

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2018  
 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
 HDP-2018-0447  
 715 WEST MONROE STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1930 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with a partial-width inset porch; single 4:4 fenestration; artificial siding.

## RESEARCH

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The house appears to have been built around 1930 as a rental property. The first tenants were A. Leeman and Nannie L. Harrison, who lived here until around 1932. A. Leeman Harrison was a city laborer, according to the 1930 U.S. Census, but did not list an occupation in the city directories. The house then had a series of renters through the late 1930s, when it was rented by Knolas and Frankie Hickman, who lived here until around 1951. Knolas Hickman was a truck driver and laborer in the construction business. From around 1956 until recently, the house was rented, and then owned by William E. and Della A. Johnson. William E. Johnson was a roofer.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

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 early 1930s cottage that has lost its integrity of materials through the application of synthetic siding. The house does not exhibit any features of architectural distinction that would qualify it as a historic landmark under the criterion for architecture.
- b. **Historical association.** The house has been primarily a rental property for most of its existence; tenants have included blue-collar workers such as laborers, truck drivers, a carpenter, and a mechanic. 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




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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition if the house is structurally sound, 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" = 167'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0447  
715 W MONROE STREET

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715 West Monroe Street  
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
715 West Monroe Street



By City Historic Preservation Office  
September, 2018

- 1992 William E. and Dela A. Johnson, owners  
Roofer, Acme Roofing Company, 2809 Manchaca Road.
- 1985-86 William E. and Della A. Johnson, owners  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.
- 1981 William E. and Della A. Johnson, owners  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.
- 1977 William E. and Della A. Johnson, owners  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.
- 1973 William E. and Della A. Johnson, renters  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.
- 1968 William E. and Della A. Johnson, renters  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.
- 1965 William E. and Della A. Johnson, renters  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.
- 1960 William E. and Della A. Johnson, renters  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.
- 1957 William E. and Della A. Johnson, renters  
Roofer, Acme Roofing and Sheet Metal, 2807 Manchaca Road.  
NOTE: William E. Johnson was the son of Hugo and Volena Johnson.
- 1953 Hugo L. and Velma L. Johnson, renters  
Body man, Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford cars and trucks, 202 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.  
NOTE: William E. Johnson is listed as a roofer living on an Austin rural route; there is no listing for Della A. Johnson.  
NOTE: Frankie Hickman is listed at 805 W. Mary Street; she was a helper at Austin Baking Company, 300 Lamar Boulevard. Knolas Hickman is not listed in the directory. The 1952 directory shows Knolas and Frankie Hickman living at 805 W. Mary Street; he had no occupation shown; she was a helper at Austin Baking Company. By the time of the publication of the 1954 directory, Knolas and Frankie Hickman were living at 6411 Porter Street; neither had an occupation shown.
- 1949 Knolas and Frances Hickman, renters  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: Hugo L. and Volena Johnson are listed on an Austin rural route. He was a body man for Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford cars and trucks, 202 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1947 Knolas and Frankie Hickman, renters  
Driver
- 1944-45 Knolas and Frankie Hickman, renters  
Driver

- 1941 Knolas and Frankie Hickman, renters  
Laborer
- 1939 Knolas and Frankie Hickman, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1937 John and Bernice Reed, renters  
Mechanic, American Service Company, ice and cold storage (multiple locations).  
NOTE: Knolas and Frankie Hickman are listed at 406 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street; neither had an occupation shown.
- 1935 Holmes E. and Ruby Wallace, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1932-33 William M. and Gertrude Hight, renters  
Carpenter  
Also listed are Elmer Hight and Lloyd Hight; neither had an occupation shown.
- 1930-31 A. Leeman and Nannie Harrison, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: A. Leeman and Nannie Harrison are not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **A. Leeman and Nannie L. Harrison (ca. 1930 – ca. 1932)**

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that Alton Leeman Harrison was living in San Antonio. He was born in Blanco, Texas in 1896 and was working for C.B. McDaniel in San Antonio. His nearest relative was his mother, Mrs. Mary Harrison, who lived in Blanco, Texas. He was tall and slender, and had light brown eyes and black hair.

Alton L. and Nannie L. Harrison appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 72 Waller Street in Austin. Alton L. Harrison was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer for the City. Nannie Harrison was 19, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Alta Leeman Harrison died in Baytown, Texas in 1961. He was divorced, and was living in Baytown. He was born in 1896 in Blanco, Texas, and was a machine operator for an excavating business. He is buried in Houston.

##### **Knolas and Frankie Hickman (ca. 1938 – ca. 1951)**

Knolas Hickman was born September 30, 1904 near Manor, Texas to Jim Ervin Hickman and his wife, Ellen Thurman Hickman. Both had been born in Tennessee. Jim Ervin Hickman was a farmer; Ellen Thurman Hickman was a housewife. They already had 5 children by the time Knolas was born.

Knoles [sic] and Frankie Hickman are listed in the 1930 U.S. Census as roomers in the boarding house of Lee Plumley at 1813½ E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Knoles Hickman was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer for a gravel company. Frankie Hickman was 18, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Magdaline, 8 months, who had been born in Texas. Listed with them are Knoles' widowed father, Jim E. Hickman, 58, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed, Knoles' brother, Frankie, 18, a Texas-born

laborer in a tin shop, and Knoles' sister, Bernice, 14, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

Knoles Hickman died in January, 1960. He was born in 1904 in Texas and was living at 5312 Avenue H at the time of his death. He was in the construction business.

### **KNOLAS HICKMAN**

**Knolas Hickman of 5312 Avenue H died at his home Wednesday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frankie Hickman; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Carter and Mrs. James Albers both of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. Felix Williams of Austin, Mrs. Sally King of Houston, Mrs. Bernice Dyer and Mrs. Evie Lyckman both of Austin; one brother, Francis Hickman of Austin; and three grandchildren.**

**Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Cook Funeral Home with Rev. William Bonis officiating.**

**Pallbearers will be Lundy D. Albers, Cecil Williams, Charles Lyckman, Roy Johnson, Jasper Barnbell and Bob Robinson all of Austin.**

**Burial will be in Memorial Park.**

Obituary of Knolas Hickman  
Austin American, January 8, 1960

## **KNOLAS HICKMAN**

Funeral services for Knolas Hickman were held Friday afternoon at the Cook Funeral Home with Rev. William Bonis officiating.

Pallbearers were Lundy D. Albers, Cecil Williams, Charles Lydkman, Roy Johnson, Jasper Gambell and Bob Robinson all of Austin. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park.

Story on the funeral of Knolas Hickman  
Austin Statesman, January 9, 1960



## **Frankie Crow**

Frankie Hickman Crow, 72, of 5312 Avenue H, died Friday.

She was a member of the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church.

She was the mother of Eva Carter and Maggie Albers of Austin; step-daughter of Clara Johnson of Austin; sister of, Audrey Gambrell, Viola Mills, Pauline Ross, Janie Moffett, Roy Johnson and Andrew LaFrance all of Austin, Leo Johnson of California, and Ike LaFrance of Victoria; grandmother of four; and great-grandmother of three.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Monday in the Colonial Chapel of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home with Reverend Don Bobb officiating. Interment will be in Austin Memorial Park

Pallbearers are Bill McNair, Johnny McNair, Mack Crow, Steve Towns, Butch Rider and Brian Ray.

Obituary of Frankie Hickman Crow  
Austin American-Statesman, December 4, 1983

## William E. and Della Johnson (ca. 1956 - )



## William E. Johnson

William E. Johnson passed away Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008, at the age of 76. He's survived by his wife Della Ann; five children, Mike, Stephanie Harold, Willie and wife Priscilla, Kevin and wife Trisla; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is predeceased by mother Volena, father Hugo W.; two brothers Hugo, Bennie; and one sister Dorothy Nell. Funeral services Friday 2:00 p.m. Graveside services only. Live Oak Cemetery, Manchaca, Tx. 12521 Twin Creek Dr.

Obituary of William E. Johnson  
Austin American-Statesman, August 28, 2008

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas N°A 3301  
 Sec. 116  
 M. Sam J. Hill Address 715 W. Monroe St.  
 Plumber Self Size of Tap 1/2 Date 5-31-30

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 6/9/30  
 Size of Tap Made 1/2"  
 Size Service Made 3/4"  
 Size Main Tapped 2"  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'  
 " " " 6' " 9'  
 Location of Meter at curb  
 Type of Box brick  
 Depth of Main in St. 4"  
 " " Service Line 8"  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 10' 8"  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-2-30  
 INDEXED 11-7-30. SVP

No. Fittings	Size	Valves	Req. No.
1 Curb Cock	3/4"		
1 Elbow	3/4"		
1 St. Elbow	3/4"		
1 Bushing	3/4"		
1 Reducer	3/4"		
1 1/2" Pipe	3/4"		
1 Lead Comp.			
Nipples			
Union			
Plug			
Tee			
Stop			
Box			
Lid			
1-2 X 3/4" x 1/2" x 1/2"			

Foreman's Signature Bennett

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Water service permit for this address (1930)

Connecting Charge \$ 1.25

N<sup>o</sup> ● 9636

**Application for Sewer Connection.**

Austin, Texas, Aug. 25 1930

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 Sam T. Hill  
at 715 W. Monroe Street  
1.50 X 133 4  
which place is to be used as a Residence  
In this place there are to be installed 3 fixtures.  
I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge

Respectfully, Sam T. Hill

Location of Public Sewer in Street

Stub Out 3' 5" W.C. 3' 2"

Connected 9-2- 1930 OK 8-28-30

Size of Main 6" inches

Size of Service 4" inches

4' Feet Deep in St.

34' Feet from Property Line

11-19-30 Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by Alex B. Astwright

Connection made by Alex B. Astwright

Sewer connection application for this address (1930)