

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**HDP-2018-0418**  
**1206 GARNER AVENUE**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1941 house.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, L-plan, brick-veneered ranch-style house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1941 by John D. and Lenna Young, who lived here for the rest of their lives. John D. Young was born in Independence, Texas, and was the proprietor of Young and Pratt, a local heating and air conditioning contracting firm, which started off as a plumbing company and later as a sheet metal contractor. John D. Young had several major contracts, including Texas Tech University, the University of Texas, Joske's department store in San Antonio, the Commodore Perry Hotel, the Austin Tribune building, and the old American-Statesman plant. After he passed away in 1970, Lenna Young continued to live in this house until her death in 1976. Lenna Young was the commander and organizer of the Austin Navy Mothers' Club, and the president and organizer of the Austin Grandmothers' Club, and was active in other women's clubs in Austin.

## **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 brick veneered ranch house, a fairly common housing type in Austin. Ranch style homes were noted for their low, horizontal presence, and deep eaves or a long, horizontal porch, which are both evident on this house. While this is an early example of the style, ranch houses were among the most common housing types built in Austin after World War II and through the 1970s.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was owned and by John D. and Lenna Young from the date of its construction in 1941 until their deaths in the 1970s. John D. Young was a heating and air conditioning contractor; Lenna Young was the president of several ladies' clubs in Austin. There do not appear to be sufficient historical associations 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**

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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

1" = 167'

## NOTIFICATIONS

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1206 Garner Avenue  
ca. 1941



2009 photograph



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1206 Garner Avenue

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

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|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1992    | Curtis Jordan, owner<br>Proprietor (with Mary R. Plauche), Jordan and Plauche, real estate, 1704 Evergreen Avenue.                                                                                          |
| 1985-86 | Curtis Jordan, renter<br>Proprietor, The Cullen Company (not listed in the directory)                                                                                                                       |
| 1981    | Curtis Jordan, renter<br>Broker, The Cullen Company, real estate and custom building, 1707 South Lamar Boulevard.                                                                                           |
| 1977    | Curtis Jordan, renter<br>Salesman, The Cullen Company, real estate and custom building, 1707 South Lamar Boulevard.<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Curtis Jordan was a new resident at this address. |
| 1973    | Glenna Young, owner<br>Widow, J.D. Young<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: Curtis Jordan is not listed in the directory.                                                                                     |
| 1968    | John D. and Glenna Young, owners<br>Proprietor (with Joseph C. Zern and William S. Winn), Young and Pratt, heating contractors, 1818 South Lamar Boulevard.                                                 |
| 1965    | John D. and Glenna Young, owners<br>Proprietor (with William S. Winn, Young and Pratt, heating contractors, 1818 South Lamar Boulevard.                                                                     |
| 1960    | John D. and Lenna Young, owners<br>Proprietor, Young and Pratt, heating contractors, 1818 South Lamar Boulevard.                                                                                            |
| 1957    | John D. and Lillie Young, owners<br>Proprietor, Young and Pratt Air Conditioning, 1818 South Lamar Boulevard.                                                                                               |
| 1953    | John D. and Lenna Young, owners<br>Heating and air conditioning contractor, 1818 South Lamar Boulevard.                                                                                                     |
| 1949    | John D. and Lenna Young, owners<br>Heating and air conditioning contractor, 1818 South Lamar Boulevard.                                                                                                     |
| 1947    | John D. and Lenna Young, owners<br>Sheet metal, 1818 Fredericksburg Road.<br>NOTE: Fredericksburg Road was the former name for what became South Lamar Boulevard.                                           |

- 1944-45      John D. and Lenna Young, owners  
Sheet metal, 1818 Fredericksburg Road.
- 1942          John D. and Lena Young, owners  
Proprietor, Young and Pratt, plumber, 1818 Fredericksburg Road.
- 1941          The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: John D. and Lenna Young are listed at 3213 Harris Park Avenue. He  
was a plumber with his office at 1818 Fredericksburg Road.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

#### **John D. and Lenna Young (ca. 1941 – ca. 1975)**

John D. Young's 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that he was born in 1894 in Independence, Texas. He was living in Big Spring, Texas, where he was a sheet metal and plumbing contractor. He was single. He was tall with a medium build, and had dark brown hair and blue eyes.

In 1930, according to the census report of that year, John D. Young was living in Lubbock, Texas, with this first wife, Ruby. He was 35, had been born in Texas to a North Carolina-born father and a Louisiana-born mother, and was a plumbing and heating contractor. His wife, Ruby, was also 35 and had been born in Texas to Missouri-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Ruth, 8, who had been born in Texas. They owned their home in Lubbock.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows John D. and Lenna Young as the renters of the house at 3213 Harris Park Avenue in Austin. John D. Young was 46, had been born in Texas, and was a plumbing contractor. Lenna Young was 43, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Earl, 16, who had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

*John D. Young was born on January 1, 1894, in Independence, Texas to Albert Leroy Young and Elizabeth Alice Vickers. He married Ruby Edna Branson on October 27, 1919, in Westbrook, Texas. They had one child during their marriage, Ruth S Young. He later married Lenna Janie Wortman Evans and became stepfather to Opal Frankie Evans, Paul James "Buck" Evans, Richard Louie Evans, Alline Janie Evans, Earl Franklin Evans and Helen Marie Evans. He died on February 3, 1970, in Austin, Texas, at the age of 76.*

*Lenna Janie Wortman was born on July 27, 1897, in Cooper, Texas to William Franklin Wortman and Nancy Jane Hamilton Wortman. She married Frank Edman Evans on July 26, 1912, in Miller County, Arkansas. She had seven children by the time she was 28: Winnie Mae, Opal Frankie, Paul James "Buck, Richard Louie, Alline Janie, Earl Franklin and Helen Marie. She later married John D Young and lived in Austin, Texas. She died on March 3, 1976, in Austin, Texas, at the age of 78.*

From the Find-A-Grave website

# YOUNG & PRATT EXPERT AT ENGINEERING WORK

John D. Young, owner of Pratt & Young, heating, ventilating and air conditioning firm, is an expert at mechanical engineering.

He began work in plumbing, heating and sheet metal work following his education at Muskogee, Okla., and Kemp, Texas. He opened his business in Big Spring in 1916 and came to Austin from Lubbock in 1929. F. M. Pratt who was a member of the firm from 1923 until 1941 retired from the business and returned to El Paso.

In addition to conducting his firm's business, which includes statewide as well as local contracts, Young conducts a 10 - year - old ranching business in Gillespie and Burnet Counties and stocks sheep and goats as well as purebred Herefords.

Young & Pratt has handled contracts for nine buildings for Texas Technological College in Lubbock, and has installed heating, ventilating and air conditioning in 16 build-

ings on the campus of the University of Texas since 1929.

Since 1936, the firm has handled contracts for 42 buildings for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company over the state, and just recently the firm completed the heating air conditioning in the new Joske's of Texas, department store in San Antonio. Young pointed out this job in San Antonio was one of the largest the firm has ever handled, and said it was done jointly with a San Antonio plumbing and heating company.

Other large projects the firm has had in Austin include the Commodore Perry Hotel and the Austin Tribune Building.

In addition, the firm was responsible for the heating and air conditioning in the new American-Statesman plant and also performed this work at the old building.

During World War II, the firm completed a number of Army camp contracts, as well as doing some fabrication metalwork for ships.

Story on Young and Pratt, John D. Young's business  
Austin American-Statesman, October 18, 1953

# Mrs. J. D. Young Reports On Grandmothers Parley

Mrs. J. D. Young, president of the Austin Grandmothers Club, reported on her recent trip to the national convention of Grandmothers Club at a meeting held at her home, 1206 Garner, Monday evening.

Highlight of the convention, held in Seattle Oct. 17-21, Mrs. Young said, was the naming of Willard M. Rutzen as an honorary member. Mr. Rutzen, manager of the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, is not even a grandfather, she said. In fact, he's a bachelor.

The honorary membership was bestowed on Mr. Rutzen for his help to the clubs. The first Grandmothers Club was organized in Chicago at his hotel. He flew from Chicago to speak at the meeting and to receive this award.

Mrs. Young also reported that the

1955 national convention will be held in Houston at the Shamrock Hotel. All the Texas clubs will be hosts.

The Austin club won an honorable mention on their scrapbook. And Mrs. Young said, at a bazaar held at the convention the clubs sold over \$1,100 worth of handmade articles.

Mrs. Young presented the outgoing national president, Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan of Chicago, with a hand painted "Texas plate," decorated with bluebonnets. The new president is Mrs. Frances Long of Atlanta.

Lenna Young, president of the Austin Grandmothers' Club  
Austin Statesman, November 3, 1954



# Mrs. J. D. Young Hostess To Navy Mothers Club 417

Mrs. J. D. Young, new commander of the Austin Navy Mothers Club No. 417, was hostess at a called meeting of the group Friday in her home at 1206 Garner.

During a business session, she announced the following standing committees: rules and regulations, Mrs. Mary Frances Lang, Mrs. Nell Mosteller and Mrs. Otto Ludwig Jr.; ways and means, Mrs. Ruth Glenn, Mrs. J. J. Moritz, Mrs. C. E. Ziegler, Mrs. Lloyd M. Sowers and Mrs. Iva M. Snodgrass; welfare, Mrs. Bob Adams, Mrs. R. K. Lewis, Mrs. Ruby Elliott and Mrs. Hurvey Elliott.

Also, sponsorship, Mrs. Hugh Brinkley, Mrs. Horace Koenig and Mrs. Marcella Brass; membership, Mrs. W. R. Boathner, Mrs. Thelma Murphy, Mrs. D. G.

Wiebe and Mrs. Grace Kemp; publicity, Mrs. Joe Bourke and Mrs. E. A. Owens; program, Mrs. C. E. Ziegler, Mrs. A. J. Hamilton, Mrs. Ella Johnson and Mrs. Vida Simpson; and history, Mrs. Bob Adams, Mrs. P. B. Fincher, Mrs. A. J. Hamilton and Mrs. Frieda B. Long.

Special committees of the club include sunshine mothers, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, Mrs. Roy Cox and Mrs. J. R. Harrell; flowers, Mrs. Bob Adams and Mrs. Roger M. Dennis; yearbook, Mrs. J. Henry Cauthen, Mrs. Joe Bourke, Mrs. P. B. Fincher and Mrs. J. J. Moritz; and telephone, Mrs. Pallie Connell, Mrs. W. R. Boathner and Mrs. Lloyd M. Sowers.

New officers served refreshments on the patio following the business, and Mrs. H. W. Scott directed games.

Lenna Young, commander of the Austin Navy Mothers; Club  
Austin Statesman, June 22, 1960

# John Young Dies; Rites Pending

Funeral for John D. Young of 1206 Garner is pending at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. He died Tuesday night at a local hospital.

A resident of Austin for 38 years, he was the owner of Young and Pratt, heating and air conditioning contractors. He was a member of the Association of General Contractors of America and of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Austin. He was named Mechanical Contractor of the Year in 1957 by the American Institute of Architects. He was a member of Kinney Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lenna Young; four daughters, Mrs. Dixie Wheelock of Houston, Mrs. B. F. Davidson of San Marcos, Mrs. Gus Morriss and Mrs. Helen M. Cochran, both of Austin; three sons, Paul Evans of Houston, Louie Evans of Corpus Christi, and Earl Evans of Austin; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Obituary of John D. Young  
Austin Statesman, February 4, 1970

**MRS J.D. (LENNA) YOUNG**

Mrs. J.D. (Lenna) Young, 79, of 1206 Garner, died in a local hospital on Wednesday, following a lengthy illness. A resident of Austin for a number of years, she was a member of Kinney Avenue Baptist Church, where she was a member of the T.E.L. Sunday School Class and the Women's Missionary Society. In 1944 Mrs. Young organized the first Navy Mothers Clubs in this district. She also organized the first Grandmother's Club of Austin in 1950 and other such clubs around Texas. She was also a member of the Grandmother's Club, "Yellow Rose of Texas," and a member of and officer of The Women's Federated Club of Austin. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. "Dick" Young in February, 1970.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Gus (Frankie Opal) Morris, Mrs. Helen M. Cochran, both of Austin, and Mrs. B.F. (Alline Janie) Davidson of San Marcos; a step-daughter, Mrs. W.L. (Dixie Ruth) Wheelock of Houston; three sons, Paul J. Evans, Earl Frank Evans, both of Austin and Louie Richard Evans of Corpus Christi; 2 sisters, Mrs. Audrey Thompson of Amarillo and Mrs. Marcelle Tiroletta of Orange, Connecticut, fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. from the Chapel of Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with the Reverend Charles Stewart, pastor of Kinney Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Stringer, C.W. Wallis, L.K. Reeves, Charles Belk, Willie Glass, Larry Cantrell, Joe Benson and Gary Shores. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Henry Kilgartner, Dr. George E. Clark, Dr. L.F. Holland, Dr. Roy E. Hardman, Dr. Peter W. Werner, J.W. Price, Sr. Harry Williams and Louis Stripling.

Obituary of Lenna Young  
Austin American-Statesman, March 4, 1976

Mrs. J.D. Young 1206 Garner Ave  
 106 - 6 1-2 43 -  
 Barton Hts.  
 Brick Venr. Res & Frame Garage Attached  
 21426 - 3-11-41

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Building permit to Lenna Young for the construction of this house (1941)

CONNECTION CHARGE \$3304 No 17852A  
 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.  
 Austin, Texas 7-17 1941  
 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 J.D. Young  
 at 1206 Garner Street,  
 further described as lot 12-3, block 6, outlot  
 subdivision Barton Hts, division, plat 106  
 which is to be used as a Res  
 In this place there are to be installed 9  
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
 charge.  
 2 DEEP Respectfully,  
 AT-PL J.D. Young  
 Stub Out  
 Connected 7-19 1941 Per P.D.  
 Size of Main 6" Stub inches. 7-17-41  
 Size of Service 4" inches.  
 2 Feet Deep at gutter  
 Feet from Property Line 100'  
 Feet from Curb Line 5' N.E.  
 Inspected by Bonting  
 Connection made by Bonting B-1397V  
 5491

Sewer connection application by J.D. Young (1941)