

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0050
709 JESSIE STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1949 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; attached one-bay garage.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1949 by Mrs. Barney Slaughter as an investment property. The first occupant of the house was a widow, Mrs. Olive (Ollie) Swenson, who lived here until around 1951. Olive Swenson had been a widow since 1933; her husband was a cotton farmer in rural Travis County. According to the 1940 U.S. Census report, Olive Swenson was renting a farm in rural Travis County with her 7 children, the oldest of whom were all farm laborers. Prior to renting this house, she had lived on Garner Avenue in South Austin.

The house remained a rental property through the early 1960s, when it was purchased by James C. and Margaret L. Burleson, who lived here for the rest of their lives. James C. Burleson was retired while he and Margaret lived in this house; he died in 1974. Margaret Burleson worked as a secretary; she died in 1978. Since that time, the house has been either a rental property or home to short-term owners.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition if the house is structurally stable enough to do so, 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



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 101'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0050
 LOCATION: 709 Jessie Street

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709 Jessie Street
ca. 1949



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 709 Jessie Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
January, 2017

1992	Maureen Sullivan, owner No occupation listed
1985-86	Gary M. and Judy G. Albright, owners Commercial artist
1981	Gary M. and Judy G. Albright, renters Commercial artist NOTE: The directory indicates that Gary M. and Judy G. Albright were new residents at this address.
1977	Margaret Burleson, owner Widow, James C. Burleson Retired
1973	James C. and Margaret L. Burleson, owners Retired
1968	James C. and Margaret L. Burleson, owners Retired
1965	James C. and Margaret L. Burleson, owners Retired
1961	Gussie Wetzel, renter Widow, David S. Wetzel No occupation listed NOTE: James C. and Margaret Burleson are listed at 700 Jessie Street; neither had an occupation shown in the directory.
1957	Sidney M. and Lillian H. Sweet, renters Agricultural economist, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
1954	Don R. and Dorothy Hayes, renters Teacher, Stephen F. Austin High School
1952	Ralph H. and Edmonia A. King, renters U.S. Air Force
1949	Mrs. Ollie Swenson, renter Widow, Tom Swenson No occupation listed
1947	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Olive Swenson, the widow of Tom Swenson, is listed at 800 Garner Avenue; she had no occupation shown.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**Olive Swenson (ca. 1949 – ca. 1951)**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Tom and Olive Swenson as the renters of a farm in Precinct 2 of Travis County. Tom Swenson was 49, had been born in Texas to Swedish-born parents, and was a cotton farmer. Olive Swenson was 38, had been born in Texas to Iowa-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had 7 children: Charlie, 20, a farm laborer; Peter, 18; Emma, 16; Bertha, 10; Edward, 7; Dan Moody, 3; and Thomas, 2 months. All of the children had been born in Texas. In addition, Tom's brother, Charles H. Swenson, 57, is listed as a member of the household; he was born "at sea," and was a cotton farmer

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Olive Swenson as the renter of a farm in Precinct 2 of Travis County. She was a 51-year old Texas-born widow who was a farmer. With her lived her 7 children: Will, 32, a farm laborer; Pete, 27, a farm laborer; Bertha, 20; Edward, 17; Dan, 13; Thomas, 11; and Emma Gattis, 26. Also in the household was Emma's son, Will Max Gattis, 5. There is no listing for Emma's husband in the census report.

Tom Swenson was born in 1879 in Manor, Texas, and was a farmer. He died in 1933. Her 1965 death certificate shows that Olive Swenson was born in San Antonio in July, 1889, and was living at 4806 Duval Street at the time of her death. She was a widowed housewife.

MRS. OLIVE SWENSON

Mrs. Olive Swenson, 6222 North Lamar Boulevard, died in a local hospital Tuesday.

She is survived by two daughters, Miss Bertha Swenson, Fort Worth, and Mrs. Robert Hohertz, Austin; four sons, Tommy Swenson, Bill Swenson and Dan Swenson, Austin, and Ed Swenson, Milano; two brothers, Henry Roberts, San Antonio, and George Roberts, Fort Worth; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. W. E. Dickerson officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Emmett Walton, Andrew Anderson, Paul Hohertz, Leon Anderson, Jerry Anderson and Allen Samuels.

Obituary of Olive Swenson
Austin American, March 31, 1965

James Calloway and Margaret Linnie Clifton Burleson (ca. 1962 – ca. 1978)

Her 1978 death certificate shows that Margaret Linnie Burleson was born in 1892 in Georgetown, Teas, the daughter of T.C. and Fannie Corbett Clifton. She was living in this house at the time of her death. She was a widowed secretary who had worked for the State of Texas.

BURLESON, James C., 91,
of 719 Jessie, died Sunday.
Services Tuesday 4 p.m. at
Wilke-Clay Funeral Home.
Survivors include his wife,
Mrs. Margaret Clifton
Burleson of Austin; a
daughter, Mrs. Robert
(Phynetta) Oldham of Ft.
Worth; two sons, James C.
Burleson of St. Louis, Mo. and
Vivian S. Burleson of
Shermann; seven
grandchildren; nine
great-grandchildren and one
great-greatgrandchild.

Obituary of James C. Burleson
 Austin American-Statesman, May 6, 1974

BURLESON, Mrs. Margaret L.,
85, 709 Jessie St., died Tuesday. Ser-
vices 1:30 p.m. Friday at Wilke-Clay
Funeral Home. Burial, Forest Oaks
Memorial Park. Survivors: step-
daughter, Mrs. Phynetta Oldham of
Fort Worth; step-sons, James C.
Burleson of Friendswood, Mr.
Vivian S. Burleson of Sherman; sis-
ter, Ann Norris of San Antonio;
brother, Roy C. Clifton of California.

Obituary of Margaret Burleson
 Austin American-Statesman, April 6, 1978

Mrs. Barney P. Slaughter

709 Jessie Street

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Bluff View

Frame residence and car port attached.

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\$6000.00

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Building permit for the construction of this house (1949)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 3154

Received of MRS BARNEY SLAUGHTER Date 3-17-49

Address 709 JESSIE ST.

Amount TWENTY AND 11/100 \$ 20.11

Plumber C. M. LANIER Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 5-10-49

Size of Tap Made 1 1/2"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOW

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. R.W.D. 6-14-49

No. Fittings	Description	Size
2	Curb Cock	3/4"
1	Elbow	3/4"
1	St. Elbow	3/4"
1	Bushing	1" x 3/4"
2	Reducer	3/4" x 1/2"
1	Pipe	3/4"
1	Lead Comp.	3/4"
2	Nipples	3/4" x 1/2"
1	Union	3/4"
1	Plug	1" x 1"
1	Tee	1" x 1"
1	Stop	1" x 1"
1	Box	1" x 1"
1	Lid	1" x 1"
1	Valves	1" x 1"
1	Job No.	W-323-502
1	Req. No.	117762

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Water service permit for this address (1949)

Receipt No. 11695 Application for Sewer Connection No. 40327
 Austin, Texas 3-17 1949

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by:
Mr. J. C. Burleson at 709 Jessie Street,
 further described as Lot 1 Block B Outlot Division
 subdivision Bluff View Plat 110, which is to be used as a Res.
 In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 33644
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 4'
 Sewer Connected } 3- NASSLL
 (Location)
 Date 3-21-49
 By Lopez

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6" Bluff View 7-4' depth
14.5' note to 6" Bluff at SLL B-1809
1723

Respectfully,
C. M. Hamer
Ed Clum

Sewer connection application for this address (1949)

OWNER J. C. Burleson ADDRESS 709 Jessie Street
 PLAT 110 LOT 1 BLK B
 SUBDIVISION Bluff View
 OCCUPANCY Ben
 BLD PERMIT # 94349 DATE 12-16-64 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$1713.
 CONTRACTOR Clarence Guerrero NO. OF FIXTURES
 WATER TAP REC # X SEWER TAP REC # X
 Frame addn to rear of res

Building permit to James C. Burleson for a rear addition (1964)