

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 29, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0725
1610 MAPLE AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a house of undetermined age that was moved to this site ca. 1957.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with single 2:2 and 6:6 fenestration; full-width, flat-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal supports.

RESEARCH

City records reflect that the house was moved to the current site from an undisclosed location in 1957. Margie Fields, a maid, is listed as the renter of the house in the city directories of the late 1950s; she is then listed as the owner of the house after 1960. Margie Fields married Joe Miller around 1962; they lived here for the rest of their lives. Joe Miller was retired for the majority of the time he lived in this house; the only work shown for him in city directories is as an attendant at Oakwood Cemetery in the mid-1960s.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as contributing to a potential Chestnut historic district in the East Austin Historic Survey (2016). The house is not listed in the Chestnut Neighborhood Historic Resources Survey (2001), possibly due to its age.



Staff has evaluated the house under the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code, and finds that the house does not meet the criteria for individual designation:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame non-descript 1930s-1940s house with no architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was moved onto the site in 1957, replacing an earlier house. The longest term occupants were a retired couple; he had worked as a cemetery attendant, and she was a maid. There do not appear to be significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.

- d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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. Staff does not believe that the house qualifies for individual designation as a historic landmark, and only barely makes the case for a contributing structure within a potential historic district in the Chestnut neighborhood.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

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1" = 167'

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1610 Maple Avenue

Unknown date of construction; moved onto this site ca. 1957



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1610 Maple Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
January, 2018

1992	Wade Jackson, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Joe and Margie R. Miller, owners Retired
1981	Joe and Margie R. Miller, owners Retired
1977	Joe and Margie R. Miller, owners Retired
1973	Joe and Margie R. Miller, owners Retired
1968	Joe and Margie R. Miller, owners Retired
1965	Joe and Margie R. Miller, owners Attendant, Oakwood Cemetery
1963	Joe and Margie Miller, owners No occupation listed NOTE: There is no listing for a Margie Fields in the directory.
1962	Margie Fields, owner Maid NOTE: It is not clear if Joe Miller is listed in the directory.
1960	Margie Fields, owner No occupation listed
1959	Margie Fields, renter Domestic
1958	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Margie R. Fields is listed as a domestic worker living at 900 E. 11th Street.
1957	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Marjorie Fields is listed as a maid living at 900 E. 11 th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Joe and Margie Miller (Margie Fields)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Columbus and Margie Ray Fields renting the house at 1604 Maple Avenue. Columbus Fields was 40, had been born in Texas, and was a yardman. Margie Ray Fields was 34, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 children:

Monroe, 17; Leonard C., 12; Margie Lee, 10; and Lurline, 2. All the children had been born in Texas.

Margie R. Miller

Margie R. Miller, age 80, of Austin died April 10, 1986.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 15, 1986, 2:00 PM from the New Hope Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Miller of Austin; three daughters, Margie Lee Hatcher, Lurline Webb, Phillys Ann Dick, all of Austin; two stepdaughters, Belle Dean of Austin, Barbara Gibbs of Houston; 24 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gussie Fields of Alaska; four sisters, Mrs. Ada Parks of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mrs. Rena Leonard, Mrs. Earnest L. Greene, Mrs. Ema Haynes, all of Austin.

Arrangements by Fuller Sheffield Funeral Home, 2808 E. MLK Jr. Blvd, Austin, Texas. 476-9164.

Obituary of Margie R. Miller
Austin American-Statesman, April 12, 1986

MILLER, Joe, 93, of Austin died Tuesday. Services 11 a.m. today, New Hope Baptist Church. Burial Evergreen Cemetery. (King-Tears)

Death notice for Joe Miller
Austin American-Statesman, October 14, 1991

W. C. Green et al

1610 Maple Ave.

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8 + 35' of 7

12

Belcher Resub of Block 12

House onto lot & repair-no garage-no C.P.

66295

4/12/57

1500.00

Bradford

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Water Tap #13256 Sewer Tap #27308

Present building on site to be demolished

Easement Rule OK DTJ

Building permit to W.C. Green to move the house onto the lot from an undisclosed location and to demolish the existing house on the site (1957)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

E. No 13256-38

Received of W.C. GREEN ET AL Date 4-12-57
Address 1610 MAPLE AVE.
Amount Twenty Three and 00/100 \$ 23.00
Plumber S. L. P. Size of Tap: 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>5-7-57</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>1"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>6'</u>
From <u>E</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>37.5'</u>
Location of Meter	
Type of Box	<u>R.</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>2'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>21'</u>
Issued by Engr. Dept.	<u>6-18-57</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Corp. Cock
	Elbow
1	St. Elbow
	Bushing 1" X 3/4" Service Champ
	Reducer
2	Pipe 3/4" Cop
	Lead Comp
1	Nipples 3/4"
1	Union TILE
1	Plug "
	Tee
1	Stop ANGLE
1	Box R.
1	Lid R.
	Valves
	Job No. W-323-700-502
	Req. No. <u>J. P. K.</u>

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Water service permit to W.C. Green for this address (1957)

