38, had been born in Texas, and was an auditor for the State of Texas. Rosalie Morrison was 37, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 lodgers: Briggs Todd, 19, who had been born in Texas and was a notions salesman; and William Harrison, 18, who had been born in Texas, and was a candy salesman. The household also had an African-American servant, Sadie McCullough, 29, who had been born in Texas, and is listed as a cook.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Douglas T. and Rosa Lee Morrison as the owners of a house in Hillsboro, Texas. Douglas T. Morrison was a 29-year old Texas-born salesman for an oil company. Rosa Lee Morrison was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

MRS. ROSALIE S. MORRISON

Mrs. Rosalie S. Morrison, 306 East 32nd St., died unexpectedly at her home Saturday. She had been a resident of Austin 33 years, having been a former resident of Hillsboro. Mrs. Morrison was a member of the University Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband, T. D. Morrison; two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Venable, San Angelo, and Mrs. Pearl Moseley, Fort Worth; and three brothers, F. A. Swindoll, Dallas, A. F. Swindoll, Tampa, Fla. and Dick Swindoll, San Angelo.

The body was sent to Hillsboro Sunday by the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at the Marshall and Marshall Funeral Home Sunday at 4 p.m. Minister Harrison A. Mathews and Cled E. Wallace of Austin will officiate and burial will be in Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Obituary of Rosalie Morrison

Austin American-Statesman, November 29, 1959

MRS. ROSALIE S. MORRISON

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosalie S. Morrison, 306 East 32nd Street, were held in Hillsboro Sunday. Minister Harrison A. Mathews and Cled E. Wallace of Austin officiated and burial was in Hillsboro. The body of Mrs. Morrison was sent to Hillsboro by Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Funeral story for Rosalie Morrison
Austin American, November 30, 1959

His 1978 death certificate shows that Thomas Douglas Morrison was born in 1890 in Texas, and had been living in Hillsboro, Texas for the last 18 years of his life. He was the retired chief clerk of the State Railroad Commission. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

SANITARI SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

12546A

Received of Frey Date May 5, 1936
Address 306 E. 32nd.
Amount twelve dollars \$ 12.00
Builder or Owner T. D. Morrison Plumber _____
Lot 5 Block 17 Subdivision _____ Plat No. 65

Date of Connection <u>5/18/1936</u>		No. Fittings	Size	Price
By City <u>RLT</u>				
By Plumber _____				
Checked By <u>Boatright</u>				
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth <u>8 1/2'</u>				
Main Assign. _____				
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line _____				
Stub Location _____				
Book No. <u>A-459</u>				
Paving Cut _____ No. _____				
	2' Pipe	4"	.20	
	Pipe			
	1 Wyes	6x4	.63	
	1 Bends	4"	.49	
	Reducers			
	Plugs			
	Sand			
	Gravel			
	Remix			
	Stoppers			
	Castings			
	Other	laying pipe	.04	
	Labor:	6 days	16.20	

Sewer service permit to T.D. Morrison for this address (1936)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. **10502A**
6570

Received of **S G Holden** Date **June 2, 1938**

Address **306 East 32nd**

Amount ~~XXXXXX~~ **Five and no/100-----** \$ **5.00**

Plumber **Wattinger** Size of Tap **3/4"**

Date of Connection **6-6-38**

Size of Tap Made **3/4**

Size Service Made **3/4**

Size Main Tapped **6"**

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **13.5'**

From **E** Prop. Line to Curb Cock **17'**

Location of Meter **CURB**

Type of Box **LOCH**

Depth of Main in St. **2.5'**

Depth of Service Line **2'**

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main **26.5'**

Checked by Engr. Dept. **6-13-38**

REMARKS *Meter relocated after to sidewalk*
improvements

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	3/8
Elbow	
St. Elbow	3/4 X 1/2
Bushing	
Reducer	
Pipe	
28' Lead Comp.	3/4 COPPER
1 Nipples	3/4 COPPER
1 Union	3/4 COPPER
Plug	
Tee	
Stop	
1 Box	LOCH
1 Lid	
Valves	
Job No.	C 38701E
Req. No.	25-787

J. L. WHITAKER

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Water service permit to S.G. Holden for this address (1938)