HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MAY 21, 2018 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2018-0173 5112 AVENUE G

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, frame house with synthetic siding, and a partialwidth independent porch on plain, square wood posts with decorative corner brackets; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in the fall of 1940 by Alfred M. and Elsie Joseph, who lived here until the mid-1980s. The Josephs had lived on Taylor Street before moving into this house. Alfred M. Joseph was a cable splicer for the city electrical department until around 1948, when he became a carrier for the Austin American-Statesman, a job he held until his death in 1975. Elsie Joseph worked as a presser for a laundry. After Alfred's death, Elsie continued to live in this house for another 10 years or so before moving back to Fredericksburg, where she grew up. She died in Fredericksburg in 1989.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

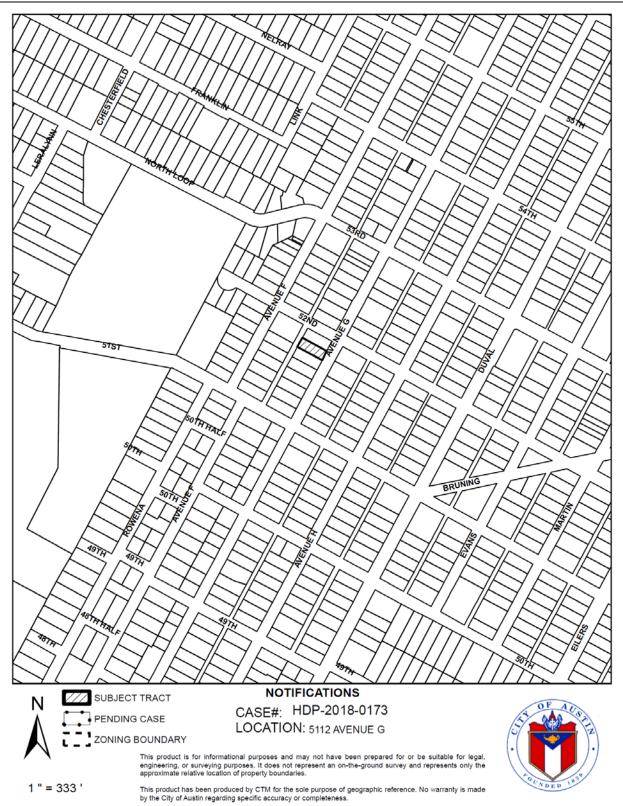
Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

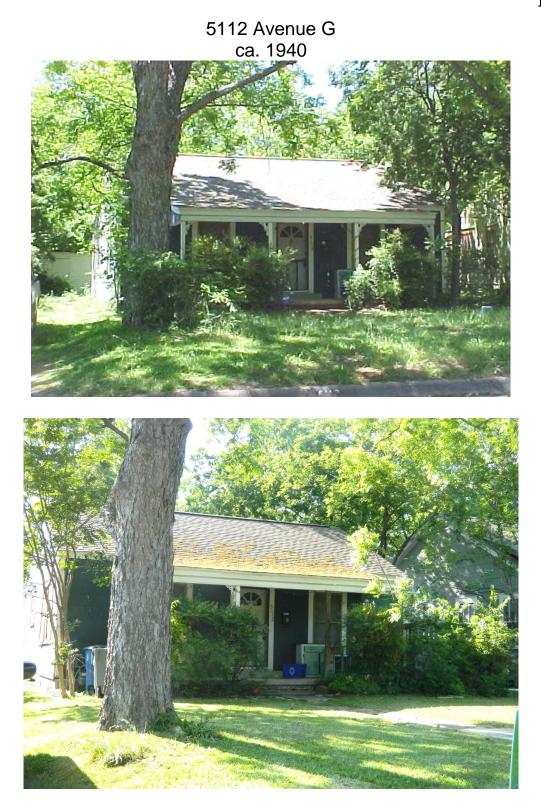
- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame house in the minimal traditional style common at the end of the 1930s and throughout the 1940s and 1950s. This house has no architectural distinction within its style classification.
- b. **Historical association**. The house was owned by the same couple for over 40 years; he was a carrier for the Austin newspaper; she was a presser in a laundry. There does not appear to be any 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, as the house is typical for the neighborhood, 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. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP





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OCCUPANCY HISTORY 5112 Avenue G

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office May, 2010

1990 Carol Joseph, renter No occupation listed

1985-86 Vacant

- 1981 Elsie C. Joseph, owner Retired
- 1977 Elsie C. Joseph, owner Widow, Alfred M. Joseph Retired
- 1972 Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners Carrier, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>
- 1967 Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners Carrier, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>
- 1963 Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners Carrier, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>
- 1960 Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners Employed by the Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>

1957	Alfred M. Joseph, owner (Elsie Joseph is not listed in the directory) Paper carrier
1954	Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners No occupation listed
1952	Alfred M. and Elsa Joseph, owners Paper carrier
1949	Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners Paper carrier
1947	Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners Laborer
1944-45	Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph, owners Laborer
1942	Alfred and Elsie Joseph, owners No occupation listed
1941	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Alfred M. and Elsie Joseph are listed at 1212 Taylor Street. He was a helper with the City Electrical Department.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Alfred M. and Elsie C. Joseph (ca. 1940 – ca. 1984)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alfred M. and Elsie Joseph as the renters of the house at 1212 Taylor Street in Austin. Alfred M. Joseph was 41, had been born in Texas, and was a cable splicer helper for the city. Elsie Joseph was 35, had been born in Texas, and was a presser at a laundry. They had no children listed with them.

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that Alfred Max Joseph was living in Manor, Texas, where he was a blacksmith for William Joseph, his father. He was short, and had a medium build, brown eyes, and black hair.

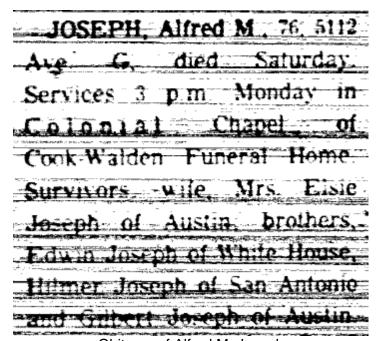
Alfred Joseph died in 1975 after being hit by a train on Koenig Lane. His death certificate shows that he was living in this house at the time of his death. He was born in 1899 in Lee County, Texas, and was a carrier for the Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>. Elsie C. Schmidt Joseph was born in Fredericksburg in 1904 and died there in 1989. She is buried with Alfred in Austin.

TRAIN VICTIM

An Austin man who was struck by a train on April 14 died Saturday morning as a result of his injuries.

Alfred M. Joseph, 76, of 5112 Avenue G, was hit by the train while standing on the track near Koenig Lane last month. was an Austin Joseph resident for 45 years and was the carrier for а 32 American-Statesman for years.

News story on the death of Alfred Joseph under "Police Beat" Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, May 4, 1975



Obituary of Alfred M. Joseph Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, May 4, 1975



MR. ALFRED M. JOSEPH

Mr. Alfred M. Joseph, 76, of 5112 Avenue G., died Saturday. Mr. Joseph had been a resident of Austin for 45 years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, Royal Neighbors and the Praetorians. Mr. Joseph was a veteran of World War I and had been a carrier for the Austin American for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife. Elsie Joseph, of Austin; brothers, Edwin Joseph, of White House, Texas, Hilmer Joseph, of San Antonio, and Gilbert Joseph, of Austin.

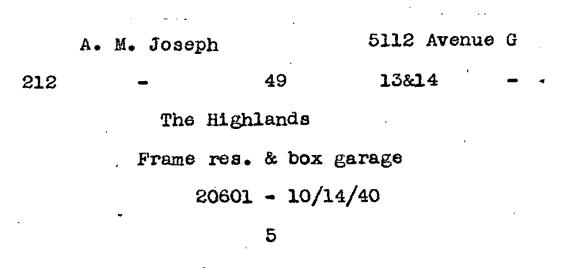
Funeral services will be held at 3:00 P.M. Monday in the Colonial Chapel of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with Pastor David Seibert officiating. Interment will be in the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pailbearers are: Ernest Motlock, Sr., Ervin Nixon, Gebard Peterman. Mervyn Krause, Dayton Chapman. Louis Boehnemann. Honorary Pallbearers are: Everett Chastain. Clifford Kubicek. James Tully, H.V. Carlson, Willie T. Walker, and all Employees of The American-Statesman.

Funeral notice for Alfred M. Joseph Austin American-Statesman, May 5, 1975

JOSEPH, Elsie Schmidt, 85, of Fredericksburg died Sunday. Services 10:30 a.m. today, Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. (Schaetters, Fredericksburg)

Death notice for Elsie Joseph Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, September 6, 1989



Building permit to Alfred M. Joseph for the construction of the house and detached garage (1940)

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Building permit to Alfred M. Joseph for the construction of a rear addition (1950)