

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
 JULY 23, 2018  
 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
 HDP-2018-0288  
 2505 E. 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1941 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, shed-roofed, wraparound porch on stone piers; stone staircase to the front door with stone wing walls; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

## RESEARCH

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The house was built in 1941 for Gilbert Valdez and his wife, Noemi, who lived here until around 1946. Gilbert Valdez was an auto mechanic. Fred and Lupe Alba owned and occupied the house for the remainder of the 1940s until around 1951; he was a truck driver for a building materials company, and later a cement finisher. Beginning around 1953, the house was owned and occupied by Elza and Annie B. Jones. Elza Jones was a construction worker and laborer; he moved out of this house around 1965, and Annie B. Jones remained here through the 1990s. Annie B. Jones worked as a maid.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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The house was not recommended for local or National Register designation in the East Austin Historic Resources Survey (2016).

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:

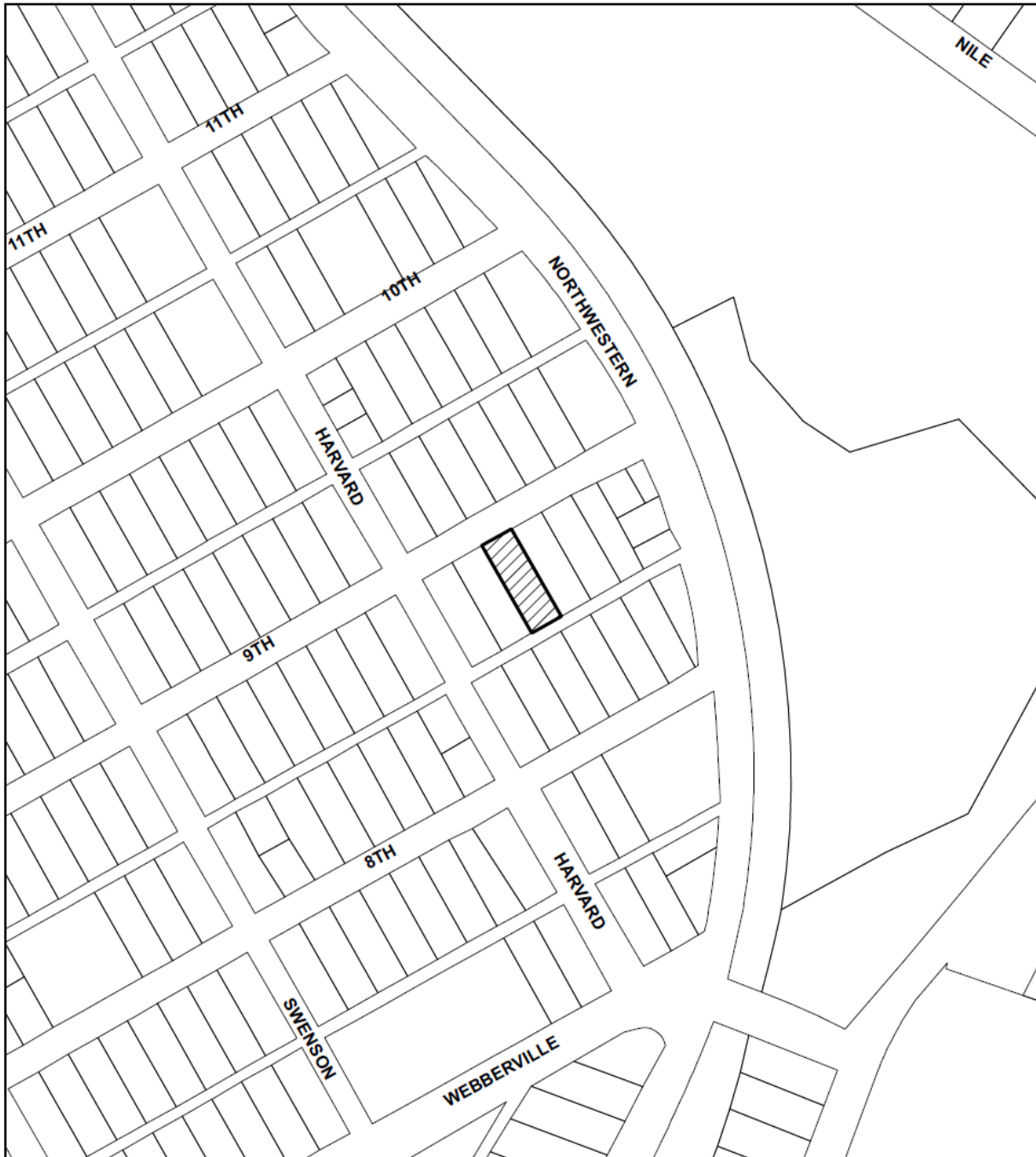
- a. **Architecture.** The most notable architectural feature of the house is the use of stone for the porch posts and the front steps; otherwise the house is a typical vernacular bungalow with no architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was owned by a series of blue-collar workers, including an auto mechanic, a truck driver, and a construction worker. There do 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

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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



1" = 167'



SUBJECT TRACT  
PENDING CASE  
ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

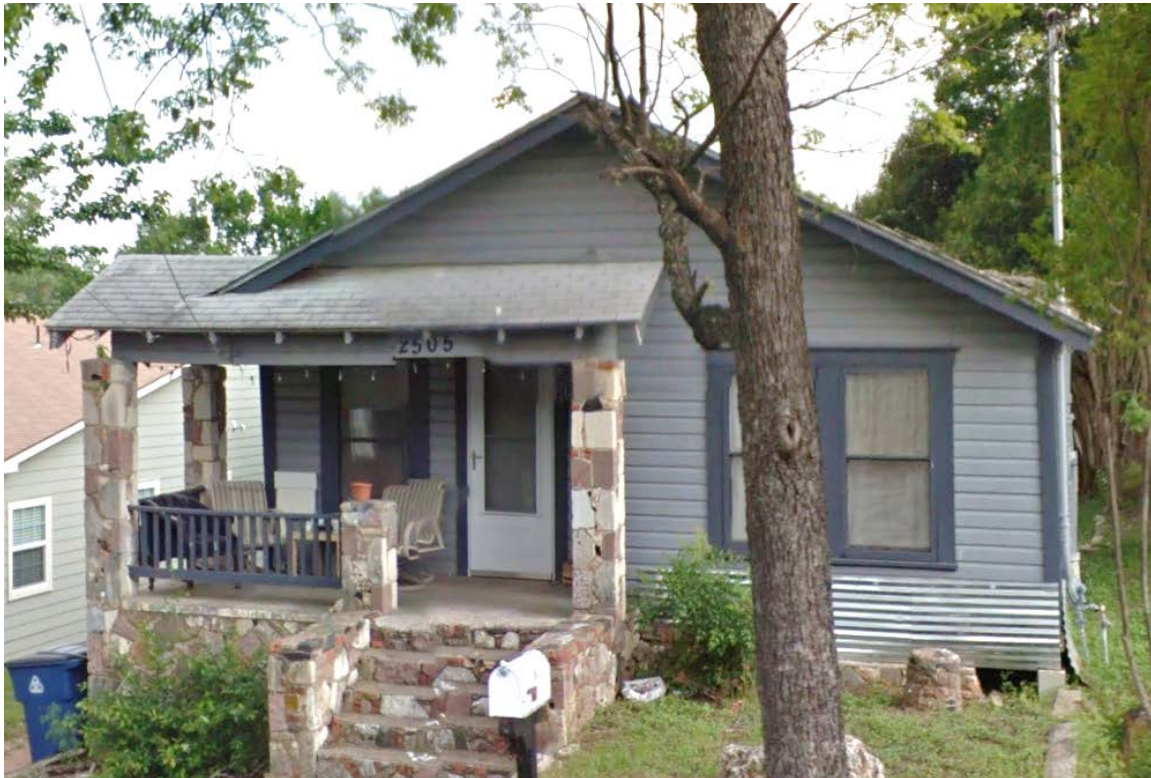
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2505 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1941



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 2505 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992	Annie B. Jones, owner Maid
1985-86	Annie B. Jones, owner Maid
1977	Annie B. Jones, owner Maid
1968	Annie B. Jones, owner Maid
1962	Elza Jones, owner Proprietor, Elza Jones Sinclair Service Station, 2150 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street. Also listed is Elza Jones, Jr., a laborer at a lumber company. NOTE: Annie B. Jones is not listed in the directory.
1957	Elza and Annie B. Jones, owners Laborer, Southern Union Gas Company
1955	Elza and Annie B. Jones, owners Construction worker
1952	Vacant NOTE: Elza and Annie B. Jones are listed at 2500 E. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street. He was a construction worker. NOTE: Fred and Lupe Alba are not listed in the directory.
1949	Fred and Lupe Alba, owners Cement finisher
1947	Fred and Lupe Alba, owners Driver, Cameron & Company, wholesale lumber and building materials, 401-11 Lavaca Street. NOTE: Gilbert G. Valdez is listed at 82½ East Avenue; he was an ignition man for Lindsay Auto Electric, 504 Lavaca Street. Naomi Valdez is listed at 617 Wood Street; she was a designer at Watson Flower Shop, 2602-04 Guadalupe Street.
1944-45	Gilbert G. and Noemi Valdez, owners Mechanic, Lindsay Auto Electric, 504 Lavaca Street.
1942	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Gilbert G. and Mamie Valdez are listed at 2501 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street. He was a mechanic at the Casey Used Car Company, 309 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:****Gilbert G. and Noemi Valdez (ca. 1941 - 1946)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Gilbert and Maimie [sic] Valdez as the renters of the house at 2501 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Gilbert Valdez was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a mechanic on a car lot. Maimie Valdez was 18, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Gilbert Valdez, Jr., 5 months.

His 1964 death certificate shows that Gilbert Garcia Valdez, Sr. was born in Lockhart, Texas in 1917, and was living at 84 East Avenue in Austin at the time of his death. He was a self-employed mechanic.

**GILBERT VALDEZ**

Gilbert Valdez, 52, of 84 East Avenue died in a local hospital Friday. He owned Gilbert Auto Electric. He was a member of El Buen Pastor Presbyterian Church, a ruling elder and church treasurer, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Prayer services will be Saturday at 8 p.m. at Mission Funeral Home.

Funeral will be Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at El Buen Pastor

Presbyterian Church with the Revs. Carlos Buck, Carlos Paredes, and Ruben Armendariz, officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Cemetery with Masonic services.

Survivors include his widow, Noemi; five sons, Gilbert Valdez Jr., Rudy, Danny, Robert and Lindsey Valdez; daughter, Miss Linda Valdez, Austin; four brothers, Martin Valdez, Austin; Roy, David and Louis Valdez, Flint, Mich.; sister, Mrs. Delia Arreola, Los Angeles, Calif., and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Pete Mojica, Bobby Guerrero, Rafael Salvo, Joe Gamboa, Eliseo Vasquez and Joe Galindo.

Obituary of Gilbert Valdez  
Austin American-Statesman, October 3, 1964





**VALDEZ RITES** — Funeral for Gilbert Valdez, 52, will be Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at El Buen Pastor Presbyterian Church with Rev. Carlos Buck, Rev. Carlos Paredes and Rev. Reuben Armentariz officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Cemetery with Masonic services. Valdez, 84 East Avenue, owned the Gilbert Auto Electric Company. He died Friday in an Austin hospital. Survivors include his widow, Noemi; five sons, Gilbert Jr., Rudy, Danny, Robert and Lindsey Valdez; a daughter, Miss Linda Valdez, Austin; four brothers, Martin Valdez of Austin, Roy, David and Louis Valdez of Flint, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Delia Arreola of Los Angeles, Calif., and four grandchildren.

Funeral notice for Gilbert Valdez  
 Austin American-Statesman, October 4, 1964

### **Fred and Guadalupe Alba (ca. 1946 – ca. 1951)**

Fotaso [sic – should be Frutoso] ("Fred") Alba [sic] appears in the 1930 U.S. Census for Karnes County, Texas, where he was the 12-year old son of Francisco and Felipa Alba, Mexican-American farm workers. Fred was born in Texas, as were his parents, and was the oldest of the couple's 6 children listed in the census report. Fred Alba served in the U.S. Marines during World War II, and is buried in the Hornsby Bend Cemetery in Travis County. His 1981 death certificate shows that he was living at 35 Chalmers Avenue at the time of his death. He was born in Texas in 1919, and was a laborer.

**ALBA, Fred, 62, 35 Chalmers Ave., died Tuesday. Rosary 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Mission Funeral Home. Mass 10 a.m. Friday at Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial, Hornsby Bend Cemetery. Survivors: wife, Guadalupe Alba of Austin; sons, Frank Alba, Phillip Alba, both of Austin; daughters, Mary Luna, Theresa Ruiz, Lucy Guebara, all of Austin; brothers, Ernest Alba, Pedro Alba, Albin Alba, all of Austin; sisters, Mary Cruz, Antonia Martinez, Elida Delgado, all of Austin, Loretta Leos of Corpus Christi; 24 grandchildren.**

Obituary of Fred Alba  
Austin American-Statesman, December 2, 1981

**Elza and Annie Bell Jones (ca. 1953 - )**

His 1940 World War II draft registration card shows that Elza Jones was born in Bastrop, Texas in 1913 and was living in Austin. His next of kin was his wife, Annie Bell Jones.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Elzie and Annabelle Jones renting their home on Route 6, Burleson Road, in Travis County. Elzie Jones was 26, and had been born in Texas. Annabelle Jones was 23, and had been born in Texas. Both lived in rural Bastrop County in 1935, and both are listed as farm laborers. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Elza Jones as the 16-year old son of Henry and Margaret Jones, who rented their home in rural Bastrop County. Elza was the oldest of the 6 children listed; his father, Henry Jones, was a farmer. No other family member had an occupation listed.

**JONES, Elza**

Age 102, passed away Feb. 29, 2016. Service March 4, at Providence Primitive Baptist Tabernacle Church. Phillips-Upshaw & Richard Funeral Home, Austin, TX.

Death notice for Elza Jones  
Austin American-Statesman, March 2, 2016

Gilbert G. Valdez

2505 Eas 9th St

26b

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Grand view Place

Frame Res

22570 - 9-23-41

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Building permit to Gilbert G. Valdez for the construction of this house (1941)

Service Main changed to 6" C.I. on E-7035.

CHECKED on 34th St. Paving Strip 5/13/41

### WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 16092

Sec. 26b 28

Date Sept 22, 1941

Received of Gilbert Valdez Austin, Texas

Address 2505 E 9th

Amount Two and 50/100----- \$ 2.50

Plumber Self

Date of Connection 9-30-41

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 4 1/2'

From W Prop. Line to Curb Cock 5'

Location of Meter C.H.A.P.

Type of Box 20014

Depth of Main in St. 2'

Depth of Service Line 9' 6"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 9' 6"

Checked by Engr. Dept. 10-11-41 LE

No. Fittings	Size	Size of Tap
1 Curb Cock	3/4"	3/4"
1 Elbow	3/4"	3/4"
1 St. Elbow	3/4"	3/4"
1 Bushing	3/4"	3/4"
1 Reducer	3/4"	3/4"
1 Pipe	3/4"	3/4"
1 Lead Comp.	3/4"	3/4"
1 Nipples	3/4"	3/4"
1 Union	3/4"	3/4"
1 Plug	3/4"	3/4"
1 Tee	3/4"	3/4"
1 Stop	3/4"	3/4"
1 Box	3/4"	3/4"
1 Lid	3/4"	3/4"
1 Valves	3/4"	3/4"
Job No.	16092	
Req. No.		

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Water service permit to Gilbert Valdez for this house (1941)



## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 1800215

Austin, Texas

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/23/1941  
 Address 2505 E. 9th.  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner G. Valdez Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 3 Block 26 Subdivision Grandview Plat No. 26b

Date of Connection	<u>4/26/1945</u>	No. Fittings	Size	Price
By City	<u>2 1/2' E/WLL</u>	24' Pipe	4" con	2.40
By Plumber	_____	Pipe		
Checked By	_____	Wyes		
Size Main	_____ Depth <u>6'</u>	1 Bends	.40	
Main Assign.	<u>in 9th.</u>	Reducers		
Stub Depth	_____ Prop. Line <u>2-3'</u>	Plugs		
Stub Location	_____	Sand		
Book No.	<u>B-1116</u>	Gravel		
Paving Cut	_____ No. _____	Remix		
		Stoppers		
		Castings		
		1 Other tap	.20	
		Labor:	15 hrs. 8.40	
			total	11.40

Sewer service permit to Gilbert Valdez for this house (1941)