

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2018
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
NRD-2017-0090
1404 W. 9TH STREET
WEST LINE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1923 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One- and two-story rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a two-story, side-gabled addition to the rear. The original house has a partial-width, semi-inset porch on square wood posts and stuccoed piers; single, paired, and triple 6:1 fenestration with matching window configurations in the second-story addition to the rear.

RESEARCH

The original part of the house was built in 1923 by Albert and Ethel Dearing, who lived here off- and on until around 1958. Albert Dearing was a native of south Travis County, where he grew up on a farm on Manchaca Road. He moved into Austin by 1917, and was working as a motorman for the Austin Street Railway Company. By 1920, according to the census report, Albert and Ethel Dearing were living on W. 12th Street. Albert Dearing worked as an auto mechanic. They lived in this house from around 1923 to around 1925, and around 1928 to around 1930, with renters filling the intervals. The Dearings were living in San Antonio in 1930, but returned to this house in 1936. Albert Dearing is listed in city directories as a building contractor, welder, and a weather-stripping contractor for the time that he and Ethel lived here. They remained here until around 1958.

The house was vacant in the early 1960s; city directories from that time forward show a history of rentals.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is contributing to the West Line Historic District.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use. There does not appear to be any structural issues with this house, and it is contributing to the West Line National Register Historic District. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends the 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



1" = 167'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2017-0090
1404 W. 9TH STREET



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1404 W. 9th Street
ca. 1923





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1404 W. 9th Street

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

1992	Conrad, III and Bernardine F. Bering, owners Proprietor, Barton Springs Nursery, 428 Sterzing Street.
1985-86	Conrad Bering, III, renter No occupation listed NOTE: Bernardine F. Bering is not listed in the directory.
1981	No return NOTE: Conrad Bering, III is not listed in the directory.
1977	Vacant
1973	Harold G. and Billy J. Davis, owners No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Harold G. and Billy J. Davis were new residents at this address.
1968	Irvin and Velda Mouser, renters Salesman, Sears, department store, 1000 E. 41 st Street and 1503 W. Ben White Boulevard.
1965	Vacant

1961	Vacant NOTE: Albert and Ethel Dearing do not appear in the 1959 city directory. The 1960 city directory shows them at 1201 Dwyce Drive; neither had an occupation shown.
1957	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners Contractor (office at the house)
1954	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners Building contractor (office at the house)
1952	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners Mechanic
1949	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners Proprietor, Over Head Door Company (office at the house)
1947	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners No occupation listed
1944-45	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners Welder
1941	Albert A. and Ethel Dearing, owners Weatherstripping contractor (office at the house)
1939	Albert A. and Ethel Dearing, owners No occupation listed
1937	Albert A. and Ethel Dearing, renters Welder
1935	James H. and Emma Francis, renters Delivery man, Greenwood Drug Company, 922 Congress Avenue and 2552 Guadalupe Street. NOTE: Albert and Ethel Dearing are listed at 1706 W. 9½ Street. He had no occupation shown.
1932-33	Vacant
1930-31	Garnett and Mittie Lewis, renters Manager, American Cleaners and Dyers, 1516 Lavaca Street.
1929	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners Mechanic, Southland-Red ball Motor Bus Company; office, 205 W. 4 th Street; depot, 605-07 Brazos Street.
1927	James C. and Lula Bryant, renters Engineer, City Water, Light and Power Department. NOTE: Albert A. and Ethel Dearing are not listed in the directory.
1924	Albert and Ethel Dearing, owners Machinist

1922 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: Albert and Ethel Dearing are listed at 912 West Lynn Street; he was a mechanic.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Albert and Ethel Dearing (ca. 1923 – ca. 1925, ca. 1928 – ca. 1930, and ca. 1936 – ca. 1958)

Albert Dearing appears in the 1910 U.S. Census as the 19-year old son of Jake and Frances Dearing, who lived on a rented farm on the Manchaca Road in Travis County. Albert had been born in Texas, and was a laborer on the home farm. His father, Jake Dearing, 55, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and is listed as a farmer. Albert's mother, Frances Dearing, 44, had also been born in Texas to German-born parents. She had no occupation listed. Albert had an older brother, Charles, 23, a Texas-born farm laborer, and two younger siblings, Joseph, 17, a Texas born farm laborer, and May, 16, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that Albert Dearing was living at 1504 W. 8th Street in Austin. He was born in 1890 in Big Springs, Texas, and was a motorman for the Austin Street Railway Company. He was married, and had served as a corporal in the Cavalry of the Texas State Guard. He was of medium height and build, and had auburn hair and blue eyes.

Albert and Ethel Dearing appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1111 W. 12th Street in Austin. Albert Dearing was 29, had been born in Texas, and was an auto mechanic. Ethel Dearing was 21, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Albert and Ethel Dearing as the renters of a house in San Antonio. Albert Dearing was 40, had been born in Texas, and was a foreman for a welding company. Ethel Dearing was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons: Howard L., 10, who had been born in Texas; and Fred L., 3, who had been born in Missouri.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows A. and Ethel Dearing as the owners of this house, which was worth \$3,000. A. Dearing was 50, had been born in Texas, and was a building contractor. Ethel Dearing was 42, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons: Howard L., 20; and Fred L., 13. Both boys had been born in Texas, and neither had an occupation listed. With them lived Ethel Dearing's mother Margaret Prewitt, an 81-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

Albert Dearing

Albert Dearing, 94 of Austin, died Thursday.

He was a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for sixty years.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM, Saturday in the Colonial Chapel of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with Dr. Loyce Estes officiating. Interment will be in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Dearing was the husband of Ethel Dearing of Austin; father of Fred L. Dearing of Austin; grandfather of Howard R. Dearing of Austin, Linda Hyatt of Lampasas; great-grandfather of eight; brother of Raymond Dearing of Austin.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in memorials to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Obituary of Albert Dearing
Austin American-Statesman, November 16, 1984

Ethel Prewitt Dearing

Ethel Prewitt Dearing, born March 11, 1898, in Northwest Travis County, to James and Margaret Prewitt, died August 9, 1994.

Ethel and Albert Dearing were married in 1916.

She was preceded in death by her ~~husband, Albert Dearing;~~ and two sons, Howard L. and Fred L. Dearing.

Survivors include her two grandchildren, Howard R. Dearing of Austin and Linda Dearing Hyatt of Lampasas; daughter-in-law, Jayne Dearing of Lampasas; eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, August 13, 1994, in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with a graveside service to follow at Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Carroll Von Roeder, George Montz, Glenn Smith, Clyde Spencer, Chester Faught and Hudson Griffith. Honorary pallbearers ~~will be Charles Dearing, Clifford Dear-~~ ing, Glenn Hyatt and Andrew Hyatt.

Mrs. Dearing was a life-long member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and her wishes were, that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 6800 Woodrow Avenue, Austin, Texas 78757.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar.

Obituary of Ethel Dearing
Austin American-Statesman, August 11, 1994

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. 636
6-1-77 *Removed Co. Plugged 6" HCO man*

Received of owner Date 7/22/1929

Address 1404 W. 9th.

Amount Twelve Dollars \$ 12.00

Builder or Owner A. Dearing Plumber _____

Lot 50x230.46 Block _____ Subdivision _____ Plat No. _____

Date of Connection 8/24/1929 5-2677

By City 3' W/ELL See A-2065

By Plumber 3' E. of W/ELL in W9

Checked By MANOR

Size Main 6" Depth 4 1/2'

Main Assgn. in alley 3' from PL

Stub Depth 5' Prop. Line 2'

Stub Location 3' E of W/ELL in W9

Book No. A-909

Paving Cut _____ No. _____

Re-connected new main into old with 15" 6" main pipe 5-26-77

No. Fittings	Size	Price
4" pipe	4" tile	9.00
15" pipe	6" conc.	2.52
Wyes		
1 Bends	6" conc.	2.52
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Backhoe		6.00
Castings		4.40
Other		2.50
H.C. Truck		6.52
Labor: 16-hr		5.20
Foreman 1-hr		1.00
		49.52

Sewer service permit for this address (1929)

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 8577 Ag

M. _____ Address 1404 W 9th St

Plumber See B-8841 Size of Tap 3/4" Date 2-11-33

Lowered Service-Meter Moved Pl. Tap

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 2-11-33

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 13.6"

From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 16.5'

Location of Meter in side curb

Type of Box cast box

Depth of Main in St. 36"

Depth of Service Line 36"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 20.6"

Checked by Engr. Dept. 3-6-33 JCA

No. Fittings	Size	Req. No.
Curb Cock		
Elbow		
St. Elbow		
Bushing		
Reducer		
Pipe		
Lead Comp.		
Nipples		
Union		
Plug		
Tee		
Stop		
Box		
Lid		
Valves		

Foreman's Signature _____

Water service permit for this address (1933)

Albert Dearing 1404 West 9th st
 95 - Pt of b -
 Wendlent Sub.
 Frame Addn to Rear of Res.
 20010 - 7-16-40
 None

Building permit to Albert Dearing for the construction of a frame rear addition (1940)

Albert Dearing 1404 West 9th St.
 95 C - 4 2
 Wendlandt
 Frame addn. to side of garage.
 40137 2-5-49 \$50.00
 Owner

Building permit to Albert Dearing for the construction of a frame addition to the garage (1949)

City records indicate a permit to construct an addition to create a second story in 1984.