

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 26, 2018  
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS  
NRD-2017-0087  
1410 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
WEST LINE HISTORIC DISTRICT

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1910 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-and-a-half story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a partial-width front-gabled independent porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 1:12 fenestration; entry door has sidelights; hipped-roof addition to the east (right) of the main block of the house.

**RESEARCH**

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The house as built around 1910. The first occupant was Howard Stoune, an insurance agent, who lived here until around 1917. The house was then owned and occupied by Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, until Alye Becker's death in 1978. Francis C. Becker was from Taylor, Texas. He worked at a variety of jobs, including as a deputy collector for the Internal Revenue Service, before becoming the auditor, and later assistant manager of the Driskill Hotel.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is contributing to the West Line Historic District.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as the house appears to be structurally sound and retains a high degree of integrity, and is contributing to the historic district, so demolition may be delayed pursuant to 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, and the Commission's review of plans for new construction on the site.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: NRD-2017-0087  
1410 W. 9TH STREET



1" = 167'

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1410 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1910





Rear structure

OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1410 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

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

- 1992        A:    No return  
              B:    Pat Thompson, renter  
                  No occupation listed  
                  NOTE: The directory indicates that Pat Thompson was a new resident at  
                  this address.
- 1985-86    A:    Vacant  
              B:    Sue Dennis, renter  
                  No occupation listed
- 1981        J. Willis, renter  
              No occupation listed  
              NOTE: The directory indicates that J. Willis was a new resident at this address.  
              ½:    William P. Allen, renter  
                  No occupation listed  
                  NOTE: The directory indicates that William P. Allen was a new resident at  
                  this address.
- 1977        Mrs. Allye B. Becker, owner  
              Widow, Francis C. Becker  
              No occupation listed  
              ½:    Steven Cuhn, renter  
                  Contractor  
                  NOTE: The directory indicates that Steven Cuhn was a new resident at  
                  this address.
- 1973        Mrs. Allye B. Becker, owner  
              Widow, Francis C. Becker  
              Retired  
              ½:    Mrs. Mayme W. Debilzn, renter  
                  Widow, John Debilzn  
                  Retired
- 1968        Allye B. Becker, owner  
              Widow, Francis C. Becker  
              Retired  
              Also listed is Francis C. Becker, Jr., no occupation shown.
- 1965        Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
              Retired  
              Rear: Francis B. Becker, Jr., renter  
                  Driver, Yellow Cab
- 1961        Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
              No occupation listed  
  
              Ima B. Payne, renter

Statistician, State Department of Public Welfare

1957 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
No occupation listed

Ima B. Payne, renter  
Statistician, State Department of Public Welfare

1954 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Rancher

1952 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Rancher

1949 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

1947 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

1944-45 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

Ima B. Payne, renter  
Statistician, State Department of Public Welfare

1941 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

Ima B. Payne, renter  
Research assistant, State Department of Public Welfare

1939 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

Merl T. and Edna E. Johnson, renters  
Driver

1937 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

Merl T. and Edna E. Johnson, renters  
Bus driver

1935 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel  
Also listed is Francis C. Becker, Jr., no occupation shown.

1932-33 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

Collin L. and Dean Shaw, renters  
Stonecutter

- 1930-31 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters  
Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel  
  
Mrs. Estelle J. Boese, owner  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is Wallace Boese, a shipping clerk for Railey Paper Company, wholesale dealers in school supplies, wrapping paper, bags, twine, and Wizard sweeping compound, 310 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1929 Estelle Boese, owner  
No occupation listed  
Also listed are Olin and Eileen Boese; he was a draftsman for Giesecke and Harris, architects, 205 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and Wallace Boese, a clerk for Railey Paper Company, 310 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Also listed are Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters. He was the auditor for the Driskill Hotel.
- 1927 Forest C. and Olive Abbott, renters  
Clerk, Gulf Refining Company, 5<sup>th</sup> and Chicon Streets.  
Also listed are Francis C. and Allye B. Becker; he was an auditor for the Driskill Hotel.  
NOTE: Estelle Boese is listed at 705 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. She had no occupation shown. With her lived Charles O. Boese, a student at the University of Texas; and Olin Boese, a draftsman for Giesecke and Harris, architects, 205 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1924 William T. and Lady F. McCutcheon, renters  
Farmer  
NOTE: Francis C. and Allie B. Becker are listed as rooming at 312 Bowie Street; neither had an occupation shown.
- 1922 M. Jay and Elizabeth McSween, renters  
Salesman, Walter Tips Company, wholesale and retail hardware, 708-12 Congress Avenue.
- 1920 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Book-keeper, Thomas Motor Car Company (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory).
- 1918 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners  
Deputy collector, U.S. Internal Revenue Service
- 1916 Howard C. Stoune  
Salesman, Carl Wendlandt, real estate and loans, 70 Congress Avenue.  
NOTE: Francis C. Becker is listed at 1304 San Jacinto; he was a deputy with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
- 1914 Howard C. Stoune  
Agent, American National Insurance Company of Galveston, 403-05 Littlefield Building.
- 1912-13 Howard C. Stoune  
No occupation listed

Ollie J. Hinton  
Foreman, International and Great Northern Railroad.

1910-11 Howard C. Stoune  
Agent, American National Insurance Company of Galveston, 117½ E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

1909-10 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Howard Stoune is listed at 306 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. He was a life insurance agent.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Howard C. and Minnie Stoune (ca. 1910 – ca. 1917)**

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Howard C. and Minnie Stoune at 1206 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Howard C. Stoune was 31, had been born in Arkansas to a German-born father and a Louisiana-born mother, and was an insurance agent. Minnie Stoune was 28, had been born in Texas to Louisiana-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Carldean, 9 months, who had been born in Texas.

Howard Stoune died in Waco in 1940. His death certificate shows that he was born in 1878 in Mount Hope, Alabama, and that he was a retail shoe salesman. He was buried in Waco.

#### **Estelle Boese (ca. 1928 – ca. 1932)**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Estelle Boese as a renter at this address. She lived here with her son, Wallace. Estelle Boese was 45, had been born in Arkansas, and had no occupation listed. Wallace B. Boese was 22, had been born in Texas, and was a shipping clerk for a wholesale paper company. By 1940, she was living in the home of her son, Olin, at 1607 Westover Road in Austin. She was a dressmaker.

Estelle Boese died in 1962 and is buried in San Antonio.

#### **Francis C. and Allie B. Becker (ca. 1917 – ca. 1978)**

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that Francis Charles Becker was living in Taylor, Texas. He was a deputy collector for Internal Revenue for the U.S. Government in Austin. He was of medium height and had a stout build, blue eyes, and dark hair.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Francis and Annie [sic] Becker as the owners of this house. Francis Becker was 26, had been born in Texas to a Texas-born father and an Austrian-born mother. He was a book-keeper for a motor company. Annie Becker was 27, had been born in Texas to a Texas-born father and a Louisiana-born mother. She had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Francis, 4; and Virginia, 1. Both children had been born in Texas.

Francis C. and Allie B. Becker appear as the owners of this house in the 1930 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$3,500. Francis C. Becker was 36, had been born in Texas, and was the auditor for a lumber yard. Allie B. Becker was 37, had been born in Texas, and was a stenographer for a lumber yard. Their son, Francis C. Becker, Jr. was 14, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Allie Becker's brother, Vance K. Whitehead, 24, who had been born in Texas, and was a line man for the telephone company.

Francis C. Becker died in 1966. His death certificate shows that he was living in this house at the time of his death. He was born in 1893 in Taylor, Texas, and was an assistant hotel manager.

**FRANCIS C. BECKER**

Francis C. Becker, age 72, 1410 West 9th St., died in an Austin hospital Monday morning after a long illness. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 56 years. Before retiring he had been an employe of the Driskill Hotel for more than 25 years. He was a member of Austin Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite Bodies and the W. O. W. Lodge.

He is survived by his widow; a son, Francis C. Becker; a daughter, Mrs. C. H. Staton; a sister, Miss Lillie Becker; and one grandchild, all of Austin.

Funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. J. H. E. Willman of Llano officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be W. D. Bates, Merl T. Johnson, Joe Hobbs, David Tomme, C. H. Staton and Neville Johnston.

Obituary of Francis C. Becker  
Austin American, March 29, 1966

**BECKER, Allye B.**, 85, 1410 W. 9th St., died Saturday. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: daughter, Patricia Ann Jones of Liberty Hill; son, Francis C. Becker Jr. of Liberty Hill; brothers, Louis Whitehead, Cecil Whitehead, both of Austin; two grandchildren.

Obituary of Allye B. Becker  
Austin American-Statesman, January 16, 1978

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 4293 *H*

Austin, Texas

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/20/1917  
 Address: 1410 W. 9th. front house  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot A- Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. \_\_\_\_\_

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| Stub Location _____                   |  |
| Book No. <u>A-926</u>                 |  |
| Paving Cut _____ No. _____            |  |

Sewer service permit for this address (1917)