

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2018  
 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
 HDP-2018-0480  
 3508 BONNIE ROAD

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a partial-width inset porch; single 1:1 fenestration.

## RESEARCH

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The house was built in 1938 for Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, who lived here until 1976. Joe Robertson was from Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas, and came to Austin around 1932 from Waco. He studied law at the University of Texas, and administered an estate, according to city directories of the early 1940s. Around 1943, he opened the Austex Hotel at 203 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, the old Mitchell Apartment Building (also the offices of Dr. J. Stanley Wright, a chiropractor, as well as the salon of Alice Miller, “spiritualist and proof reader”); the hotel appears to have been a residential hotel rather than for transients, was in operation until around 1950. He ran for Justice of the Peace in Travis County in 1940.

After Joe Robertson passed away in 1960, his widow, Juanita Robertson, who had been a dressmaker with her salon in this house, became a secretary for her son Joe T. Robertson’s insurance agency, and later his law office. Juanita Robertson died in 1976. The house then became a rental property at least through the early 1990s.

## 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 late 1930s cottage with a large inset porch, but represents a common type of residential architecture in Austin from that period. The house does not display sufficient architectural significance to justify a recommendation for landmark designation based upon its architecture.
- b. **Historical association.** The house is notably modest for this neighborhood, even compared with other houses built during the same period on Bonnie Road and in other areas of Tarrytown. Joe and Juanita Robertson built the house and lived here until they passed away; Juanita in 1976. Joe Robertson was an estate administrator and the proprietor of a small hotel on W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, but 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, 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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3508 BONNIE ROAD

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3508 Bonnie Road  
ca. 1938



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
3508 Bonnie Road

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

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|---------|---|
| 1992    | Anne K. Ducote, renter<br>No occupation listed  |
| 1985-86 | Robin Moats, renter<br>No occupation listed   |
| 1981    | Paul W. and Peggy M. Outon, renters<br>Proprietor (w9th David Kettler), Kettler-Outon Construction Company, home remodeling, custom homes, 6521 Burnet Road.                                |
| 1977    | Paul W. and Peggy M. Outon, renters<br>Contractor<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Paul W. and Peggy M. Outon were new residents at this address.                                      |
| 1973    | Juanita H. Robertson, owner<br>Widow, Joseph W. Robertson<br>Typist, Joe T. Robertson, lawyer, 1107 Nueces Street.<br>NOTE: Joe T. and Joyce Robertson lived next door at 3506 Bonnie Road. |

- 1968 Juanita H. Robertson, owner  
Widow, Joseph W. Robertson  
Typist, Joe T. Robertson, lawyer, 1107 Nueces Street.  
NOTE: Joe T. and Joyce Robertson lived next door at 3506 Bonnie Road.
- 1965 Juanita H. Robertson, owner  
Widow, Joseph W. Robertson  
Typist, Joe T. Robertson, lawyer, 1107 Nueces Street.  
NOTE: Joe T. and Joyce Robertson lived next door at 3506 Bonnie Road.
- 1960 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
Secretary, Joe T. Robertson Insurance Agency, 1408 Congress Avenue.  
NOTE: Joe T. and Joyce Robertson lived next door at 3506 Bonnie Road.
- 1957 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1953 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1949 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
Hotel operator
- 1947 Joseph T. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is Joe T. Robertson, a student at the University of Texas.
- 1944-45 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
Proprietor, Austex Hotel, 203 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1941 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
Administrator  
NOTE: There is no listing for the Austex Hotel; the Mitchel Apartments were located at 203 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1940 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
Estate administrator
- 1939 Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson, owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 3508 Ash Street.
- 1937 No houses are listed on Bonnie Road.  
NOTE: Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson are listed at 1910 David Street; neither had an occupation shown.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Joseph W. and Juanita Robertson (ca. 1938 – ca. 1976)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Joe W. and Juanita Robertson as the owners of this house, which was worth \$3,000. Joe W. Robertson was 44, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Juanita Robertson was 42, had been born in Texas, and was a seamstress at home. With them lived their son, Joe T. Robertson, 19, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Joe W. and Juanita Robertson living in a house they owned in Waco, Texas. Joe W. Robertson was 35, had been born in Texas, and was a leader of oil lands. Juanita Robertson was 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Joe Thaddeus Robertson, 9, who had been born in Texas.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Joe and Juanita Robertson living in a rented apartment in Santa Anna, Coleman County, Texas, where Joe was a 24-year old tailor with his own shop. Juanita Robertson had no occupation listed.

Joseph W. Robertson was living at this address at the time of his death in 1960. He was born in 1895 in Texas and was a retired property owner.

Juanita Robertson died in 1976; her last address was this house. She was a widowed legal secretary who had been born in 1898 in Santa Anna, Texas.

## Joe W. Robertson Gets in Race For Justice Post

Because he believes 6,000 people are a lot of friends, Joe W. Robertson Saturday asked voters to elect him justice of the peace for place 2, precinct 3.

He thus entered the write-in campaign for the office now held by Sam Rogers, who in announcing his candidacy for sheriff declared he was quitting the justice race.

Robertson reminded voters that they must strike out Rogers' name and write in "Joe W. Robertson" on their ballots in order to cast their votes for him.

The justice candidate, who lives at 3508 Bonnie road, polled 6,000 votes two years ago in the same precinct race. "Since I received such a large vote of confidence then, I feel sure that the effort and expense I put forth was highly appreciated," Robertson declared. "I am again offering myself for justice of peace with the confidence you will again honor me with your vote and support in the democratic primary July 27."

Robertson is a 45-year-old ex-service man, married and the father of a son. While working nights, he studied law at the University of Texas and believes his knowledge of the law and legal procedure is an important qualification for the office of justice of peace.

"I pledge myself to the humanitarian and understanding attitude toward the problems people bring to this office. It's the people's office and the safeguard of their civil



**JOE W. ROBERTSON**

liberties. I promise to keep it that way--the democratic way," Robertson declared,

Joe W. Robertson runs for Justice of the Peace  
Austin American-Statesman, July 21, 1940

# Joyce Long, Austin Man Are Married

## Joe T. Robertson, Bride To Continue University Studies

Miss Joyce Louise Long, daughter of Mrs. Rubye C. Long of Austin, became the bride of Joe T. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robertson, also of Austin, in a single-ring ceremony read by the Rev. Richard S. Martin in the Church of the Good Shepherd Aug. 29.

Before the ceremony Mrs. Herbert D. Ammon sang "Thine Alone."

Miss Carolyn Campbell of Wichita Falls, maid-of-honor, wore a gown of aqua net over satin and carried a bouquet of purple asters. The bridesmaids, Mrs. Charles Aicklen and Miss Jackie Rayzor, wore yellow gowns and also carried purple asters.

### Ivory Satin

Thomas B. Long, brother of the bride, gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of ivory satin fashioned on princess lines with a bertha of rosepoint lace. Her full-length veil was of imported Brussels lace, and she carried a bouquet of carnations, gardenias and stephanotis on a white prayer book.

Tom Flinn of Austin attended the groom as best man, and ushers were James Story of Wichita Falls and Robert Hunter of Austin.



A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, 2806 Woolridge Drive. Mesdames Bill Hellum and Hugh McKowen poured punch, and Mesdames J. H. Campbell and J. B. Williams served cake. Mrs. C. D. Long presided at the bride's book. Also in the houseparty were Mrs. Theron G. Cahill and Mrs. Jess H. Cambell.

For their wedding trip to Corpus Christi the bride wore an Adele Simpson suit of beige wool with brown accessories and a gardenia and carnation corsage.

The bride is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio. She attended TSCW and is now a student in the University of Texas.

Mr. Robertson, an Austin High School graduate, is also attending the University.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Cahill, Miss Evelyn Mann, T. C. Cahill and Jerry Cahill of Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Broaddus and Miss Betty Broaddus of Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Irby, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers and Mrs. Birdie Oliver of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Spencer of Yazoo, Miss.; Mrs. Olive Ford of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rayzor of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell of Wichita Falls.

Preceding the ceremony a rehearsal dinner was given by the parents of the groom at the Austin Hotel.



**MRS. JOE T. ROBERTSON**

O. V. Koen Photo

Joe T. Robertson, who grew up in this house, marries Joyce Long  
Austin American-Statesman, September 7, 1947

**JOSEPH W. ROBERTSON**

Joseph W. Robertson, 65, 3508 Bonnie Road, died suddenly Tuesday. He had been a resident of Austin for 28 years, formerly residing in Santa Anna. Robertson was a member of the Central Christian Church where he was deacon emeritus of the church and was past president of the men's Sunday School class. He was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Juanita Robertson, Austin; one son, Joe T. Robertson, Austin; three brothers, John Robertson, Austin; George Robertson, Corsicana; Early Robertson, Waco; one sister, Mrs. A. L. Goss, Dalhart; three grandsons, all of Austin.

The body will be at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home until Thursday when it will be taken to the Central Christian Church where

funeral services will be held at 9:30 a. m. Dr. John Barclay will officiate. Graveside service will be held in Santa Anna at 3 p. m. with Rev. George Cuthrell officiating.

The body will lie in state one hour at the church preceding the service.

Those who desire to do so may make a memorial contribution to the Gene Plummer Fund of the Central Christian Church.

Pallbearers will be Joe Steadham, H. M. Albert, Harold Page, Dr. Ross A. Maxwell, W. T. Lofland and T. T. Smith.

ROBERTSON, Mrs. Joseph W. (Juanita), 78, 3508 Bonnie Road, died Monday. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Graveside services 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Santa Anna Cemetery in Santa Anna.

Obituary of Juanita Robertson  
Austin American-Statesman, April 14, 1976

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

No. 21964 Sec. 14.2

**INDEXED**

Received of NW II  
Address 3508 BONNIE RD  
Amount                       
Plumber                      Size of Tap 1 1/2

Date of Connection 5-15-45  
Size of Tap Made 3/4  
Size Service Made 3/4  
Size Main Tapped 6"  
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'  
From W Prop. Line to Curb Cock 33'  
Location of Meter CURB  
Type of Box LOCK  
Depth of Main in St. 3'  
Depth of Service Line 9'  
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 27'

Checked by Engr. Dept. MAY 15 1945

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock	5/8"
1	Elbow	1/2"
1	St. Elbow	3/4"
1	Bushing	3/4" x 1/2"
2	Reducer	2" x 1 1/2"
2	Pipe	2" COP
1	Lead Comp.	3/4" COP
2	Nipples	1/2" x 15"
1	Union	1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
1	Box	1 1/2"
1	Lid	1 1/2"
1	Valves	1 1/2"
1	Job No.	1-657
1	Req. No.	21964

BENSON

Water service permit for this address (1945)

<i>Joseph W.</i> Robertson	'	3508 Bonnie Road
142	5	5

Walsh Place

Reroof residence & garage

27417 - 7/30/45                      \$140.00

A. H. Edburg

Building permit to Joseph W. Robertson to reroof the house and garage (1945)