

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 18, 2017
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
NRD-2017-0088
1408 W. 9TH STREET
WEST LINE HISTORIC DISTRICT

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1911 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with single, multi-light casement windows behind wood screens; prominent eave brackets. The original front porch of the house has been enclosed.

RESEARCH

The house appears to date from 1911; the first occupant was Sidney E. Donnelly and his family, who lived here until around 1916. Sidney E. Donnelly worked for Western Union, and moved here from Gainesville, Texas. From Austin, he moved to El Paso to follow his career. The house appears to have been a rental property for its entire existence. There was a high turnover of tenants in the 1910s and early 1920s until the house was rented by Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, and their children. Fletcher Randerson was advanced in years by the time he moved into this house; he was a retired farmer. Hattie Randerson had been a music teacher when the family lived in Hays County. While in Austin, she hosted gatherings of study clubs and other organizations at this house. After Fletcher's death in 1933, Hattie continued to live here with some of her children until she moved to a house on Lorraine Street around 1950. One of her daughters, who lived in this house with her the longest, was Irene Randerson, a noted Austin public school teacher.

The house was converted to a duplex around 1950, and to a triplex in the early 1960s. The rear house was constructed in 1955, and also served as a rental property. In 1991, the house was converted to church use; St. Francis Episcopal Church is located here today.

STAFF COMMENTS

The church building is contributing to the West Line Historic District.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as this building retains enough of its integrity of form to identify it as a building from the turn of the century, and is contributing to the historic district, so is eligible for consideration of the demolition delay authorized by Code. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends relocation over demolition, and 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



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: NRD-2017-0088
1408 W 9TH STREET



1" = 167'

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1408 W. 9th Street
ca. 1911







Rear house

OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1408 W. 9th Street

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

- 1992 A: St. Francis Episcopal Church
 B: Robert L. Ogden, renter
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Robert L. Ogden was a new resident at this address.
 C: Robert Denegar, renter
 No occupation listed
- 1985-86 A: Joe R. Wyman, renter
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Joe R. Wyman was a new resident at this address.
 B: David Mastny, renter
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that David Mastny was a new resident at this address.
 C: Vacant
- 1981 A: Sharon Black, renter
 NOTE: Sharon Black is not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory.
 B: Karen Decamillis, renter
 Caretaker
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Karen Decamillis was a new resident at this address.
- 1977 A: Dolores Madrid, renter
 Student
 B: Kay Miller, renter
 No occupation listed
 C: Cindy Wade, renter
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Cindy Wade was a new resident at this address.
- 1973 A: Barney O'Dell, renter
 No occupation listed
 B: Joe L., Jr. and Barbara J. Caballero, renters
 Foreman, Royal Furniture, 2005 E> 7th Street.
 C: Monte E. Ramsey, renter
 Student
- 1968 A: Wilbert H. and Margaret Winkler, renters
 Cashier, Dickens Cleaners, 2918 Guadalupe Street.
 B: Larry L. Wofford, renter

- Student
 C: Elmer D. and Doris Grimes, renters
 Proprietor, E.D. Grimes Gulf Service Station, 1200 W. 6th Street.
- 1965 A: Wilbert H. and Margaret Winkler, renters
 Storekeeper, Commodore Perry Hotel, 800 Brazos Street.
 B: Robert C. and Myrtle Wilhelm, renters
 Lineman, City Electric Department
 C: Billy M. and Rena Pitzer, renters
 City policeman
- 1961 George L. and Margaret C. McBride, renters
 Operator, Austin Transit Company
 Rear: Ted J. and Grace Crum, renters
 Employed by the State Game and Fish Commission.
 A: Vacant
- 1957 Joe T. and Winogene E. Cain, renters
 U.S. Air Force
 Rear: Allen W. Becker, renter
 Instructor, University of Texas
- 1955 H.A. and Bennie A. Green, renters
 Accountant, Syers, Pickle & Winn, advertising, 204 W. 16th Street.
- 1954 Under construction
- 1952 Duff M. and Lillie Malone, renters
 Attendant, Confederate Men's Home

 Charles M. and Lillian Woodworth, renters
 No occupation listed

 NOTE: Hattie Randerson, the widow of Fletcher Randerson, is listed at 1105 Lorrain Street; she had no occupation shown. With her lived Irene Randerson, a teacher.
- 1949 Hattie C. Randerson,, renter
 Widow, Fletcher Randerson
 No occupation listed
 Also listed is H. Irene Randerson, a teacher at Allan Junior High School.
- 1947 Hattie C. Randeson, renter
 Widow, Fletcher Randerson
 No occupation listed
 Also listed are Irene Randerson, a teacher at Allan Junior High School; and William W. Randerson, an agent for Magnolia Petroleum Company.
- 1944-45 Hattie C. Randerson, renter
 Widow, Fletcher Randerson
 No occupation listed

Also listed is Irene Randerson, a public school teacher.

- 1942 Hattie C. Randerson, renter
Widow, Fletcher Randerson
No occupation listed
Also listed are Hattie I. Randerson, a teacher; and Irene Randerson, a public school teacher.
- 1939 Mrs. Hattie C. Randerson, renter
Widow, Fletcher Randerson
No occupation listed
Also listed is Irene H. Randerson, a public school teacher.
- 1937 Mrs. Hattie C. Randerson, renter
Widow, Fletcher Randerson
No occupation listed
Also listed is Irene Randerson, a teacher at University Junior High School.
- 1935 Mrs. Hattie C. Randerson, renter
Widow, Fletcher Randerson
No occupation listed
Also listed are Emma R. Randerson, a stenographer; and Hattie I. Randerson, a teacher.
- 1932-33 Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, renters
No occupation listed
Also listed are Emma R. Randerson, no occupation shown; and Irene Randerson, a teacher.
- 1930-31 Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, renters
No occupation listed
Also listed are Emma R. Randerson, an attendant for Dr. F.L. Charlton, chiropractor, 700 W. 6th Street; and Hattie Randerson, a teacher.
- 1929 Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, renters
No occupation listed
Also listed are Emma R. Randerson, a student at the University of Texas; and Hattie I. Randerson, a teacher.
- 1927 Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, renters
No occupation listed
Also listed are H. Irene Randerson, a student at the University of Texas; and Katherine Randerson, a stenographer for Pettway Dental Supply Company, 804 Littlefield Building.
- 1924 Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, renters
No occupation listed
Also listed is Katherine Randerson, a teacher.
- 1922 Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, renters
No occupation listed

Also listed are Robert F. Randerson, an installer for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; and William W. Randerson, a branch manager for Magnolia Petroleum Company.

- 1920 William A. and Georgia Chancellor, renters
Carpenter
Also listed is W. Thelma Chancellor, a stenographer for the Adjutant General's Office.
NOTE: Neither Fletcher and Hattie Randerson, nor any of their children, are listed in the directory.
- 1918 William H. and Edna Jaynes, renters
Deputy collector, U.S. Internal Revenue Service
- 1916 George A. Greene
Assistant superintendent, National Equitable Society, 424 Littlefield Building.
- Leslie Greene
Chauffeur
- Ernest Waller
Traveling agent
- 1914 Sidney E. Donnelly
Telegraph operator
- 1912-13 Sidney E. Donnelly
Night chief, Western Union
- 1910-11 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Sidney E. Donnelly is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Sidney and Mattie Donnelly (ca. 1911 – ca. 1913)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Sidney and Mattie Donnelly living in Gainesville, Texas, where Sidney E. Donnelly was a telegrapher for Western Union. He was 45, and had been born in the United States to a Kentucky-born father and a New York-born mother. Mattie Donnelly, 42, was born in Texas to a Maine-born father and an Alabama-born mother. She had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Martha, 17; Leo, 15; and Mark, 12. All three children had been born in Texas, and none had an occupation listed. Sidney Donnelly moved to El Paso, Texas around 1914. He is listed in the El Paso city directory of 1914 as the printer chief for Western Union there.

William and Georgia Chancellor (ca. 1919 – ca. 1921)

The 1920 U.S. Census shows William A. and Georgia A. Chancellor as the renters of this house. William A. Chancellor was 61, had been born in Texas, and was a house carpenter. Georgia A. Chancellor was 45, had been born in Louisiana, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Thelma, 21, who had been born in Texas, and was a stenographer at the State Capitol, and George Guy, 14, who had been born in California. With them lived Georgia Chancellor's mother, Ellen Grayson, a 72-year old Mississippi-born widow with no occupation

listed. The Chancellors also had a boarder, Olivette Barbour, a 25-year old Texas-born widow who was a saleslady at a drug store.

Fletcher and Hattie Randerson (ca. 1921 – ca. 1950)

Fletcher and Hattie Randerson appear in the 1900 U.S. Census for Travis County, where he is listed as a farmer. The 1910 U.S. Census shows the Randersons living in rural Hays County, Texas, where Fletcher was a farmer, and Hattie was a music teacher.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Fletcher and Hattie Randerson living at 804 Patterson Avenue, a house they rented. Fletcher Randerson was 74, had been born in Ohio to an English-born father and an American-born mother, and had no occupation listed. Hattie Randerson was 48, had been born in Tennessee to an Ohio-born father, and a Tennessee-born mother. She had no occupation listed. Listed with them are their 6 children: L.B. Randerson, 26, a clerk at the Post Office, and his wife, Dimple, 25; Robert Randerson, 22, a salesman for an oil company; William Randerson, 18, a clerk in a bakery; Kathryn Randerson, 14; Irene Randerson, 13; and Emma Ruth Randerson, 8. All of the children had been born in Texas. L.B. and Dimple Randerson had 2 children: Luther W., 2, and Elizabeth, 1.

Fletcher and Hattie Randerson appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Fletcher Randerson was 85, had been born in Ohio to an English-born father and a Pennsylvania-born mother, and had no occupation listed. Hattie Randerson, 58, had been born in Tennessee to an Ohio-born father and a Tennessee-born mother. She had no occupation listed. With them lived a daughter, Emma R. Randerson, 18, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

Fletcher Randerson died December 8, 1933 while living in this house. His death certificate shows that he was born in 1845 in Ohio, and was retired.

RANDERSON—Fletcher Randerson, 88, Civil war veteran, died at his home, 1408 West Ninth street, Friday morning at 2 o'clock. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Randerson, and seven children, Mrs. W. E. Mayberry of Laredo, Texas, Mrs. W. S. Keating of El Central, Cal., Misses Irene and Emma R. Randerson of Austin, R. F. Randerson of San Antonio, L. B. and W. W. Randerson of Austin.
The remains are at the Cook funeral home pending funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Fletcher Randerson
Austin Statesman, December 8, 1933

THE DEAD

RANDERSON.—Funeral services for the late Fletcher Randerson, 88, Civil War veteran, were held from the Cook Funeral home Saturday at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. Virgil Fisher, the Rev. H. E. Draper and the Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiating. Interment was in the Memorial Park cemetery. Active pallbearers were L. B. Burnette, F. C. Becker, E. A. Murchison, J. H. Norwood, Garnet Lewis and J. C. Bryant. Honorary, Dr. J. F. Gullette, Morris Hirshfeld, Joe Burton, Ernest Berkley, Dr. C. H. Berkley, Ben Pillow, the Rev. H. S. Goodenough, Perry Burch, W. F. Brown, Albert C. Cocks and Fulton Jones.

Mr. Randerson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Randerson, and seven children, Mrs. W. E. Mayberry of Laredo, Mrs. W. S. Keating of El Central, Cal., Misses Irene and Emma R. Randerson of Austin, R. F. Randerson of San Antonio, L. R. and W. W. Randerson of Austin.

Story on the funeral of Fletcher Randerson
Austin Statesman, December 9, 1933

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Hattie Randerson as the renter of this house. She was a 68-year old Tennessee-born widow with no occupation listed. With her lived her daughter, Irene, 33, who had been born in Texas, and was a high school teacher. The Randersons had a roomer, Connie Wiggs, a 67-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

West Austin Club Elects New Officers

Mrs. W. E. May became a new member of the West Austin Study club meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. Hattie Randerson, 1408 West Ninth street. A discussion program of Latin America followed the election of officers.

Mrs. Rose Westbrook was elected president. The following officers were also elected: Miss Dorothy Lee Willcoxon, vice president; Mrs. Corinne Nowlin, secretary; Mrs. Lee Willcoxon, treasurer; Mrs. James A. King, parliamentarian; Mrs. H. A. Dunn, historian.

News story about a meeting of the West Austin Study Club at the home of Hattie Randerson,
1408 W. 9th Street.
Austin Statesman, February 11, 1946

Hattie Randerson died in 1954; she was living at 1105 Lorrain Street at the time of her death. She was born in 1871 in Tennessee, and was a housewife.



Austin Statesman-UPI
MISS IRENE RANDERSON, TEACHER
". . . Teenagers are smarter now."

Ambition Achieved By Austin Teacher

By ANITA BREWER

She was a shy child herself, so it is the shy student—the timid, the bashful—that Miss Irene Randerson can't help but love.

Miss Randerson, mathematics teacher at William B. Travis High School, is the winner of the "out-standing" teacher award of \$250 given by the Austin Kiwanis Club.

When she was a little girl, Miss Randerson said her ambition was to teach mathematics in Austin High School.

"I never wanted to be anything but a teacher," she says. "To me that was better than being a movie star or an artist. Better than anything."

Miss Randerson borrowed money to go to the University of

Texas and to buy her clothes. When she graduated in 1928, she felt overwhelmed by debts. But she had a job—teaching at Mason for \$90 a month.

"That seemed like so much money to me," she remembers.

Part of the enjoyment she receives from teaching is her subject. Figures have always danced in her head.

"My father liked arithmetic," she says. "He didn't have much formal schooling, but he could work any problem we children brought home."

It seemed to give her dad especial pleasure that his little brown-eyed girl shared his enthusiasm for problem-solving.

But it's the youngsters that give

her the most joy.

"I believe teenagers now are better than at any other time," she says. "They are smarter. They know more. They understand more."

She believes that the modern world's wonderful communications—which she wouldn't change—are responsible for the bad name teenagers have in many quarters.

"For example," she says, "if a teenager in New York does something wrong, the whole world knows about it by night fall. When I was a girl, we would never have heard about it."

Miss Randerson organized the Student Council at William B. Travis High School, and she en-

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TEACHER

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joys working with the students in their government activities.

Through the extra-curricular work as well as class work, she gets to know the boys and girls and their problems.

One time a yell leader didn't have enough money to go to the out-of-town football games. Miss Randerson slipped money to the school counselor for the girl. And she has gathered clothes from her friends and family to give to children who have little.

Her brown eyes are still shining with happiness that the Kiwanis award brought with it. Her only

regret:

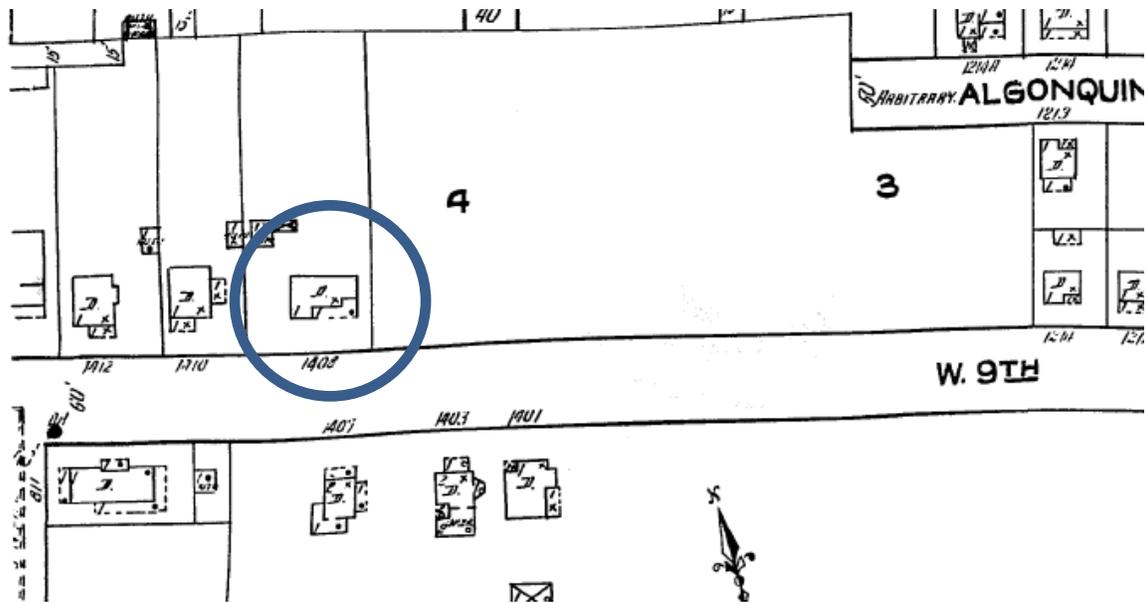
"I wish my mother were still here to enjoy it. She was always clipping stories out of the paper and sending them to her friends. She would have so enjoyed clipping out these stories."

Besides letters from her ex-students and old friends, Miss Randerson has received letters from friends of her mother.

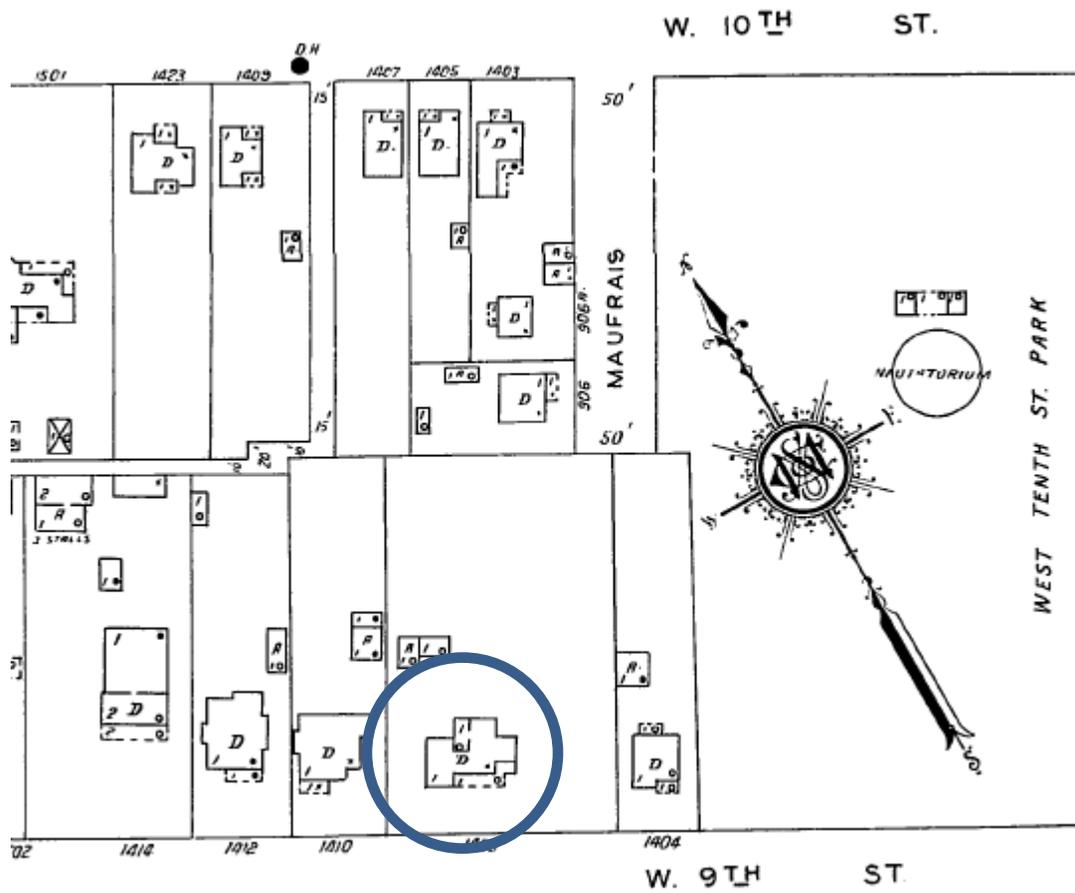
"I guess it's always a triumph for a mother when her children receive honors.

"And that's the way with a teacher. I feel honored when my students do well."

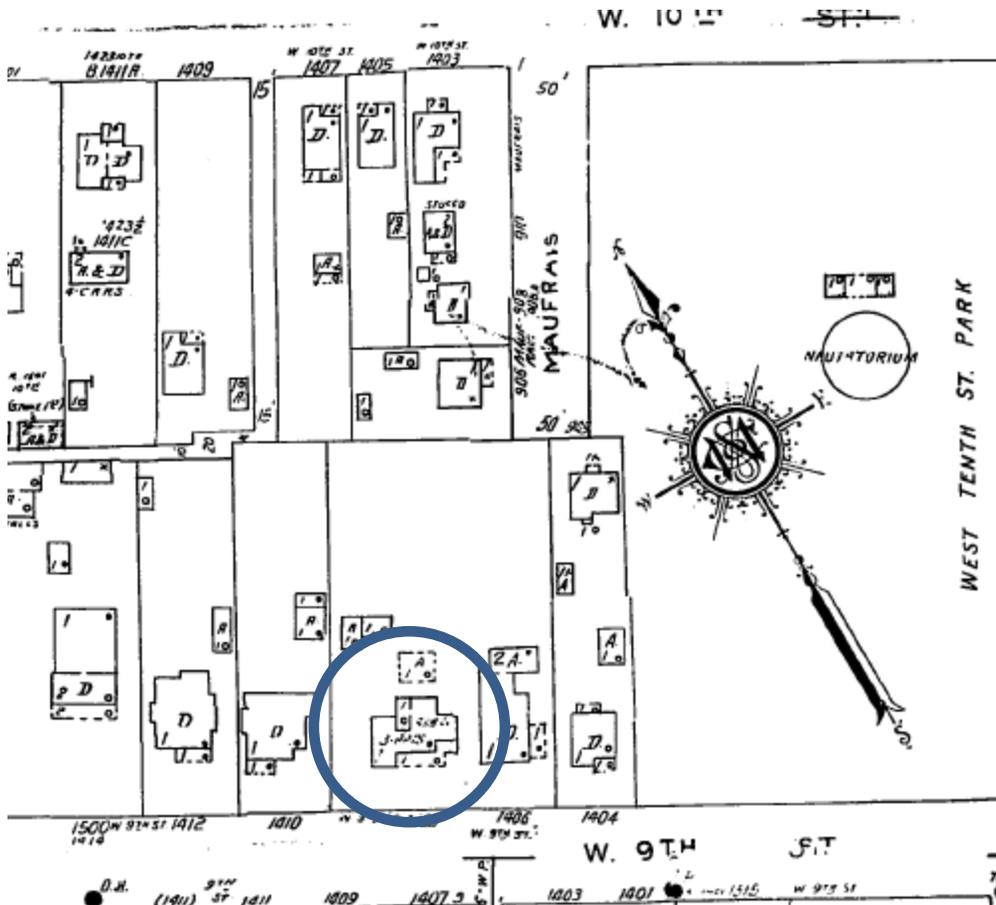
Story on Irene Randerson
 Austin Statesman, March 13, 1959



The house appears on the 1922 Sanborn map, the first to show this section of the city. The house has a wraparound front porch and a smaller footprint than shown on the 1935 map below.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows an extended porch and addition to the east of the house that were not reflected on the 1922 map above.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the house divided into 3 apartments. The map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map above.

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 2935

Austin, Texas

Received of 1408 W. 9th. Date 10/9/1915
 Address _____
 Amount _____ \$ _____
 Builder or Owner _____ Plumber _____
 Lot B Block _____ Subdivision _____ Plat No. _____

Date of Connection <u>repaired 4/21/1955</u>	
By City <u>3+35, 29' E/WLL</u>	
By Plumber _____	
Checked By _____	
Size Main <u>6"</u>	Depth _____
Main Assign. in St. _____	Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line _____
Stub Location _____	
Book No. <u>A-926</u>	
Paving Cut _____	No. _____

No. Fittings	Size	Price
32	Pipe 4"	
	Pipe	
	Wyes	
1	Bends 4"	
	Reducers	
	Plugs	
	Sand	
	Gravel	
	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
	Other sack cement	
	1/2 cement	
	Labor: <u>2 1/2</u> days	

Sewer service permit for this address (1915)

Francis C. Becker	1408 W 9th
95	12
Wendlandts	
addn to res	
57081 6-1-54	1800.00
owner	

This 1954 building permit for an addition shows Francis C. Becker, the owner of the house next door at 1410 W. 9th Street, as the owner of this house.

City permit records show a remodel and change of use from a duplex to a church in December, 1991.