

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0006
2203 WILLOW STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1911 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a partial-width non-historic flat-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal supports; single 1:1 fenestration, with a non-historic replacement windows in the projecting front gable.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1911 by William J. Holder, a carpenter. He and his family lived here until around 1926. The house was rented in the mid-1920s by Clarence and Frances Beezley; he was a brakeman for the Southern Pacific Railroad. From the late 1920s through the mid-1930s, there were two apartments in the house: one was rented by William J. Bull and his wife, Mary Gladys, from the late 1920s until the early 1930s. William J. Bull was a carpenter. The other had a series of renters, including a truck driver and a driver for the Motoramp Garage adjacent to the Norwood Building at 7th and Colorado Streets.

The house appears to have remained a rental property, but with a single-family use from the late 1930s until around 1960; tenants included Alton Meek and his wife Annie Laurie. He was a truck driver. Other tenants included a delivery man, a doughnut maker, and a school custodian.

Around 1960, the house was purchased by Raymond Reither, and his wife, Annie May. Reither was a truck driver for Rhoades Truck Lines, and later Rhoades Transfer and Storage. The Reithers lived here until around 1970. From 1970 through the 1990s, the house was owned and occupied by Jack and Patsie Gonzalez. Jack Gonzalez had several businesses over the years, including a gas station on S. Lamar Boulevard and a tire shop on S. 1st Street.

STAFF COMMENTS




The house is listed in the East Austin Historic Survey (2016) with an estimated construction date of 1906. The survey notes that the doors, windows, and exterior wall materials have been replaced, the fenestration altered, and alterations to the porch. It is not recommended for local designation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use or postponement to February 27, 2017, as the house, despite its modifications, retains its integrity of design and represents an increasingly rare example of the vernacular wing-and-gable plan house. The applicant should fully evaluate alternatives to demolition, especially restoration of this house, or incorporation into a larger project on the site. If the Commission votes to release the demolition permit, then staff recommends 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



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 125'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0006
LOCATION: 2203 Willow Street

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2203 Willow Street
ca. 1911



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2203 Willow Street

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

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| 1992 | Jack and Patsy Gonzales, renters
No occupation listed |
| 1985-86 | Jack and Patsy Gonzalez, renters
No occupation listed |
| 1981 | Jack and Patsy Gonzalez, owners
Proprietor, Big G Tire, 1900 S. 1 st Street. |
| 1977 | Jack and Patsie Gonzalez, owners
Proprietor, South Lamar 66, gas station, 2340 S. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1973 | Jack and Patsie Gonzalez, renters
Laborer
NOTE: The directory indicates that Jack and Patsie Gonzalez were new residents at this address. |
| 1968 | Raymond R. and Annie Reither, owners
Driver, Rhoades Transfer and Storage, 813 Airport Boulevard.
NOTE: Jack and Patsie Gonzalez are not listed in the directory. |

1965	Raymond R. and Annie M. Reither, owners Driver, Rhoades Transfer and Storage, 813 Airport Boulevard.
1961	Raymond R. and Annie M. Reither, owners Driver, Rhoades Truck Lines, 817 Airport Boulevard.
1957	Carney E. and Lola Davis, renters Custodian, public schools
1955	Joe and Myrtle Sturdivant, renters Joe: No occupation listed Myrtle: Baker, Austin Spudnut Shop, 2507 Guadalupe Street.
1952	Joe W. and Geneva Melon, renters Delivery man
1949	Alton and Annie L. Meek, renters Driver
1947	Alton and Annie L. Meek, renters Painter
1944-45	Alton and Anna L. Meek, renters Driver
1941	Harry and Cynthia Guest, renters No occupation listed NOTE: Alton and Anna L. Meek are listed at 1902 Willow Street; he was a driver.
1939	Walter A. and Valerie Baker, renters Walter: Machine operator Valerie: Employed by E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6 th Street and Congress Avenue.
1937	Marion E. and Edith Cone, owners Carpenter Raymond L. and Marie Fleming, renters Carpenter
1935	George F. and Henrietta Rader, renters District agent, Ohio National Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, 902 Littlefield Building. Howard and Lucille Preece, renters Painter
1932-33	Otho and Ela Rink, renters Shoemaker, Texas Cleaners and Shoe Repair, 2236 Guadalupe Street.

1930-31	William J. and Mary G. Bull, renters Carpenter
	Othello C. and Ara Routon, renters Truck driver
1929	William J. and Gladys Bull, renters No occupation listed
	W. Ernest and Vada Grumbles, renters Driver, Norwood Motoramp Garage, 7 th and Colorado Streets.
1927	Clarence V. and Frances Beezley, renters Brakeman, Southern Pacific Lines Also listed is Cary W. Beezley, no occupation shown. NOTE: William J. and Mary Gladys Bull are not listed in the directory. NOTE: William J. and Alice Holder are listed at 906 W> Live Oak Street. He was a contractor.
1924	William J. and Alice Holder, owners William: Contractor Alice: Wrapper, Adam Johnson, ladies' ready-t-wear and home store, 5 th Street and Congress Avenue.
1922	William J. and Alice Holder, owners Carpenter Also listed is Clara Holder, a wrapper for T.H. Williams & Company, dry goods, millinery, and shoes, 500-02 Congress Avenue.
1920	William J. and Alice Holder, renters Contractor Also listed is Verna M. Holder, a clerk for S.H. Kress & Company, notions, 808-10 Congress Avenue.
1918	William J. and Alice Holder Contractor Also listed are Chesley W. Holder, a student; and Sidney B. Holder, a carpenter.
1916	William J. Holder Carpenter
1914	William J. Holder Carpenter
1912-13	William J. Holder Carpenter Also listed are Annie May Holder, a salesgirl at S.H. Kress & Company, 5-10-25 cent store, 810-12 Congress Avenue; and Guy C. Holder, a chauffeur.
1910-11	There are no houses listed on Willow Street east of Chicon Street. NOTE: William J. Holder is listed as a carpenter living at 818 W. 11 th Street; also listed is Ray Holder, a student.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**William J. and Alice Holder (ca. 1911 – ca. 1926)**

The 1910 U.S. Census shows W.J. and Alice Holder living at 818 W. 11th Street in Austin, the house they lived in prior to moving into this house. W.J. Holder was 44, had been born in Mississippi, and was a carpenter and contractor. Alice Holder was 41, had been born in Texas to an Alabama-born father and a Mississippi-born mother, and had no occupation listed. They had 8 children living with them: Ray, 22, an insurance agent, and his wife, Pearl, 22, who had been born in Alabama, and had no occupation listed, and their son, Justin, 2; daughter May, 17; son Guy, 15, a newspaper carrier; son Sydney, 11; son Chesley, 9; daughter Verna, 7; daughter Clara, 5; and daughter Alice, 3. All of the children had been born in Texas.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows William and Alice Holder as the owners of this house. William Holder was a 53-year old Mississippi-born carpenter in a utility shop. Alice Holder had no occupation listed. With them lived several of their children: Sydney, 21, a carpenter for the railroad; Chesley, 19, a driver for a utility shop; Verna, 16, a clerk in a dry goods store; Clara, 15; Alice, 13; and Reginald, 9.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows William Holder living with his son, Guy, and his wife, May, in San Antonio. William Holder was a 64-year old house carpenter. Alice Holder is not listed in the census report, but William is shown as a married man. His son, Guy, 35, was a building contractor who owned his home in San Antonio.

The 1930 U.S. Census also shows William and Alice Holder as the owners of a house worth \$3,000 at 906 W. Live Oak Street in Austin. William Holder was 65, had been born in Mississippi, and was a carpenter in building construction. Alice Holder was 62, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their son, Reginald, was 19, and had no occupation listed.

William Holder died in 1931 of acute indigestion; he was living at 906 W. Live Oak Street at the time of his death. He had been born in 1866 in Mississippi and was a contractor. Alice Holder died in 1957 in Houston, where she had been living for about 6 weeks. She was born in 1868 in Texas and was a housewife.

HOLDER—Funeral services for William Johnson Holder, 65, were held from the Cook funeral home Thursday at 4 p. m. with the Rev. H. C. Morrison of the East Avenue Baptist church officiating. Interment was in the Austin Memorial park under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World. Pallbearers were P. A. Wilde, H. E. Becker Jr., W. C. Blundell, Gus Moberg, R. G. Crozier of Austin and Curtis Canion of San Antonio.

Mr. Holder had been a resident of Austin for 22 years and until two years ago he was a general contractor. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Holder, and nine children, Ray Holder, Lancaster; Mrs. M. R. Kruemcke, Houston; Guy C. Holder, San Antonio; S. H. Holder, Austin; Mrs. B. M. White, Austin; Chesley Holder, Dallas; Mrs. A. Fenzel, Austin; Mrs. C. G. Barr, Austin, and Reginald Holder, Austin.

Funeral notice for William J. Holder
Austin Statesman, September 24, 1931

MRS. ALICE M. HOLDER

Mrs. Alice M. Holder, 86, of 906 West Live Oak, died in Houston Thursday. She was a member of the East Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Guy C. Holder of Leesville, Sidney B. Holder of Austin and R. Mark Holder of Houston; four daughters, Mrs. M. R. Kreumcke and Mrs. Clara Johnson of Houston; Mrs. Ben M. White of Austin and Mrs. C. G. Barr Sr. of San Antonio; one brother, W. C. Smith of Gorman, one sister, Mrs. Nancy Bibb of Fort Worth and 20 grandchildren.

The body will be brought to the Hyllin-Manor Funeral Home Friday at 7 p. m. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Obituary of Alice Holder
Austin Statesman, March 1, 1957

The 1930 U.S. Census

The 1930 U.S. Census shows William J. and Mary Bull as the renters of an apartment in this house. W.J. Bull was 45, had been born in Texas, and was a carpenter in general building. Mary Bull was 28, had been born in Arkansas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Jackson, 15, who had been born in Texas. William J. and Mary Gladys Bull lived here from around 1928 to around 1932.

Also at this address are O.C. and Ara Routon. O.C. Routon was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in a grocery store. Ara Routon was 29, had been born in Texas, and was a laundress in a laundry. They had no children listed with them. Othello C. and Ara Routon lived here around 1930.

Alton and Annie Laura Meek (ca. 1942 – ca. 1950)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alton and Annie Laurie Meek as the renters of the house at 77 Julius Street in Austin. Alton Meek was 36, had been born in Texas, and was an iceman for an ice company. Annie Laurie Meek was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a house keeper for a public office building. They had 2 children: Leon, 7; and Mary Jo, 2.

MEEK, Mrs. Annie Laura, 70, 2203 Willow St., died Thursday. Services 10 a.m. Saturday at Hytlin-Manor Funeral Chapel. Burial, Memorial Hill Park. Survivors: husband, Alton Meek of Austin; son, Leo G. Meek of Bastrop; daughters, Mrs. Bruce Ponder of Dallas, Mrs. Jerry Boyd of Austin; sisters, Mrs. Euna Schafer of Manor, Mrs. Grace Hamilton, Mrs. Fanny Huff, Mrs. Mattie Shehan, all of Austin; four grandchildren.

Obituary of Annie Laura Meek
Austin American-Statesman, August 17, 1979

MEEK, Alton, 90, of Austin died Friday. Services 10 a.m. Monday, Harrell Funeral Home. Burial Memorial Hill Park.

Death notice for Alton Meek
Austin American-Statesman, July 25, 1993

Raymond R. and Annie May Reither (ca. 1960 – ca. 1970)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Raymond Reither as the 10-year old son of Albert B. and Endell Reither, who lived on Manchaca Road in Travis County. Raymond was the 4th of the couple's 8 children. Everyone in the family except Endell had been born in Illinois – she was born in Texas. Albert B. Reither was a farm laborer; no one else in the family had an occupation listed.

Raymond R. Reither died at the VA Hospital in Waco in 1970. He was born in 1920 in Illinois and was a mail truck driver. He had been living in Austin at the time of his death.

RAYMOND R. REITHER

Funeral for Raymond R. Reither, 50, of 10510 Plains Trail will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Schnieder officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery with full military honors.

Survivors include the widow, Annie May Reither of Austin; four daughters, Miss Lillian Marie Reither, Mrs. Sandra May Chardin, Miss Regina Ruth Reither and Miss Pamela Gail Reither, all of Austin; one son, Spec. 4 Charles Raymond Reither of Ft. Carson, Colo.; mother, Mrs. Annie Hedrick of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Massey and Mrs. Mary Ogun, both of Austin; five brothers, John Reither, Rev. Clarence Reither, Albert Reither, George Reither, all of Austin, and Robert Reither of Kerrville.

Obituary of Raymond Reither
Austin American, January 15, 1970

OWNER	Jack Gonzales	ADDRESS	2203 Willow St.
PLAT	274	LOT	7
		BLK	A
SUBDIVISION	Bensons		
OCCUPANCY	Residence		
BLD PERMIT #	136854	DATE	6-22-73
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$5700
CONTRACTOR	Bob Watson	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #	exist	SEWER TAP REC #	exist
Frame addn. to res. and remodel			
Building permit to Jack Gonzales for a frame addition (1973)			