

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 27, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0362
507 W. 10TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1912 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-and-a-half story rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with a projecting one-story front-bay with a shallow gabled roof, and a partial-width wraparound porch on plain wood columns around the northeast corner of the house; single 1:1 fenestration with a diamond-shaped fixed-sash window to the left of the front door, and in the middle of the second story of the west elevation; single-sash windows in the projecting front-gabled bay and in the left bay of the façade with lozenge-shaped muntins and mullions; the front door is framed with sidelights and has a transom, both with the same lozenge-shaped muntins and mullions as the front windows; hipped-roof attic dormer in the center of the principal façade; projecting bay on the first story of the west elevation.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1912. There was an earlier one-story house on this site that is shown on the 1900 Sanborn map, but was removed for the construction of this house. The first owners and occupants were Robert F. and Ella Bacon, who lived here until their deaths: Ella in 1968 and Robert in 1969. Robert F. Bacon was a plumber who later headed up the Austin Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants' Association. Robert and Ella's wedding anniversaries were the talk of the newspapers in the 1950s and 1960s, with each anniversary noted with a full feature story.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was listed as a Priority 1 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:

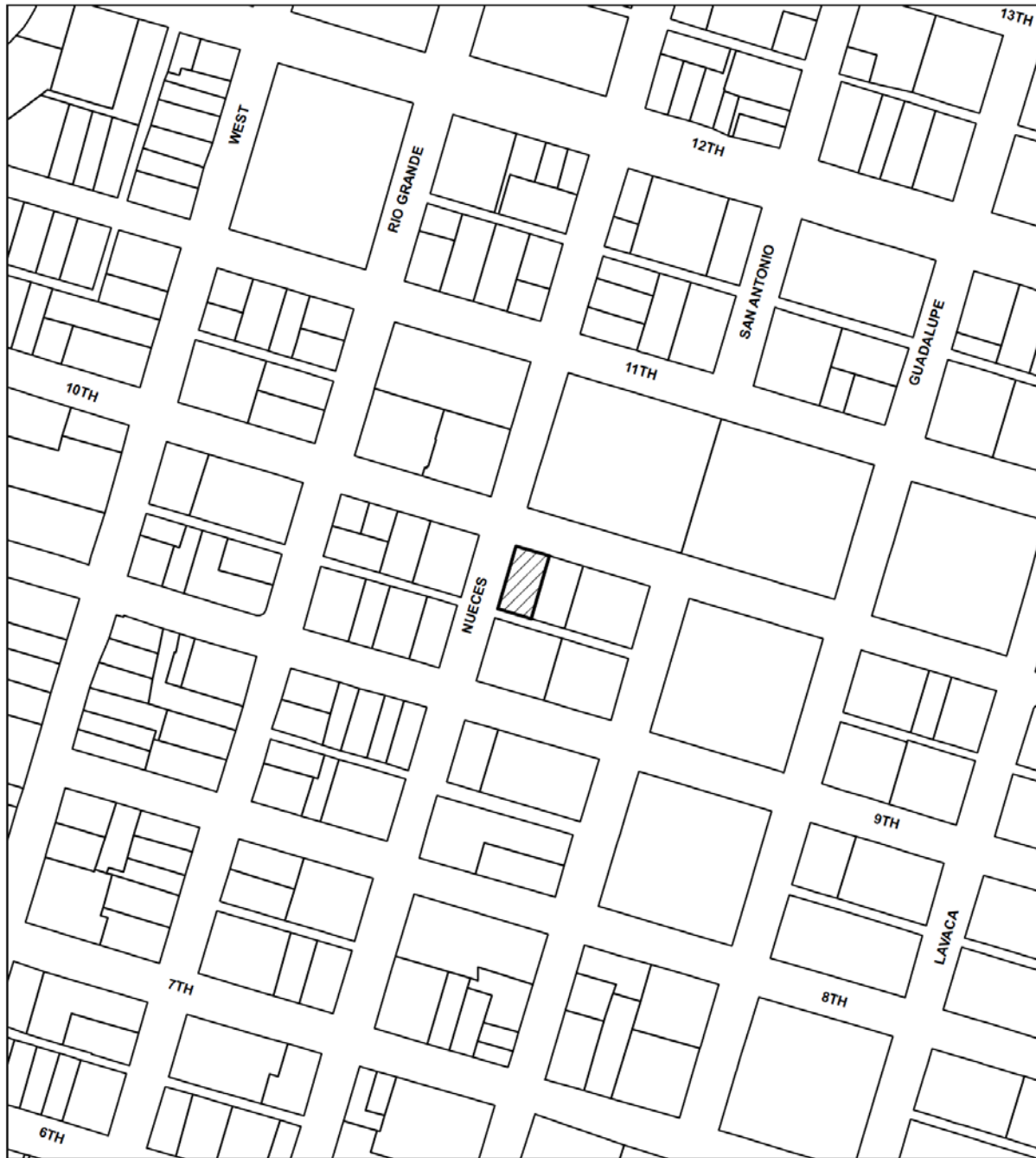
- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame vernacular house with references to the American Foursquare style, except for the projecting front bay and wraparound porch. There are a number of similar houses in Austin, although this appears to have more decorative embellishments than most. However, staff does not believe that it strongly meets the criterion for architectural significance.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was owned and occupied by Robert F. and Ella Bacon from the time of its construction around 1912 until they passed away in the late 1960s. Robert Bacon was the first master plumber in Austin, and had a very successful plumbing business here for many years; he was also a business leader and presided over the Austin Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' Association in the 1950s. And while the Bacons were the subject of numerous feature stories in the local paper for their anniversaries, staff does not believe that there are historical associations significant enough to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

- 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-2018-0362

LOCATION: 507 W 10TH ST

1" = 250'

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507 W. 10th Street
ca. 1912





Detail of decorative upper sashes in the front windows, the sidelights, and transom

OCCUPANCY HISTORY

507 W. 10th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
December, 2013

1992	Robert J. Kuhn, lawyer John C. Kuhn, lawyer Jay D. Doyle, lawyer
1985-86	Robert J. Kuhn, lawyer Bud Huckabee and Associates, investigators
1981	Robert J. Kuhn and Associates, lawyers Bud Huckabee and Associates, investigators
1977	Kuhn, Collins & Rash, attorneys Robert J. Kuhn, warren Collins, and Ralph Rash, partners
1973	Robert J. Kuhn, lawyer
1968	Robert F. Bacon, owner Proprietor, PWF Plumbing Supplies (not listed in the directory).
1962	Robert F. and Ella L. Bacon, owners Proprietor, Bacon's Plumbing, 907 Nueces Street.

1959	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor, Bacon's Plumbing, 907 Nueces Street.
1955	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor, PWF Plumbing Shop, 907 Nueces Street.
1952	Robert F. and Ella L. Bacon, owners No occupation listed Also listed is Gerald E. Bacon, a proprietor (with Newton C. Bacon), of Bacon and Gilbert Electrical Service, rear 1003 E. 52 nd Street.
1949	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners No occupation listed Also listed is Gerald Bacon, no occupation stated.
1947	Robert F. and Ella L. Bacon, owners Plumber
1944-45	R. Francis and Ella Bacon, owners No occupation listed
1941	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Gerald H. Bacon), Bacon's 2-in-1 Service, plumbers, 907 Nueces Street.
1939	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Gerald H. Bacon), Bacon's 2-in-1 Service, plumbers, 907 Nueces Street.
1937	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Gerald H. Bacon), Bacon's 2-in-1 Service, plumbers, 907 Nueces Street.
1935	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Gerald H. Bacon), Bacon's 2-in-1 Service, plumbers and electricians, 907 Nueces Street.
1932-33	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Gerald H. Bacon), Bacon's 2-in-1 Service, plumbers, 907 Nueces Street.
1930-31	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Gerald H. Bacon), Bacon's 2-in-1 Service, plumbers, 907 Nueces Street.
1929	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor, Bacon's Inc., plumbing and electrical contractors, 409 W. 6 th Street. NOTE: Gerald Bacon was the secretary of Bacon's Inc.
1927	Robert F. and Ella B. Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Miss M.E. Plumb), Austin Bird Ranch, dealers of imported and domestic canaries, 409 W. 6 th Street; and proprietor, Bacon's Plumbing and Electrical, contractors, 409 W. 6 th Street.

1924	Robert F. and Ella Bacon, owners Proprietor (with Gerald H. Bacon), Bacon's, plumbing and electrical contractors and supplies, 409 W. 6 th Street.
1922	Robert F. and Ella B. Bacon, owners Plumbing and electrical contractor, 205 W. 6 th Street.
1920	Robert F. and Ella B. Bacon, owners Plumbing and electrical contractor, 205 W. 6 th Street. Also listed are Gerald H. Bacon, with R.F. Bacon; and Marjorie Bacon, no occupation stated.
1918	Robert F. and Ella B. Bacon, owners Plumbing and electrical contractor, 205 W. 6 th Street.
1916	Robert F. Bacon Plumbing and electrical contractor, 205 W. 6 th Street.
1914	Robert F. Bacon Plumbing and electrical contractor, 205 W. 6 th Street.
1912-13	Robert F. Bacon Plumbing and electrical contractor, 205 W. 6 th Street.

Staff believes the current house dates from ca. 1912. There was an earlier house on this site, which is shown on the 1900 Sanborn map – it was a one-story house addressed as 507 W. 10th Street, but there was also a combination store and residence in a building to the west of that house, addressed as 509 W. 10th Street. Directories prior to the edition of 1912-13 reference both 507 and 509 W. 10th Street addresses. The address of 509 W. 10th Street does not appear in any city directory after that of 1910-11.

NOTE: The 1910-11 directory shows Robert F. Bacon living at 1705 E. 12th Street. He was the proprietor of Bacon & Hancock, plumbers, gas and steam fitters, and electricians, 909 Congress Avenue.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Robert F. and Ella Bacon (ca. 1912 – ca. 1969)

Robert F. and Ella Bacon appear in the 1900 U.S. Census at 1705 E. 12th Street. Robert Bacon was then 26, had been born in Texas, and was a plumber. Ella Bacon was also 26 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had a son, Gerald, 4, who had been born in Texas. They owned their house on 12th Street. The 1910 U.S. Census shows the Bacon family at the same address; Robert Bacon was a plumber with his own shop. In addition to Gerald, who was now 14, they had a daughter, Marjorie, 6.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows the Bacon family at this house, which they owned. Robert F. Bacon was a plumbing contractor; Gerald Bacon was an electrician. Neither Ella nor Marjorie had occupations listed. By 1930, just Robert and Ella, both of whom were then 56, lived here; the house was worth \$8,000. Robert is listed as a plumbing contractor.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Robert and Ella Bacon at this address; the house was worth \$5,000. Both Robert and Ella were 66; he was a plumbing and electrical contractor. They had a lodger, Mildred Newman, 25, a Texas-born laundry worker who had lived in Dayton, Texas in 1935.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BACON
—(Neal Douglass Photo)

***The Gold Ring Robert Bacon Gave His Bride
60 Years Ago Has Been Omen of Good Life***

The plain gold ring on Mrs. Robert Bacon's third finger, left hand, has been there for 60 years.

Her husband picked it out himself, in those long ago days of 1894, and he proudly showed it to all the friends and relatives assembled at Christ Church in Houston for the wedding ceremony that took place early in the morning back there before the turn of the century.

It is a gold band, mellowed and polished with age, almost one half inch wide, and its beautiful, old fashioned simplicity excites comment from a younger generation used to thin metal rings all sprinkled with stones.

Yes, 60 years ago Sunday, Robert pledged his love to 20 year old Ella Lambert and placed the ring on her finger in token of his promise.

Removed Only Once

In the decades since—through four wars involving America, through the Automobile Age and the Atomic Age—that ring has been off her finger only once. Two other times it almost came off.

It was brand new when Robert and Ella rushed from the 8 a. m. wedding (where their only attendants were her father and mother) to catch the 9 a. m. train for a six-hour ride to Austin.

(She wore a grey dress of silk trimmed with cream lace and cerise satin ribbon. It was floor length, designed with a tight basque and big, full sleeves. Her hat was a deep orchid colored straw trimmed in ribbons and flowers, and her long grey fan embossed in silver flowers matched her dress. He wore a blue serge suit.)

The ring was never off her finger during the first 14 years of her married life, when both their children were born and when the family lived at 1705 East 12th on a pretty, tree shaded street where all the houses had wide lawns.

(Their five room house had cost \$700.)

But then it happened.

Christmas Accident

It was during the Christmas season in 1908. She was decorating the house with greenery and had on a pair of old kid gloves with the fingertips cut out. When she removed the gloves they turned inside out and off slipped the ring.

"I had a sick feeling inside," she said "and I went in and told Robert. He said it gave him a queer feeling inside, too. But nothing came of it. Funny how you get superstitious feelings about things, isn't it?"

Because the wedding ring is such a wide band, she wore her engagement ring on her right hand after she married. The pretty diamond solitaire was worn for 40 years before it and another ring were stolen from the Bacon home one day.

Maybe there was the hand of fate wrapped up in that wedding ring. For that Christmas Season was the only time the ring has ever come completely off her hand. The next time she had it come loose was one day while she was washing milk buckets, and the ring caught on the wire handle and was pulled clear to the end of her finger before she could grab it and push it down where it belonged.

Caught Again

And the last time was one day at Pease School where the mothers were busy helping with a taffy pull to raise money for school projects. Her ring stuck in the candy and again was pulled to the end of her finger before she caught it.

But that was 40 years ago. And the ring hasn't been off her finger since, despite the fact that sometimes her fingers were so thin she had to tie the ring to keep it in place.

It was probably only a coincidence, too, that the scene of the last near-accident was also the scene where she first laid eyes on her husband-to-be 30 years before.

For Ella and Robert first met when they were both third graders at West Austin School (now Pease School). When Ella came to enroll the principal took her by the hand and led her down to Miss Jessie Sayers' room and knocked on the door.

Pease Meeting

Ella told her mother later: "The prettiest little boy opened the door. His hair was combed so nice and he had on the finest shirt!" That little boy was Robert. Later he bought her candy dolls at the store on the corner that is now the garage of the Bacon home.

His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Bacon. Their son Robert, his son Gerald, Gerald's son Jerry and Jerry's son Robert Warren were all born in Austin.

Ella's parents were Colonel and Mrs. Will Lambert. Her father called the first roll call in the Capitol as reading clerk and at his death was secretary of the Senate. She was born in Waco, but grew up in Austin. However, her "young lady days" were spent in Houston.

"It's probably a good thing they were, too. If I had spent my young lady days in Austin, I might never have married Robert, for he was

awfully jealous, and I had lots of beaux."

But marry they did, and the gold ring proved a good omen. The two people agree that it isn't all a bed of roses, but it's been a good life.

Love to Dance

And they are still enjoying it. For instance, they love to dance. About once a month, the couple, now great-grandparents, go out dancing. Tunes have changed since their courting days when the popular songs were "Two Little Girls in Blue," "Kiss and Let's Make Up, My Darling," and "After the Ball," and dance steps have changed too, but the couple has fun just the same.

But Sunday, in celebration of their 60th anniversary, they will do exactly what they've done every Sunday for the past 10 years.

"We had a big blow-out on our 50th anniversary, but since then, we celebrate just with the family," they said.

With them will be their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arve H. Odom of Denton; their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Bacon; their granddaughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parker, Diane and Gordon Jr.; and their grandson and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry H. Bacon Jr. and Robert Warren, who live in York, Pa.

Robert Bacon's sister, Mrs. Mary Bacon White, will join them with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Fraley, her son William White, her grandsons, Raymond and Jimmie White and Jim Fraley.

From Houston will come a sister-in-law, Mrs. Will Bacon, and Mrs. R. Pickens Matthews, a friend since the days of their marriage, and the only non-relative who is always invited to these annual parties.

The four generations present will have dinner and cut the wedding cake and then they'll dance awhile and enjoy the evening.

And maybe the honorees will reminisce occasionally about how things used to be, 60 years ago, on their wedding day.

Story on the marriage of Robert and Ella Bacon
Austin American-Statesman, June 20, 1954

Dinner Honors Robert Bacons' Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Bacon, 507 West Tenth Street, will observe their 63rd wedding anniversary with a family dinner party Thursday evening at the Pioneer Dinner Club on Burnet Highway.

The Bacons were wed June 20, 1894 in Christ's Episcopal Cathedral in Houston, and have lived in Austin since that time, residing in their present home for the past 50 years.

Celebrating the event with the Bacons will be their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arve Odom of Denton and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bacon of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have a grandson and granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

Anniversary dinner for Robert F. and Ella Bacon
Austin Statesman, June 20, 1957

64TH ANNIVERSARY FRIDAY

Four Generations Are Celebrating Father's Day in Robert Bacon Home

By CAROLYN SEAY

"Now we want to live to see our great great grandchildren!"

This hope was expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Bacon, both 84, as four generations of their family gathered in their home, 507 West 10th Street, for Father's Day. And if the couple's vivaciousness, happiness and deep faith are a key to the future, their wish may very well come true.

"Each generation is just as exciting to us the one before," Ella Bacon commented, "perhaps the next would be best of all. The little ones come to save our lives—why, they teach us how to play all over again."

But the Bacons also say proudly, "As for our own children, well, there just aren't any finer ones anywhere."

Their son and daughter, Gerald H. Bacon and Mrs. Arvey Odom of Denton, will be here through Thursday to honor their parents on their 64th wedding anniversary, along with the elder Bacons' grandchildren, Gerald H. Bacon Jr. and Mrs. J. G. Hamer, and their great grandchildren, Robert Warren Bacon, Gordon Parker Jr. and Dianne Parker.

As has been the custom each year since the Bacons' golden anniversary, the immediate family will celebrate the wedding date with an evening of "dinin' and dancin'" at the Pioneer Dinner Club. As in previous years, Mrs. Bacon, known at the Club as the "coquette," and her husband will probably dance the longest and have more fun than anyone else there.

Even two years ago when Mr. Bacon suffered a serious stroke on the morning of their 62nd anniversary, his wife recalls he still had "the time of his life" at the party. The doctor agreed to put off a necessary operation resulting from the stroke until after the celebration party.

Each anniversary "it just gets nicer," the 84-year-olds agree. "And each anniversary we always hope we'll make another one."

Their hundreds of friends have the same wish, as noted by their scrapbooks of cards and telegrams which Mrs. Bacon has collected since their golden wedding fete. "Keep adding them on," a friend wired. Another, "You two are examples for us." And, "We pray for a long continuation of your wonderful happiness."

But perhaps their best celebration, the Bacons agree, was their

25th when they had planned a party for their friends in their house. Just before it was to begin their son unexpectedly came home from World War I. "We forgot about our anniversary in our happiness to have him back safely," Mrs. Bacon recalls.

But every anniversary is one which the Bacons will treasure, just as they do each event which has had a part in their lives.

A long time has passed since Ella Lambert and Robert Bacon were in the third grade together at Pease School, but they still enjoy reminiscing about it.

It seems Ella went running home from school one day to tell her mother about "the prettiest little boy who opened the door for her. His hair was combed so nice and he had on the finest shirt," she related. That little boy was Robert.

And after several grade-school years of buying her candy dollies and courting her during her "young lady days" when she lived in Houston, Robert married Ella on June 20 in 1894 when both were 20. Mr. Bacon is older than his wife by 20 days.

The couple was engaged for two years, during which time they wrote frequently, Ella practicing her letters ~~on her slate~~ before sending them to Robert. "I was true to him," she says, "I went out with other boys, but I never let them talk love to me."

She kept the solitaire engagement ring he had given her for more than 40 years—"it was a part of my life"—until it was stolen from her home.

Her wide gold wedding band, which Ella didn't see until their marriage service, is mellowed and polished with age and beautiful in its old fashioned simplicity. In 64 years it has been off her finger only once—then after they'd been married 14 years. She was decorating their home for Christmas, and as she took off her old kid gloves she'd been wearing, the ring came out in one of the glove fingers. "It gave me an awful sick feeling," she remembers, "and when I told my husband, he said it made him feel funny too."

She came close to a couple of other mishaps with the band. Once when she was washing milk buckets it slipped to her fingertip, but she caught it. Another time she was helping some of the Pease mothers with a taffy pull and it went to the end of her finger—but she again rescued it. Those times were more than 40 years ago—and since then it has never been loose.

"Keeping my ring always on my finger may seem odd to some people," then dropping her voice to a whisper, she continued, "but I'm a little sentimental."

A little superstitious too, as a result of a small pink fortune which she obtained as a small child from a Greek fellow with a parakeet. For a dime, the man waved his wand and the bird picked her fortune out of a box with his beak. It told her she'd live to be 90, she'd always have a better disposition than good looks, she'd marry young, have two children, and that her son would be a professor of music while her daughter would be domestically inclined.

Her son, 64, though now an electrical contractor, was extremely interested in music for many years and played several instruments with different groups. "He thought of nothing but music," the couple recall. Their daughter, 56, majored in home economics and taught the subject for 11 years.

The fortune teller also gave her some lucky numbers, with which she has won many prizes, including a parakeet of her own. She still has the little pink slip in safe keeping!

Mr. Bacon, on the other hand, had no way of seeing into the future, and a long time ago he was fond of saying that when a man was 65 they ought to take him down to the river and shoot him. Now, however, he's extended the age limit. Probably the only way that Mr. Bacon could be dragged to the river would be to enjoy a day of fishing. Still active, he does every bit of the yard work.

Mrs. Bacon, too, keeps up her large home and does all their cooking. Their son and daughter recently suggested that soon the Bacons would be needing someone to take care of them. "What are you talking about?" the couple scoffed. "You're both crazy!"

"My daughter has to admit that I can outdo her," Mrs. Bacon laughed.

The only help in the house she has ever had is the woman who now cooks Christmas dinners for her. She was with the Bacons when their daughter was born, and though they lost contact with her for many years, she was back in Austin to help with the Bacon's daughter's marriage.

Among the many clubs to which the Bacons belong are the Pioneer Dance Club at the Boy Scout Hut and the Friendship Club of Hancock Recreational Center. Both have enjoyed dancing since they were very young and never miss an opportunity to "set our feet to music."

However, they just listen to the rock 'n' roll rhythm of today, and save their dancing for the waltz and the old fashioned steps. They also sit out during square dances — "People square-dance now like they're doing it for wages. It's just too much hard work."



FOUR GENERATIONS — A father, a grandfather and a great grandfather, all belonging to six-year-old Robert Warren Bacon, right, are together Sunday for the first time in more than five years. Celebrating several Fathers Days in one with the "youngest generation" are Robert F. Bacon, 84, left,

UPI Telephoto

his son Gerald and Gerald Jr. The family is celebrating at the great grandparents' home, 507 West 10th Street. The Gerald H. Bacons reside at 3816 Cherrywood, and their son's family has recently moved to Fort Worth from Pennsylvania.

Story on the family of Robert F. and Ella Bacon
Austin American-Statesman, June 15, 1958

Sunday Afternoon

***Bacons Will Celebrate
Their 71st Anniversary***

Since 1894 there's been a gold wedding ring on Mrs. Robert F. Bacon's finger. . . she has never taken it off. That ring has grown dearer to her with each passing year, and Sunday it will gleam brighter than ever, for she and Mr. Bacon will be celebrating their 71st anniversary. They'll be informally "at-home" Sunday afternoon to mark the occasion, and they hope that all their friends will come by to call between 4 and 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs Bacon are both 91 (he's 20 days older than she.) They were childhood sweethearts at Pease and, ever since their marriage, they've lived in their home at 507 West 10th.

Mr. Bacon still goes out in his yard almost every day, trying to keep up with all the things he has always done. Mrs. Bacon does as much as she can around the house. Occasionally, they go out to a party.

Tuesday evening the couple was honored by the Adult Friendship Club at Hancock Center. There was a party and dance for them, complete with grand march, followed by Mrs. Bacon's favorite waltz. She danced four times, while her husband sat back to enjoy the festivities.

"We don't think much about our age," smiles Mrs. Bacon. "I just can't believe we're up there. But we've got so much to be thankful for."

GERALD H. BACON SR.

Gerald H. Bacon Sr., 63, of 3816 Cherrywood Road died at his home Saturday following a long illness. He had been an electrical contractor for many years, and was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church. He was a life-long resident of Austin, a veteran of World War I, and a member of Austin Lodge No. 12 AF&AM.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Morien Bacon; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bacon; a daughter, Mrs. James G. Hamer; and a son, Gerald H. Bacon Jr., all of Austin; a sister, Mrs. A. H. Odom, of Denton; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, with the Rev. Charles Sumners, officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Gerald H. Bacon, the son of Robert and Ella Bacon
Austin American-Statesman, April 26, 1959

MRS. ROBERT F. BACON

Mrs. Robert F. (Ella) Bacon, 94, 507 W. 10th. St., died in a local hospital Tuesday. She was a lifelong member of St. David's Episcopal Church and a long time member of the Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. Robert F. Bacon; a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Odom of Austin; a granddaughter; a grandson; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral is pending at Cook Funeral Home.

Obituary of Ella Bacon
Austin American, May 15, 1968

MRS. ROBERT F. BACON

Mrs. Robert F. (Ella) Bacon, 94, of 507 West 10th St., died in a local hospital Tuesday. She was a life-long member of St. David's Episcopal Church and of Albert Sidney Johnson chapter of United Daughters of Confederacy.

She is survived by her husband, Robert F. Bacon; a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Odom of Austin; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gerald H. Bacon of Austin; one granddaughter, Mrs. James G. Hamer of Austin; one grandson, G. H. Bacon Jr. of Lynchburg, Va.; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Charles A. Sumners officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary and funeral notice for Ella Bacon
Austin Statesman, May 15 1968

MRS. ROBERT F. BACON

Funeral for Mrs. Robert F. (Ella) Bacon, 507 W. 10th St., will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Charles A. Sumners officiating. Private graveside services will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Harris Brush, Bob Armstrong, Beverly Sheffield, T. W. Whigham, R. L. Selby and Tom W. Davis.

Funeral notice for Ella Bacon
Austin American, May 16, 1968

Former CC President Succumbs

Robert F. Bacon, 95, of 507 S. West 10th St., died in a local hospital Wednesday night.

He was president of the Austin Chamber of Commerce in the early 1900's and was the oldest Master Plumber in Texas.

Bacon began work as an apprentice plumber in 1874.

He was a lifetime resident of Austin and a member of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Until his retirement four years ago, he operated a plumbing supply business in Austin.

Funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles A. Sumners officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Arve (Marjorie) Odom, Denton; a granddaughter, Mrs. James Hamer, Austin; a grandson, Gerald H. Bacon Jr., Lynchburg, Va.; and four grandchildren.

Obituary of Robert F. Bacon
Austin American, March 6, 1969

Bacon Rites Scheduled Tomorrow

Funeral for Robert F. Bacon, 95, of 507 West 10th St., will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles A. Sumners officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

He was a past president of the Retail Merchants Association in the early 1900's and was the oldest Master Plumber in Texas.

He was a lifetime resident of Austin and a member of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Until his retirement four years ago, he operated a plumbing supply business in Austin.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Arve (Marjorie) Odom of Denton; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Obituary and funeral notice for Robert F. Bacon
Austin Statesman, March 6, 1969

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

Austin, Texas

No. A 4399

Sec. 7

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Ph. Tap

Foreman's Report.

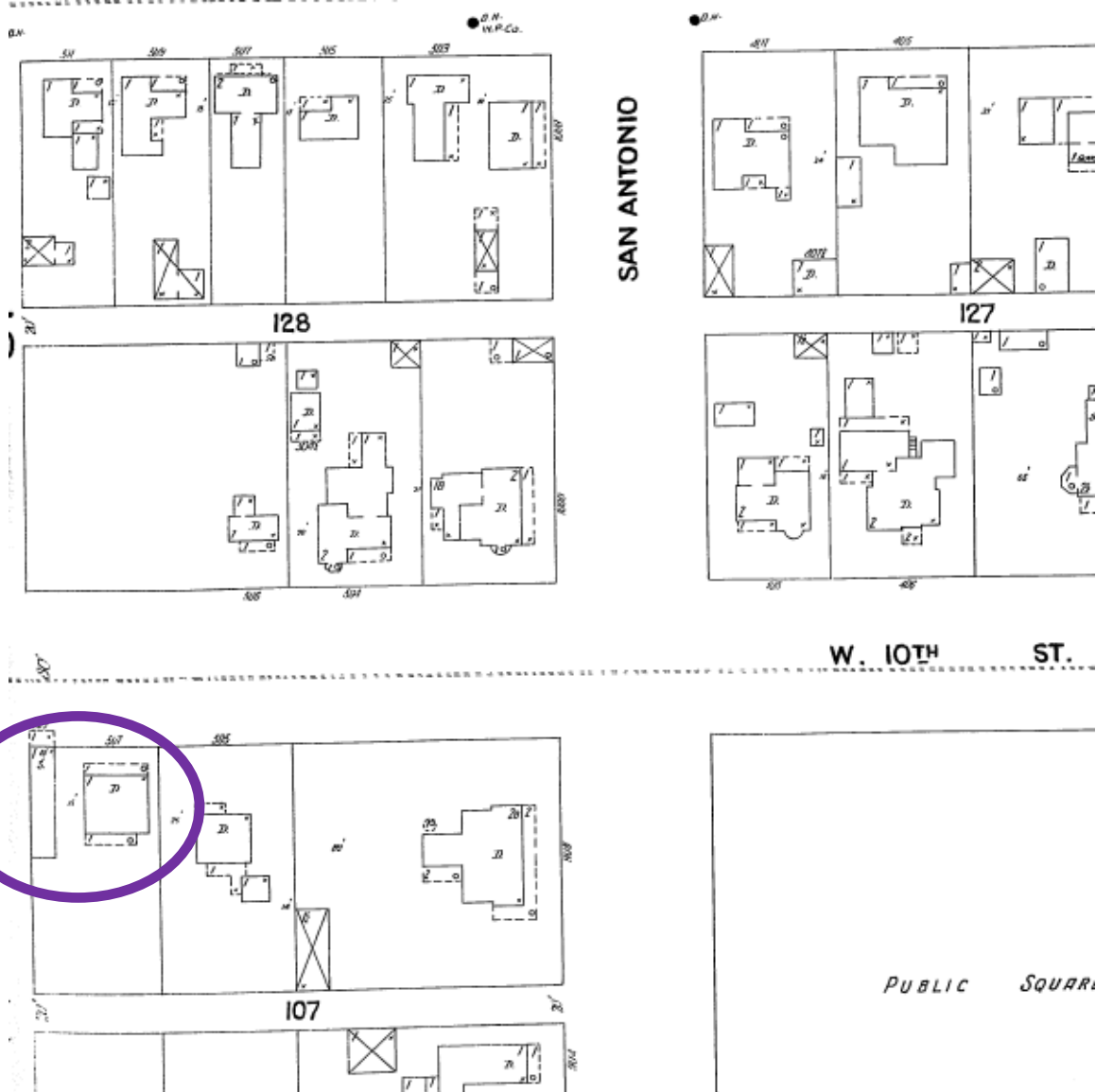
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 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 8'
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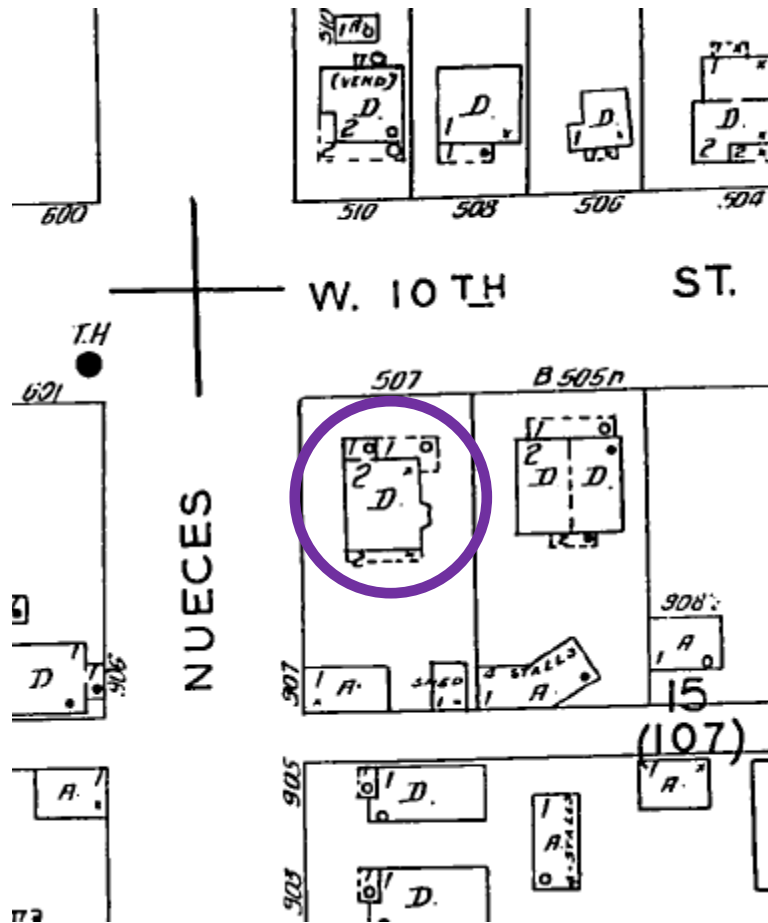
Foreman's Signature

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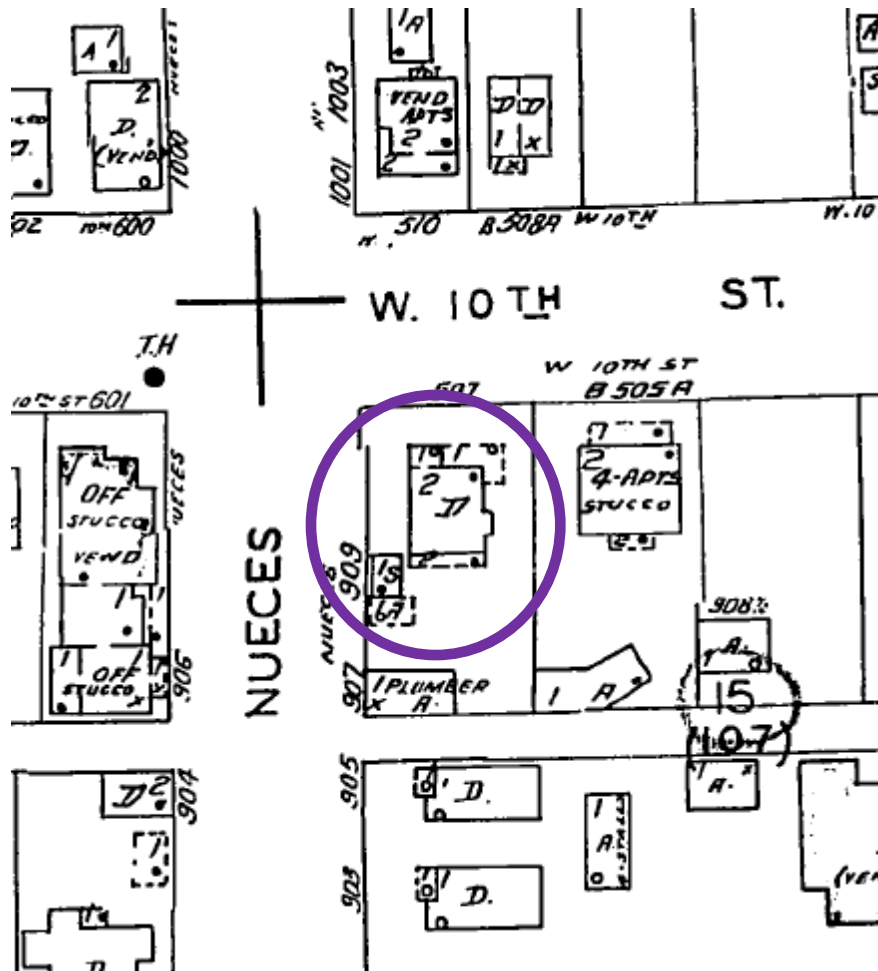
Water service permit from 1930 for this address



The 1900 Sanborn map shows a one-story house with a full-width front porch on the site of the current house. There is a long-narrow store building to the west of this house, addressed as 509 W. 10th Street.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the existing house – a 2-story house with a projecting bay (although this is shown on the east elevation, when the physical evidence today shows this bay on the west (Nueces Street) elevation, and a one-story wraparound porch at the northeast corner of the house. This configuration, as well as the placement of the house on the lot, differs significantly from the building shown on the 1900 map above, leading to the conclusion that the house shown on the 1900 map was demolished and this house built in its place between 1900 and 1935.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map above for house, with no correction to the location of the projecting bay on the side of the house. This map also shows the current one-story side building on Nueces Street that currently functions as a bail bond office.