

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MAY 22, 2017  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2017-0222  
5004 ROWENA STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with double front doors under a front-gabled entry hood; shed-roofed rear addition; single 6:6 fenestration; synthetic siding.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1946 by a Mr. Benard, but is listed as vacant in the 1947 city directory. Around 1948, the house was purchased by Bryan and Lorena Barnard, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Bryan (William Jennings Bryan) Barnard grew up in northeastern Travis County, the son of farmers. He apparently was an early widower before he married Lorena. When he and Lorena moved into this house, Bryan was working as a bartender. In the early 1950s, he became a butcher for the Checker Front grocery store chain. He passed away in 1960, and Lorena Barnard continued to live in this house until her death in 1979. The house does not appear to have had a secondary dwelling unit until around 1950; the Barnards rented out their apartment to a series of tenants including a clerk for Montgomery Ward, a student, and a salesman over the years.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**




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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, 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 is typical for the J.J. Hegman Subdivision, which incorporates Rowena Street and Avenue F between 48<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Streets, but does not possess the historical or architectural significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



1" = 170'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0222  
LOCATION: 5004 Rowena Street



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5004 Rowena Street  
ca. 1946



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 5004 Rowena Street

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Vacant Rear: Vacant
1981	No return Rear: Timothy Barrett, renter No occupation listed
1977	Lorena M. Barnard, owner Widow, W. Barnard Retired
1973	Lorena M. Barnard, owner Widow, W.J. Barnard Retired
1968	Lorena M. Barnard, owner Widow, W.J. Barnard Retired Rear: Buddy Gilley, renter

Salesman, Armstrong Products (not listed in the directory).

- 1965        Lorena M. Barnard, owner  
Widow, W.J. Barnard  
Retired  
Rear: Roy Williams, renter  
Student
- 1961        Lorena M. Barnard, owner  
Widow, W.J. Barnard  
No occupation listed  
Rear: Richard Hensley, renter  
Clerk, Montgomery Ward, department store, Capitol Plaza.
- 1957        Bryan W. and Lorena Barnard, owners  
Meat cutter, Checker Front Stores, groceries (multiple locations).  
Rear: Ruth Smith, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1954        William B. and Lorena Barnard, owners  
Meat cutter, Checker Front Stores, groceries (multiple locations)
- 1952        Bryan and Lorena Barnard, owners  
Bartender  
  
William E.J. and Jene McKinley, renters  
U.S. Air Force
- 1949        Bryan and Lorena Barnard, owners  
Bartender  
NOTE: No secondary unit is listed.
- 1947        Vacant  
NOTE: Bryan and Lorena Barnard are not listed in the directory.
- 1944-45     The address is not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Bryan and Lorena Barnard (ca. 1948 – ca. 1979)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows William J. Barnard as the son of J. and Viola Barnard, who lived on a rented farm on Merriltown Road in Travis County. William J. Barnard was 20, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. His parents had both been born in Texas; his father was a farmer. William J. was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the couple's 6 children.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Bryan Barnard as a 29-year old widower living with his wife's parents in Sprinkle, Texas, where he worked as a miller. His father-in-law was a farm laborer. Bryan Barnard had a son, Claud B. Barnard, 7.

William J.B. Barnard died in 1960 at the VA Hospital in Temple, Texas. He was born in 1899 in Hays County, Texas, and was a butcher. He was living at this address at the time of his death.

**BRYAN BARNARD**

Bryan (Pop) Barnard, 60, died Saturday at McCloskey Hospital in Temple. He had been a lifelong resident of Austin, member of Walnut Creek Baptist Church and veteran of World War I. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lorena May Barnard of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Louise Watson of Austin and Mrs. Lois Marjorie Peterson of Shreveport, La.; two sons, C. B. Barnard of Mobile, Ala., and Ed Watson of Beaumont; one sister, Mrs. Jewel Spears of Austin; two brothers, Espie Barnard of Austin and Walter Barnard of Levelland, and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Wilke Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Clay Burns officiating. Pallbearers will be H. O. Teer, W. E. White, Otto Tuoff, Jim Reese, Buster Garza and Walter Parks. Burial will be in Walnut Creek Cemetery.

Obituary of Bryan Barnard  
Austin American-Statesman, February 7, 1960

Her 1979 death certificate shows that Lorena Mae Barnard was born in 1895 in Rockdale, Texas. She was living in this house at the time of her death, and was a widowed homemaker.

**BARNARD, Lorena, 84, 5004 Rowena St., died Tuesday. Services pending at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Survivors: daughters, Lois Marjorie Peterson, Joyce Louise Humphries, both of Austin; son, Ed Watson of Austin; sisters, Pearl Rinn of Rockdale, Avis Oliver of Dallas, Johnnie Hall of Los Angeles, Calif.; brother, Lonnie Harriss of Dallas; five grandchildren.**

Death notice for Lorena Barnard  
Austin American-Statesman, December 26, 1979

**BARNARD, Mrs. Lorena, 84, 5004 Rowena,  
died Tuesday. Graveside services 11 a.m. Fri-  
day at IOOF Cemetery in Rockdale. (Wilke-  
Clay)**

Funeral notice for Lorena Barnard  
Austin American-Statesman, December 27, 1979

Mr. Benard	5004 Rowena Street
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J. J. Hedgemann

Frame residence

31562 9-21-46

\$2000.00

C. M. Neyland

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Building permit to a Mr. Benard for the construction of this house (1946)

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

N<sup>o</sup> B 1869

Austin, Texas

Received of R. H. BERNARDDate 9-13-46Address 5004 ROWENAAmount TWO AND 50/100\$ 2.50Plumber M. S. BROUGHERSize of Tap 1/2"Date of Connection 10-29-46Size of Tap Made 3/4"Size Service Made 3/4"Size Main Tapped 6" W.G.From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 21' 6"Location of Meter CURBType of Box LOCKDepth of Main in S. CURB 2'Depth of Service Line 12"From Curb Cock to Tap on Main OVERHILLChecked by Engr. Dept. M. S. B. 11-111-46

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No. Fittings	Size	Size of Tap
1 Curb Cock	3/4"	1/2"
1 Elbow	3/4"	
1 St. Elbow	3/4"	
1 Bushing	3/4"	
1 Reducer	3/4" COPV IN	
1 Pipe	3/4" COP	
1 Lead Comp.	3/4" COP	
1 Nipples		
1 Union		
1 Plug	2" X 3/4" TAP SLEEVE	
1 Tee	7/16"	
1 Stop	3/4" W. LIP	
1 Box	LOCK	
1 Lid		
1 Valves		
1 Job No.	W. B. 27-102	
1 Req. No.		

Water service permit to R.H. Benard for this address (1946)

Mr. Bryan Bernard

5004 Rowena St.

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No Part of 2 &amp; S. 14' of 3 14

J. J. Hegeman

Frame addition rear of residence

69983

8/7/58

386.00

Ben Frank

none

ENCLOSE PORCH

Building permit to Bryan Bernard [sic] to enclose the rear porch and construct a frame addition to the rear of the house (1958)