

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 25, 2018**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**HDP-2018-0256**  
**3705 WINDSOR ROAD**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, stone-veneered house on a stone foundation; metal-framed multi-lite casement windows.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1951 by John K., and Mary Hurst, who lived here until around 1953. John K. Hurst was the president of a loan company on the north end of Congress Avenue. From around 1953 until around 1990, the house was owned and occupied by Howard O'Brien Johnson and his wife, Dorothy. H. O'Brien Johnson was a salesman for office machines; Dorothy Johnson was a secretary at the University of Texas.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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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 one-story, stone-veneered house with possible references to a rustic style, but otherwise with no architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house has had two families as owners and occupants in its historic period; the first was the owner of a loan company, the second was an office equipment salesman. There do not appear 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**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, 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



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 151'

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2018-0256  
LOCATION: 3705 Windsor Road



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3705 Windsor Road  
ca. 1951



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3705 Windsor Road

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

- 1992 Jon M. and Meredith Power, owners  
President, Software Translation, Inc. 1114 Lost Creek Boulevard.
- 1985-86 H. O'Brien and Dorothy G. Johnson, owners  
Retired
- 1977 H. O'Brien and Dorothy G. Johnson, owners  
Salesman, Remco Office Products, 1003 W. 6<sup>th</sup> street.
- 1968 H. O'Brien and Dorothy G. Johnson, owners  
H. O'Brien: Manager, Remington-Rand, office machinery, division of Sperry  
Rand, 1003 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Dorothy: Office secretary, University of Texas
- 1959 H. O'Brien and Dorothy G. Johnson, owners  
H. O'Brien: Salesman, Remington-Rand, office machines, 1003 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Dorothy: Office secretary, University of Texas
- 1954 H. O'Brien and Dorothy G. Johnson, owners  
Salesman, Remington-Rand, business machines, 1003 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

NOTE: John K. and Mary Hurst are listed at 3913 Balcones Drive. He was the vice-president of the Texas Warrant Company, 1302 Congress Avenue.

1952 John K. and Mary Hurst, owners  
President, Texas Warrant Company, loans, 1302 Congress Avenue.

1949 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: John K. and Mary Hurst are listed at 710 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment B.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

**John K. and Mary Hurst (ca. 1951 – ca. 1953)**

John Kennard Hurst was born in Grimes County, Texas in 1919 and died in Austin in 2005. He served as a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II. Mary Elizabeth Palm Hurst was born in Austin in 1922 and died in Austin in 2014. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Anderson, Grimes County, Texas.

## **John Kennard Hurst**

Hurst, John Kennard, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away Monday, January 3, 2005, in Austin, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary Palm Hurst; his sons, Tom Hurst of Austin, and Edward P. Hurst and wife Denise Hurst of Heath, Texas; his daughters, Betty Hurst of Austin, and Sharon Hurst Hibbert and husband James E. Hibbert of Houston; and his grandchildren, James E. Hibbert, Jr., John Edward Hibbert, and Clarkson P. Hibbert of Houston, and Brenna K. Hurst and Eric A. Hurst of Heath.

Jack was born on September 20, 1919, in Anderson, Grimes County, Texas, son of Lizzie Kennard Hurst and John Thomas Hurst. He graduated as salutatorian of Navasota High School in 1935 and was awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas in 1939.

In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a navigator on a B-17 with the 390th Bomb Group of the U. S. Eighth Air Force in the European Theatre during World War II. His plane was lost to enemy fire on his seventh mission in October, 1943, and he was aided in escape from occupied Holland by members of the Dutch, Belgian, and French underground, returning to Allied hands in January, 1944. Throughout his life, he maintained contact with the Dutch families who risked their lives in his escape.

He and Mary were married in October, 1946, and they celebrated a golden wedding anniversary in 1996. During a long business career, he served as President and Director of TexWood Furniture Corporation for nearly 30 years and was involved as well in the ownership and management of Transportation Enterprises, Inc. and the Texas Warrant Company. He also served as a director of the First National Bank of Anderson for many years and has been a life-long supporter of the University of Texas. Throughout his business career, he has celebrated and encouraged small business endeavor.

In later years, Jack spent many happy hours tending his cattle and his farm east of Anderson.

Of all his jobs, he delighted most in the title of "Granddaddy". His life has been a blessing to many.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Anderson, Texas. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, any memorials be made to the American Red Cross, 2218 Pershing Drive, Austin, Texas 78723; the First Methodist Church of Anderson, P.O. Box 169, Navasota, Texas, 77868; or the 390th Memorial Museum Foundation, 6000 E. Valencia Road, Tucson, Arizona 85706.

Obituary of John K. Hurst  
Austin American-Statesman, January 5, 2005

Mary Elizabeth Palm Hurst passed away on August 12, 2014. Mary was born September 25, 1922, in Austin, the daughter of Edward Joel Palm of Austin and Martha Meachum Palm, originally of Anderson, Texas. She attended public schools in Austin and Huntsville and graduated from the University of Texas with a B.B.A. degree in 1944. She was married to John Kennard Hurst on October 11, 1946 until his death on January 3, 2005.

Like so many of her generation, she learned the necessity for self-reliance, resourcefulness, and kindness to others from earliest days when the hardships of the Great Depression and later the war years impacted the lives of all around her. She was determined that her children have every opportunity within their imaginations, and she was devoted to their many and varied interests as they grew up in Austin. She was active in a wide range of their activities, from Scouts and sports to dance and music. She and Jack never had any doubt as to the primary importance of academics. They were lifelong supporters of education in many arenas.

She was a member of the Junior Helping Hand Society, the Austin Woman's Club, the Women's Symphony League, and the Thankful Hubbard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She

and Jack and a circle of devoted friends met weekly for over thirty years for casual Sunday night supper out followed by desert and coffee in each others' homes.

As her children launched lives and careers of their own, she embarked on a remarkable second act as a restorer of old houses. Her lifelong interest in structures and housing design stood her in good stead as she undertook the conversion of family Victorian homes into commercial office space. The Heritage Society of Austin honored her with Historic Preservation Awards in 1988 for her rehabilitation of the Edward Joel Palm House at 712 W. 14th Street and in 1989 for her rehabilitation of the Fischer Palm Hurst House at 708 W. 10th St. Her old houses were a source of great contentment and a quiet sense of accomplishment for her over the years.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, J. K. Hurst, her sister, Martha P. Cannon, and the first cousins with whom she was raised, W. W. Meachum, III, and Zoleta M. Courtney. She is survived by her sons, Tom Hurst of Austin, and Edward P. Hurst, M.D. and wife Denise Hurst of Heath, Texas; her daughters, Betty Hurst of Austin, and Sharon Hurst Hibbert and husband James E. Hibbert, Sr. of Houston; and her five grandchildren, James E. Hibbert, Jr., John Edward Hibbert, and Clarkson P. Hibbert, all of Houston, and Brenna K. Hurst and Eric A. Hurst, of Heath.

The family will receive callers at the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin, 3125 N. Lamar Boulevard. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that any memorials be made to the Helping Hand Home for Children Foundation, P.O. Box 4185, Austin, Texas 78765; the Austin History Center, P.O. Box 2287, Austin, Texas 78768; or the First United Methodist Church of Anderson, Texas, P.O. Box 462, Anderson, Texas 77830.

Obituary of Mary Elizabeth Hurst  
Austin American-Statesman, August 14, 2014

**Howard O'Brien Johnson and Dorothy G. Johnson (ca. 1953 – ca. 1990)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows H. O'Brien and Dorothy Johnson as the renters of the house at 4706 Ramsey Avenue in Austin. H. O'Brien Johnson was 30, had been born in Texas, and was an office equipment salesman. He lived in Durant, Oklahoma in 1935. Dorothy Johnson was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. She lived in Chickasha, Oklahoma in 1935. They had a son, Robert O'Brien, 1, who had been born in Texas.



### **Dorothy Lee Gordon Johnson**

Dorothy Lee Gordon Johnson died April 11, 1996, at the age of 85. She was born on April 28, 1910, in Whitewright, Texas, to Robert Pitts Gordon and Sophia Pope Gordon.

She was salutatorian of her graduating class at Whitewright High School and attended Kidd Key College in Sherman, graduating in 1929. Mrs. Johnson then attended Southeastern State Teachers' College in Durant, Oklahoma, where she met her future husband, Howard O'Brien Johnson. They were married on June 26, 1937.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Johnson also attended Texas Christian University and taught school first in Chickasha, Oklahoma, and then at Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Mrs. Johnson and her husband made their first home in Fort Worth, spent ten years in Memphis, Tennessee, and moved to Austin in 1953, where they have resided ever since. After working for a short while at the Texas State Legislature, Mrs. Johnson became the secretary to the Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Texas, retiring in 1970. She and her husband enjoyed traveling, and after her retirement Mrs. Johnson be-

came an accomplished painter of china. She was a member of University Christian Church of Austin and the Porcelain Artists of Austin.

She is survived by her husband of Austin; her son, Robert O'Brien Johnson and wife Jackle of Longmont, Colorado; three grandchildren, Clay O'Brien Johnson and wife Joan of Longmont, Colorado, Adam Johnson of Denver, Colorado, and Rebecca Johnson Seymour and husband Michael of Westminster, Colorado; and by two great-granddaughters, Catherine Johnson and Sidney Seymour. Other survivors are a sister, Elizabeth Gordon Carlisle; brother-in-law, James N. Carlisle; nieces, Jane Carlisle Maxwell, Dorothy Kay Carlisle Ash, and Ann Carlisle Silber; great-nieces, Deanna and Melissa Ash and Cheryl Slater; and great-nephew, Carlisle Maxwell.

Viewing is at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 14, 1996, in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Capital Area Division, 3429 Executive Center Drive, #200, Austin Texas 78731. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Dorothy Johnson  
Austin American-Statesman, April 13, 1996

## Howard O'Brien Johnson

Howard O'Brien Johnson died October 2, 2002, at the age of 92. He was born October 15, 1909, in Nacogdoches, Texas, to Willoughby Johnson and Sallie Mae Boger Johnson.

He moved with his family to Durant, Oklahoma, as an infant.

He graduated from Durant High School and attended Southeastern State College in Durant, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and where he met his future wife, Dorothy Lee Gordon.

They were married on June 26, 1937. She died in 1996. He was also preceded in death by his two brothers.

Mr. Johnson worked as an insurance salesman after college, then took a position with Remington Rand, Inc., later Sperry-Rand Corp., in Ft. Worth. He worked first as a salesman and later held a variety of managerial positions in Austin and Memphis, Tennessee, finally returning to Austin in 1953, where he had resided ever since.

He was a deacon and board member of University Christian Church, a member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, and belonged to the Round-Up Club, Longhorn Club, National Office Management Association, and Austin Saengerrunde Club. He and his wife enjoyed traveling together and with friends.

Mr. Johnson is survived by a son, Robert O'Brien Johnson and wife, Jackie of Longmont, Colorado; three grandchildren, Clay O'Brien Johnson and wife, Joan of Longmont, Colorado, Adam Johnson of Denver, Colorado, and Rebecca Johnson Schaller and husband, David of Parker, Colorado; and by three great-grandchildren, Catherine and Henry Clay Johnson and Sidney Seymour. Other survivors include a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Gordon Carlisle of Austin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be cremation; a memorial service to include family and friends will be announced later.

Contributions may be made to Austin Hospice, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78705 (512) 452-8811

Obituary of H. O'Brien Johnson  
Austin American-Statesman, October 4, 2002

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**

E No <sup>165</sup> 2763

Austin, Texas

Received of O'BRIEN JOHNSON Date 2-3-55  
 Address 3705 WINDSOR ROAD  
 Amount TWENTY ANK NO/100 \$ 20.00  
 Plumber H. H. BARRISON Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>2-10-55</u>	
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>	
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>	
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>5 1/2'</u>	
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>2'</u>	
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>	
Type of Box	<u>LOCK</u>	
Depth of Main in St.	<u>2 1/2'</u>	
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>2'</u>	
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>A-21-55 HTB</u>	

  

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock
	Elbow
	St. Elbow
	Bushing
	Reducer
2	Pipe <u>3/4" COPPER</u>
1	Lead-Comp. COPPER <u>3/4"</u>
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
	Tee
1	Stop
	Box
	Lid
1	Valves <u>TILE</u>
	Job No.
	Req. No.

**INDEXED**

*P.O. pipe is 2' west of east P.L.  
 This new meter to be used for old house at  
 3705 Windsor - and old meter on Rockmoor  
 will be used on new house on corner.*

Water service permit to O'Brien Johnson for this address (1955). The permit references that this meter is for the "old" house at 3705 Windsor Road, and the old meter on Rockmoor will be used for a new house on the corner of Windsor and Rockmoor.