

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0388
2009 ROBINHOOD TRAIL

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, shallow-hipped roof, stone-veneered house with a central, recessed entry; multi-light casement windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built over the winter of 1950-51 by Alonzo E. Cocke and his wife, Mary. Alonzo Cocke grew up on a dairy farm in Travis County, and while living in this house, was the general manager of Superior Dairies, the largest in the city at the time. He and his family lived here until around 1966. From around 1966 until very recently, the house was the home of Herbert J. and Violet Gardner. Herbert J. Gardner was a supervisor at the State Department of Motor Vehicles until his retirement in the late 1980s. He passed away in 2015; Violet Gardner passed away 2 years later, in 2017.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was listed with no priority for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

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 stone-veneered vernacular house that reflects the post-World War II residential architecture in Austin in its horizontal composition with references to the International Style and the ranch style that came to typify residential design in middle-class neighborhoods of the city. The house is a common form with little architectural distinction, and does not meet the criterion for designation as a historic landmark because of its architectural significance.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was owned by 2 families – the general manager of a dairy from 1951 to 1966, and then a supervisor at the State Motor Vehicle Department from 1966 until 2017. There do not appear to be 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, 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" = 250'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0388

LOCATION: 2009 ROBINHOOD TRL



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2009 Robinhood Trail
ca. 1951



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2009 Robinhood Trail

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

1992	Herbert J. and Violet Gardner, owners Retired
1985-86	Herbert J. and Violet Gardner, owners Section supervisor, State Department of Motor Vehicles
1981	Herbert J. and Violet Gardner, owners Section supervisor, State Department of Motor Vehicles
1977	Herbert J. and Violet Gardner, owners Section supervisor, State Department of Motor Vehicles
1973	Herbert J. and Violet Gardner, owners Accountant, State Motor Vehicle Division
1968	Herbert J. and Violet Gardner, owners Administrative tech, State Motor Vehicle Department
1964	Alonzo E. and Mary A. Cocke, owners

Manager, Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1st Street.

- 1960 Alonzo E. and Mary A. Cocke, owners
General manager, Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1st Street.
Also listed is Patricia A. Cocke, a student.
- 1957 Alonzo E. and Mary A. Cocke, owners
General manager, Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1st Street.
Also listed is Patricia Cocke, a student.
- 1955 Alonzo E. and Mary A. Cocke, owners
General manager, Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1st Street.
- 1952 Alonzo E. and Mary Cocke, owners
Assistant manager, Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1st Street.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Alonzo E. and Mary A. Cocke are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Alonzo E. and Mary Cocke (ca. 1950 – ca. 1966)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alonzo Cocke as the 16-year old son of Ed and Eva Cocke, who rented their home in Precinct 3 of Travis County. Alonzo Cocke was born in Texas, and was a student at the rural school. His father, Ed Cocke, 42, was born in Texas to Tennessee-born parents, and was a dairyman. His mother, Eva Cocke, 34, had been born in Texas to an Alabama-born father and a Texas-born mother. She had no occupation listed. Alonzo was the oldest of Ed and Eva Cocke's 4 listed children, all of whom were students at the rural school.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alonzo E. and Mary A. Cocke living in a rented duplex at 1505 Canterbury Street in Austin. Alonzo E. Cocke was 25, had been born in Texas, and was the superintendent at the Heep Dairy. Mary A. Cocke was 26, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Patricia A., 1, who had been born in Texas.

Alonzo Cocke died in 2005; Mary Ann Cocke died in 2009. Both are buried in Sulphur Springs, Texas.



Alonzo Edwin "Buster" Cocke

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2005, at Restlawn Memorial Park in Sulphur Springs, Tex., with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be George Dacy, Gene Syrinek, Jake Isaac, Austin Optimist Club, Sonny Jones, Bob Schmidt, John Baylor, Hill City Masonic Lodge, Wade P. Geraghty, Jr., a good friend and former business partner. There will be no formal visitation.

Alonzo Edwin "Buster" Cocke was born in Austin, on April 12, 1914, the son of Edwin L. and Eva Moore Cocke. He married Mary Ann Palermo in Austin, on June 7, 1933; she survives. Mr. Cocke was general manager of Superior Dairies, retiring in 1963, after 30 years of service. Upon retirement, he began a successful career as an investor and general contractor, building homes throughout Austin. His fondest and most satisfying years were those spent at Superior Dairies. He was citizen of

the year in Austin and a deacon of the Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin. He served as president and treasurer of the Texas Dairy Products Institute. He served as president, secretary and treasurer of the Austin Downtown Optimist Club and also received the Friends of Boy award. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Dormitory board of directors at the University of Texas at Austin. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of the Hill City Masonic Lodge in Austin, having served as grand master. He was the 50th District grand master. He served on the permanent fund for the Hill City Masonic Lodge, having held the position of treasurer. He was presented the golden trowel award in the Hill City Masonic Lodge.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Patricia A. Thomas and her husband, Dr. Richard Thomas of Sulphur Springs; two grandchildren, Leslie Chambless and her husband, Chris; Stacy Vititow and her husband, Robert, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Evelyn Long and two brothers, Ernest B. Cocke and Don E. Cocke. Memoirals may be made to the charity of your choice. A Masonic memorial service will be held by the Hill City Masonic Lodge in Austin, Tex. Arrangements are under the direction of the Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Obituary of Alonzo Cocke
Austin American-Statesman, February 15, 2005

Herbert J. and Violet Gardner (ca. 1966 –)



GARDNER, Herbert J.

November 15, 1928 – July 9, 2015

That first date through the years has been celebrated with joyous excitement and the rambunctiously crazy and downright stupid Gardner rendition of Happy Birthday. That second date now forces us to face and celebrate with full and grateful hearts the release of Herbert J. Gardner to his rest, freedom and eternal destiny in the hands of God's love.

Born in Austin, Texas in the old Brackenridge Hospital to I B and Susie McCright Gardner, who preceded him in death, Herb spent most of his growing up years in the "Big City" of Manor with his younger brother, James Gardner, and his younger sister, Joyce Gardner, who survive him.

While attending Manor High School, he became sweethearts with Violet Johnson whom he later married on June 24, 1950. With faithful love and devoted commitment, they have walked side by side and hand in hand these last 65 years. Together they proudly celebrated the birth and rearing of their two children: Mark Gardner and Karen Gardner Hooper. With joy they welcomed into the family Mark's wife, June Edwards Gardner, and Karen's husband, Jack Hooper. And then through the years, they have dearly cherished their three grandchildren: Matthew Gardner, Tiffany Gardner and Lynnsey Hooper.

In his gratefully full, abidingly faithful, lovingly fruitful and wonderfully fun life, Herb was proud of his two year stint in the U.S. Marine Corps, dedicated in his long career with the Texas Highway Department, active in enjoying his time playing softball early in life and walking the neighborhood later in life, meticulous in keeping his cars and yard, faithful in his church service, openly warm and friendly with everyone he met, caringly protective of his family and extremely fond of his extended family including nieces and nephews and in-laws.

A special time of visitation will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd. A celebration of Herb's life will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel. Interment will follow at Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville, Texas.

Obituary of Herbert J. Gardner
Austin American-Statesman, July 10, 2015



GARDNER, Violet Vivian Johnson

Psalm 124:7-8 reads, "We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord" Violet Vivian Johnson Gardner escaped the fowler's snare of this life and her struggle with Alzheimer's on September 9, 2017. Born on Mrs. Sandstrom's farm in Bastrop County on February 4, 1929 to Edgar and Bertha Skoglund Johnson, Violet grew up cherishing her family all of whom preceded her in death: her parents; her two older sisters Eleonora Engle and Dorothy Hibbs; her younger sister Mary Ann Herrington; and her two younger brothers Earl Johnson and Jimmy Johnson. While attending Manor High School, she became sweethearts with Herbert Gardner (pictured above) whom she married on June 24, 1950. With faithful love and devoted commitment, they walked side by side and hand in hand for 65 years before he preceded her in death in 2015. Together they proudly and lovingly celebrated the birth and rearing of their two children: Mark Gardner and Karen Gardner Hooper. With joy they welcomed into the family Mark's wife June, and Karen's husband, Jack. Through the years, they dearly cherished their three grandchildren: Matthew Gardner, Tiffany Gardner and Lynnsey Hooper. And just a few weeks ago, Momom became a great-grandmother with the birth of her great-grandson: Luke Wilder Myrick. And into this close family circle, she warmly welcomed her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, as well as her many "in-laws" and a host of dear friends. Indeed, as Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us, "God has made everything beautiful in its time. There is nothing better for man than to rejoice and to do good. Life is the gift of God." As we now celebrate Mom's, Memom's, Aunt Violet's, Aunt Vi's and Violet's beautiful treasured gift of life, we cherish her legacy of rejoicing and doing good. With her loving presence, she watched over us. With her caring heart, she reached out to us. With her gracious soul, she welcomed us. With her kind gentleness, she kissed us. With her encouraging words, she uplifted us. With her giving hands, she served us. With her reflecting mind, she never forgot us. With her joyful smile, she enlightened us. With her sweet peace, she calmed us. With her inspiring faith, she challenged us. With her praying devotion, she protected us. With her strong spirit, she amazed us. And with her abundant life, she blessed us. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 15, 2017, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd. Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel. Interment will follow at Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville, Texas.

Obituary of Violet Gardner
Austin American-Statesman, September 13, 2017

164 A. E. Cocke 2009 Robinhood Trail
 12 and north 25' of 11 H - -
 Sherwood
 Stone veneer residence with gar. attach.
 46920 12-11-50 \$15,000.00
 Harold Hanson

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Building permit to Alonzo E. Cocke for the construction of this house (1950)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		B N° 8904
Austin, Texas		
Received of.....	Date.....	
Address 2009 Robin Hood Trail (Lot 12, Blk. H)		
Amount.....	Stub	\$
Plumber.....	Size of Tap 3/4"	
Date of Connection 1-6-50		
Size of Tap Made 3/4"		
Size Service Made 3/4"		
Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.		
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'		
From S Prop. Line to Curb Cock 20'		
Location of Meter Stub		
Type of Box Lead		
Depth of Main in St. 3'		
Depth of Service Line 2'		
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main		
Checked by Engr. Dept. FEB 6 1950 RB		

No. Fittings	Size	
1	Curb Cock, D.V. STD	
1	Elbow	
1	St. Elbow 3/4" Copper	
1	Bushing	
1	Reducer	
3	3/8" Pipe 3/4" Copper	
1	Lead Comp.	
1	Nipples	
1	Union	
1	Plug	
1	Tee	
1	Stop 3/8"	
1	Box 1/2" x 1/2"	
1	Lid	
1	Valves	
	Job No. 4343-502	
	Req. No.	

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Water service permit for this address (1950)

A. E. Cocke	2009 Robinhood Tr.
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Sherwood Torest	
Fr. Addn. to Res.	
60413	5-10-55
	\$1,500.00
A. E. Cocke	1

Building permit to Alonzo E. Cocke for a frame addition (1955)