

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 28, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0009
4404 ROSEDALE AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan cross-gabled brick-veneered house with minimal Tudor Revival detailing; single and paired 6:6 fenestration; front gablet over principal entry.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1935; the first occupants were renters, Vaile and Rose M. Henry, who lived here until around 1939. Vaile Henry was an accountant for the Railroad Commission of Texas. In the early 1940s, the house was rented then owned by Alvin A. Minnie L. Fleischer. Alvin A. Fleischer was an electrician. Chester and Myra Cawfield rented the house from the late 1940s through the early 1950s. Chester Cawfield was a clerk of the Post Office; Myra Cawfield was an accountant in the auditor's office at the University of Texas. Since the tenancy of the Cawfields, the house has had a series of short-term renters.

STAFF COMMENTS

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, but would be contributing to a potential historic district in the Rosedale neighborhood:

- a. **Architecture.** The house has minimal Tudor Revival detailing in its configuration and overall massing, but otherwise little architectural distinction; it does, however, appear to be remarkably intact.
- b. **Historical association.** The house has principally served as a rental property for middle-class families, none of whom appear to have 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, including consideration of a postponement to fully evaluate alternatives to 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, but would be contributing to a potential historic district in the Rosedale neighborhood.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0009
 LOCATION: 4404 ROSEDALE AVE



1" = 333'

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4404 Rosedale Avenue
ca. 1935



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
4404 Rosedale Avenue

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

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| 1992 | Dennis Kraft, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Dennis Kraft was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | Jerry S. and Sheran Woods, renters
Nurse |
| 1981 | No return |
| 1977 | Edward M Arnold, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1973 | The address is not listed in the directory. |
| 1968 | No return |
| 1965 | The address is not listed in the directory. |
| 1961 | James G., Jr. and Paulette Moore, renters
No occupation listed |

- 1957 Eldon E. Griffin, renter
Salesman, Butter Krust Bakery, Austin Baking Company, 300 Lamar Boulevard.
- 1953 Chester W. and Myra Cawlfeld, renters
Chester: Clerk, Post Office
Myra: Clerk, University of Texas
Also listed is James A. Cawlfeld, no occupation shown.
- 1949 Chester W. and Myra J. Cawlfeld, renters
Clerk, Post Office
- 1947 Alvin A. and Minnie L. Fleischer, owners
Electrician
- 1944-45 Alvin A. and Minnie L. Fleischer, renters
U.S. Army
- 1941 Lyle E. and Lova Hessler, renters
Chemist
NOTE: The 1940 city directory shows Vaile and Rose M. Henry living at 1609 Enfield Road. He was an accountant for the State Railroad Commission.
- 1939 Vaile and Rose M. Henry, renters
Accountant
- 1937 Vaile and Rose M. Henry, renters
Accountant, Railroad Commission of Texas
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Vaile and Rose M. Henry are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Vaile and Rose M. Henry (ca. 1936 – ca. 1939)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Vaile and Rose M. Henry as the renters of the house at 1609 Enfield Road. Vaile Henry was 30, had been born in Missouri, and was an accountant for the State Railroad Commission. Rose M. Henry was 23, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them. They lived in Electra, Wichita County, Texas in 1935.

Walton Vaile Henry died in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1977 and is buried there. Rose M. Henry died in Los Angeles, California in 1999.

Alvin A. and Minnie L. Fleischer (ca. 1942 – ca. 1948)

Alvin A. and Minnie Lee Fleischer are listed in the 1940 U.S. Census for Round Rock, Texas, where they rented their home. Alvin A. Fleischer was 29, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman at a gasoline station. He lived in rural Travis County in 1935. Minnie Lee Fleischer was 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. She lived in Pflugerville, Texas in 1935. They had a son, Donald A. Fleisher, 2, who had been born in Texas.

Alvin August Fleischer died in 1973. His death certificate shows that he was living on a Round Rock rural route at the time of his death. He was born in Texas in 1910 and was an electrician.

ALVIN FLEISCHER

ROUND ROCK — Funeral for Alvin August Fleischer, 62, was held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Condra Funeral Home in Round Rock with Rev. Robert H. Pfennig officiating. Burial was in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Fleischer, a retired electrician and farmer, died Sunday at his farm near Round Rock.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mimmie Lee Fleischer of Round Rock; mother, Mrs. Marie Fleischer of Round Rock; a daughter, Jennie Fleischer of Arlington; a son, Donald Alvin Fleischer of Hurst; four sisters, Mrs. Elsie Wolf and Mrs. Katherine Reese of San Antonio, Mrs. Helen McMillan of Austin and Mrs. Lillian Ray of Austin; two grandchildren.

Obituary of Alvin Fleischer
Austin Statesman, March 20, 1973

Chester and Myra Cawfield (ca. 1948 – ca. 1955)

Chester and Myra Cawfield appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of a house on Tillery Street in East Austin; that house was worth \$3,000. Chester Cawfield was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a painter in building construction. Myra Cawfield was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Myra Nolen Cawfield died in 1963, while living at 6204 Woodview Avenue. She was born in 1911 in Austin and was an accountant. Chester Worthing Cawfield died in 1977; he was living at 6204 Woodview Avenue at the time of his death. He was born in Stockdale, Texas in 1911 and was a clerk with the postal service.

MRS. MYRA N. CAWLFIELD

Mrs. Myra Nolen Cawfield, 6240 Woodview, died in a local hospital Monday. She was an accountant in the auditor's office at the University of Texas and a member of the Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, C. Q. Cawfield; two sons, James S. Cawfield and William E. Cawfield; her mother, Mrs. Ida Nolen; a sister, Miss Ada Nolen and one brother, John Warren Nolen, all of Austin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Cook Funeral Home with Rev. John Deschner officiating. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dewitt Jennings, W. W. Hunt, Lonnie Hornsby, Jimmie D. Kasparek, Charles D. Whitehead and B. L. Vann of Huntsville.

Obituary of Myra Cawfield
Austin Statesman, January 29, 1963

CAWLFIELD, Chester W., 66, of 6204 Woodview, died Thursday. Services 2 p.m. Monday at Masonic Cemetery. Survivors: sons, James Cawfield of Austin, William Cawfield of Garland; three grandchildren.

Obituary of Chester W. Cawfield
Austin American-Statesman, November 13, 1977

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 2899

SEC 187

M. C. J. Fitzgerald Address 4404 Rosedale Ave

Plumber F. Fisher MAIN PIPE RENEWED Size of Tap 1/2 Date 6-22-35

CHANGED TO 1/4 " COPPER ON 6770
SERVICE WITH 3/4 " COPPER ON 6770

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection... 6/25/35
 Size of Tap Made... 3/4
 Size Service Made... 3/4
 Size Main Tapped... 2"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock... 10'
 From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock... 16'
 Location of Meter... at curb
 Type of Box... bed
 Depth of Main in SE cut 2'
 Depth of Service Line... 12'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main... 2'

No. Fittings	Size	Foreman's Signature
1	Curb Cock	<u>Barnard</u>
1	Elbow	
1	St. Elbow	
1	Bushing	
1	Reducer	
10	Pipe	
1	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
	Tee	
1	Stop	
1	Box	
1	Lid	
1	Valves	
1-2	XXL	

Req. No. 35537

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-235 W.P.H.

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Water service permit for this address (1935)

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 12032

Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, July 26 1935

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 C.J. Fitzgerald at 4404 Rosedale Ave Street, further described as lot 3, block 8, outlot subdivision Rosedale, division C, plat which place is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully,

Buster Farrow

Stub Out

Connected 8-6 1935

Size of Main 6 inches (con)

Size of Service 4 inches

6 Feet Deep in pt

15 Feet from Property Line

Feet from Curb Line A-1037

Inspected by

Connection made by Erman Terzo

Sewer connection application for this address (1935)

8-10-82 KTM S
OWNER John Keir ADDRESS 4404 Rosedale Ave.

PLAT 187 LOT 3 BLK 13

SUBDIVISION Rosedale C

OCCUPANCY Residence and gar.

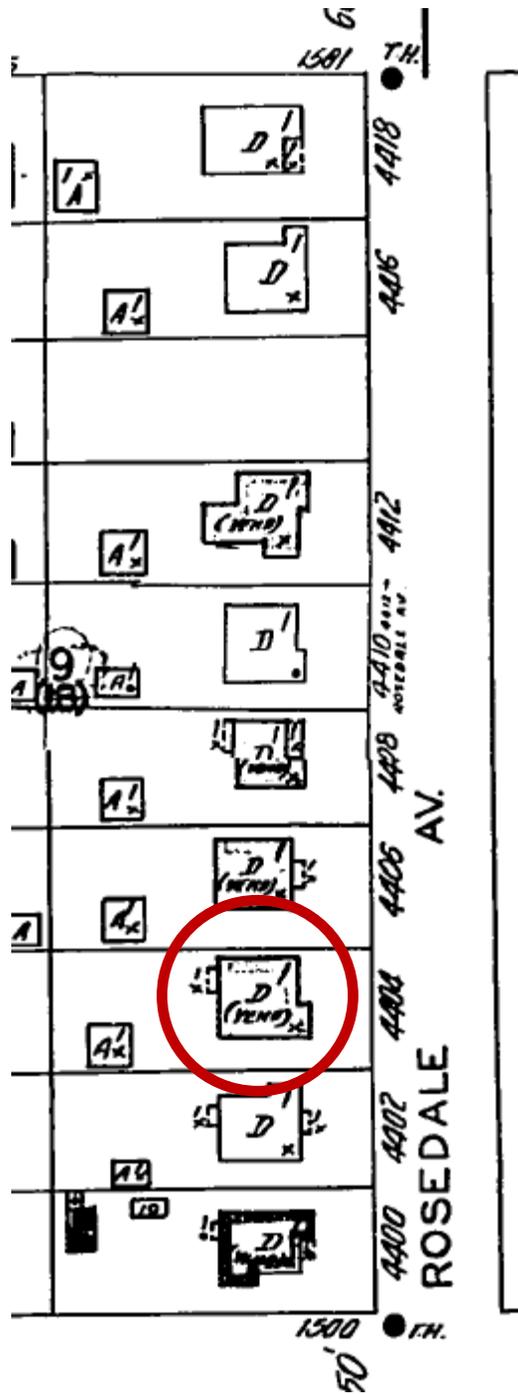
BLD PERMIT # 133878 DATE 1-23-73 OWNERS \$250.00 repair
ESTIMATE \$ \$200.00 addn.

CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES none

WATER TAP REC # exist. SEWER TAP REC # exist

Frame addn. and remodel exist. res. acc. bldg.

Building permit to construct an addition (1973)



The brick-veneered house appears on the 1962 Sanborn map. Earlier maps do not show this section of the neighborhood.