

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 26, 2018  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2018-0014  
500 W. 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET

### PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1931 house.

### ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a central, recessed entry; single and paired 1:1 fenestration. The house was converted to duplex use in 1952.

### RESEARCH

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City records indicate a water service permit for this house dating from 1931 with the former address of 408 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, an address that is confirmed by city directories. The first known occupant of this house was Travis A. Edwards, who was a supervisor and teacher at Austin State School. Travis Edwards' home address is not shown in either the 1930-31 nor the 1932-33 city directories, but he is listed as the renter of this house in the address cross-reference section of the directory. He lived here until around 1933.

From around 1933 until around 1951, the house was rented or owned by David I. Williams, a barber, and his wife, Lucille. David I. Williams was born in Arkansas, and lived in Coolidge, Texas (near Marlin and Waco) at the time that he registered for the draft for World War I in 1917. He was a barber in Coolidge and was married. He and Lucille were living in Austin by 1930, where David I. Williams continued his trade as a barber. For all the time that he and Lucille lived in this house, David Williams was a barber, working in various shops in the city, and at one point, working at Bergstrom Field. They lived here until the early 1950s, when they moved to a house on Romeria Drive.

The house was converted to a duplex in 1952, and has been a rental unit since that time. The house has seen a high turnover in tenants, with none listed in consecutive city directories. Tenants included a student, a gas station attendant, two servicemen in the Air Force, clerks, and employees of Laguna Gloria Art Museum.

### STAFF COMMENTS

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The house was listed with no priority for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

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

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame early 1930s bungalow with a recessed central entry that does not correspond to the footprint of the house shown on the 1935 nor the 1962 Sanborn maps. However, the materials of the house seem to indicate that this was the original, or at a minimum, historic configuration, despite the rendering on the Sanborn maps, and there are no building permits that evidence a remodeling of the house to enclose the front porch shown on the maps. With the exception of the recessed entry, the house reflects a common style with no architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was either rented or owned by a barber and his wife for about 20 years during the historic period; 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**

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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. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2018-0014  
LOCATION: 500 W 35th Street



1" = 131'

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500 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1931



Doorway showing probable enclosure of porch to right of the front door.

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 500 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street

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

- 1992        A:     Catherine Krantz, renter  
                      No occupation listed  
                      NOTE: The directory indicates that Catherine Krantz was a new resident  
                      at this address.  
                      B:     Phyllis Krantzman, renter  
                      No occupation listed
- 1985-86    A:     Betty B. Castle, renter  
                      Secretary, Laguna Gloria Art Museum  
                      B:     Russell D. Ford, renter  
                      Groundskeeper, Laguna Gloria Art Museum
- 1981        A:     Leith Hertel, renter  
                      NOTE: There is no listing for a Leith Hertel in the alphabetical section of  
                      the directory.  
                      B:     Deborah Epperson, renter  
                      Waitress  
                      NOTE: The directory indicates that Deborah Epperson was a new  
                      resident at this address,
- 1977        A:     Ansen IK. Long, renter  
                      No occupation listed  
                      B:     Vacant
- 1973        Gary Stryk, renter  
                      Construction worker  
                      NOTE: The directory indicates that Gary Stryk was a new resident at this  
                      address.
- 1968        Vacant
- 1965        Raymond and Evelyn Langford, renters  
                      Attendant, Hancock Service Station (multiple locations)
- 1960        Edmond and Norma Kaase, renters  
                      Salesman, Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Carl W. and Wanda L. Martin, renters  
                      U.S. Air Force
- 1957        A:     Judith C. Wright, renter  
                      Stenographer, State Employment Commission  
                      B:     Fred W. and Beatrice Coburn, renters  
                      U.S. Air Force

- 1954      A:      Richard A. and Mary Nutter, renters  
                  Richard:      Clerk, State Treasury  
                  Mary:              Tabulator, State Board of Insurance Commissioners  
             B:      Merle P. and Jacqueline Sarver, renters  
                  Merle:              Student  
                  Jacqueline:      Clerk, State Highway Department
- 1952      Vacant
- 1949      David I. and Lucille D. Williams, renters  
             Proprietor, Williams Barber Shop, 914 W. Mary Street.
- 1947      David I. and Lucille D. Williams, renters  
             Barber, Bergstrom Field
- 1944-45   David I. and Lucille D. Williams, renters  
             Barber
- 1941      David I. and Lucille D. Williams, owners  
             Proprietor, Williams Barber Shop, 3709½ Guadalupe Street.
- 1939      David I. and Lucille D. Williams, owners  
             Barber
- 1937      David I. and Lucille D. Williams, owners  
             Barber, 2608½ Speedway
- 1935      David I. and Lucille Williams, renters  
             Barber, 105 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street
- 1932-33   T.A. Edwards, renter  
             Teacher, Austin State School  
             NOTE: The house is listed as 408 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, which is also the address  
             shown on the 1935 Sanborn map below.  
             NOTE: David I. and Lucille Williams are listed at 102 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street; he was a  
             barber with a shop at 107 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1930-31   The address is not listed in the directory.  
             NOTE: Travis A. Edwards is listed as a supervisor at Austin State School. He  
             had no residential address shown.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

#### **David I. and Lucille Williams (ca. 1933 – ca. 1951)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows David I. and Lucille Williams as the renters of this house. David I. Williams was 50, had been born in Arkansas, and was a barber in a private shop. Lucille Williams was 41, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: David, Jr., 21, a serviceman at gasoline filling station; Imogene, 15; and Mary Jane, 9. All the children were born in Texas.

Also at this address, but not appearing in the city directory, are Isadore L. and Sarah Galeski, renters. Isadore Galeski was a 21-year old Texas-born man in charge of the cold storage vault at a dairy. He lived in Lockhart, Texas in 1935. Sarah Galeski, 18, had been born in Texas,

and had no occupation listed. She lived in rural Falls County, Texas in 1935. They had no children listed with them.

David and Lucille Williams appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1812 Guadalupe Street in Austin. David Williams was 41, had been born in Arkansas, and was a barber. Lucille Williams was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: David R., 10; and Imogene, 5. Both children had been born in Texas. With them lived Lucille Williams' mother, Sarah Golightly, a 68-year old Mississippi-born widow with no occupation; and a lodger, Jake Steussy, 32, who had been born in Texas and was divorced. Jake Steussy was a salesman for an insurance company.

David Isaiah Williams' World War I draft registration card shows that he was born in 1888 in Point Cedar, Arkansas. He was living in Coolidge, Limestone County, Texas at the time of his 1917 registration. He was a barber in Coolidge with a wife. He was of medium height with a slender build. He had light brown hair and blue eyes.

His 1962 death certificate shows that David I. Williams was living at 1311 Romero [sic, Romeria] Drive at the time of his death. He was born in 1887 in Arkansas and was a retired barber. Lila Lucille Williams was living at 1311 Romeria Drive at the time of her death in 1982. She was born in Texas in 1897 to Andrew and Sarah Golightly. She was a widowed homemaker.

### **D. I. WILLIAMS**

**D. I. Williams, 1311 Romero Drive, died in a local hospital Thursday. Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Mel Boarst of Evansville, Ind., and Mrs. J. P. McKee of Glendora, Calif.; son, David R. Williams of Austin; sister, Mrs. Frank Moorman of Houston; and five grandchildren.**

**Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m., at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Leroy Russell officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Graham D. Moorman, Grannon Moorman, T. H. Walden, James D. Hunter, Clarence Joiner and O. K. Hyden.**

Obituary of David I. Williams  
Austin American, February 2, 1962

**WILLIAMS, Lucile, 84,  
of Austin, died Thursday.  
Graveside services 2 p.m.  
today at Austin Memorial  
Park. (Wood-Corley)**

Death notice for Lucille Williams  
Austin American-Statesman, September 11, 1982

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

**PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE** AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 710 71

M. E. Stryk Address 500 West 35th

Plumber F. J. D. Size of Tap 1/2 Date 11/5/31

*Revised 10-1-43*

Date of Connection 11/9/31 Foreman's Report

No. Fittings	Size	Req. No.
1 Curb Cock	1/2"	832B
1 Elbow	3/4"	
1 St. Elbow	3/4"	
Bushing	3/4"	
Reducer	3/4"	
22' Pipe	3/4"	
1 Comp.	3/4"	
1 Nipples	3/4"	
1 Plug	3/4"	
1 Tee	3/4"	
1 Stop	3/4"	
1 Box	3/4"	
1 Lid	3/4"	
Valves		

Size of Tap Made 3/4"  
 Size Service Made 3/4"  
 Size Main Tapped 6"  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'  
 From Prop. Line to Curb Cock N 19'  
 Location of Meter at curb  
 Type of Box lock  
 Depth of Main in St. 3'  
 Depth of Service Line 18"  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 23'  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 12-4-31 JCA

Foreman's Signature Burman

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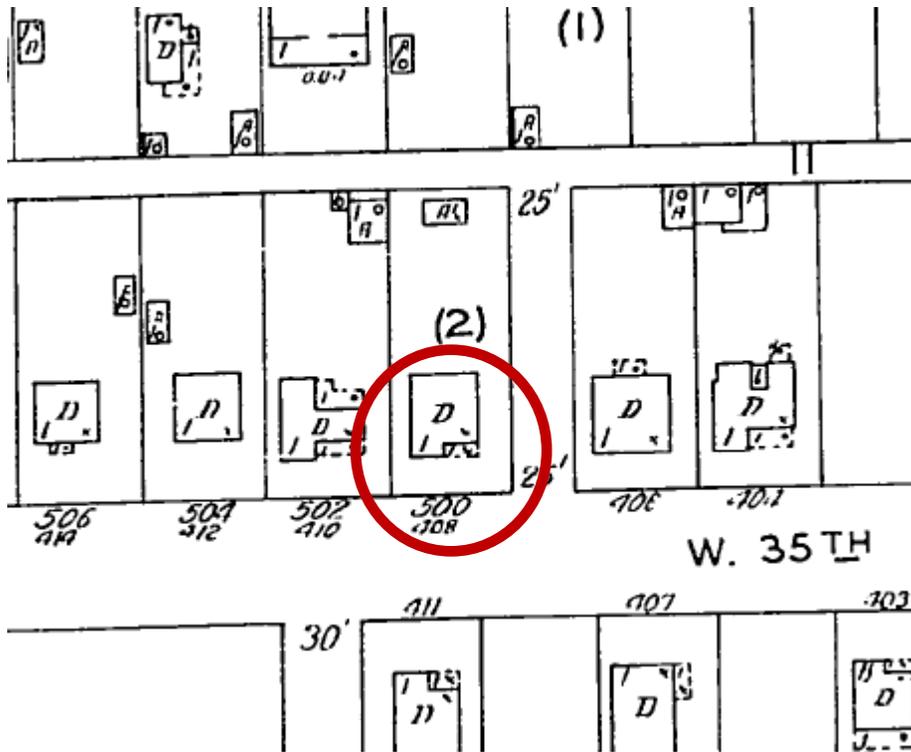
Water service permit for this address (1931)

**E. L. Stryk** 500 West 35th St.  
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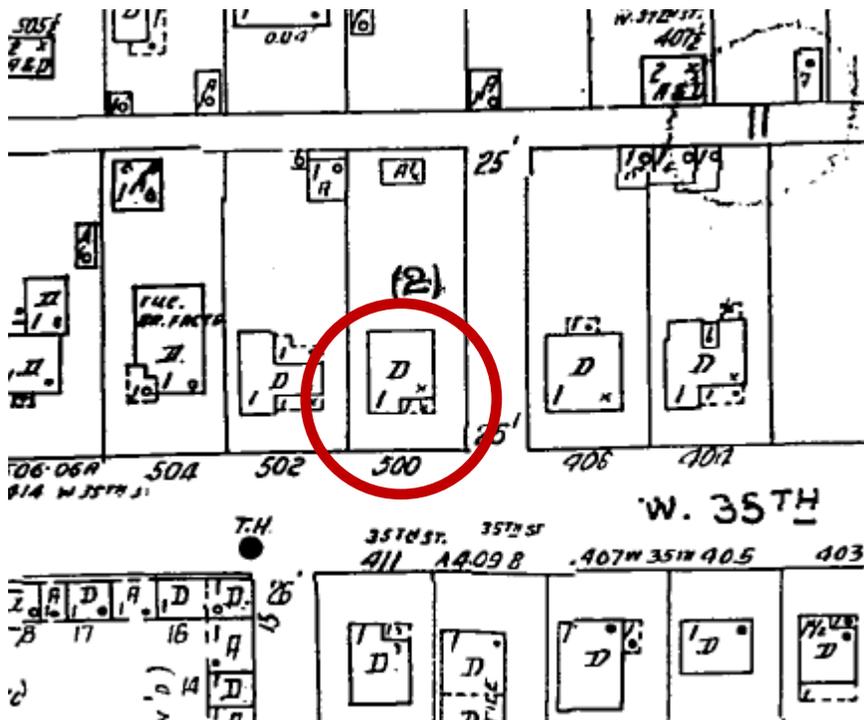
**Steinle**  
 Frame addition to residence and convert  
 into duplex.  
 50560 4-3-52 \$600.00

Owner 4 added

Building permit to E.L. Stryk for a frame addition to convert the house into a duplex (1952)  
 NOTE: Gary Stryk is listed as the renter of this house in the 1973 city directory.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the house with its former address of 408 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street; the map also shows a porch on the east side of the house, which may have been enclosed.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map above.