

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 22, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0149
807 WEST MARY STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1928 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, roughly rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a full-width, shed-roofed porch on plain square wood posts; non-historic fenestration.

RESEARCH

Utility permits to T.E. Odiorne, a local businessman and builder, were issued for this address in 1925, but the address does not appear in city directories until after 1927, indicating a more likely construction date of around 1928. The house was a rental property from the time of its construction until around 1948; the longest-term tenants were John A. and Maude Shropshire, who lived here from around 1936 to around 1946. John A. Shropshire was a painter; Maude Shropshire was a dressmaker. All of the Shropshires' sons also went into the painting business.

The house was purchased by John and Irmtraud Helgren around 1946, when John Helgren was a student at the University of Texas. Irmtraud Helgren was a recent immigrant from Frankfurt, Germany who worked at Yaring's, a ladies' department store on Congress Avenue. John Helgren became a book-keeper for Calcasieu Lumber Company; they moved from this house around 1953.

The house was a rental property again the mid-1950s, then purchased by Edward and Lucy Rangel, who lived here until around 1964. Edward Rangel was a paint mixer for a local paint company. A retired couple purchased the house in the early 1970s and lived here for several years before renting it out to Raymond Samilpa, Jr., an employee of Economy Furniture, who lived here until the early 1980s.

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:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a very simple front-gabled house that has been significantly modified over the years with new windows and what appears to be a side addition probably constructed in 1953. Because of its loss of integrity, the house does not qualify under the criterion of architecture for landmark designation.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was a rental property for most of its existence, with a series of renters and owners who lived here for short periods of time. The longest-term renters were a painting contractor and his family, who lived here in the from the mid-1930s through the mid-1940s. 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,

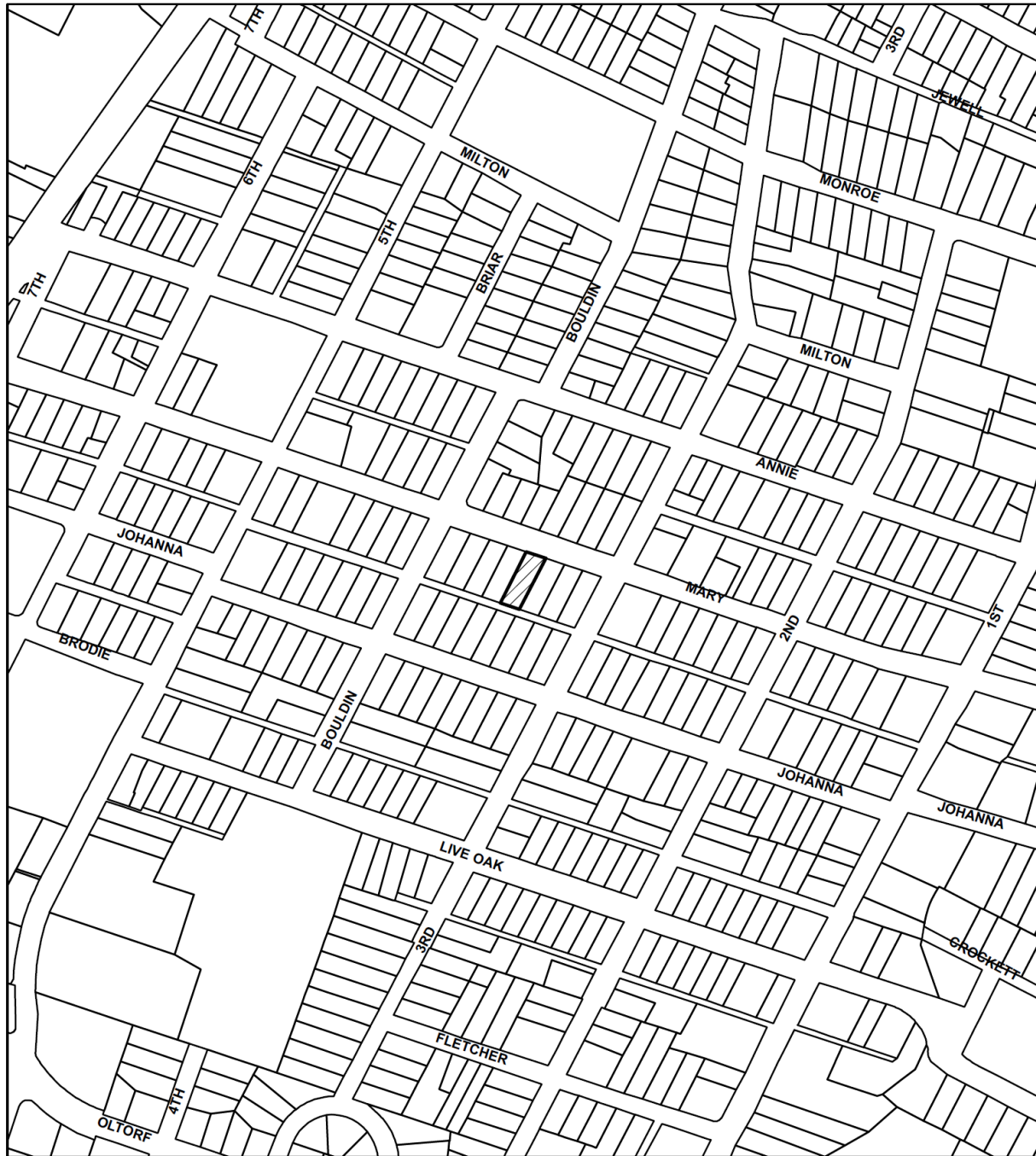
or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.




- 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

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" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0149

LOCATION: 807 W MARY STREET



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807 W. Mary Street
ca. 1928



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 807 W. Mary Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
April, 2019

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| 1927 | The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Worthie McLemore is listed at 1913 Garden Street; he had no occupation listed and Gertrude McLemore is not listed in the directory. |
| 1929 | W.W. and Gertrude McLemore, renters
Laborer, City Garbage Department |
| 1930-31 | The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Worthie W. and Gertrude McLemore are listed at 1407 Canterbury Street; he was an incinerator man at the City Garbage Department. |
| 1932-33 | D.R. and Edna Beton, renters
Mechanic, Jay-bee Auto Storage |
| 1935 | Nolan Cathey, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1937 | John A. and Maude E. Shropshire, renters |

Painter

Also listed is Jack Shropshire, a painter, and Maude E. Shropshire, a painter.

- 1939 John A. and Maude E. Shropshire, renters
 John: Painter
 Maude: Seamstress, Foyil Dressmaking Shop, 204 Ewell Nalle Building, 612 Brazos Street.
 Also listed is Jack Shropshire, a painter
- 1941 John A. and Maude Shropshire, renters
 John: Painter
 Maude: Operator, Foyil Dressmaking Shop, 204 Ewell Nalle Building, 612 Brazos Street.
 Also listed are Zachary and Geraldine Shropshire; he was an instructor at the State School for the Deaf.
- 1944-45 John A. and Maude E. Shropshire, renters
 No occupation listed
- 1947 Vacant
 NOTE: John and Maude Shropshire are listed at 2705-B E. 22nd Street; he was a painter.
- 1949 John and Irmtraud M. Helgren, owners
 John: Student, University of Texas
 Irmtraud: Clerk, Yaring's
- 1952 John E. and Irmtraud M. Helgren, owners
 John: Book-keeper, Calcasieu Lumber Company
 Irmtraud: Clerk, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1955 James D. and Darlene Swafford, renters
 Salesman, Fehr Baking Company
- 1959 Edward A. and Rangel, owner
 No occupation listed
- 1962 Edward A. and Lucy Rangel, owners
 Paint mixer, Hoffman Manufacturing Company
- 1965 Vacant
- 1968 The address is not listed in the directory.
- 1973 E.A. and Virginia Barnard, owners
 Retired
- 1977 Raymond, Jr. and Joyce Samilpa, renters
 Employed by Economy Furniture
- 1981 Raymond Samilpa, Jr., renter
 No occupation listed

- 1985-86 Paul G. Cunningham, owner
Proprietor, Cunningham Structures (not separately listed in the directory).
- 1992 Bill St. Clair, renter
No occupation listed

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

1930 U.S. Census

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Worthie and Gertrude McLemore as the renters of this house. Worthie McLemore was 26, had been born in Texas, and was a helper in the Sanitary Department. Gertrude McLemore was 20, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

John and Maude Shropshire (ca. 1936 – ca. 1946)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows J.A. and Maud Shropshire living on Austin Route 5 in Travis County. J.A. Shropshire was 54, had been born in Georgia, and was a painter in a shop. Maud Shropshire was 49, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children, all born in Texas: Ted, 29, a painter in a shop; Louis, 27, a painter for a building company; Cecil, 21, a painter for a building company; Jack, 18, a painter for a building company; and Carolyn, 14.

John A. Shropshire's 1965 death certificate shows that his last address was 2908 South Congress Avenue. He was born in 1874 in Georgia, and was a painting contractor. He was a widower.

MRS. MAUDE SHROPSHIRE

Mrs. Maude Shropshire, 4401 Bannister Lane, died in a local hospital Monday. She is survived by her husband, John A. Shropshire; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Carlisle of Houston, Mrs. Addie Nell Jamar and Mrs. Carolyne Swenson of Austin; four sons, Ted Shropshire, Louis Shropshire, Cecil Shropshire and Jack Shropshire of Austin; sister, Mrs. Irene Davis of Sherman; 25 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Obituary of Maude Shropshire
Austin American, March 27, 1962

MRS. MAUDE SHROPSHIRE

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Shropshire will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. B. L. Brown officiating.

Pallbearers will be Gillie Brown, Roy Parker, Harvey Parker, Carl C. Hardin, Kyle Woodland and Roy Elliott.

Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her husband, John Arthur Shropshire of Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Carlisle of Houston, Mrs. Ada Nell Jamar and Mrs. Carolyn Swenson, both of Austin; four sons, Ted Shropshire, Louis Shropshire, Cecil Shropshire and Zack Shropshire, all of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Irene David of Sherman; 25 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral notice for Maude Shropshire
Austin American, March 28, 1962

JOHN A. SHROPSHIRE

John A. Shropshire, 91, of 2908 South Congress, died in a local hospital Thursday.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. L. Carlisle, Houston, Mrs. Addie Nell Jamar and Mrs. Carolyn Swenson, Austin; and four sons, Ted, Louis, Cecil and Jack Shropshire, Austin.

Funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. B. L. Brown officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Eugene Carlsisle, William Carlsisle, Harrell James Jr., Jeffrey James, Zack Swenson and Jack Shropshire Jr.

Obituary of John A. Shropshire
Austin American, March 19, 1965

Connecting Charge \$ 1.200

Application for Sewer Connection. No. **9908**

Re Modeled Austin, Texas, 1-7-79 1930

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 T. E. O'Donoghue

at 807 West Mary Street

Lot 4 - BIKK residence

which place is to be used as a residence

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

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

Respectfully,

T. E. O'Donoghue

Location of Public Sewer in Street

Stub Out HC - 4" VC 7 1/2' E of wall

Connected 12-22 1930 4 1/2' deep

Size of Main 6 inches OK at New

Size of Service 4 inches 12/9/50 Cast Iron

5 Feet Deep

36 Feet from Property Line in st. of road

Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by Chas. J. Galt

Connection made by Smith

Started 12-17-30 RICHTER-AUSTIN Chas.

Sewer connection application for this address (1930)

Roman Wagner

807 West Mary St.

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James E. Bouldin Addition

Frame addition to residence.

54883 9-9-53

\$300.00

Owner

Building permit for a frame addition (1953)

City records indicate a permit to construct an addition and roof over the existing open porch in 1993.