

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**AUGUST 27, 2018**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
HDP-2018-0384  
3308 Hampton Road

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1937 house.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled building built in the Colonial Revival style. The building is clad in wood siding and has a full-width porch. Fenestration includes double-hung wood-sash windows and a wood door.

## **RESEARCH**

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The building was constructed as 3300 Hampton Road around 1937. H. M. Taylor Jr. and Agnes S. Taylor were the first residents. Initially recorded as renting the property in city directories, they owned it by 1939 and lived there until early 1946. H. M. Taylor worked as an engineer and bridge draftsman for the State Highway Department before joining the Army by 1944-45. Robert R. Buecher owned the property for a short period from about 1947 until about 1949, after which the house appears to have been incorporated into the Robert E. Lee School at 3308 Hampton Road, with no occupants listed in city directories. From 1973 until at least 1977, the building was used as the Austin Preschool Hearing Center.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

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The building may meet one criterion for designation as a historic landmark, but it does not appear to meet the designation threshold of two criteria.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is 50 years old, having been constructed around 1937.
- 2) The building retains a high degree of integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code, Section 25-2-352). The property appears to demonstrate significance according to one criterion.
  - a. **Architecture.** The house is built in the Colonial Revival style and may qualify for landmark designation under this criteria, as it embodies the distinguishing characteristics of the Colonial Revival style as adapted for a modest single-family house.
  - b. **Historical association.** The building does not appear to have significant historical associations that contributed significantly to the history of the city, state, or nation; or represent a significant portrayal of the cultural practices or way of life of a definable group of people in a historic time.
  - c. **Archaeology.** The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. **Community value.** The property does not appear to have a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a neighborhood, or a particular 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 reuse of the building. 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.

## LOCATION MAP



1" = 250'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0384

LOCATION: 3308 HAMPTON RD



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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

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### *Photos*



*Primary (east) façade of 3308 Hampton Road.*

### *Occupancy History*

Completed by Historic Preservation Office staff  
August 2018

1935      Address not listed

1937-45   H. M. Taylor Jr. and Agnes S. Taylor  
H. M. Taylor was listed as an engineer in the State Highway Department in 1937 and 1939. By 1941, he was listed as a bridge draftsman in the same department. By 1944-45, he had joined the Army.

1947-49   Robert R. Buecher  
Not listed in the front portion of the directory.

1952-68   Address not listed. The only address listed on the 3300 block is the Robert E. Lee School at 3308 Hampton Road.

1973-77   Austin Preschool Hearing Center

### *Background Research*

Henry M. Taylor Jr. was born in 1901 in Texas. By 1930, he was living in Austin and worked for the State Highway Department, where he worked as a civil engineer until the

Agnes S. Taylor was born about 1899 in Texas. She married H. M. Taylor Jr. between 1932 and 1937; by 1940, she was working as a stenographer for the State Treasurer. Her date of death was not located during research.

**1 P. M. TO 6 P. M.**

**3300 Hampton Road**

This lovely colonial home with 5 rooms, two bedrooms, modern bath with built-in dressing table and shower stall. Real fireplace. The floors are beautiful walnut squares. Tile drain, lots of built-ins and cupboard space. Large closets throughout house. Insulated ceiling with disappearing stairway. This home located on a beautiful corner landscaped lot with several large oak trees and double garage. Within walking distance of Robert E. Lee school.

Please drive by and see this distinguished home.

# BOB GORHAM

**Mrs. Lane, S-2904    Mr. Blomquist, S-6494**

Mr. Clements, 2-3336

**Mr. Reynolds, 2-5340 Mr. Schooler, 2-8100**

**Top Floor Littlefield Bldg. Dial A-6494**

*"Open House" advertisement, The Austin American, 3/17/1946.*

# Country Club OPEN HOUSE

## 3300 Hampton Road

Just one block of Robert E. Lee school, near bus line in highly restricted neighborhood is this lovely colonial home. 6 large rooms, real fireplace, tile bath, modern kitchen with tile splash and drain, large game room. Grounds are extremely beautiful with lots of large trees, carpet grass, etc. Drive by today between 1 and 6 and let us show you. It's vacant! The price is right.

**C.T.**  
**USELTON**  
**CO.**

874 Littlefield Bldg. Dial 4-8393  
Real Estate Insurance Rentals Loans

"Open House" advertisement, The Austin American, 4/14/1946.

### Building Permits

WATER SERVICE PERMIT Austin, Texas		No. 1-8332																																				
Received of	Austin Independent School Dist.	Date Dec 28, 1938																																				
Address	Harris Ave and Hampton Rd.																																					
Amount	Fifty and no/100 - - - -	\$ 50.00																																				
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Date of Connection	12/31/38																																					
Size of Tap Made	4"																																					
Size Service Made	4"																																					
Size Main Tapped	6"																																					
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	13'6"																																					
From N. Prop. Line to Curb Cock	13'																																					
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Water tap permit issued to the Austin Independent School District, 12/28/1938. This is for the school building located on the same property.

Con- Charge- 1001 15542A  
 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.  
 1st of 2 4/10 39  
 Austin, Texas,

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas  
 Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions  
 on premises owned by Austin Public Schools  
 at Harris Acre Hampton Rd Street,  
 further described as lot \_\_\_\_\_, block \_\_\_\_\_, outlot \_\_\_\_\_,  
 subdivision \_\_\_\_\_, division \_\_\_\_\_, plat 66,  
 which is to be used as a School

In this place there are to be installed \_\_\_\_\_ fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
 charge.

45 DEEP AT-PL Stub Out Respectfully, James B. Martin Cap  
 Connected 4-22 197 Permit PR  
 Size of Main 6 inches. 4-13-39  
 Size of Service 6 inches. OR  
6 1/2 Feet Deep in ST  
27 Feet from Property Line  
 Feet from Curb Line  
 Inspected by Don Wright at 71 W. 1st  
 Connection made by M. B. B. B. at 71 W. 1st  
11147 A-354

Sewer connection permit issued to Austin Public Schools, 4/10/1939.

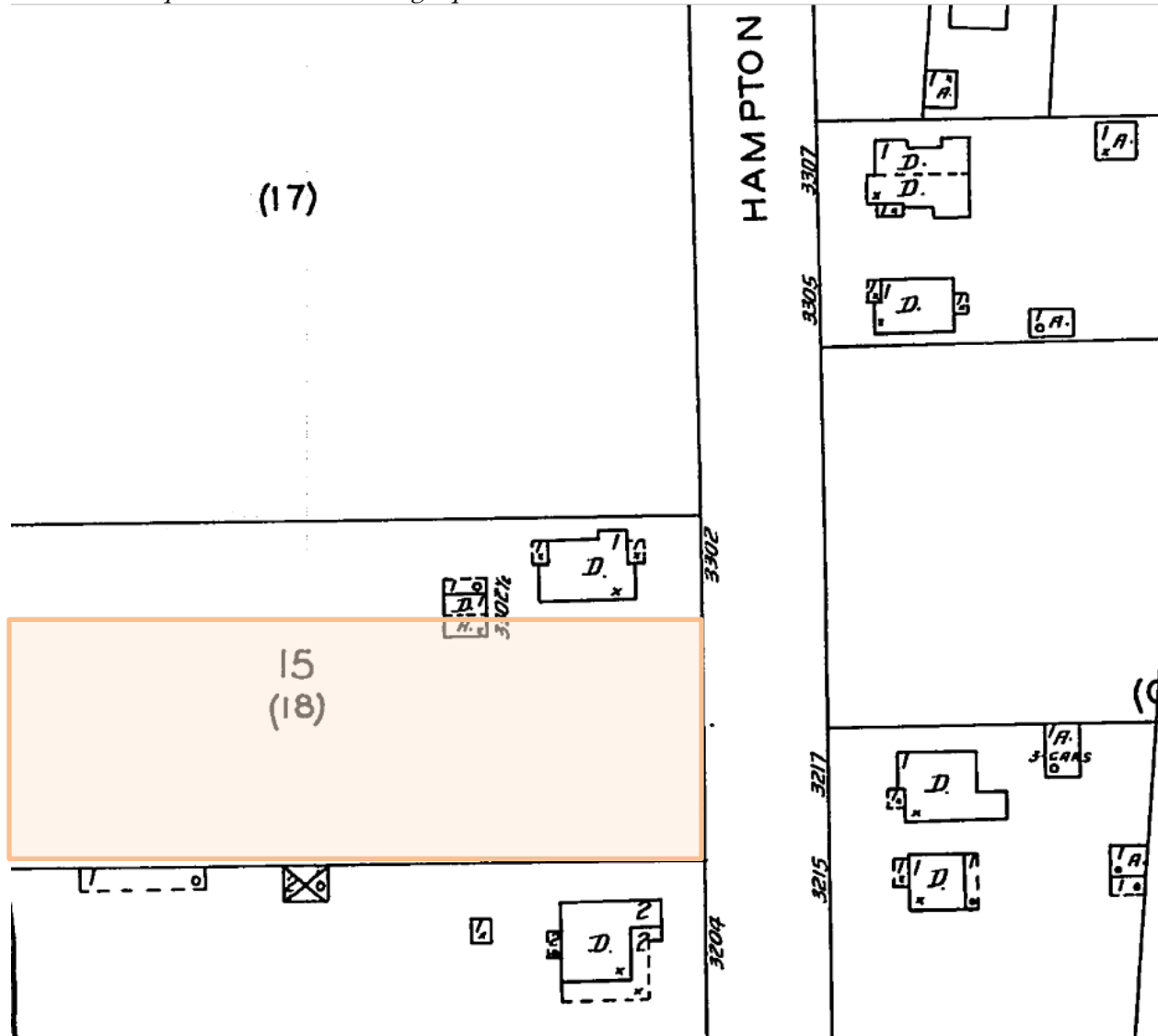
Receipt No. 17168 Application for Sewer Connection No. 28774  
2nd of 2 Robert E. Lee School Austin, Texas, 7-12-1951  
 To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—  
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by  
Robert E. Lee School at 3308 Hampton Road Street,  
 further described as Lot 17 Block \_\_\_\_\_ Outlot \_\_\_\_\_ Division C  
 subdivision Beau site Plat 66, which is to be used as a School  
 In this place there are to be installed \_\_\_\_\_ fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 43849  
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. OK 7-16-51

Depth at Prop. Line 3  
 Connected 236' S of Bridge + 40' E of J. O. Andrewworth  
 Date 7-20-51 Creek  
 By J. Swisher  
 Respectfully,

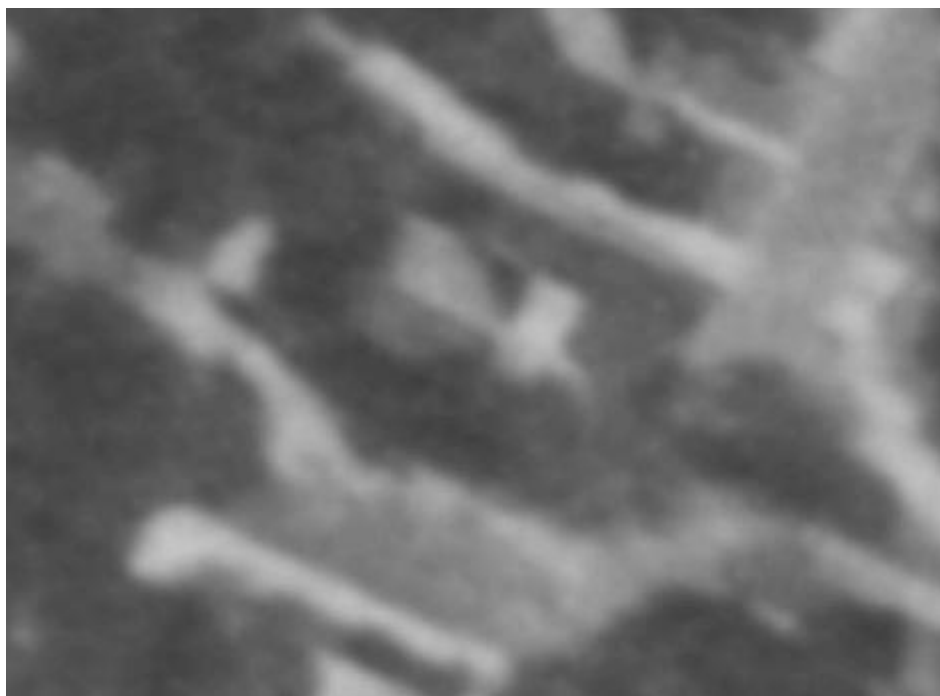
NOTE: Connection Instruction to Hampton Rd + 6' S  
 Sewer connection permit issued to the Robert E. Lee School, 7/12/1951.

*Sanborn Maps and Aerial Photographs*



1935 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. The house at 3300 Hampton Road had not yet been constructed.

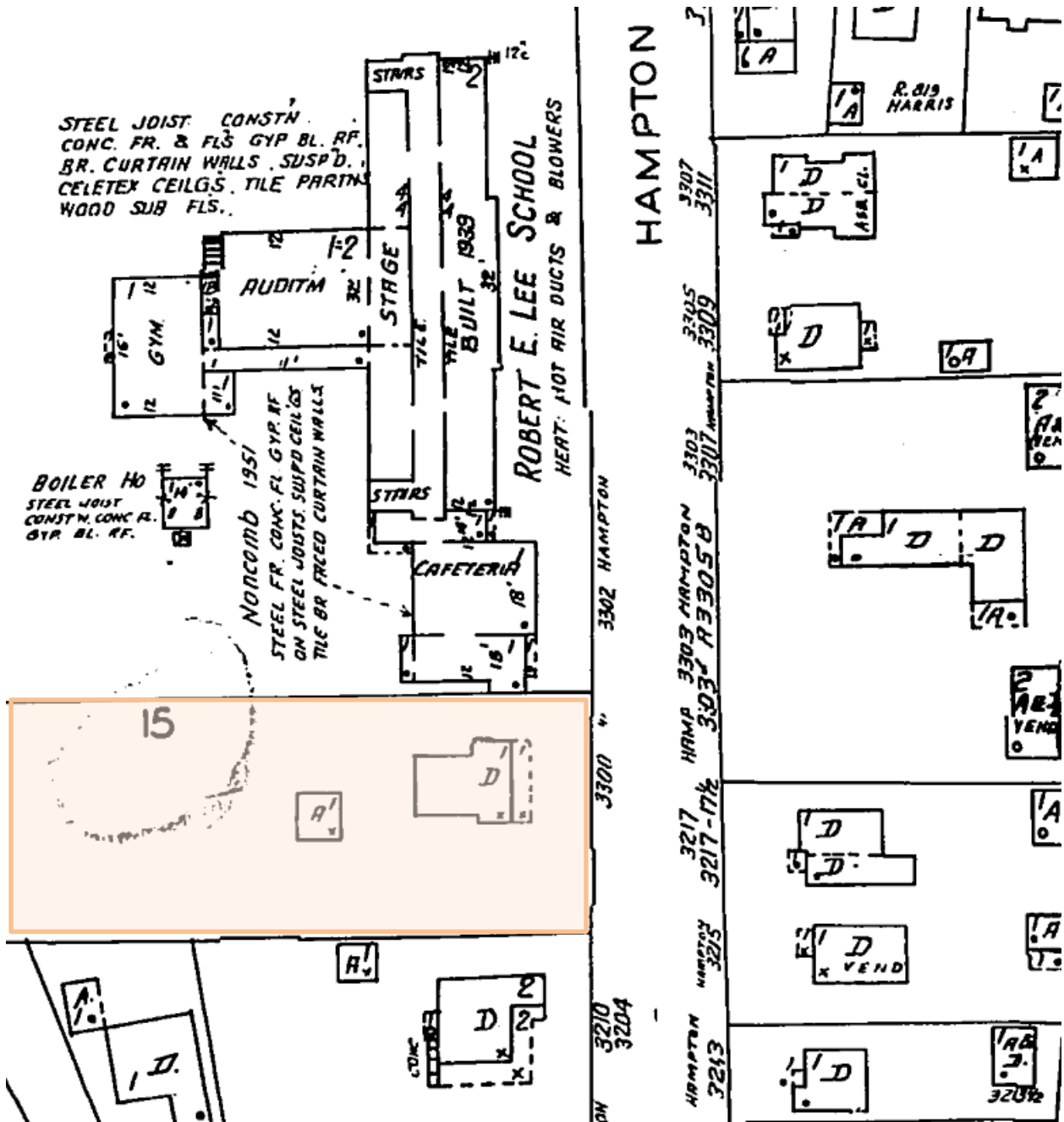




*1940 aerial photograph showing 3300 Hampton Road and another house to the north.*



*1958 aerial photograph. By this time, Robert E. Lee School had replaced the other house to the north.*





*1965 aerial photograph.*



*1976 aerial photograph. It appears that the rear auxiliary building was demolished between 1965 and 1976.*



*1992 aerial photograph.*



*2017 aerial photograph.*