

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0416
707 W. 14TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1921 fire-damaged house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roofed, brick-veneered frame house with a partial-width, hipped-roof, independent porch with battered wood posts and brick piers across the right section of the façade; side-gabled dormers pierce the side planes of the main hipped roof; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

This property was owned by the Ainsworth family from at least the turn of the 20th century onward. There was an earlier house on this site, as shown on the 1900 Sanborn map, but it is believed that the earlier house was demolished and the current house built around 1921. The exact date of construction is not known, but given the stylistic influences on this house, and corresponding information in city directories, a estimated construction date of 1921 seems reasonable.

William H. and Alma Ainsworth were living at this address at the turn of the 20th century; they appear in the 1900 U.S. Census at this address. William Ainsworth was born in Tennessee, and while living here, he was listed as a farmer. His youngest son at that time was Horace D. Ainsworth, who later figured prominently into the history of this house and its occupancy. By 1910, William and Alma Ainsworth had moved to Gonzales, Texas, where William was the manager of a feed warehouse, a job he continued to have at least through the time of the U.S. census in 1920. Horace D. Ainsworth grew up in Gonzales, and by the time he registered for the draft in World War I, he was working as a clerk for his father at the feed warehouse.

Moselle Ainsworth, Horace's oldest sister, married Emil Kuehne around 1920. Moselle's grandmother, Sallie Ainsworth, had a large, two-story house around the corner from this house at 1306 Rio Grande Street. Moselle and Emil Kuehne lived with her grandmother in the Rio Grande Street house, until they built this house in 1921, replacing the older house on this site, which appears to have still been in the Ainsworth family's properties. Emil Kuehne was the proprietor of the Enfield Grocery, located on W. 12th Street. He hired Moselle's younger brother, Horace D. Ainsworth, as an assistant manager of the grocery store, and Horace moved into this house with them around 1921. Horace Ainsworth married Verna Howard around 1925; around the same time, Emil and Moselle Kuehne moved out and Horace and Verna Ainsworth moved in to this house. By the late 1920s, Verna Ainsworth's mother, Annie Howard, was also living in the house; she remained here until her death 1953.

At some point around 1930, Horace and Verna Ainsworth moved into the house next door, at 705 W. 14th Street, and rented this house out for several years in the early 1930s. Their tenants included a Swedish-born farmer, a traveling salesman, a salesman for Cohn Brothers, a family clothing store, and the manager of Yaring's, a dry goods store that later became one of the city's premier women's clothing stores. By 1940, Horace and Verna Ainsworth moved back into this house, and remained here for the rest of their lives. The

house at 705 W. 14th Street was demolished by 1961; it is not shown on the Sanborn map of that year.

Horace D. Ainsworth began his work life as a clerk for his father, in the feed warehouse in Gonzales. He became a clerk and assistant manager for his brother-in-law Emil Kuehne, when he moved from Gonzales back into Austin, and eventually operated his own grocery store. Later in life, Horace Ainsworth became a building contractor. After he died in 1960, Verna continued to live in this house until around 1980. Verna Ainsworth died in 1993.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

A fire in August, 2018 caused significant damage to the roof and supporting structures. Below is correspondence from the applicant for the demolition permit:

Hi Steve,

The two major issues, structurally, are the piers and the roof. The piers are basically sitting on 3' dirt mounds in the "basement". (Approximately 7' of clearance below the house). Access to these is through the back of the house. The second is that the roof is collapsing. I do not think the house can be saved and remediated without massive expense to support the front of the house.

If you look at the front of the building you can see the separation in the bricks demonstrating the house shifting.

I would be happy to walk the property with you and show these issues in person. I can also go take pictures of these and email them to you.

Thank you for the update. Look forward to hearing back from you.

Scott Lindgren

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house may meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code, but the qualifications for landmark designation may be compromised by the extent of fire damage:

- a. **Architecture.** The house reflects the transitional style of residential design, between the older hipped-roof late Victorian houses, and the rise and popularity of the bungalow. The brick veneer on the house is unusual for a house of this style, as most were framed and clad in wood. The older Victorian-era elements of this house are the hipped roof and dormers, both rare on the later bungalows; the bungalow elements include the front porch posts and piers and the Craftsman-style door. Staff believes that the house qualifies under the criterion for architecture.
- b. **Historical association.** The house is part of a long history of ownership of this site by a single family – the Ainsworths. Horace Ainsworth was a grocery merchant and building contractor. The ability of the house to qualify as a historic landmark under this criterion is questionable.
- 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. This house is in an area of the city that still retains a number of historic-age structures, and could qualify as contributing to a potential historic district. It is most likely that if this house is demolished, it will be replaced with a larger commercial building that will compromise the ability of the potential historic district to reflect its history. If the Commission does vote to release the demolition permit, then staff recommends the 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, prior to the release of the permit.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0416

LOCATION: 707 W 14TH ST



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707 W. 14th Street
ca. 1921





OCCUPANCY HISTORY

707 W. 14th Street

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Mickey's Art City, antiques and collectibles Mickey Tronclae, proprietor
1981	Vacant
1977	Verna Ainsworth, renter Widow, Horace D. Ainsworth Retired
1973	Verna Ainsworth, renter Widow, Horace D. Ainsworth Retired Also listed is Forest H. Ainsworth, a student.
1968	Verna Ainsworth, renter Widow, Horace D. Ainsworth No occupation listed Also listed is Forest H. Ainsworth, no occupation shown.
1965	Horace D. Ainsworth, renter No occupation listed

Also listed is Forest H. Ainsworth, no occupation shown.

NOTE: This listing is most likely for Mrs. Horace D. Ainsworth, who is not separately listed under her first name as in other directories.

- 1961 Verna H. Ainsworth, owner
Widow, Horace Ainsworth
No occupation listed
Also listed is Forest H. Ainsworth, no occupation shown.
- 1957 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, owners
Contractor (office at the house)
Also listed is Forrest Ainsworth, a salesman.
- 1954 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, renters
Building contractor (office at the house)
Also listed are Forrest Ainsworth, Helen Ainsworth, and Nancy Ainsworth, all students.
- 1952 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, renters
General contractor (office at the house)
Also listed are Forrest H. Ainsworth, Helen Ainsworth, and Nancy Ainsworth, all students at the University of Texas.
- 1949 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, owners
Reporter, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper.
Also listed is Horace D. Ainsworth, Jr., a student at the University of Texas.
NOTE: Horace D. Ainsworth, Jr. was a graduate of the University of Texas and worked as a reporter for the American-Statesman in 1948-49.
- 1947 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, owners
Contractor (office at the house)
Also listed is Horace D. Ainsworth, Jr., a student at the University of Texas.
- 1944-45 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, renters
Clerk, Texas Insurance Checking Office, 6th floor, Scarbrough Building, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1941 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, renters
No occupation listed
- 1939 Edna Keith, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth are listed as the renters of the house at 705 W. 14th Street; he was the proprietor of a grocery at 1126 W. 6th Street.
- 1937 Arnold and Helen Schmidt, renters
Manager, Jacob Schmidt (Yaring's), dry goods, 139-45 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth are listed as the renters of the house at 705 W. 14th Street; he was the proprietor of a grocery at 1126 W. 6th Street.
- 1935 Robert and Cathryn Wilkes, renters
Salesman, Cohn Brothers, outfitters for the family –dress stylishly on Cohn's budget plan, 910 Congress Avenue.

NOTE: Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth are listed as the renters of the house at 705 W. 14th Street; he was the proprietor of a grocery at 1126 W. 6th Street.

- 1932-33 Fred and Ona Caldwell, renters
Traveling salesman
NOTE: Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth are listed as the renters of the house at 705 W. 14th Street; he was the proprietor of a grocery at 1126 W. 6th Street.
- 1930-31 John Bergstrom, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth are listed as the renters of the house at 705 W. 14th Street; he was an auditor.
- 1929 Annie Howard, owner
Widow, E.F. Howard
No occupation listed
Also listed are H.D. and Verna Ainsworth. He was the manager of a Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company grocery store (multiple locations).
NOTE: Annie Howard was the mother of Verna Ainsworth.
NOTE: The directory does not show a listing for 705 W. 14th Street.
- 1927 Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth, owners
Clerk, Gulf Refining Company, 5th and Chicon Streets.
- 1924 Emile B. and Moselle Kuehne, renters
Proprietor of the Enfield Grocery, 822 W. 12th Street.
Also listed is H.D. Ainsworth, no occupation shown.
NOTE: H.D. Ainsworth was the brother of Moselle Kuehne.
- 1922 Emile B. and Moselle Kuehne, owners
Proprietor, Enfield Grocery, general line of staple and fancy groceries, country produce, 822 W. 12th Street, corner Parkway.
Also listed is H.D. Ainsworth, the assistant manager of the Enfield Grocery.

NOTE: The following listings are believed to be for the previous house on this site, which is shown on the 1900 Sanborn map. The 1935 Sanborn map shows the current house.

- 1920 Freeman L. and Fountain Orman, renters
City salesman
NOTE: Emile and Moselle Kuehne are listed around the corner at 1306 Rio Grande Street; he was a salesman for Isaac Bledsoe, wholesale and retail pianos and organs, 821-23 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: H.D. Ainsworth is not listed in the directory.
- 1918 John D. and Mary R. Jones, renters
Certificate clerk, State Highway Department.
- 1916 Mrs. Burnie P. Gardner
Widow, William H. Gardner
No occupation listed
- 1914 James S. Harvey
Roadmaster, International and Great Northern Railroad.

1912-13	Vacant
1910-11	Lee P. Gatlin Clerk, State Comptroller's Office
1909-10	Lee P. Gatlin Book-keeper, Lease Land Department, State Treasurer
1906-07	Lee P. Gatlin Book-keeper and correspondence clerk, Lease Department, Treasury Department
1905	Rev. Dr. Max Rosenstein Rabbi, Temple Beth Israel, northwest corner of 11 th and San Jacinto Streets. NOTE: Lee P. Gatlin is not listed in the directory.
1903-04	Rev. Dr. Max Rosenstein Rabbi, Beth Israel, northwest corner of 11 th and San Jacinto Streets.
1900-01	Unknown NOTE: Rabbi Rosenstein is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Emile and Mozelle Kuehne (ca. 1921 – ca. 1926)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Emil B. and Moselle Kuehne living in the home of her mother, Sallie Ainsworth, at 1306 Rio Grande Street, around the corner from this house. Emil B. Kuehne was 29, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and was a salesman. Moselle Kuehne was 26, had been born in Texas to a Tennessee-born father and a Texas-born mother, and was a teacher. They had no children listed with them.

Emile Benjamin Kuehne was living at 2812 Pearl Street at the time of his death in 1961. He was born in 1891 in Lavaca County, Texas, and was a county official for the Veterans' Administration. He was a widower.

Emil B. Kuehne To Be Honored

Emil B. Kuehne, Travis County veterans service officer, will be given a citation by the national president of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the order's state convention here May 14.

A. J. Simon, state commander, said the Bergstrom Field chapter will participate in memorial services honoring the Austin Chapter of Gold Star Mothers.

Fred Schneller of Madison, Wis., national president, will present Kuehne with the citation for outstanding service to veterans, Simon said. Major General H. Miller Ainsworth, commanding general of the 38th Division, soldiered with Schneller about 30 years ago and will attend the conference here.

Story on the presentation of a citation from the Military Order of the Purple Heart to Emil B. Kuehne

Austin Statesman, May 5, 1950

Death Takes Mrs. Kuehne In Hospital

Mrs. Moselle Ainsworth Kuehne, wife of Emil B. Kuehne, veteran service officer for Travis County, died in a local hospital Wednesday morning. She was a life-long resident of Austin and a member of the University Methodist Church. Mrs. Kuehne resided at 2812 Pearl Street.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Dr. B. Ainsworth Kuehne of Austin; six brothers, Lt. Gen. H. Miller Ainsworth of Luling, H. D. Ainsworth and Edward Ainsworth both of Austin, A. G. Ainsworth Sr. of Gonzales, Dr. W. H. Ainsworth of Galveston and Ford Ainsworth of Kerrville and one granddaughter, Karen Kuehne of Austin.

The body is at the Hytlin-Manor Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Moselle Ainsworth Kuehne
Austin Statesman, March 2, 1960

EMIL B. KUEHNE

Emil B. Kuehne, 69, of 2812 Pearl Street, died in a local hospital early Monday morning. He had been a resident of Austin since early 1920 and was the first and only Veteran's County Service Officer of Travis County.

Kuehne was a member of the University Methodist Church, American Legion Post No. 76; Disabled American Veterans, Veteran of Foreign Wars and was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include one son, Dr. B. Ainsworth Kuehne of Austin;

one brother, H. R. Kuehne of Dallas; three sisters, Mrs. Johanna Winkler, Mrs. Selma Frentrup and Miss Helen Kuehne all of Austin and one granddaughter, Karen Kuehne of Austin.

The body lay in state at the Hyatt-Manor Funeral Home until 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at which time it was taken to the University Methodist Church where funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday with Dr. J. W. Morgan officiating. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park with full military honors.

Honorary pallbearers were all members of the Disabled Americans, the 40 & 8, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, Veterans of World War I, Austin Barracks and the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Pallbearers were active members of the military forces.

Obituary of Emil B. Kuehne
Austin Statesman, September 5, 1961

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Horace D. and Verna D. Ainsworth as the owners of this house, which was worth \$3,000. Horace D. Ainsworth was 47, had been born in Texas, and was the proprietor of a retail grocery store. Verna D. Ainsworth was 37, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 children: Horace D. Ainsworth, Jr., 12; Forest H. Ainsworth, 9; Helen Ainsworth, 6; and Nancy Ainsworth, 6. All of the children had been born in Texas. Also in the household was Verna Ainsworth's mother, Annie Howard, a 67-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth as the owners of the house at 705 W. 14th Street, which was worth \$8,000. Horace D. Ainsworth was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a grocery clerk. Verna Ainsworth was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Horace, Jr., 3, who had been born in Texas.

At 707 W. 14th Street lived John E. Bergstrom, who rented the house. John E. Bergstrom was 61, had been born in Sweden, and was a farmer. With him lived his son, Earl, 21, an assistant book-keeper in a bank; and daughter, Evelyn, 20, who had no occupation listed. Both had been born in Texas.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Horace D. Ainsworth as the 21-year old son of William H. Ainsworth and his second wife, Emma; they lived in Gonzales, Texas. William H. Ainsworth was 52, had been born in Tennessee, and was the manager of a feed warehouse. Emma Ainsworth was 36, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. William's children from his first marriage were Herman M., 25, a salesman for a feed warehouse; Horace D., 21, who had no occupation listed; and Garrison, 18. From his second marriage, he had 2 sons: William H., Jr., 5; and Ford, 2. All of the Ainsworth children had been born in Texas.

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that Horace Denton Ainsworth was living in Gonzales, Texas, where he worked as a clerk for his father. He was born in 1898 and was single. He had a medium build and was of medium height. He had brown eyes and brown hair.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows William and Alma Ainsworth living in Gonzales, Texas with their 5 children. William H. Ainsworth was 42, had been born in Tennessee, and was the manager of the Farmers' Union warehouse. Alma Ainsworth was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their children were: Mozelle, 18; Miller, 15; Spencer, 13; Horace D., 11; and Garrison, 8. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Horace D. Ainsworth as the 1-year old son of William and Alma Ainsworth, who had their home on this site, with the address of 707 W. 14th Street. They owned that home. Horace D. Ainsworth was the youngest of William and Alma Ainsworth's 4 children listed; his older siblings were Mozelle (later Mozelle Kuehne), 8; Miller, 5; and Spencer, 3. William Ainsworth was 32, had been born in Tennessee to a New York-born father and a Georgia-born mother, and is listed as a farmer. Alma Ainsworth was 26, had been born in Texas to a North Carolina-born father and a Texas-born mother, and had no occupation listed. The family had a boarder, Mary Tyler, 15, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

His 1960 death certificate shows that Horace D. Ainsworth was living at this address at the time of his death. He was born in 1898 in Gonzales, Texas, and was a building contractor.



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Mrs. H. D. Ainsworth and Horace Denton, Jr.

Mrs. H. D. Ainsworth and her interesting 17-months-old son, Horace Denton, Jr. Mrs. Ainsworth is the wife of the manager of the Speedway store of the A. & P. Tea company. They are living at 707 West 14th street. Mr. Ainsworth was formerly of Gonzales and the Ainsworths are among the popular newcomers to Austin.

Society page note on Verna Ainsworth and her son, H.D. Ainsworth, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, October 28, 1928

HELEN AND NANCY, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ainsworth, 705 West 14th street, are just a month old. They are great-granddaughters of Mrs. Ainsworth, and the only twins in the family.

Their brother, Forrest, about three, is somewhat overwhelmed by their plurality, and the other day when his mother had taken one of the babies up and carried her into another room, he brought up the rear with the other hanging perilously under his arm and took her to the mother with the remark: "Here's that other baby of yours."

When the babies were about three weeks old, Forrest went out one day and on returning asked his mother breathlessly: "Did you have any more babies while I was gone?"

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Society page note on the Ainsworth children
Austin American-Statesman, December 10, 1933

Ainsworth Family Has Reunion

In Austin this week were members of the Ainsworth family who visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Kuehne and Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Ainsworth.

They gathered for a reunion supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kuehne and honored Miller Ainsworth, Jr., and Horace Ainsworth, Jr., new volunteers for the navy, and Capt. W. H. Ainsworth, recently returned from two years overseas.

Out-of-town members of the family included Col. and Mrs. Miller Ainsworth and Miller Ainsworth, Jr., of Luling; Mr. and Mrs. A. Garrison Ainsworth and A. G., Jr., and Mrs. Spencer Ainsworth of Gonzales; Mrs. William H. Ainsworth and Capt. W. H. Ainsworth, Jr., of Georgetown.

Members of the family absent from the gathering were Lt. Edward Ainsworth, recently returned from a German prison camp and now stationed in Florida; S-Sgt. Ford Ainsworth, on duty in the Pacific; and Lt. Ainsworth Kuehne, interning at Gallager Municipal hospital at Washington, D. C.

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Ainsworth-Kuehne family reunion
Austin American-Statesman, September 9, 1945



TWINS INITIATED — Nancy and Helen Ainsworth, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Ainsworth Jr., 707 West 14th, were among those initiated Sunday into the University of Texas Orange Jackets. Others initiated in a ceremony at the Hitchin' Post included Ruth Pendergrass, Pat Kendall, Wilma Sandler, Janet Carenbleth, Betty Jo Thompson, Diana Klatz and Charlotte Booth.—(Neal Douglass Photo.)

Society page column on Nancy and Helen Ainsworth, twin daughters of Horace D. and Verna Ainsworth

Austin Statesman, April 20, 1953

MRS. ANNIE HOWARD

Mrs. Annie Howard, 80, died at her residence, 707 West 14th Street Thursday.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church and had been a resident of Austin for the past 40 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Horace Ainsworth of Austin; two brothers, Otis Eckols of Houston and Jim Eckols of Driftwood; four grandchildren, Horace Ainsworth of Dallas, and Forest Ainsworth, Helen Ainsworth, Nancy Ainsworth, all of Austin. The body is at the Hyattin-Manor Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Annie Howard, the mother of Verna Ainsworth, who lived in this house from the late 1920s until her death.

Austin Statesman, December 5, 1953



Austin Statesman-United Press

HORACE AINSWORTH AND BURIED HATCHET

Note axe marks, still visible in logs

TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

Century-Old Cabin Is Discovered by Wreckers

By ANNETTE RICHARDSON

A relic from Austin's past was literally uncovered this week when workmen tearing down a shack at 609 East 11th Street found a log cabin under the boards and plaster of the shack.

Until the dismantling began, no one—not even the family who lived in the shack—knew the cabin existed.

Horace Ainsworth, 707 West 14th Street, whose construction business led him to the wrecking job, estimated the cabin is about 100 year old. When he found the original structure he called Dr.

Walter P. Webb, history professor at the University.

Dr. Webb, who for the past 12 years has been seeking just such a cabin, was delighted at the find and purchased it immediately. He will have the logs numbered and removed to his Friday Mountain Camp, where the cabin will be reconstructed along its present lines. There it will remain, a monument to pioneer life in the Austin region.

Both Dr. Webb and Ainsworth agreed the cabin was the work of an early craftsman, name and occupation unknown.

About 15 by 15 feet in size, the cabin is built of hand hewn red heart cedar logs. Ainsworth noted that a broadaxe was used to cut the logs, "and broadaxes haven't been used for at least 75 years." The axe marks are still clearly visible.

Although grayed and weather-beaten now, the cabin still is in excellent condition. There are no signs of decay in the wood. "It's sound as a dollar," Ainsworth said, and Dr. Webb predicted the cabin would last "several hundred years" longer with good care.

Ainsworth reported that a woman presently living nearby said she remembered that her mother, who was past 90 when she died several years ago, had mentioned once living in the cabin.

Bricks in the cabin's chimney were hand molded of sand and clay, and dried in the sun, Ainsworth said. They crumbled during the dismantling process, but hard stone used with the bricks is still standing.

A curious discovery Ainsworth made was a rusty hatchet he found buried in the walls. He thinks it was a symbol of good luck—burying the hatchet in the walls of a house when construction was finished. Once before he found a hatchet in the walls of an old house he was wrecking.

No nails were used to build the cabin. The logs were cemented together with sand and lime plaster. Square nails — which haven't been used for half a century, according to Ainsworth—were found in the boards that were later nailed over the cabin. When the shack was built, two rooms were added.

The cabin, Dr. Wehl noted, was exceptionally tall. Hewn beams across the ceiling created a small attic "where the small fry probably slept," he said. The original roof, which Ainsworth guessed was made of cedar bark, has since given way to time and weather.

Just exactly how the cabin will be used at Friday Mountain Camp, Dr. Webb hasn't decided. He may use it for his own retreat, or turn it over for inspection by campers and visitors who are interested in how early Austinites lived.

HORACE D. AINSWORTH SR.

Horace Denton Ainsworth, Sr., 61, of 707 West 14th Street, died in a local hospital Thursday morning. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and had been a resident of Austin for the past 45 years. During 20 years

of this time he was construction contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Verna Ainsworth, of Austin; two sons, Horace D. Ainsworth Jr. of Dallas and Forrest H. Ainsworth of San Antonio; one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Carver of San Antonio; five brothers, A. G. Ainsworth Sr. of Oak Forest, Gen. H. Miller Ainsworth of Luling, Dr. William Ainsworth of Galveston, Ed Ainsworth of Austin and Ford Ainsworth of Kerrville.

Funeral services were held at the Hyllin-Manor Funeral Home Friday with Dr. Marvin Vance and Dr. Edmund Helmsloh officiating. Burial was in Driftwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were H. Miller Ainsworth Jr., A. G. Ainsworth Jr., Dr. A. B. Kuehne and H. D. Carver.

Obituary of Horace D. Ainsworth
Austin Statesman, April 15, 1960

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Tex.

No. A 2553 SEC 93

M. *H. D. Ainsworth* Address *705 West 14th*

Plumber *Andreivilla & Co* Size of Tap *1/2* Date *7/1-29*

Changed to 8" main on 16873

Date of Connection *7/3/29*

Size of Tap Made *3/4"*

Size Service Made *3/4"*

Size Main Tapped *2"*

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock *15'*

" " " *0.75' 20.6"*

Location of Meter *at curb*

Type of Box *lock*

Depth of Main in St. *14 ft.*

" " Service Line *14"*

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main *6'*

Checked by Engr. Dept. *8-13-29*

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Foreman's Report.

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock	3/4"
1	Elbow	3/4"
1	St. Elbow	3/4"
1	Bushing	3/4"
1	Reducer	3/4"
1	Pipe	3/4"
1	Tread Comp.	3/4"
1	Nipples	3/4"
1	Union	3/4"
1	Plug	3/4"
1	Tee	3/4"
1	Stop	3/4"
1	Box	3/4"
1	Lid	3/4"

Values *1-24 x 3/4" pipe*

Req. No. *4980*

Foreman's Signature: *Burman*

Water service permit to H.D. Ainsworth for this address (1929)

H. D. Ainsworth 707 West 14th Street
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 A of 5&6 -

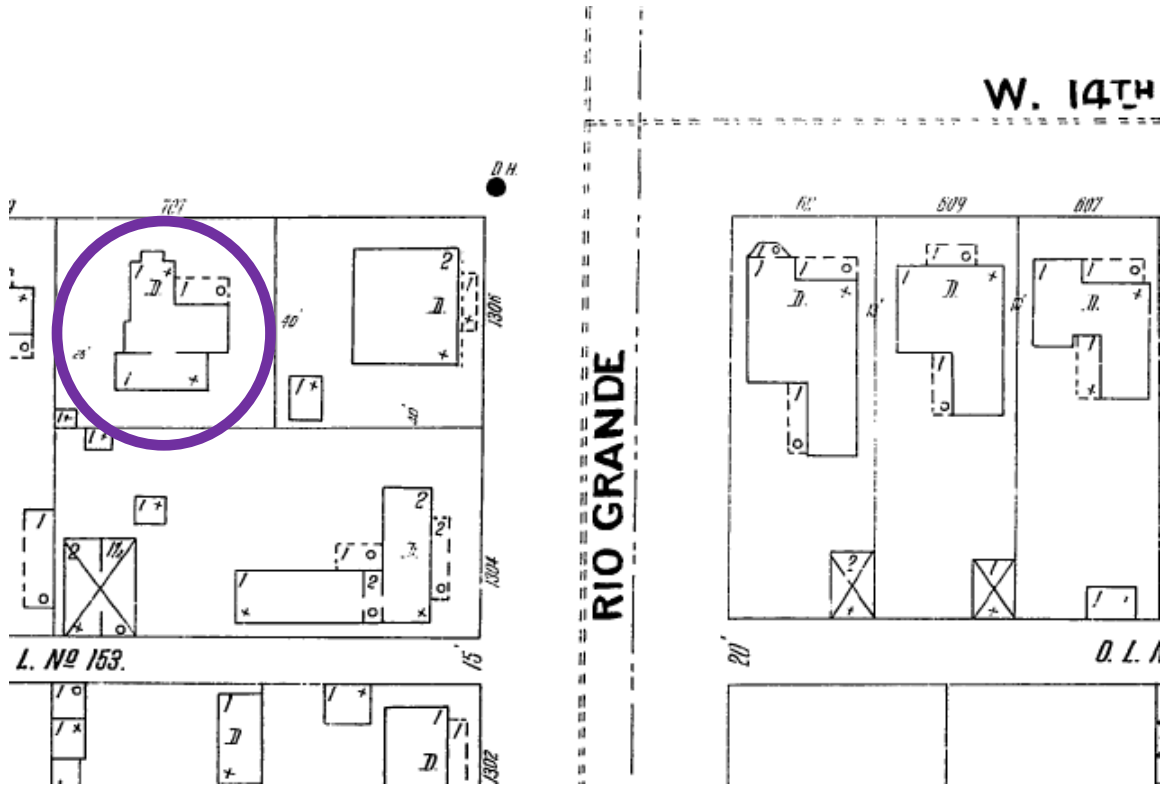
Stone veneer garage

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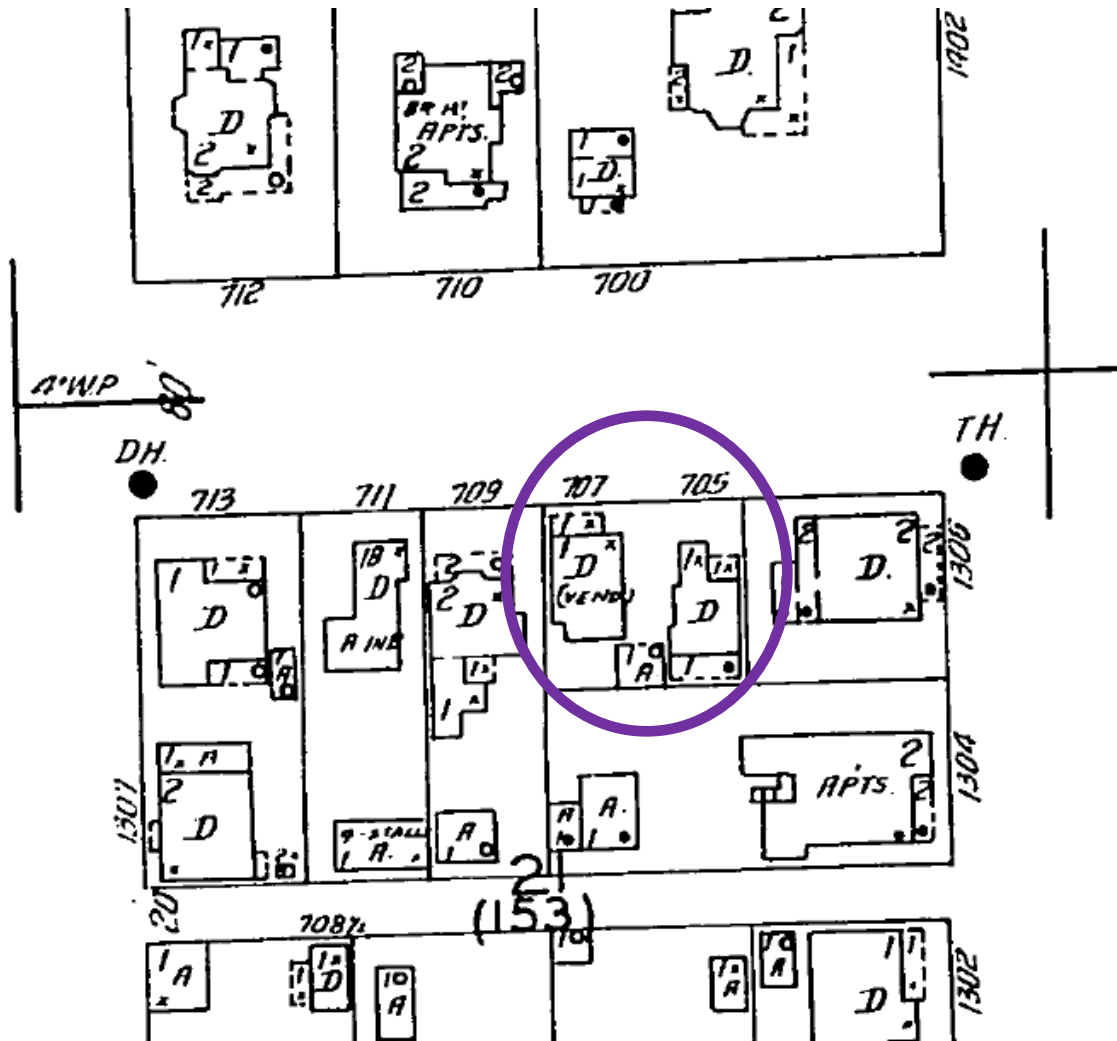
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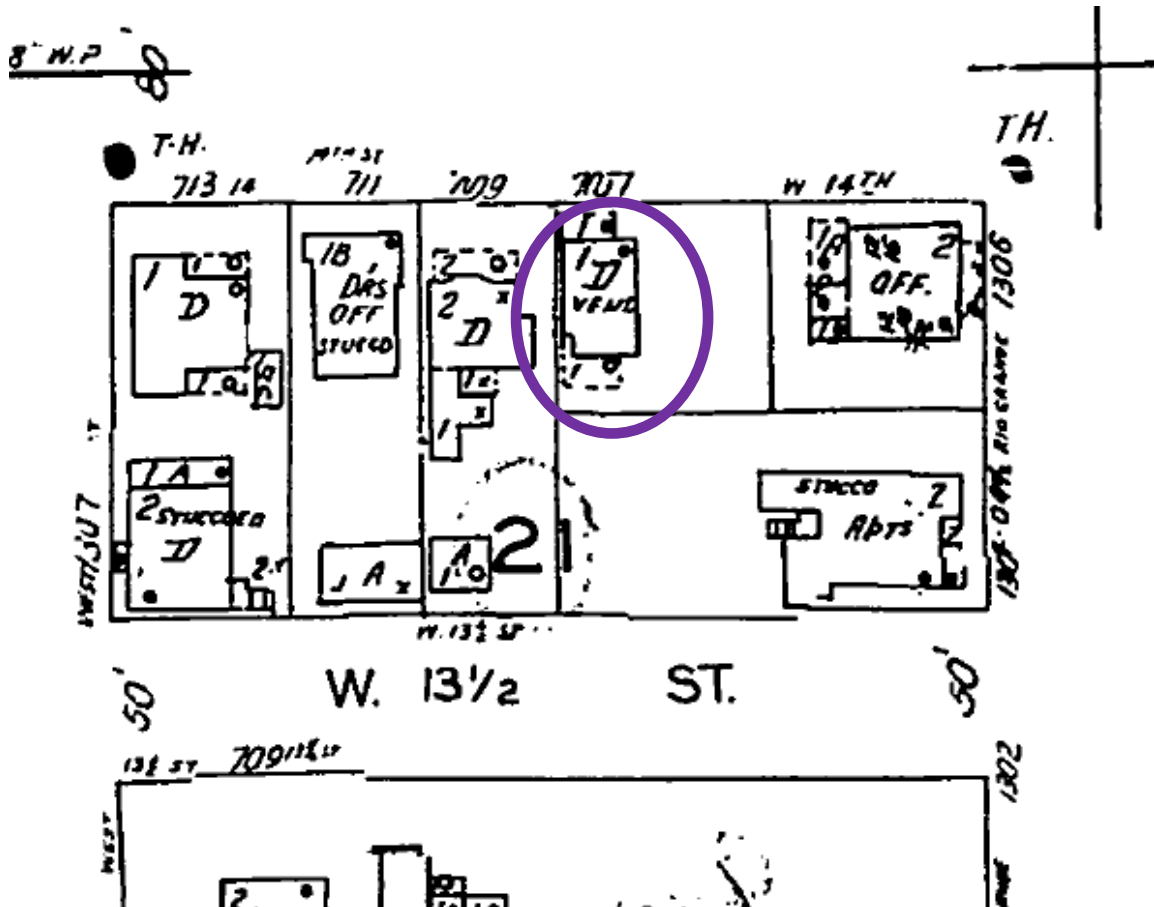
Building permit to H.D. Ainsworth for the construction of a stone veneer garage (1946)



The 1900 Sanborn map shows the former house on this site.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows this house at 707 as well as the house at 705 W. 14th Street; H.D. Ainsworth's parents place was around the corner at 1306 Rio Grande Street.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows that the house at 705 W. 14th Street had been demolished. The old Ainsworth house at 1306 Rio Grande is around the corner from this house at 707 W. 14th Street.