

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
 HDP-2018-0442
 506 WALSH STREET

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1936 house to outside the city.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, roughly rectangular-plan, cross-gabled frame house with elements of Tudor Revival detailing; round-arched doorway under a gabled entry hood; carport to the left of the entry; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

Staff believes the current house was built in 1936. The 1935 Sanborn map shows the earlier house on this site, which dates from the turn of the century; the current house appears on the 1961 Sanborn map.

This was a rental property, but had a long-term tenant: Alton L. McNatt and his wife, Orene, who lived here from 1940 until 1961, when they bought a house in French Place. Both Alton and Orene McNatt were from Montague County, Texas, near Bowie, and when Alton retired, they left Austin and moved back to Bowie where they are both buried. Alton McNatt was a section chief for the IRS; Orene McNatt was an office manager at St. David's Hospital. She was also involved in the Sunshine Camp in Zilker Park.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was listed with no priority 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 1930s cottage; its only architectural distinction is the round-arched doorway. The house does not qualify as a landmark under the architecture criterion.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was rented for just over 20 years by a section chief for the IRS and his wife, who was an office manager for St. David's Hospital. There do not appear to be any 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

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" = 250'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0442

LOCATION: 506 WALSH ST

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506 Walsh Street
ca. 1936





Front building, Sandy's Supply

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 506 Walsh Street

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

1992	Sandy's Supply, Inc., janitorial supplies Jimmy Kopel, manager
1985-86	Sandy's Supply, Inc., janitorial supplies Jimmy Kopel, manager
1981	Sandy's Supply, Inc., janitorial supplies Jimmy Kopel, manager
1977	Sandy's Supply, Inc., janitorial supplies Jimmy Kopel, manage
1973	Sandy's Supply, Inc., janitorial supplies Jimmy Kopel, manager
1968	George S. and Evy L. Wallace, renters Maintenance man, Wess Williams Laundry and Dry Cleaning (multiple locations)
1965	Mrs. Odell Jones, renter Saleslady, Chisholm Sandwich Shop, 1202 W. 6 th Street.
1961	Vacant

- 1957 Alton L. and Orene McNatt, renters
Alton: Assistant chief, Internal Revenue Service
Orene: Supervisor, St. David's Community Hospital
- 1954 Alton L. and Orene McNatt, renters
Alton: Administrative assistant, Internal Revenue Service
Orene: Office manager, St. David's Hospital
- 1952 Alton L. and Orene McNatt, renters
Chief accountant, Collector of Internal Revenue
- 1949 Alton and Orene McNatt, renters
Alton: Chief, Central Accounts Section, Bureau of Internal Revenue.
Orene: Cashier, St. David's Hospital
- 1947 Alton and Orene McNatt, renters
Section chief, U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue
- 1944-45 Alton L. and Orene McNatt, renters
Deputy collector, U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue
- 1941 Alton L. and Orene McNatt, renters
Office deputy, U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue
- 1939 Clovis R. and Letha B. Pearce, renters
Switchman, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
NOTE: Alton L. and Orene McNatt are listed at 808 Nueces Street; he was employed by the U.S. Treasury.
- 1937 Johnnie Pigg, renter
Widow, M.C. Pigg
No occupation listed
Also listed is Etheleen Pigg, a stenographer for the Texas Liquor Control Board.

The listings below are believed to be for the earlier house on this site.

- 1935 George H. and Irene Pilgrim, renters
Barber, Paramount Barber shop, 523 Congress Avenue.
Also listed are Cutis H. Pilgrim and Juanita Pilgrim; neither had an occupation shown.
- 1932-33 Otho C. and Mary Weaver, renters
No occupation listed
- 1930-31 Otho C. and Mary A. Weaver, renters
No occupation listed
- 1929 Martin J. and Ethel Hodnett, renters
Painter, Austin Street Railway Company
Also listed is Bernice Hodnett, an operator at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
- 1927 Charles and Louise Koch, renters
Clothes cleaner, 405 W. 6th Street.

- 1924 Robert L and Buena Gildart, renters
Barber, 305 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 506 Blanco Street.
- 1922 Claude and Sarah Traweek, renters
Contractor
Also listed is Thelma Traweek, no occupation shown.
- 1920 Grover C. Campbell, renter
Trainman, Austin Street Railway Company.
- 1918 Elizabeth Campbell, owner
Widow, J. Newton Campbell
No occupation listed
- 1916 Grover C. Campbell
Trainman, Austin Street Railway Company.
- 1914 John T. Brown
Contractor
- 1912-13 John T. Brown
Motorman, Austin Street Railway Company.
- 1910-11 James H. McKinney
No occupation listed
Also listed are J. Marshall McKinney, a conductor for the Austin Electric Railway Company, and Sarah (Mrs. James H.) McKinney, the proprietor of a boarding house.
NOTE: John T. Brown is not listed in the directory.
- 1909-10 Walter E. Fiegel
Draughtsman, George Fiegel, contractor and builder, 411 Lavaca Street.
- 1906-07 Walter E. Fiegel
Carpenter
- 1905 Fred M. Turner
Motorman, Austin Electric Railway
NOTE: Walter Fiegel is not listed in the directory.
- 1903-04 Unknown
NOTE: Fred M. Turner is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Alton and Orene McNatt (ca. 1940 – ca. 1961)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alton and Orene McNatt as the renters of this house. Alton McNatt was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk for the Internal Revenue Service. Orene McNatt was also 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Barbara J., 6, who had been born in Texas. The McNatts had lived in Montague, Texas in 1935. They had two lodgers: Muriel Swarner, 28, who had been born in Iowa, and was a stenographer for an auto insurance firm, and Ann Gift, 24, who had been born in

California, and was a receptionist for a photographer. Muriel Swarner lived in Des Moines, Iowa in 1935; Ann Gift lived in Mill Valley, California in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alton McNatt as the 18-year old son of John C. and Agnes McNatt, who owned their home in Bowie, Texas. Alton had no occupation listed. He had a younger brother, Paul. His father, John C. McNatt, was the Texas-born manager of a cotton oil mill.

Deed records show that Alton and Orene McNatt purchased property in French Place in 1961. They moved back to Montague County, Texas later in life. Alton Leroy McNatt died in 1972 in Bowie, Texas. He was born in 1911 in Stoneburg, Texas and was retired from the Internal Revenue Service. Nanny Orene McNatt died in Bowie in 1986.

ALTON LEROY McNATT

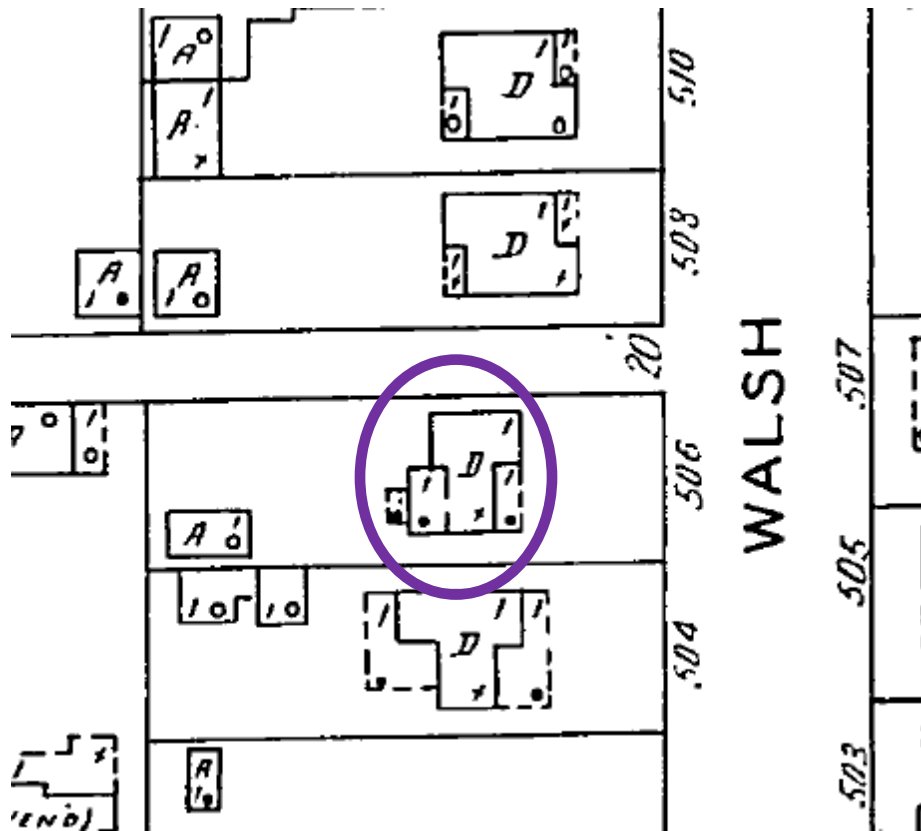
BOWIE — Funeral for Alton Leroy McNatt, 60, a former employe of the Internal Revenue Service in Austin, was Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Bowie. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery under the direction of Burgess Funeral Home.

McNatt lived in Bowie at the time of his death. He moved from Austin in 1968.

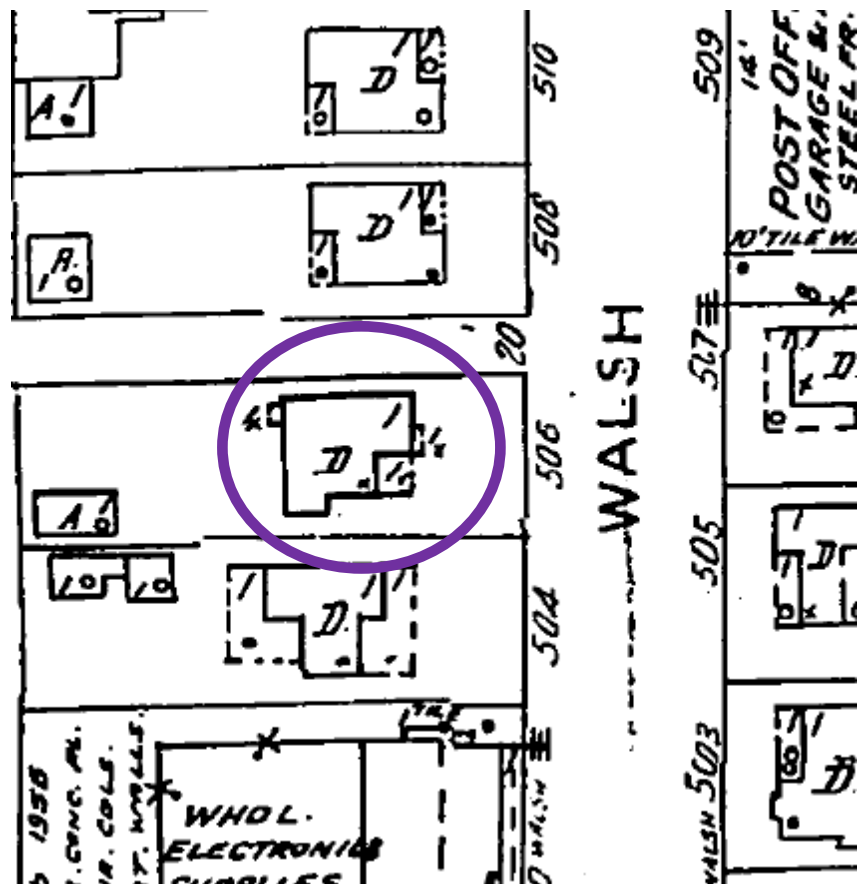
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Orena McNatt of Bowie; one daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Williams of Austin; his mother, Mrs. J. C. McNatt of Bowie; one brother, Paul McNatt of Graham; two nephews and two grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were the medical staff and employes of Austin's St. David's Hospital.

Obituary of Alton McNatt
Austin Statesman, September 27, 1972



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the earlier (turn of the century) house on this site.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the current house; it was moved to the rear of the lot to accommodate the commercial building built in its place.