

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0219
1908 E. 11TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1931 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, front-gabled independent porch on plain, square wood posts; original board-and-batten siding still evident on the front porch, otherwise sheathed with synthetic siding; single 4:4 fenestration.

RESEARCH

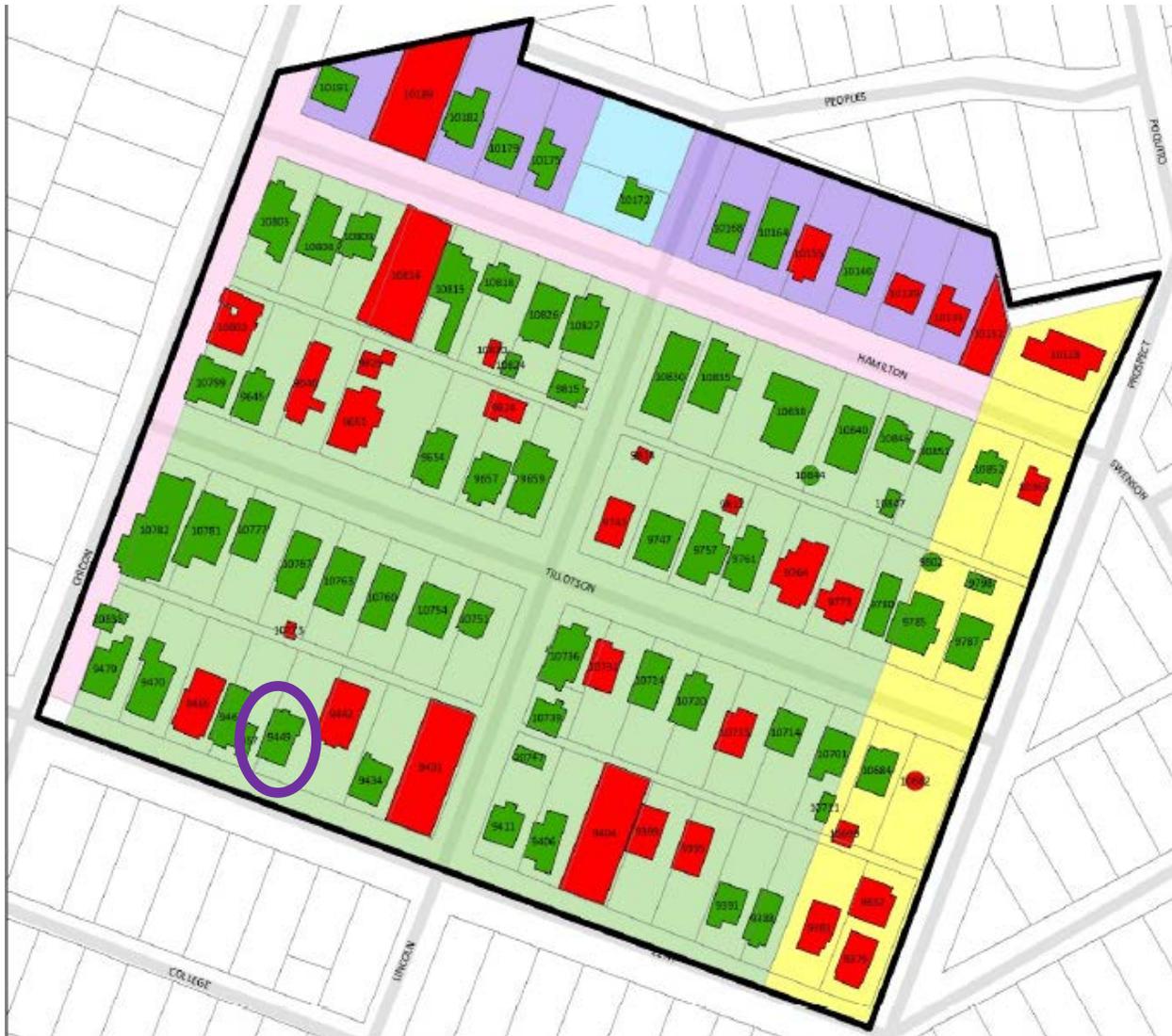
The house appears to have been built around 1931 by Everett F. Rhambo, who lived across the street at 1907 E. 11th Street, as a rental property. Everett F. Rhambo and his wife, Pearl, never lived in this house. Their first tenants were Leon and Viola Wells, who lived here until around 1933. Little is known of Leon Wells but Viola Wells was a patient at the State Lunatic Asylum, according to the 1920 and 1930 U.S. census reports. The next renters were George and Annie Kincheon, who lived here until around 1938. George Kincheon was a porter for the John Bremond Company, a wholesale grocer and coffee roaster.

From around 1938 until around 1942, the house was rented by Daisy Duke, a laundress and domestic. She may have been related to George and Annie Kincheon, as they shared a house on E. 9th Street before each of them moved in to this house. From this house, Daisy Duke and her daughter, Eula, also a maid, moved into Rosewood Courts.

The last renters in the house were Marvin and Hattie Petty, who lived here in the mid-1940s. Marvin Petty was a porter. After World War II, Everett Rhambo, Jr., the son of the man who built the house, and his wife, Dora, are listed as the owners and occupants of the house until around 1970. Everett F. Rhambo, Jr. was a driver for E.M. Scarbrough and Sons, the city's premier department store, for many years. Before that, he was listed as a laborer and then as a singer for an entertainment bureau. Everett Rhambo, Jr. served as an election judge in the 1950s and 1960s, specifically for Precinct 125 at Doris Miller Auditorium on Rosewood Avenue. Dora Rhambo was from Luling, Texas, but came to Austin with her parents while still in school. She graduated from Anderson High School and then Samuel Huston College, and later earned her master's degree from Texas Southern University. She taught school, starting in Temple, Texas, and then according to her obituary, at Crestview, which was not an Austin school, but could refer to a school in Waco. In Austin, she worked with the Ebenezer Child Development Center and with Child, Incorporated. She worked with many civic and charitable associations throughout the city and volunteered at Kealing Junior High School.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was identified as potentially contributing to a historic district in the East Austin Historical Survey (2016), but not as an individual historic landmark.



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

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame early 1930s bungalow that appears to have used recycled materials from an older house in the 4:4 windows, and a board-and-batten exterior, not common for its ca. 1931 construction date. Aside from these anomalies in the construction materials of the house, the house is a typical early 1930s bungalow with little architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was built by Everett F. Rhambo, Sr. as a rental property; not until around 1946 did his son, Everett Rhambo, Jr., take over ownership and occupancy of the house. The house was the home to several seemingly related African-American families during its period of tenancy, all of whom represent typical occupations for the African-American working class in Austin, such as a porter, maid, and laundress. Everett Rhambo, Jr. was a driver for a department store, but also served as a precinct judge in the 1950s and 1960s. His wife, Dora Rhambo, was a school teacher and active in many civic affairs for the African-American community. The house may qualify under this criterion, but lacks the necessary second criterion for landmark designation.

- 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, 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



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0219
LOCATION: 1908 E. 11th Street



1" = 123'

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1908 E. 11th Street
ca. 1931





Detail of 4:4 front window and board-and-batten siding on the front porch.

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1908 E. 11th Street

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

1992	Charles Tribue, renter Employed by the University of Texas
1985-86	Charlesetta Blair, renter Employed by the University of Texas
1981	Charlesetta Blair, renter No occupation listed
1977	Charlesetta Blair, renter No occupation listed
1973	Marie E. Thompson, renter Employed by the State Highway Department NOTE: Charlesetta Blair is listed at 2004 Cornell Street; she had no occupation shown.
1968	Everett F., Jr. and Dora A. Rhambo, owners Driver, City of Austin

- 1965 Everett F., Jr. and Dora A. Rhambo, owners
Driver, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1961 Everett F., Jr. and Dora A. Rhambo, owners
Driver, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1959 Everett F., Jr. and Dora A. Rhambo, owners
Driver, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1957 Everett F., Jr. and Dora A. Rhambo, owners
Driver, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1955 Everett F., Jr. and Dora A. Rhambo, owners
Driver, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1953 Everett F., Jr. and Dora Rhambo, owners
Driver, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1952 Everett F., Jr. and Dora Rhambo, owners
Singer, Gladys Mercer Enterprises, entertainment bureau, 1164 Angelina Street (also the home of the G.E. Mercer Funeral Service).
- 1949 Everett F., Jr. and Dora Rhambo, owners
Laborer
- 1947 Everett F., Jr. and Dora Rhambo, owners
Laborer
NOTE: Everett F., Sr. and Pearl Rhambo lived across the street at 1907 E. 11th Street.
- 1944-45 Marvin and Hattie Petty, renters
Porter
NOTE: Daisy Duke is listed at 1135-B Chicon Street, Court 5, Apartment 7. She had no occupation shown. With her lived Eula Duke, also with no occupation shown.
NOTE: Everett F. Rhambo, Jr. is not listed in the directory.
- 1941 Daisy Duke, renter
No occupation listed
- 1939 Daisy Duke, renter
Laundress
NOTE: George and Annie M. Kincheon are listed at 2005 E. 9th Street. He was an assistant cook for the Texas School for the Deaf. She was a maid at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 7th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1937 George and Annie Kincheon, renters

Porter, John Bremond Company, wholesale grocers and roasters of high grade coffee, 301-03 San Jacinto Street.

NOTE: The alphabetical section of the directory shows George and Annie Kincheon as the renters of 2005 E. 9th Street.

NOTE: Daisy Duke is listed at 2005 E. 9th Street. She was a domestic for Paul and Mildred Schliesser, at 4200 Rosedale Avenue; Paul Schliesser was the sales manager for the Austin Baking Company. With her lived her daughter, Eula, a maid for Henry E. Wattinger, contractor, at 901 W. 6th Street.

- 1935 George and Annie M. Kincheon, renters
No occupation listed
- 1932-33 Leon and Viola Wells, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: George and Annie Kincheon are listed at 1604 E. 9½ Street. He was a porter for the John Bremond Company, wholesale grocers and coffee roasters, 301-03 San Jacinto Street.
- 1930-31 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Leon and Viola Wells are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Leon and Viola Wells (ca. 1931 – ca. 1933)

Viola Wells appears in both the 1920 and the 1930 U.S. Census as a patient at Austin State Hospital (in 1920, the State Lunatic Asylum). She was married, and had been born in Texas. In the 1930 U.S. Census, she is shown as 48 years old.

George and Annie Kincheon (ca. 1933 – ca. 1938)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows George and Anna May Kincheon as the owners of the house at 2005 E. 9th Street in Austin. George Kincheon was 45, had been born in Texas, and did manual labor for the city sewage department. Anna May Kincheon was 43, had been born in Texas, and was a hotel maid. They had 3 children: Goldie May, 19; Artelli, 9 ;and Arleen, 7. All three girls had been born in Texas, and none had an occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows George and Annie Kincheon as the renters of the house at 1604 E. 9½ Street in Austin. George Kincheon was 33, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for a wholesale company. Annie Kincheon was 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived George's brother, T.W. Kincheon, 23, a Texas-born laborer in a garage; Annie Kincheon's brother, Lee Ray Sorrels, 25, born in Texas, and also a laborer in a garage, a step-brother, Eugene Williams, 22, who had been born in Texas, and was a dishwasher in a cafe. George and Annie also had a daughter, Goldie M. Kincheon, 9, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

Annie Mae Kincheon was born in Manchaca, Texas in 1898 and died in Austin in 1941. George Kincheon died in 1959; his last address was 2005 E. 9th Street. He was born in 1899 to Thomas W. Kincheon and Mary B. Medearis in Texas, and was a porter at the U.S. Court House. He served in World War I. Both George and Annie Mae Kincheon are buried in the Williamson Creek Cemetery.

GEORGE E. KINCHEON

Funeral services for George Everett Kincheon, an employe for 17 years at the Federal Building here, will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Rev. J. H. Washington will officiate. Burial will be in Williamson Creek Cemetery under the direction of the Fuller-Mercer-Sheffield Funeral Home.

Kincheon is survived by his father, Thomas W. Kincheon of Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Arlene Neville of Colorado City and Mrs. Goldie Houston and Mrs. Artelia Burditt, both of Austin; five sisters, Mrs. Minnie Overton, Mrs. Bertha Shelton, Mrs. Blumie Crenshaw, Miss Pearl Kincheon and Mrs. Brucie M. Eagles, all of Austin; three brothers, James A. Kincheon, Nicholas G. Kincheon and T. W. Kincheon II, all of Austin; and eight grandchildren.

Obituary of George Kincheon
Austin American, March 17, 1959

Daisy Duke (ca. 1938 – ca. 1943)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Lee A. and Daisy Duke as the renters of the house at 2004 E. 9th Street in Austin. Daisy Duke was 40, had been born in Texas, and was a servant for a private family. Her husband, Lee A. Duke, 50, had been born in Texas, and was a real estate dealer. With them lived Daisy's daughter from a previous marriage, Eula Taylor, a 21-year old Texas-born widow who was a servant for a private family. Eula had a 4-year old son, Robert Lee Taylor, who had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Daisy Dukes [sic] as the renter of this house. She was a 58-year old Texas-born widow who worked as a laundress at home. With her lived her son, Roy Harris, 28, who had been born in Texas, and was a handy man in a private home, and who had lived in Fort Worth in 1935; and her daughter, Eula Duke, 29, who had been born in Texas, and was a maid in a private home. Eula Duke had a son, Robert Lee Duke, 13, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

**DUKE, Daisy, 87, 3101
Goyalle, died Sunday. Services
2 p.m. Tuesday at Simpson
United Methodist Church.
(Fuller-Sheffield)**

Obituary of Daisy Duke
Austin American-Statesman, December 8, 1975

Everett F., Jr. and Dora Rhambo (ca. 1946 – ca. 19)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Everett Rhambo, Jr. as the 28-year old son of Everett and Pearl Rhambo, who owned their home at 1907 E. 11th Street in Austin; that house was worth \$2,000. Everett Rhambo, Jr. was born in Texas, and was a house man in a private home. His father, 56, was a yardman for a retail lumber company. His mother, 54, had no occupation listed.

**~~RHABO, Everett F., of
Austin, died Thursday Ser-
vices 3:30 p.m. Monday at
Ebenezer Baptist Church.
Burial, Evergreen Ceme-
tery. (King-Tears)~~**

Death notice for Everett F. Rhambo, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, January 30, 1983

Dora Alice Rhambo

Dora Alice Rhambo was the fourth child born to the late John and Leora Henry in Luling, Texas on October 20, 1909.

Dora's early education began in Luling. However, the family later moved to Austin where she was able to continue her education graduating from Anderson High School and Samuel Huston College. She later received a master's degree from Texas Southern University.

Mrs. Rhambo began her teaching career at Dunbar in Temple and later continued at Crestview until her retirement. Apparently missing her contact with children, she resumed her line of work at first with the Ebenezer Child Development Center and subsequently with Child Incorporated of Austin. Even after her "second retirement" she found time and energy to do volunteer work at Kealing Junior High School.

Mrs. Rhambo had numerous fraternal and civic affiliations. Among them were: Alpha Kappa Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Capital City Lioness Club, Capital City Assembly Order of Golden Circle No. 247, Cheop Court No. 182, Prince Hall Affiliate, Daughters of Isis, East Austin Garden Club, NAACP, Sunshine Benevolent Club, National Council of Negro Women, W.H. Passon Historical Society, Inc.

Mrs. Rhambo acknowledged Christ early in her life and some time after moving to Austin, she became a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church. She remained a member of Ebenezer until her demise.

She was married to the late Everett Freeman Rhambo July 9, 1942. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rhambo departed this life on Saturday, September 23, 1989.

She leaves to mourn her passing: a nephew, Douglas Henry, San Angelo, Texas; cousins, Robert Stiles, Austin, Texas, James, T.J. and Gertrude Stile of Los Angeles, California; and Mrs. Margaret Mooney, Austin, Texas.

Arrangements under direction of King Tears Mortuary.

Obituary of Dora A. Rhambo
Austin American-Statesman, September 27, 1989

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 254 *Dec. 35*

M. E. F. Rhambo Address 1908 **INDEXED**

Plumber Mosby + Lott Size of Tap 1/2 Date 4-15-31

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection	<u>4/16/31</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>11'</u>
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>6' 10 1/2"</u>
Location of Meter	<u>at curb</u>
Type of Box	<u>curb</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>9'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>20"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>22' 6"</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>5-4-31 JCA</u>

No. Fittings	Size	
1 Curb Cock	5/4"	
1 Elbow	3/4"	
1 St. Elbow	3/4"	
1 Bushing	3/4" x 1/2"	
1 Rammer	1/2" x 1/2"	
2 1/2" Pipe	3/4" copper	
1 Clean Comp.	3/4" pipe	
1 Apples	3/4" pipe	
Union		
Plug		
Tee		
Stop		
Box		
Lid		
Valves		

Foreman's Signature Benson

Req. No. 1988

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Water service permit to Everett F. Rhambo for this house (1931)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 13078 *B*

Austin, Texas

Received of E. F. Rhambo Date Jan. 2, 1937
 Address 1908 E. 11th.
 Amount _____ \$ _____
 Builder or Owner _____ Plumber _____
 Lot 5 Block C O.L. 62 Subdivision College Hts. Plat No. 35

Date of Connection <u>1/5/1937</u>	No. Fittings	Price
By City <u>11' W/ELL</u>	7 1/2" Pipe	4" .75
By Plumber _____	Pipe	
Checked By _____	Wyes	
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth <u>4 1/2'</u>	Bends	.40
Main Assign. <u>in alley 7' from PL</u>	Reducers	
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line <u>2'</u>	Plugs	
Stub Location _____	Sand	
Book No. <u>B-1071</u>	Gravel	
Paving Cut _____ No. _____	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
	Other	Lap .10
		laying pipe .15
		Labor: 3/4 days 2.75

Sewer service permit to Everett F. Rhambo for this address (1937)

E. F. Rhambo **1908 East 11th St.**
35 **9** **C** **5** **B**
College Heights
Box one-room addition to residence
28888 1-25-46 \$50.00
Owner

Building permit to Everett F. Rhambo for an addition to the house (1946)

