

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 18, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0574
700 GARNER AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story stone veneer ranchette with multi-light metal casement windows of varying dimensions throughout, a compound hipped roof with gabled covered entryway clad in composition shingles, and a decorative stone veneer wing wall at entry.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1946 by Felix Henry Barnhouse, Jr., with his brother and father upon his return from World War II. Barnhouse, an Army veteran and linotype operator, followed in his father's footsteps – both had served in the military, and both worked at the Austin American-Statesman for over twenty years. The Barnhouses did most of the work on the home themselves, with the exception of some stonemasonry.

F.H. Barnhouse, Jr. was married with three children and was an avid sailor. His wife Frances, an active Episcopalian, was also employed at the Statesman early in her marriage, but later worked at the Episcopal Theological Seminary. The Barnhouses lived in the home until at least 1962, and briefly hosted renters Alice and Woodrow Powell shortly after the home's construction. From 1965 to 1968, it was occupied by short-term renters.

In 1973, the home was purchased by William L. Crow, a manager at the Night Hawk restaurant, and his wife Ruth. After Ruth's death that same year, William remarried; he and his wife owned the home until at least 1977. By 1981, the home had been converted to a duplex and housed a variety of short-term renters.

STAFF COMMENTS

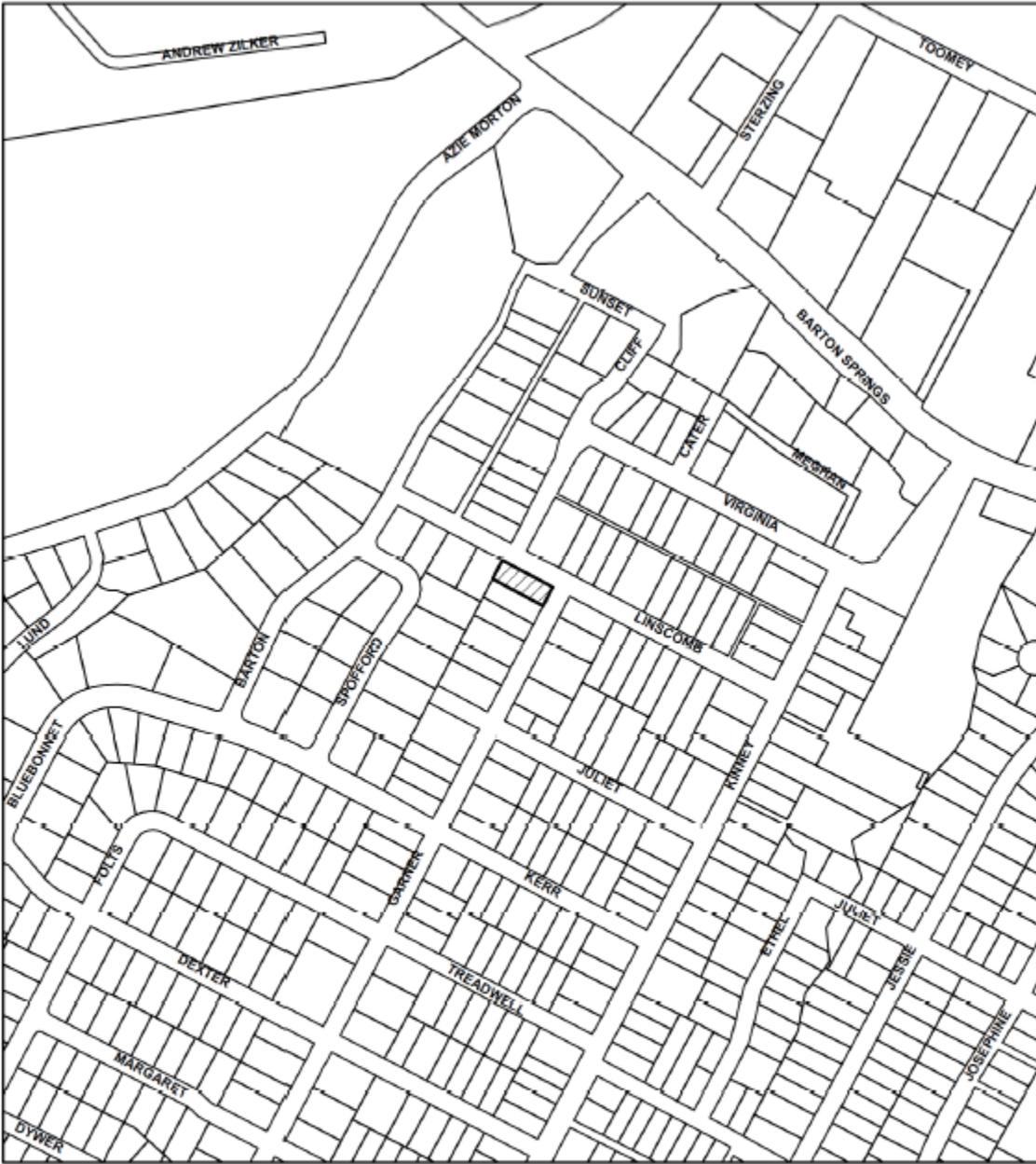
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (Land Development Code, Section 25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to one criterion:
 - a) *Architecture*. The house is constructed in the Ranchette style, and is an intact example of a common housing type associated with returning WWII veterans.
 - b) *Historical association*. The house does not meet the criterion for significant historical association.
 - 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

Strongly 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.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: HDP-2019-0574
LOCATION: 700 GARNER AVENUE



1" = 333'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Photos: Street View, 2019

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
November, 2019

1992 a. David and Cozette L. Bays, renters
Lawyer

b. Robert E. McMinn, renter

Note: The directory indicates that McMinn was a new resident.

1985-86 Daniel Ames, renter

1981 Stephanie Buslott, renter

Note: The directory indicates that Buslott was a new resident.

1977 William L. and Vivian Crow, owners

- Supervisor, Night Hawk
- 1973 William L. and Ruth Crow, owners
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- 1968 Hunter C. and Viola Mangham, renters
Manager, Sigmor Service
- 1965 Samuel L. and Violet Horner, renters
District storekeeper
- 1962 Henry Jr. and Frances Barnhouse, owners
Machinist, American-Statesman
Clerk, Episcopal Seminary bookstore
- 1959 F.H. Jr. and Frances Barnhouse, owners
Machinist, American-Statesman
Office secretary, Episcopal Theological Seminary
- 1955 Felix H. Jr. and Frances Barnhouse, owners
Printer, American-Statesman
- 1952 Felix H. Jr. and Frances Barnhouse, owners
Printer, American-Statesman
- Mrs. Alice Powell, renter
Office secretary, Reinhardt Co.
- 1949 Felix H. Jr. and Frances Barnhouse, owners
Linotype operator, American-Statesman
- Alice and Woodrow Powell, renters
Office secretary, Reinhardt Co.
- 1947 Felix H. Barnhouse, Jr., owner
Linotype operator, American-Statesman

Biographical Information

MRS. RUTH L. CROW

Mrs. Ruth Louise Crow, 45, 700 Garner, died in a San Antonio hospital, Friday. She had been a resident of Austin seven years and was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, S-Sgt. William L. Crow, Retd., Austin; three daughters, Misses Sandra Louise, Karen Lynn and Bonnie Leigh Crow, all of Austin; one son, William L.

Crow Jr., Austin; two sisters, Mrs. W. L. (Vera Ann) Clingensmith, Chicora, Pa., and Mrs. J. E. (Alma) Crosby, Pittsburgh, Pa.; two brothers, Harold J. Ritzert, Chicora, Pa., and Kenneth F. Ritzert, New York, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Bergstrom Air Force Base Chapel, Rev. Joseph M. Kmiecik, St. Ignatius Catholic Church, officiating.

The Austin Statesman; Oct 15, 1973

Seabee Father, Sons Build Two Houses in Record 5 Months

"Can Do"

That's the slogan of the Seabees, the naval construction outfit that performed almost unbelievable feats of building during World War II.

It's still the motto of F. H. Barnhouse Sr., head machine operator for the American-Statesman, who served 18 months in World War I and three years as a chief carpenter's mate in the Seabees in World War II. For Barnhouse and his two sons, F. H. Jr., or "Henry," and W. T. (Bill) Barnhouse, both of whom also are veterans, have just completed a couple of expert building jobs in the true Seabee tradition.

Henry Jr., a machinist with the American-Statesman, composing

department, was in the 13th Armored Division of Patton's famed Third Army. Bill, one of the first Naval ROTC graduates at the University of Texas and a naval officer aboard the USS Kidd during the recent war, is now with Braniff Airways, having majored in air transportation while in the University.

When the two boys went to war, Dad Henry couldn't stay behind so he joined the Seabees. When the war was over, all three returned home and the two boys wanted homes,—but there were materials scarcities, high labor costs and other impediments.

But Henry Barnhouse Sr., remembering the "Can Do" motto of his outfit got together with the boys and the three decided to build the houses themselves. An architect drew the plans for Henry Jr.'s house, but Bill drew his own plans.

Both of the homes are of cut-stone construction. Henry's is located at 700 Garner Street, Bill's is at 610 East 42nd Street.

Continue Regular Jobs

The two structures, with Dad Barnhouse and the two boys doing most of the work except some of the stone masonry, have just been completed,—three days less than five months after they started! It must be borne in mind also that the Barnhouses' work on their houses was carried on in their spare time while all of them continued their regular jobs.

Henry and his family have already moved into their home,—a three-bedroom, two-bath structure consisting of 1,350 square feet and containing 10 closets. Bill and his family at week's end were ready to move into their new home, containing two bedrooms and the other usual rooms above ground, and two efficiency apartments in the basement that will be rented to ex-GIs.

Amazed

When the inspector came to look the houses over for GI-loan purposes, he was amazed at the fact that the homes had been built in less than five months, as compared with the usual eight, nine or 10 months required now to build such homes, Barnhouse Sr. reported.

But there was more than the saving in time involved.

"For example, a contractor wanted \$12,000 to build Bill's house. We built it for \$6,000," Barnhouse Sr. explained.

So the Barnhouses are ready to say to other GIs wanting to build houses: "Can do! We did!"

Austin Sailors All Set For 2,600 Mile Cruise

Three landlocked sailors, who took boot camp on Lake Austin and got their sea legs on Lake Travis, will launch a revolutionary Austin-manufactured cruiser July 29 for a 2,600-mile trip through the Intra-coastal Waterway to New York City.

The trio, all Linotype operators for The American-Statesman, already have given the 17-foot Glastron Day Cruiser a rigorous shakedown cruise by "trying to tear it apart" in the rough waters of the open sea off the Gulf Coast.

As far as is known, an outboard powered craft such as the Day Cruiser has not made a trip along the entire route to be sailed by the Linotype operators. The crew will be Henry Barnhouse, 38; W. L. Cloud, 50; and Charles Neill, 45.

They feel confident they can make the New York City cruise in seven days. The Glastron boat averaged 25 miles per hour carrying five passengers on its recent 120-mile test off the Coast at Galveston.

With the trio on the salt water test were Bob Hammond and Bill Gaston. Hammond designed the boat and is president of Standard Glass Products, the Austin firm which will manufacture the cruiser. Gaston is distributor for the Glastron boats.

Details of the design were kept secret until this week. The molded, fiberglass boat has a length of 17 feet, a beam of 76 inches, a depth of 35 inches, forward deck length of 63 inches and can handle motors with horsepowers from 35 to 150.

The 17-footer is one of several models of Glastron boats to go into production this fall. Their manufacture promises to give Austin a big new industry. The revolutionary design of the boat, which already has withstood both the salt and fresh water tests, promises to make it a leader in the boating world.

The Linotype operators will take the sleek molded fiberglass craft from Houston over the inland canal to Apalachicola, Fla. From there they will cross the open sea for 250 miles to St. Petersburg, Fla.

They will go through the upper Everglades through the Okeecho-

bee Waterway to the Atlantic and then up the East Coast. They will encounter rough currents and choppy waters at several points on the East Coast.

They hope to reach New York Aug. 4.

Building Permits

Henry Barnhouse, Jr. 700 Garner Avenue
 105 - 0 N.53' of 1,
 2, 3 -

Barton Heights

Stone veneer residence and garage

28648 1-9-46

Owner

Building permit, 1-9-46

Henry Barnhouse 700 Garner Ave.

105 N.53.3' of 1,2, & 3 0

Barton Heights

Frame Addition to rear of residence.

75009 1/8/60 250.00

owner

none

7-17-79 183878 repair and remodel exist res to create a duplex
 CARPORT \$6000.00

Addition/remodel permits, 1-8-60 and 7-17-79

OWNER: C.W. Crow ADDRESS 700 Garner Ave.
 PLAT 105 LOT NO 53.3 of 1.2 & 3 BLK. 0
 SUBDIVISION Barton Heights
 OCCUPANCY Res.
 BLDG. PERMIT # 157894 DATE 7-6-76 OWNERS ESTIMATE 2400.00
 CONTRACTOR J.R. Harrell NO. OF FIXTURES
 WATER TAP REC# SEWER TAP REC#
 Repair & Remodel Res.

Remodel permit, 7-6-76

Receipt No. 5323 Application for Sewer Connection No 19873

Austin, Texas, 1-9-46 19 46

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Henry Barnhouse, Jr. at 700 Garner Ave. Street, further described as Lot N. 53' of 1, 2, 3 Block 0 Outlot - Division - subdivision Barton Blight Plat. 105, which is to be used as a Res. In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 21334 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 5-31-46

Depth at Prop. Line 2' 4" at Main Respectfully,

Stub Out Connected 5 1/2' S of N.L.L. (Location)

Date 6-6-46

By Lugo

NOTE: Connection Instructions 6" American Standard 3' Rise 12.5' W of E.P. (Rock)

Sewer tap permit, 1-9-46

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No 21704-105

Austin, Texas

Received of FELIX H. BARNHOUSE INDEXED 46

Address 700 GARNER AVE

Amount TWO AND 50/100

Plumber SELF

Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection	<u>1-21-45</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>2"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>1'</u>
From N. Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>5'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>CORB</u>
Type of Box	<u>CONC</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>CONC 14"</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>12"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>1'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>M.R. 2-2-46</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	<u>3/4"</u>
Elbow	
St. Elbow	
Bushing	
1 Reducer	<u>2 1/2" COPLIN</u>
1 Pipe	<u>2 1/2" COP</u>
1 Lead Comp	<u>2 1/2" COP</u>
Nipples	
1 Union	<u>2 1/2" COP-IRON</u>
1 Plug	<u>1 1/2" COP-IRON</u>
1 Tee	<u>2 1/2" COP</u>
1 Box	<u>CONC</u>
Lid	
Valves	
Job No.	<u>1122371</u>
Req. No.	

CHANGE SER. TO 6" MAIN ON E-7721

BENSON

Water tap permit, 1-46