

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 20, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0236
207 EAST ELIZABETH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1932 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, clipped side-gabled frame bungalow with synthetic siding; partial-width, clipped front-gabled independent porch on brick piers and wood posts; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1932 by James R. Stiles, who with his wife Mildred, lived here until around 1953. James R. Stiles was a steelworker who worked for Heierman-Tips and Tips Engine Works, the largest foundry in Austin. He eventually became a foreman at Tips, and was later became a vice-president of the company.

Around 1953, the house was rented by John S. Moses and his wife, Oladine. John S. Moses, a native of Mount Pleasant, Texas, was a former school teacher who then became a supervisor at the State Health Department. After Oladine passed away in 1961, John S. Moses continued to live in this house until his death in 1967. He is buried in Mount Pleasant.

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 late version of a clipped gabled bungalow (which achieved its height of popularity in the mid-1920s). The house is a good example of its type and could qualify under the criterion for architecture if there were also another strongly-met criterion for designation.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was the home of a foreman and vice-president of a local foundry for 20 years, and then a supervisor at the State Health Department for almost 15 years, 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

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-2019-0236
LOCATION: 207 E ELIZABETH STREET



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207 East Elizabeth Street
ca. 1932



2012 photograph



2019 photograph

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 207 East Elizabeth Street

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

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| 1930-31 | No houses are listed on E. Elizabeth Street.
NOTE: James R. and Mildred Stiles are listed at 1500 Brackenridge Street; he was a mechanic for Heierman-Tips, 300 Crockett Street. |
| 1932-33 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, renters
Steel worker, Heierman-Tips, 300 Crockett Street. |
| 1935 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, renters
Welder, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street. |
| 1937 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, renters
Welder, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street. |
| 1939 | James R. and Mildred L. Stiles, owners
Superintendent, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street. |
| 1941 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, owners
Foreman, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street. |
| 1944-45 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, owners
Foreman, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street. |
| 1947 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, owners
James: Foreman, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street.
Mildred: House manager, Chi Omega Sorority |
| 1949 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, owners
Vice-president, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street.
NOTE: James R. Stiles was one of several vice-presidents at Tips Engine Works. |
| 1952 | James R. and Mildred Stiles, owners
Vice-president, Operations, Tips Engine Works, 300 Baylor Street.
NOTE: James R. Stiles was one of several vice-presidents at Tips Engine Works.
NOTE: John and Oladine Moses are listed at 206 E. Monroe Street; he was a supervisor with the State Health Department. |
| 1955 | John S. and Oladine Moses, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: James R. and Mildred Stiles are not listed in the directory. |
| 1959 | John S. Moses, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1962 | John S. Moses, renter
Supervisor, State Health Department |

1965	John S. Moses, renter Supervisor, State Health Department
1968	Mrs. Jessie P. Hays, renter Widow, Clyde G. Hays No occupation listed
1973	Mr. Jesse Hayes, renter Hair dresser
1977	Tina Chapman, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Tina Chapman was a new resident at this address.
1981	Paula A. Carroll, renter Employed by the public schools
1985-86	M. Matthews, renter Facialist, Ninte's Salon (not listed in the directory) NOTE: The directory indicates that M. Matthews was a new resident at this address.
1992	Charles D. Gordon, renter No occupation listed

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

James R. and Mildred L. Stiles (ca. 1932 – ca. 1953)

James R. and Mildred L. Stiles appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1500 Brackenridge Street in Austin. James R. Stiles was 20, had been born in Texas, and was a steelworker at an engine works. Mildred L. Stiles was 18, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Mildred Stiles' mother, Sarah A. Rountree, a 62-year old Texas-born widow who was a practical nurse.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows James R. and Mildred Lee Stiles as the owners of this house, which was worth \$2,150. James R. Stiles was 30, had been born in Texas, and was a foreman in a steel yard. Mildred Lee Stiles was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters: Belva Jean, 8; and Sandra Ray, 2 months. Both girls had been born in Texas. With them lived Mildred Stiles' mother, Sarah Rountree, a 69-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

His 1940 World War II draft card shows that James Rufus Stiles was born in 1910 in Travis County, Texas and was living in Austin where he worked for Ralph C. Goeth (a proprietor of Tips Engine Works). He was 5'-8" tall, weighed 148, and had a light complexion with brown hair and brown eyes.

James R. Stiles' 1976 death certificate shows that he was living at 7205 Southwind in Austin at the time of his death. He was born in Travis County in 1910 and was a salesman for pipeline equipment. Mildred Lee Stiles died in 1985.

JAMES R. STILES, vice-president, Tips Engine Works, Austin. In 1949, Mr. Stiles was elected vice-president of the company. He specializes in steel production and sales and travels all over the United States promoting the Tips pipe line equipment.

Mr. Stiles joined the company in 1929 when Heierman Industries consolidated with the Tips Company. Mr. Stiles began with the Heierman firm in 1925 at the age of 15. After joining Tips, he was a layout man, and in 1933 was made foreman of the steel department.

A native of Travis County, Texas, Mr. Stiles was born in Cedar Valley on February 18, 1910, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stiles. His father was a farmer and rancher. Mr. Stiles attended the Austin public schools.

In Austin on March 3, 1928, he was married to Mildred Rountree. Their two children are Belva Jean and Sandra Kay. Mr. Stiles is a 32° Mason and a member of the Ben Hur Shrine, the Chamber of Commerce, the Engineers Club, and the Grace Methodist Church. He is a past director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Outdoor sports and golf are his hobby.

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Biography of James R. Stiles under Tips Engine Works
Central Texas Professional and Business Directory, 1952

STILES, James R. (Jimmy), 66, 7205 Southwind, died Thursday. Services 1 p.m. Saturday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Mildred (Roundtree) Stiles of Austin; daughters, Bleva Jean Myler, Sandra Kay Crouch, both of Austin; sisters, Ada Gates, Marion Byars, Hazel Mayer, all of Austin, Velma James of Woodville; 5 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Obituary of James R. Stiles

Austin American-Statesman, December 17, 1976

Mildred Stiles

Mildred Stiles, 74, of 7205 Southwind Drive passed away Wednesday.

She was a member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church. Mrs. Stiles was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Stiles, in 1976.

Survivors are her daughters, Belva Jean Myler and her husband, Doug, Sandra Crouch and her husband, Bill, all of Austin; grandchildren, Allan Myler and Wayne Myler, both of Austin, Julie Garcia, San Antonio, Jane Crouch and Janet Crouch, both of Austin; four great-grandchildren. The family expresses their appreciation for the care and loyalty shown to Mrs. Stiles by Melba Phelan.

Funeral services 10:00 AM Friday from Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, Chapel of the Bells, with Rev. Vic Harris officiating. Burial, Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Mildred Lee Stiles

Austin American-Statesman, August 1, 1985

John S. and Oladine Moses (ca. 1953 – ca. 1967)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows John S. Moses as a 39-year old widower who owned his home in Titus County, Texas. He was born in Texas and was a public school teacher. He had 2 children:

Billy, 14; and Martha, 12. Both children had been born in Texas. Also in the household was John's mother, Martha, an 80-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

His 1942 World War II draft card shows that John Moses was born in 1900 in Titus County, Texas, and was living in Mount Pleasant, Texas, where he worked for Brown and Root Construction. He was 6 feet tall, weighed 145, and had a light complexion with brown hair and hazel eyes.

Mary Oladine Moses died in 1961; her last address was this house. She was born in 1910 in Texarkana, Arkansas, and was a housewife. She had lived in Austin for the 11 years prior to her death.

MRS. JOHN S. MOSES

Mrs. John S. Moses of 207 East Elizabeth Street died in a local hospital Friday following an extended illness. She had been a resident of Austin for the past 11 years and was a member of the Congress Ave. Baptist Church and a member of the Martha Class of the Church.

She is survived by her husband, John S. Moses of Austin; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Robken Sr. of Texarkana, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Claudette Grigsby of Borger and Mrs. Martha McAllister of Mt. Pleasant; one son, Billy J. Moses of Sulphur, La.; one sister, Mrs. Hilda Brown of Waco; four brothers, Carl Robken of Texarkana, Rev. James Robken of Derricks, Ark., Fred Robken Jr. of Texarkana and Jeff Robken of Cedar Rapids, Ia. and six grandchildren.

The body is at the Wilke - Clay Funeral Home where it will remain until 3 p.m. Sunday at which time it will be taken to the Congress Ave. Baptist Church for services to be held at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Gordon B. Bays officiating, assisted by the Rev. Sam Coffey.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at Texarkana with burial in the State Line Masonic Cemetery.

Obituary of Oladine Moses
Austin Statesman, October 14, 1961

John Shamblin Moses' 1967 death certificate shows his last address was this house. He was a widower who was born in 1900 in Texas and was retired from the State Health Department. He is buried in Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas.

JOHN S. MOSES

John S. Moses, 68, of 207 East Elizabeth, died in a local hospital Thursday following an extended illness. He had been a resident of Austin and Travis County 18 years and was retired from State Health Department after 21 years.

He was a member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church and the Board of Deacons in this church. He was also a member of Talco Masonic Lodge 1134 A.F. & A.M.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Martha McAlister of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Claudette Grigsby of Old Ocean; a son, Billy Moses of Sulphur, La.; four sisters, Mrs. Joe Covey of Medina, Mrs. Emma McGuffey of Houston, Mrs. Ann Glass and Mrs. Louise Brown, both of Fort Worth; a brother, J. L. Moses of Mt. Pleasant; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Gordon B. Bays, pastor of Congress Avenue Baptist Church, officiating.

The body will be sent Saturday afternoon to Smith-Bates Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant for graveside services Sunday at 2 p.m. with Rev. L. E. Lamb officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Masonic Cemetery.

Obituary of John S. Moses
Austin Statesman, March 3, 1967

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, no work shall be done.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 10696725

M. James R. Stiles Address 207 Elizabeth St.

Plumber P. Dunham Size of Tap 2 Date 3-7-32

S.W. II

Date of Connection 3/16/32

Size of Tap Made 1 1/2"

Size Service Made 1 1/2"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'

From W. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 4'

Location of Meter across back

Type of Box brick

Depth of Main in 8" curb 12"

Depth of Service Line 12"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main over

Checked by Engr. Dept. 4-19-32 J.C.P.

FOREMAN'S REPORT

No. Fittings	Size	Material	Remarks
1	Curb Cock	5 1/4"	
1	Elbow	3/4"	
1	St. Elbow	3/4"	
1	Bushing	3/4"	
1	Reducer	3/4"	
1	Pipe	3/4"	
1	Lead Comp.		
1	Nipples		
1	Union		
1	Plug		
1	Tee		
1	Stop		
1	Box		
1	Lid		
1	Valves		
			Req. No. <u>126</u>

Foreman's Signature B. Dunham

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Water service permit to James R. Stiles for this address (1932)

OWNER Mildred Stiles ADDRESS 207 E. Elizabeth St.

N. W. 25' X 47' of 10

PLAT 126 LOT 11&12 BLK. 17 DIV

SUBDIVISION Swisher

OCCUPANCY Garage

BLD PERMIT # 89077 DATE 8-16-63 OWNERS ESTIMATE 400.00

CONTRACTOR A. B. Sedwick NO. OF FIXTURES

WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #

GARAGE

Frame acc bldg.

Building permit to Mildred Stiles for the construction of the garage (1963)