# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION NOVEMBER 21, 2016 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0759 917 W. JAMES STREET

#### **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, cross-gabled, stuccoed frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed porch; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

#### RESEARCH

The house was built in 1946 by Chester Kitchens, a local builder. The first owners were Alfred and Betty Nueger, who lived here until around 1948. Alfred Nueger was a blueprinter for the Austin Blue Print Company. Jesse and Dorothy Hawthorne owned and occupied the house in the late 1940s, while he was attending the University of Texas, and she was the librarian at Palm School. The house then became a rental property, with tenants including a carpenter, a member of the U.S. Air Force, and a babysitter.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

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

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

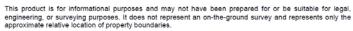
Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as the house is typical of the post-World War II residential development of the neighborhood, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative 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.





NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0759 LOCATION: 917 W James St



1 " = 167 '

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## 917 W. James Street ca. 1946



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 917 W. James Street

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

1992 Debo T. Puryear, renter

Cook, Majestic Diner, 1806 Barton Springs Road.

NOTE: The renter of 915 W. James Street, next door to this house, was Bruce

Robinson, a line chef at the Majestic Diner.

1985-86 David A. Weir, renter

No occupation listed

1981 No return

1977 Vlasta Valigura, renter

Retired

1973 Vlasta Valigura, renter

Babysitter

1968 David T. and Barbara Ann Rush, renters

U.S. Air Force

1965 Angel and Claudette Perez, renters

U.S. Air Force

1962 Harry A. and Mildred A. Alexander, renters

Carpenter

1959 Charlyne M. Wiley, renter

Cashier, Goodwill Industries, 103-7 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

1955 Vacant

1952 Reynolds B. and G. Arline Bixler, renters

Manager

NOTE: In 1949, Reynolds and Arline Bixler rented the house next door at 915

W. James Street. He was the manager of the Grand F&W Silver Store,

department store, 804 Congress Avenue.

1949 Jesse J. and Dorothy Hawthorne, owners

Jesse: Student, University of Texas

Dorothy: Librarian, Palm School

1947 Alfred A. and Betty Nueger, owners

Blueprinter, Austin Blue Print Company, 1111 Guadalupe Street.

1944-45 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Alfred A. and Betty Nueger are not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

#### Vlasta Valigura (ca. 1970 – ca. 1980)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Vlasta Valigura as the 15-year old daughter of Joe and Mary Valigura of Lee County, Texas. Vlasta Valigura was born in Texas to Czech-born parents and was a farm laborer. Her father, Joe, 53, was a Czech-born farmer. Her mother, Mary Valigura, 33, was a Czech-born farmer. Vlasta was the oldest of the couple's 4 children. The younger children were Joe, 11; Adolf, 9; and Elvin, 9 months.

Chester Kitchens 917 W. James St. 114 8 9 South Heights Stucco res. & frame garage 28012 - 11/1/45 \$2400.00 George Kennedy 5 Building permit to Chester Kitchens for the construction of this house (1945) WATER SERVICE PERMIT 36409 Austin, Texas Address 917 James Street

Water service permit for this address (1946)

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To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.					
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South Heights					
One room addition to residence - rear add to garage					
29072 2-12-46			4	650.00	
Geo. Kennedy					
				None	

Building permit to Chester Kitchens for the construction of an addition (1946)