

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 29, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0714
1203 E. 7TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1902 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, pyramidal-roofed frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch on turned wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; double front doors; fixed-sash, multi-light picture window to the left of the entries.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1902. The first known occupant was Annie Swan, an African-American laundress, who lived here until around 1925. There is conflicting information about Annie Swan in the census reports, but it appears that she was born in Tennessee, and for all the time she lived in this house, she was a widow with two daughters, Mamie and Rosa Lee. There is no record of her death in Austin.

The house was rented by an employee of the Driskill Hotel, Juan Lopez, around 1926, and then by Charles and Mary Turner through the early 1930s. Charles Turner was an African-American music teacher; the 1930 census report shows Mary Turner as a widow, and a housekeeper in a private home.

Around 1936, the house was first rented and then owned by Francisco and Antonia Camacho, who lived here for the rest of their lives (they died within weeks of each other in the winter of 1963-1964). Francisco Camacho was a Mexican-born tile setter.

From the mid-1960s onward, the house was a rental property with a variety of principally Mexican-American tenants. By the early 1990s, the house had been transformed into a commercial property, housing a children's day care center.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed in the East Austin Historic Survey (2016) with a recommendation that it is not eligible for designation individually or as a contributing property to a potential historic district.

Staff has evaluated the house under the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code, and has determined that the house does not qualify as a historic landmark:

- a. **Architecture.** While representative of a turn of the century vernacular house, the house has had numerous significant changes, particularly the replacement of front windows with a non-historic picture window. The house no longer maintains its integrity of design, feeling, or materials.
- b. **Historical association.** The house has associations with two families: that of Annie Swan, a laundress, in the early 20th century, and that of Francisco Camacho, a tile setter, in the mid-20th century. There does not seem to be any justification for a finding of 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 four sides, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house does not appear to qualify for landmark designation.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 141'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0714
LOCATION: 1203 E 7th Street

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1203 E. 7th Street
ca. 1902



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1203 E. 7th Street

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

- 1992 Kiddie City Day Care
 Paula Masoumi, proprietor
 NOTE: Paula Masoumi lived at 1713 Deerfield Drive.
- 1985-86 Steve and Margaret V. Ulrich, renters
 Steve: No occupation listed
 Margaret: Employed by Austin Community College
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Steve and Margaret V. Ulrich were new residents at this address.
- 1981 John L. Cazares, owner
 Clerk, Green & White Grocery, 1201 E. 7th Street (John A. Cazares, proprietor).
- 1977 Helen Canty, renter
 No occupation listed
- 1973 Maria Romas, renter
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Maria Romas was a new resident at this address.
- Hector and Connie Rodriguez, renters
 Employed at the Dexter Apartments (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory).
- 1968 Jesse and Janie Rodriguez, renters
 Roofer
 Rear: Hildegard and Elodia Rodriguez, renters
 Cook, Cisco's Bakery and Coffee Shop, 1511 E. 6th Street.
- 1965 Jose and Janie Canceno,, renters
 Printer, Steck Company, 9th and Lavaca Streets.
 Rear: John R. and Hope Cesneros, renters
 Delivery man, Cisco's bakery and Coffee Shop, 1511 E. 6th Street.
- 1960 Francisco D. and Antonia Camacho, owners
 No occupation listed
 Rear: Willie, Jr. and Maria Mendez, renters
 No occupation listed
- Jesse and Jane Anguiano, renters
 Shipping clerk, Steck Company, 9th and Lavaca Streets.
- 1957 Francisco D. and Antonia Camacho, owners
 Tile setter

- 1953 Francisco D. and Antonia Camacho, owners
Tile setter
- 1949 Francisco D. and Antonia Camacho, owners
NOTE: Neither Francisco D. nor Antonia Camacho are listed in the alphabetical section of the directory.
- 1947 Francisco D. and Antonia Camacho, owners
Tile setter
- 1944-45 Francisco and Antonia Camacho, owners
Defense worker
- 1941 Francisco and Antonia Camacho, owners
Tile setter
Also listed is Lela Camacho, no occupation shown.
- 1939 Francisco D. and Antonia Camacho, owners
Tile setter
- 1937 Francisco D. and Antonia Camacho, renters
Tile setter
- 1935 Lizzie Mizner, renter
NOTE: There is no listing for a Lizzie Mizner in the alphabetical section of the directory.
NOTE: Francisco and Antonia Camacho are listed at 312 Nueces Street; he was a tile setter.
- 1932-33 Mary Turner, renter
Employed by the Driskill Hotel
- 1930-31 Charles and Mary Turner (colored), renters
Music teacher
- 1929 Mary Johnson (colored), renter
No occupation listed
- 1927 Juan Lopez, renter
Helper, Driskill Hotel
- 1924 Annie Swan (colored), owner
No occupation listed
- 1922 Annie Swan (colored), owner
No occupation listed
- 1920 Annie Swan (colored), owner
No occupation listed
- 1918 Annie Swan (colored), owner
Laundress
- 1916 Annie Swann (colored)

Laundress

Martin E. Watkins (colored)
Porter, Swift & Company, wholesale meats, 311 Congress Avenue.

- 1914 Annie Swann (colored)
Domestic
- Martin Watkins (colored)
Porter, Swift & Company, wholesale meats, 311 Congress Avenue.
- 1912-13 Anna Swan (colored)
No occupation listed
- 1910-11 Anna Swan (colored)
No occupation listed
- 1909-10 Anna Swan (colored)
No occupation listed
- 1906-07 Annie Swan (colored)
Laundress
- 1905 Annie Swan (colored)
No occupation listed
- 1903-04 Annie Swann (colored)
No occupation listed
- 1900-01 Unknown
NOTE: Annie Swan (colored) is listed at 1006 ½ E. 6t Street; she had no occupation shown.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Annie Swan (ca. 1902 – ca. 1925)

Annie Swan appears in the 1900 U.S. Census at 1006½ E. 6th Street. She was a 29-year old widow who had been born in Texas and worked as a cook for a private family. She had a daughter, Mamie, 14, who had been born in Texas. The census report shows that Mamie's father had been born in New York.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Annie Swan as the owner of this house. She was a 38-year old Tennessee-born widow who worked as a seamstress. With her lived her daughter, Mamie, 18, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. The census report shows that Mamie's father had been born in Massachusetts.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Anne Swan as the owner of this house. She was a 40-year old African-American widow who had been born in Tennessee and was a laundress for a family. She had a daughter, Rosa Lee Swan, 9, who had been born in Texas. She also had 3 roomers: Sylvester Wilson, a 42-year old waiter in a hotel; Henry Jackson, a 39-year old waiter in a hotel; and Lee Nichols, 50, who had no occupation listed.

1930 U.S. Census

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Mary Turner (who is listed in the city directories for this time period) as a lodger with Alice Jones, at this address. Alice Jones is listed as the renter of the house. Mary Turner was a 56-year old African-American widow who had been born in Texas, and was a housekeeper in a private home. Alice Jones, 26, was a divorced African-American seamstress who had been born in Missouri to Louisiana-born parents.

Francisco and Antonia Camacho (ca. 1936 – ca. 1964)

Francisco and Antonia Camacho appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$1,750. Francisco Camacho was 45, had been born in Mexico, and was a tile setter for a tile contractor. Antonia Camacho was 44, had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had 6 children: Lelia, 20, a cleaner in a chili factory; Udelia, 17; Pilar, 14; Adelina, 8; Juanita, 6; and Francisco, Jr., 4. All of the children had been born in Texas.

Also at this address, but in a separate dwelling unit, were Guadalupe Ramos and her daughter, Maria. Guadalupe Ramos was a 65-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. Her daughter, Maria E. Ramos, 20, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Francisco and Antonia Camacho living at 312 Nueces Street. He was a Mexican-born laborer for a tile contractor.

His 1963 death certificate shows that Francisco D. Camacho was living in this house at the time of his death. He was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico in 1894, and was a construction worker. Antonia Camacho died in 1964. She was born in 1895 in Mexico and was a housewife. She was living in this house at the time of her death.

FRANCISCO CAMACHO

Francisco Camacho died in a local hospital Monday afternoon. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Antonia C. Camacho; six daughters, Mrs. Angellita Garcia, Mrs. Lilia Torres, Mrs. Adellna Norris, Mrs. Juanita Angulano of Austin, Mrs. Gudelia Fall of Seattle, Wash. and Mrs. Pilar Sanchez of Buena Park, Calif.; son, Frank Camacho Jr. of Austin; 29 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Requiem mass will be offered Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Stanley Guzik, OMI, officiating. Rosary will be recited Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joseph Knill, Victor M. Torres, Casimiro Garcia, Hilario Garcia Jr., Forest Hodges and Richard Cisneros.

Obituary of Francisco Camacho
Austin Statesman, December 10, 1963

FRANCISCO CAMACHO

Requiem mass for Francisco Camacho was offered Wednesday morning at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Stanley Guzik, OMI, officiating. Burial was in Assumption Cemetery under the direction of the Cook Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Joseph Knill, Victor M. Torres, Casimiro Garcia, Hilario Garcia, Jr., Forest Hodges and Richard Cisneros.

Note on the mass and burial of Francisco Camacho
Austin Statesman, December 11, 1963

MRS. ANTONIA C. CAMACHO

Mrs. Antonio C. Camacho, of 1203 East Seventh Street, died at the family residence Wednesday morning. She was a member of the Guadalupe Catholic Church. She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Angelita Garcia, Mrs. Lilia Torres, Mrs. Adeline Norris, Mrs. Juanita Auguiano of Austin, Mrs. Gudella Fall of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Pilar Sanchez of Buena Park, Calif.; a son, Frank Camacho Jr., of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Petra Moncivais of Austin; one brother, Frank Castillo of Rogers; 29 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home. Requiem mass will be offered Thursday at 10 a.m. at San Jose Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Houser, CSC officiating. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joseph Knill, Victor M. Torres, Casimiro Garcia, Hilario Garcia Jr., Richard Cisneros and Willie Mendez.

Obituary of Antonia Camacho
Austin Statesman, January 15, 1964

MRS. ANTONIA C. CAMACHO
 Requiem mass for Mrs. Anton-
 la C. Camacho of 1203 East
 Seventh Street, was offered
 Thursday morning at San Jose
 Catholic Church with the Rev.
 Joseph Houser, CSC, officiating.
 Burial was in Assumption Ceme-
 tery, under the direction of Cook
 Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Joseph
 Knill, Victor M. Torres, Casimi-
 ro Garcia, Hilario Garcia Jr.,
 Richard Cisneros and Willie
 Mendez.

Note on the mass and burial of Antonia Camacho
 Austin Statesman, January 16, 1964

Francisco Camacho				1203 East 7th. St.
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Re-roof residence

24430 - 3/16/43

\$50.00

Day labor

Building permit to Francisco Camacho to re-roof the house (1943)

Frank Camacho

1203 East 7th St.

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Masonry garage apartment

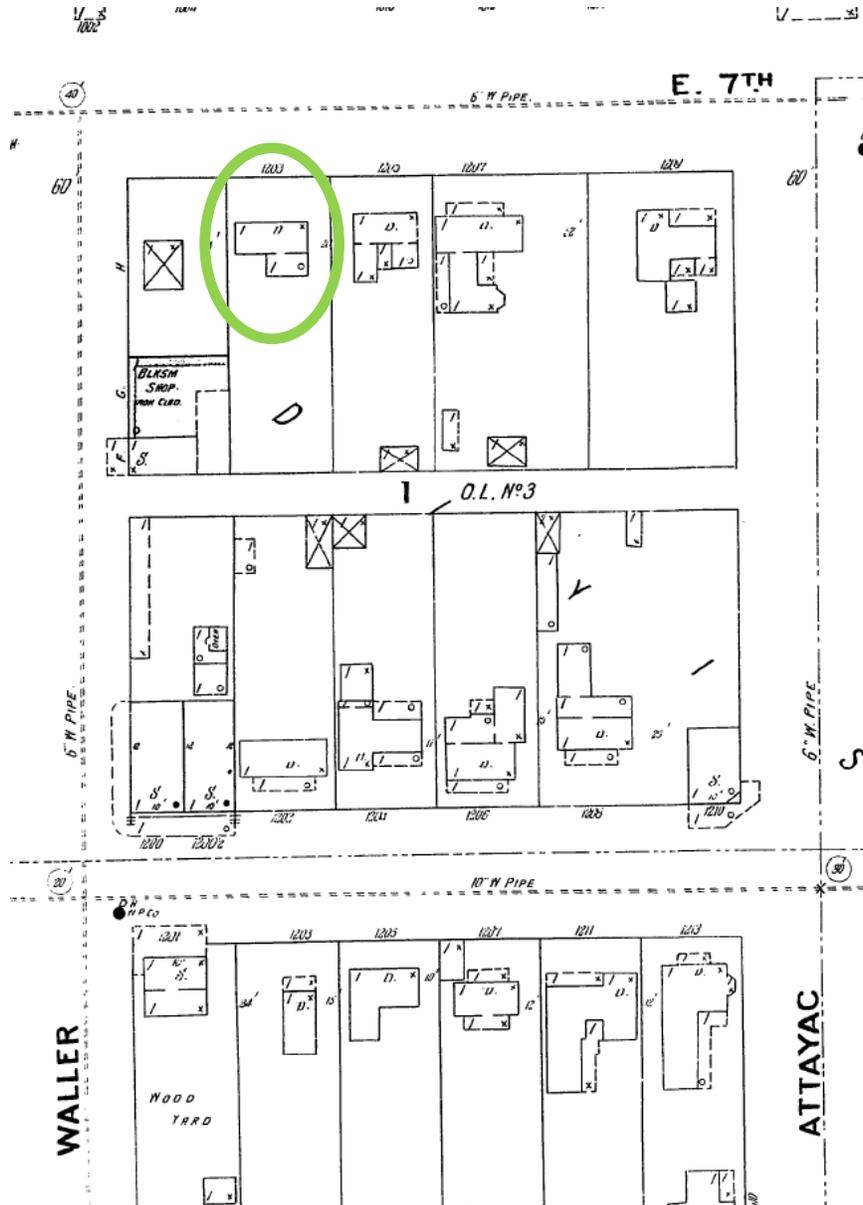
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Owner

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Building permit to Frank Camacho to build a garage apartment (1948).
The garage apartment is not part of the application for demolition.



The 1900 Sanborn map appears to show a different house on this site.



The current house appears on the 1935 Sanborn map.