

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0605
1501 E. CESAR CHAVEZ STREET

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1905 house to a new neighborhood being established by the Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation in East Austin.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, steeply-hipped roofed frame house with a projecting three-bay entry containing the glazed front door and transom, and 1:1 fenestration in the flanking bays; full-width, shed-roofed, independent porch on plain round columns and square piers, and a non-historic railing; ornamental front-facing gablet above the principal entry; single 2:2 and 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1905 and has had a long history of occupancy by blue collar skilled workers. The first owners and occupants were James L. Swanzy and his family, who lived here until around 1910. James L. Swanzy was a salesman for Swift and Company, a meat packing business on Congress Avenue. He was apparently very well-regarded in the business and social community in Austin, gauging from newspaper articles about him and his family members. He also appears to have been active in the volunteer fire department, with an unsuccessful bid for recorder of the Fire Department. In the early 1910s, Merritt McGarrity, an electrician for John L. Martin, rented the house; in the late 1910s, the house was rented by A. Byron Davenport, a printer for the Austin American-Statesman, and his family.

Walter P. and Ella Martin purchased the house around 1923, and lived here until around 1938. Martin was a timekeeper and clerk for the Southern Pacific Railroad when he and Ella first moved into this house; by the early 1930s, he was the superintendent and market master of the city-owned public market on E. 7th Street. He and Ella moved from this house to a new house on W. 15th Street in 1938. Tragically, Walter P. Martin died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at their new house in 1943.

From around 1940 until around 1970, the house was rented by Andrew A. and Caroline Johnson. Andrew A. Johnson was a native of Sweden and worked for the gas company; Caroline Johnson was a native of Germany, and remained in this house for many years after Andrew passed away.

Caroline Johnson died in 1971; the house was then rented by Celso and Frances Sanchez. Celso Sanchez was a native of Mexico, and had no occupation listed in the city directories during his tenancy at this house. After he passed away in 1982, Frances Sanchez continued to live here, at least through the early 1990s.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is recommended as a local landmark, individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and as contributing to a potential historic district by the East Austin Survey (2016).

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that while the house has demonstrated architectural significance, the case for landmark designation based upon historical associations is not as strong, according to the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a turn of the 20th century vernacular Victorian with a steeply-pitched roof, a project entry bay with a transom, and all of the hallmarks of working-class architecture of its time.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was the home of several working-class families, both as owners and renters of this property. Occupants included a clerk for a meat packing plant, a timekeeper for the railroad who then became the assistant market master for the city-owned Public Market in the 1930s, and a watchman for the gas company. While the house reflects the means and lifestyle of working-class families in Austin in the 20th century, there do not appear to be any persons that stand out as truly representative of the economic or social class.
- 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 on-site, but release the permit for relocation 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-2019-0605

LOCATION: 1501 E CESAR CHAVEZ STREET



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1501 E. Cesar Chavez Street
ca. 1905



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1501 E. Cesar Chavez Street

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

1992	Frances Sanchez, owner Retired
1985-86	Mrs. Frances Sanchez, owner No occupation listed
1981	Celso and Frances Sanchez, renters No occupation listed
1977	Celso and Frances Sanchez, renters No occupation listed
1973	Celso and Frances Sanchez, renters No occupation listed

- 1968 Carolyn Johnson, renter
Widow, Andrew Johnson
Retired
- 1965 Carolyn Johnson, renter
Widow, Andrew Johnson
Retired
- 1963 Carolyn Johnson, renter
Widow, Andrew Johnson
Retired
- 1960 Carolyn Johnson, renter
Widow, Andrew Johnson
Retired
- 1955 Lalavane Johnson, renter
Widow, Andrew Johnson
Maid
- 1952 Andrew and Anna S. Johnson, renters
No occupation listed
Also listed is Raymond R. Prade; no occupation shown.
- NOTE: The directory also shows a Raymond and Ray Prade living at 707
Upson Street; he was a construction worker.
- 1949 Charles J. and Edna E. Johnson, renters
Clerk, Post Office
Also listed are Andrew and Caroline Johnson; he was a watchman at
Southern Union Gas Company.
- 1947 Andrew A. and Carolyn Johnson, renters
Clerk, Texas Public Service Company
- 1944-45 Andrew A. and Caroline Johnson, renters
Watchman, Texas Public Service Company
- 1941 Andrew and Caroline Johnson, renters
Watchman, Texas Public Service Company
- 1939 Charles G. Gorin, renter
Cashier, Southern Pacific Lines
NOTE: Andrew and Caroline Johnson are listed at 1706 E. 6th Street; he
was a watchman for the Texas Public Service Company.
NOTE: Walter P. and Ella Martin are listed at 605 W. 15th Street; he was
the assistant market master at the City Market House, 712 E. 7th Street.
- 1937 Walter P. and Ella Martin, owners
Assistant market manager, City Public Market, 712 E. 7th Street.

- 1935 Walter P. and Ella Martin, owners
Superintendent, City Market, 712 E. 7th Street.
- 1932-33 Walter P. and Ella Martin, owners
Superintendent, City Market, 712 E. 7th Street.
- 1930-31 Walter P. and Ella Martin, owners
Timekeeper, Southern Pacific Lines Shops
NOTE: There is no listing under the City of Austin for the Public Market.
- 1929 Walter P. and Ella Martin, owners
Shop timekeeper, Southern Pacific Lines
- 1927 Walter P. and Ella Martin, owners
Clerk, Southern Pacific Lines Shops
- 1924 Walter P. and Ella Martin, owners
Clerk, Southern Pacific Railway Shops
Also listed is Fred A. Buaas, a student at the University of Texas.
- 1922 Clifford W. and Lola Atwood, renters
Boilermaker, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
Also listed is Virgie McKay, a saleslady for David Gellman, dry goods,
201-03 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Walter P. Martin is listed at 1503 E. 1st Street; he was a
timekeeper for the Houston and Texas Central Railway shops; Ella
Martin is not listed in the directory.
- 1920 A. Byron and Zeleger Davenport, renters
Printer, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper
- 1918 A.B. and Zeleger Davenport, renters
Printer, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper
NOTE: R. Merritt and Essie McGarritty are listed at 908 E. 8th Street; he
was an electrician for John L. Martin, plumbing, heating, and electrical
supplies, 408 Congress Avenue.
- 1916 R. Merritt McGarity, renter
Electrician, John L. Martin, plumbing, heating, and electrical supplies, 408
Congress Avenue.
- 1914 R. Merritt McGarity, renter
Electrician, John L. Martin, plumber, 408 Congress Avenue.
- 1912-13 R. Merritt McGarity, renter
Electrician, John L. Martin, plumber, steam and electrical supplies, 408
Congress Avenue.
- 1910-11 John H. Grist, Jr.
Printer, Austin Printing Company, printers, bookbinders, and stereotypers,
916 Congress Avenue; shop, 913-15 Congress Avenue.

NOTE: Merritt McGarrity is listed at 1008 Waller Street; he was an electrician for Wilson Twining, proprietor, Austin Electrical Supply and Plumbing Company, 918 Congress Avenue.

1909-10 William Z. Swanzy
Carpenter

NOTE: William Z. Swanzy was the father of James L. Swanzy.

Ollie Griffin

Office attendant, Louis H. Kirk, physician, surgeon, and city physician, offices over 900 Congress Avenue.

1906-07 James L. Swanzy
City salesman, Swift and Company, meat packers, 311 Congress Avenue.

1905 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Both William G. and James Swanzy are listed at 911 E. 12th Street, along with a Miss Fannie Swanzy. James Swanzy was a commercial agent for Swift and Company, meat packers, 311 Congress Avenue; William G. Swanzy was a carpenter.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

James L. and Ethel Swanzy (ca. 1905 – ca. 1910)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows James L. and Ethel Swanzy as the owners of the house at 1107 E. 1st Street in Austin. James L. Swanzy was 34, had been born in Mississippi, and was a salesman for a packery. Ethel Swanzy was 22, had been born in Texas to Tennessee-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Edna, 2, who had been born in Texas. Also in the household was James Swanzy's father, William A. Swanzy, a 67-year old Mississippi-born widower who worked as a carpenter.

By 1920 James L. and Ethel M. Swanzy were living at what appears to be 1107 E. 1st Street in Austin, a house they owned. James L. Swanzy was a 42-year old Mississippi-born traveling salesman for a coffee company. Ethel Swanzy, 32, was born in Texas and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Edna, 12; James, 6; and Charles, 4. All of the children had been born in Texas.

His 1947 death certificate shows that James Lench Swanzy was living in San Antonio, where he had been a resident for 6 years. He was born in 1878 in West Point, Mississippi, and died in the San Antonio State Hospital. He is listed as a maintenance man, and was buried in Austin. Ethel Swanzy died in 1977 in Austin. Her last address was 702 Patterson Avenue. She was born in Texas in 1887 and was a retired supervisor at the State Hospital.

HE TOOK RIDE IN ANOTHER'S WAGON

WITHOUT CONSENT OF OWNER.
OFFICERS NOTIFIED—A LIVELY
CHASE FOLLOWED—IS FINALLY
LANDED IN JAIL.

CHARGE WAS PREFERRED BEFORE JUSTICE JOHNSON

Man Created Considerable Excitement
on Congress Avenue—He Refused to
Give His Name in the Sheriff's Office.
Horse Was Driven Hard.

While James K. Swanzy, driver for Swift & Co., was in a store on West Sixth street yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, a man walked up to where his team was standing on the sidewalk and deliberately drove off, and the worst feature was that he rode away at a breakneck speed. Swanzy soon discovered the loss and immediately communicated with his headquarters and ascertained that none of the attaches of the place had taken the team. He then began a search for the team and the man who had taken it.

He soon ran across Deputy Sheriff Monroe Fox and told him about the matter. Officer Fox and Special Officer Pierce began a search for the mare and wagon. They spied the man in the vicinity of the state house and immediately gave pursuit. The man saw his pursuers and instead of stopping he drove frantically around the capitol and down Congress avenue with the two officers in hot pursuit.

This was about half an hour after the team had been missed. The streets were filled with vehicles about that time and it was with difficulty that the officers could keep up with the man. Finally he turned hurriedly around the corner of Sixth street and Officer Fox grabbed him. He was arrested and the wagon given over to someone else and the man taken to the sheriff's office.

He appeared to be under the influ-

ence of liquor, and when asked by Officer Fox for his name, he replied: "That's my business."

"We'll see about that," replied the officer, who directed Jailer Meredith to lock the man up, which was done. Officer Fox then preferred a complaint against the man in Justice Johnson's court charging him with taking and using a horse without the owner's consent.

Story on the theft of Jim Swanzy's horse and wagon
Austin Statesman, February 23, 1904

AUSTIN MAN TO MARRY SAN MARCOS YOUNG LADY

JIM SWANZY AND MISS ETHEL
GRIFFIN WILL BE UNITED IN
MARRIAGE AT SAN MARCOS
THIS AFTERNOON.

This afternoon at 2:30 Jim Swanzy and Miss Ethel Griffin will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony at San Marcos. After the ceremony they will immediately take the train for Austin, this being the groom's home. Mr. Swanzy is a well known young man of excellent business qualifications and has a host of friends throughout the state who wish them well. He is connected with the Swift Packing company as city drummer and very popular among all who know him.

Miss Griffin is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Griffin of San Marcos, being one of the oldest families of that place.

Upon their arrival home to this city an elegant wedding dinner will be awaiting them at the groom's father's home. Mr. and Mrs. Swanzy will make this city their home. They will be at 906 East Twelfth street after Tuesday.

Wedding notice for Jim Swanzy and Ethel Griffin
Austin Statesman, March 25, 1905

SWANZY—James Link Swanzy, 68, died in a San Antonio Hospital Monday. He had been a resident of Austin for 58 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ethel Mae Swanzy; one son, James L. Swanzy of Beaumont, and a daughter, Mrs. Edna White of Austin. Services will be held at the Hyltin Funeral Chapel at 10 a. m. Thursday with Dr. Robert Gribble officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers are A. D. King, Rip Collins, Jim Duggin, Otis Neyland, Gilbert Carlson, A. C. Cherry. Honorary pallbearers: ex-Governor Coke Stevenson, Lieutenant Governor Allen Shivers, Ernest Boyett, J. E. Motheral, all of Austin, L. F. Hall of Dallas, Dr. J. E. Wilkerson, Dr. R. L. Brown, the staff, and all employees of San Antonio State Hospital, San Antonio, Tex.

Obituary of James Swanzy
Austin Statesman, January 22, 1947

SWANZY, Ethel Mae, 89, 702 Patterson, died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: daughter, Edna White of Austin; son, James L. Swanzy Jr. of Houston; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Death notice for Ethel Swanzy
Austin American-Statesman, February 14, 1977

R. Merritt and Essie May McGarrity (ca. 1912 – ca. 1917)

Russell Merritt McGarity married Essie May Moore in Hays County, Texas on December 26, 1899.

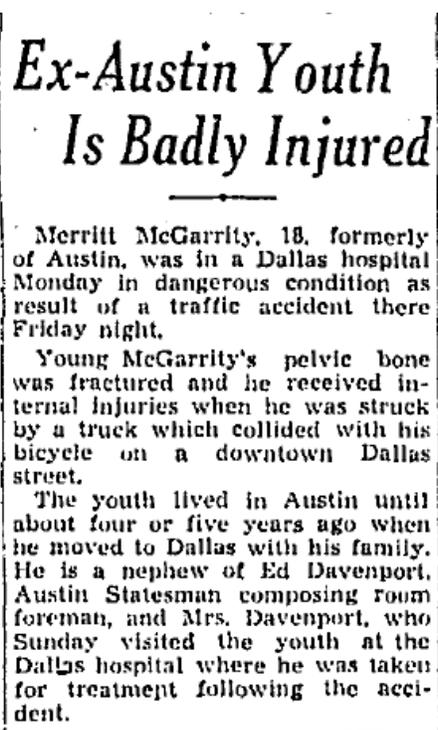
The 1900 U.S. Census shows Merritt and Essie McGarity living in the home of his uncle and aunt, S.A. and Hattie Goslin, near San Marcos, Texas. Merritt McGarrity was 19, had been born in Texas, and was a farm hand. Essie McGarrity was also 19, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Merritt's uncle, S.A. Goslin, is listed as a farmer who owned his own farm.

Russell and Essie McGarrity appear in the 1910 U.S. Census as the residents of 1008 Waller Street in Austin. Russell McGarity was 28, had been born in Texas, and was an electrician for an electric supply company. Essie McGarity was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation. They had 3 children: William, 9; Herbert, 8; and Irma, 1 month. All the children had been born in Texas.

Russell Merritt McGarrity's 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that he was living at 908 E. 8th Street in Austin. He was born in 1881 and was an electrician for J.O. Andrewartha. His wife's name was Essie May. He was short and slender and had blue eyes and brown hair. The card also notes that his left leg was slightly shorter than his right leg.

By 1920, according to the U.S. Census report of that year, Merritt and Essie McGarrity were living in Fort Worth, Texas with their 4 children: Willie, Herbert, Irma Bess, and Merritt, Jr., all of whom had been born in Texas. Merritt McGarrity was an electrician.

Russell Merritt McGarrity was born in 1881 and died in 1929. His death certificate shows that he had been living in Dallas for 9 years prior to his death. He was born in Texas in 1881 and was an electrician. Essie McGarrity was born in 1880 and was living in Dallas at the time of her death in 1936. She was a widowed saleslady who had been born in Texas. Both are buried in Arlington, Texas.



News story on the accident suffered by Merritt and Essie McGarrity's son in Dallas
Austin Statesman, August 10, 1936

Note that his aunt and uncle were Mr. and Mrs. Ed (?) Davenport; A. Byron Davenport was the next renter of this house, and employed in the composing room of the newspaper.

Albert Byron and Myrtle Davenport (ca. 1917 – ca. 1921)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows A. Byron Davenport as a 22-year old single boarder in a boarding house in Starr County, Texas. He had been born in Louisiana to a Michigan-born father and a Louisiana-born mother, and worked as a printer in a printing office.

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that Albert Byron Davenport was living at this address at the time of his registration. He was born in 1888 in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was

a printer for Capital Printing Company, located at 7th and Brazos Streets in Austin. He had a wife and a child and had served in the Louisiana National Guard. He was short with a medium build, hazel eyes, and dark brown hair.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Byron A. and Ethel Davenport as the renters of this house. Byron A. Davenport was 31, had been born in Louisiana, and was a printer for the newspaper. Ethel Davenport was 22, had been born in Louisiana, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Alice L., 3, who had been born in Texas.

A.B. Davenport died in Tucson, Arizona in 1969; Myrtle Davenport died there in 1997. Both are buried in Tucson.

AUSTIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATE 24 NEW MEMBERS

Ceremonies Are Held at K. of C.
Hall Sunday Afternoon; Many
Visiting Knights Present.

Knights of Columbus, members of Austin Council No. 1017, Sunday afternoon initiated twenty-four candidates into the order, the ceremonies being held at the K. of C. Hall at Tenth and Brazos Streets. All of the candidates initiated were young Catholic men of the city.

Ceremonies were opened with the celebration of a solemn high mass at St. Mary's church at 10:30 a. m. which all members of the council and the twenty-four initiates attended. Father Hennessy acted as celebrant and was followed by Rev. Dr. Matthew Schumacker, president of St. Edward's College, who delivered the sermon.

Three degrees were conferred on the candidates during the afternoon by the officers of the local council and visiting knights, the ceremonies opening at 1:30 and concluding at 7 p. m.

After the initiation a banquet was held in honor of the new members, over 300 members of the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella, and wives and relatives of members being present. Judge William Blakeslee acted as toastmaster during the feast. The program follows:

Father Misch, invocation.

C. J. Schneider, district deputy, address, "Columbianism in Texas."

Father Ross, "Opportunities of the K. of C."

John Williams, district deputy from San Antonio, "Loyalty to the Order."

William Duffy on "K. of C. and Social Activities."

Jerome Byrne, "Our Guests, the Ladies."

Mrs. Ann O'Donnell, deputy regent of Daughters of Isabella, "Our Hosts, the Knights."

Song, "America."

Below is a list of the newly initiated knights of the local council:

Albert Byron Davenport.

T. Ralph Schneider.

Robert W. Callan.

Patrick T. Comesky.

John Forest Moore.

Hermann P. Becker.

Anton Strasswender.

Robert Adam Moore.

Joseph Ferris.

William B. Armstrong.

Walter Leo Callan.

Abraham Tannous.

J. Harvey Niles.

Charles Francis Mares.

C. A. Fischer.

Francis A. Geding.

A. S. Tleman.

John L. Lomasney.

Louis Meres.

John Paul Bauer.

Eugene Sullivan.

Roger A. Schieffer.

William J. Juneau.

A.B. Davenport tops the list of new members of the Knights of Columbus
Austin Statesman, December 15, 1919

Davenport Rites Set In Tucson

A. Byron Davenport, retired printer and former ad foreman for the Austin American-Statesman, died Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz.

Funeral services will be held Saturday in Tucson.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Myrtle Davenport; a daughter, Mrs. Charles Petty of Tucson, Ariz.; a son, A. B. Davenport Jr., of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Ed P. Davenport of Austin and Lewis B. Davenport of Houston; several grandchildren and a greatgrandchild.

Funeral notice for A.B. Davenport
Austin Statesman, November 26, 1969

Walter P. and Ella Martin (ca. 1923 – ca. 1938)

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that Walter Philip Martin was living at 1503 E. 1st Street in Austin. He was born in 1882 and was a clerk for the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. His closest relative was his mother, Rosalie, at 1503 E. 1st Street. Walter was of medium height and had a medium build; he had black hair and gray eyes.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Walter P. Martin living at the home of his mother, Rosalie Martin, at 1503 E. 1st Street in Austin. Walter P. Martin was 37, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and was a timekeeper for the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. His mother, Rosalie, was a 59-year old German-born widow with no occupation listed. Walter had a younger sister, Emily, 32, who had been born in Texas and worked as a clerk in a store.

Walter P. and Ella F. Martin appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$4,000. Walter P. Martin was 48, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and was a timekeeper for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Ella F. Martin was 38, had been born in Texas to a Texas-born father and a Turkish-born mother, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Kenneth, 3; and Rose M., an infant.

By 1940, according to the census report of that year, Walter P. and Ella Martin were living at 605 W. 15th Street in Austin, a house they owned, and which was worth \$4,000. Walter P. Martin was 58, had been born in Texas, and was the assistant manager of the City Market. Ella Martin was 48, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their two children were Kenneth, 13, and Rose Marie, 10; both born in Texas.

Walter Phillip Martin died in 1943 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was living at 605 W. 15th Street at the time of his death. He was born in Austin in 1882 and was retired.

MARTIN-BUAAS.

Miss Ella Buas and Walter P. Martin were quietly married this morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. W. R. Minter, the officiating minister, in the presence of the immediate family of the couple.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for New Orleans, La., for a brief stay and on return will be at home at 1501 East First Street.



Marriage notice of Walter P. Martin and Ella Buas
Austin Statesman, June 18, 1923

Gun Victim's Rites Tuesday

Funeral services for Walter P. Martin, 61, of 605 West 15th street, who was found dead in the basement of his home Sunday at 4:15 p. m., will be held at 4 p. m. Tuesday from Cook Funeral home. The Rev. Flynn Long will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood.

Pallbearers will be Oscar Kuntz, Theo Meyer, Howard Steinle, Otto Buas, Victor Wolf and Henry Steinle.

The body of Martin was found with a bullet wound in his head and a pistol in his hand, police said.

Justice Mace B. Thurman, Jr. was conducting a coroner's investigation in the case.

Martin retired recently after operating a store on East First street for 25 years. For a time thereafter he was manager of the city market.

Martin was a native of Austin. He is survived by his widow; his mother, Mrs. Rosalie Martin; a daughter, Rose Marie; a son, Kenneth, all of Austin; and a sister, Mrs. E. E. Clappart of Houston.

Obituary and funeral notice for Walter P. Martin
Austin Statesman, November 1, 1943

MARTIN, Mrs. Ella Buas, 88, of Dallas, formerly of Austin, died Friday. Services 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Chapel. Burial, Oakwood Cemetery. Survivors: daughter, Rose Martin Nall of Dallas; son, Kenneth E. Martin of Houston; brother, Fred Buas of Austin; sister, Elsie Buas of Granger; four grandchildren.

Death notice of Ella Martin
Austin American-Statesman, September 20, 1980

Andrew and Caroline Johnson (ca. 1940 – ca. 1970)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Andrew and Carolyn Johnson as the renters of the house at 405 E. 3rd Street in Austin. Andrew Johnson was 49, had been born in Sweden, and was an engineer for the gas company. Carolyn Johnson was 48, had been born in Germany, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children: Ruth, 20, who had been born in Colorado and worked in a dentist's office; Charles, 20, who had been born in Colorado, and was a laborer for the gas company; Helen, 18, who had been born in Colorado, and was an office helper in a hospital; Alan, 15, who had been born in Texas; and Evelyn Prade, a 22-year old widow who had been born in Colorado and was a telephone operator for the newspaper. The household also included Evelyn Prade's infant son, Raymond, who had been born in Texas.

Andrew and Caroline Johnson appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Andrew Johnson was 58, had been born in Sweden, and was a book-keeper for the Texas Public Service Company. Caroline Johnson was 57, had been born in Germany, and had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter Ruth, 30, who had been born in Colorado and had no occupation listed, and her husband Harold H. Kalitta, 30, who had been born in Texas, and was a fireman for the City of Austin. Harold and Ruth Kalitta lived in San Antonio in 1935; they had a young son, Alan, 2.

Andrew Johnson was living at this address when he passed away in 1958. His death certificate shows that he was born in Sweden in 1881 and was an engineer at Texas Public Service Company.

ANDREW JOHNSON

Andrew Johnson, 76, of 1501 East First, died at his home Friday. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 45 years and was a former resident of Black Hawk, Colo. He was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church. He attended Colorado Public Schools and the Colorado School of Mines and until his retirement in 1919 was an engineer with the Texas Public Service Company for 33 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Anna C. Johnson, Austin; one daughter, Mrs. Harold Kalitta, Austin; two sons, Charles J. Johnson, Austin and Alan H. Johnson, Lubbock; one sister, Mrs. Esther Schlip, Denver, Colo. Eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

The body will be at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home until Sunday afternoon when funeral services will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church at 4 p.m. The Rev. Charles Summers will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Andrew Johnson
Austin Statesman, August 9, 1958

ANDREW JOHNSON

Funeral services for Andrew Johnson, 76, of 1501 East First, were held at St. David's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Charles Summers officiated. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park under the direction of the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Johnnie Johnson, Alan H. Kalitta, Bennie Sark, Walter H. Milliron, Gray T. Ingram, all of Austin, and Eugene Johnson of San Antonio.

Funeral of Andrew Johnson
Austin Statesman, August 11, 1958

MRS. ANDREW JOHNSON

Mrs. Andrew (Anna C.) Johnson, 88, of 110 E. Live Oak St., died in a local hospital Thursday. She had been a resident of Austin since 1914 and was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two sons, Charles J. Johnson of Austin and Alan H. Johnson of Lubbock; a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Ruth) Kalita of Austin; one brother, John Syoboda of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Stark of Austin and Mrs. Elfrieda Greek of Weimar; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. David's Episcopal Church with Rev. Charles A. Sumners officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Anna Caroline Johnson
Austin Statesman, July 29, 1971

Celso and Frances Sanchez (ca. 1970 -)

Celso Sanchez married Frances Lagunas in Travis County in September, 1957.

There is a death certificate from September, 1957 for Celso and Frances Sanchez' one-day old daughter; it indicates that Celso Sanchez was born in Mexico, and that Celso and Frances Sanchez were living at 2111 Longfellow in Austin at that time.

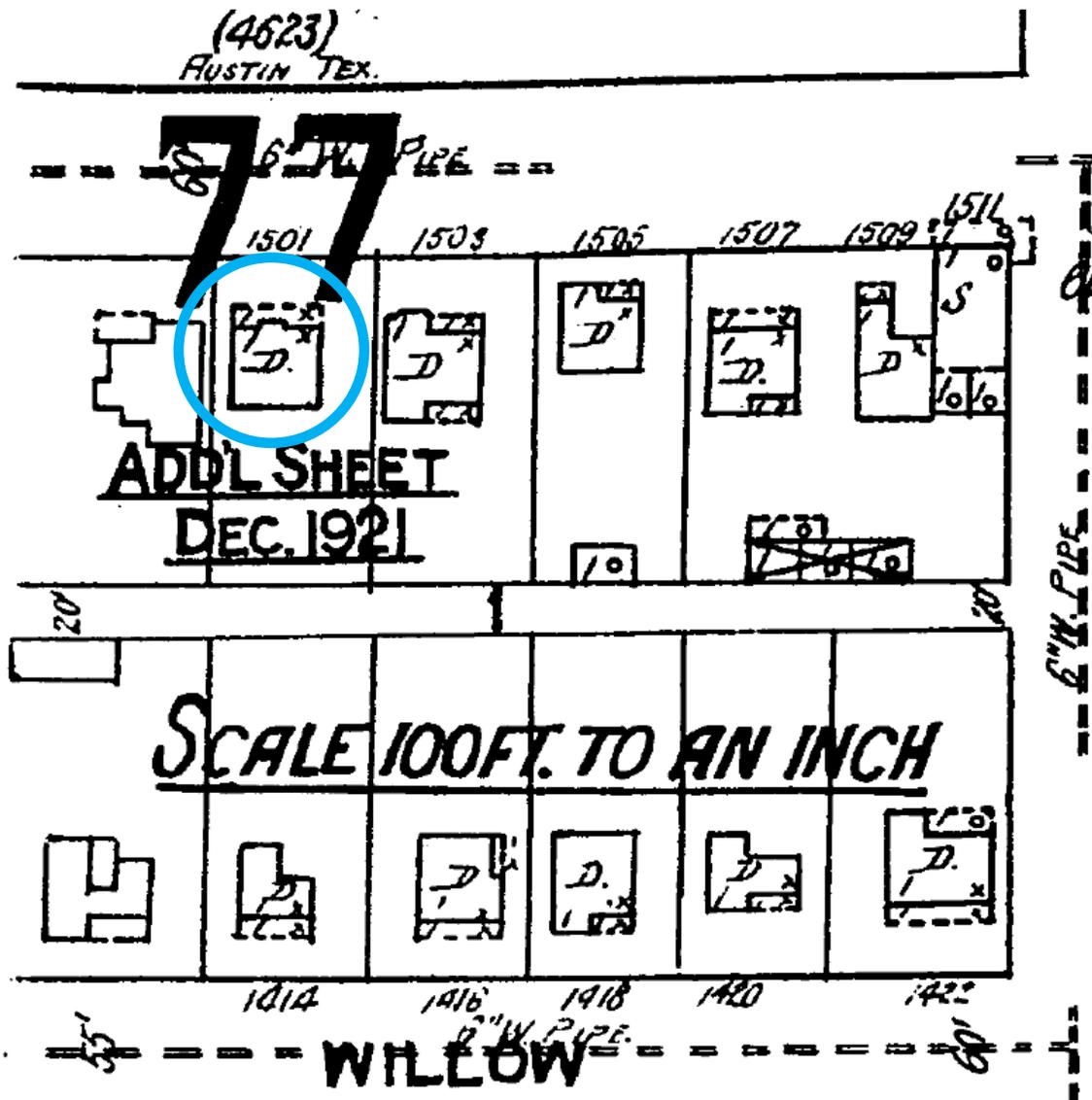
Celso Sanchez Sr.

Celso Sanchez, 85, of 1501 E. First St. died Friday.

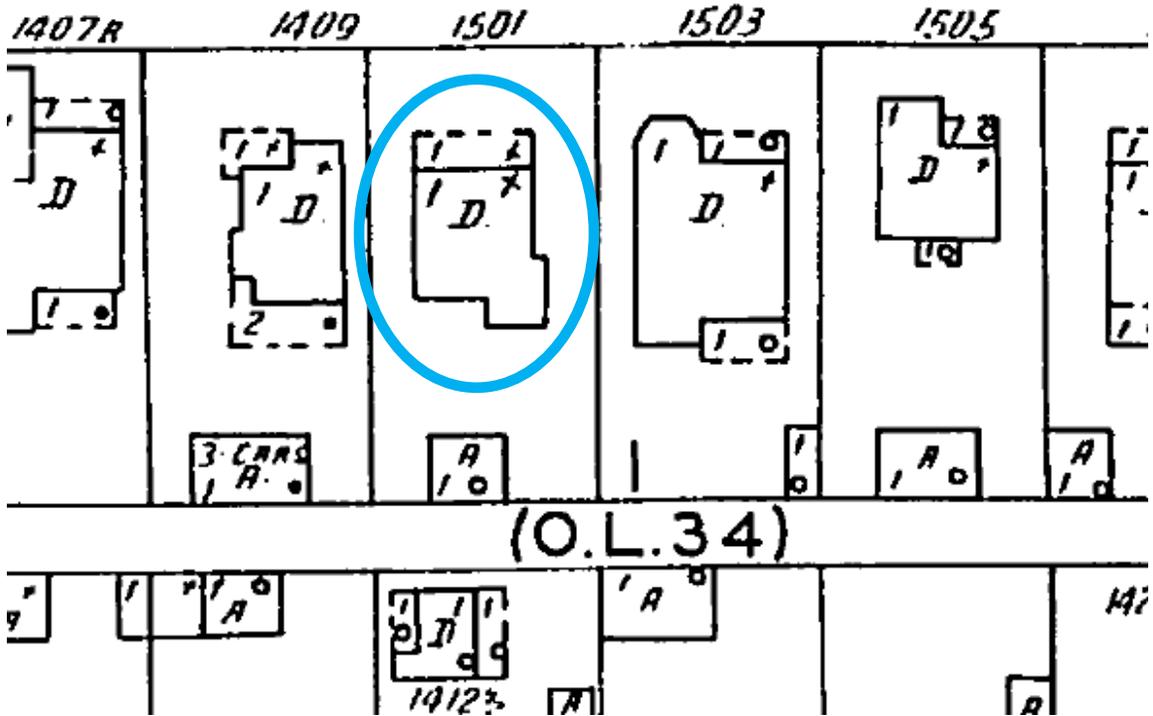
A rosary will be recited, in Angel Funeral Home, on Sunday at 7:30 PM. A funeral mass will be celebrated Monday at 10:00 AM in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Reverend, Friar Jerome Barnett O. M. I. officiating. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Angel Funeral Home.

Mr. Sanchez is survived by his wife, Mrs. Francis L. Sanchez; daughters, Mrs. Abel Méndez, Mrs. Ann Resendez, Mrs. Dora Gonzales, Mrs. Alice Torres, Mrs. Susie Rizo, and Mrs. Mary Ramos, all of Austin; sons, Manuel and Celso Sanchez Jr., both of Austin; sisters, Janie Sanchez of San Antonio, and Mary Sanchez of Dallas; brother, John Sanchez of Austin.

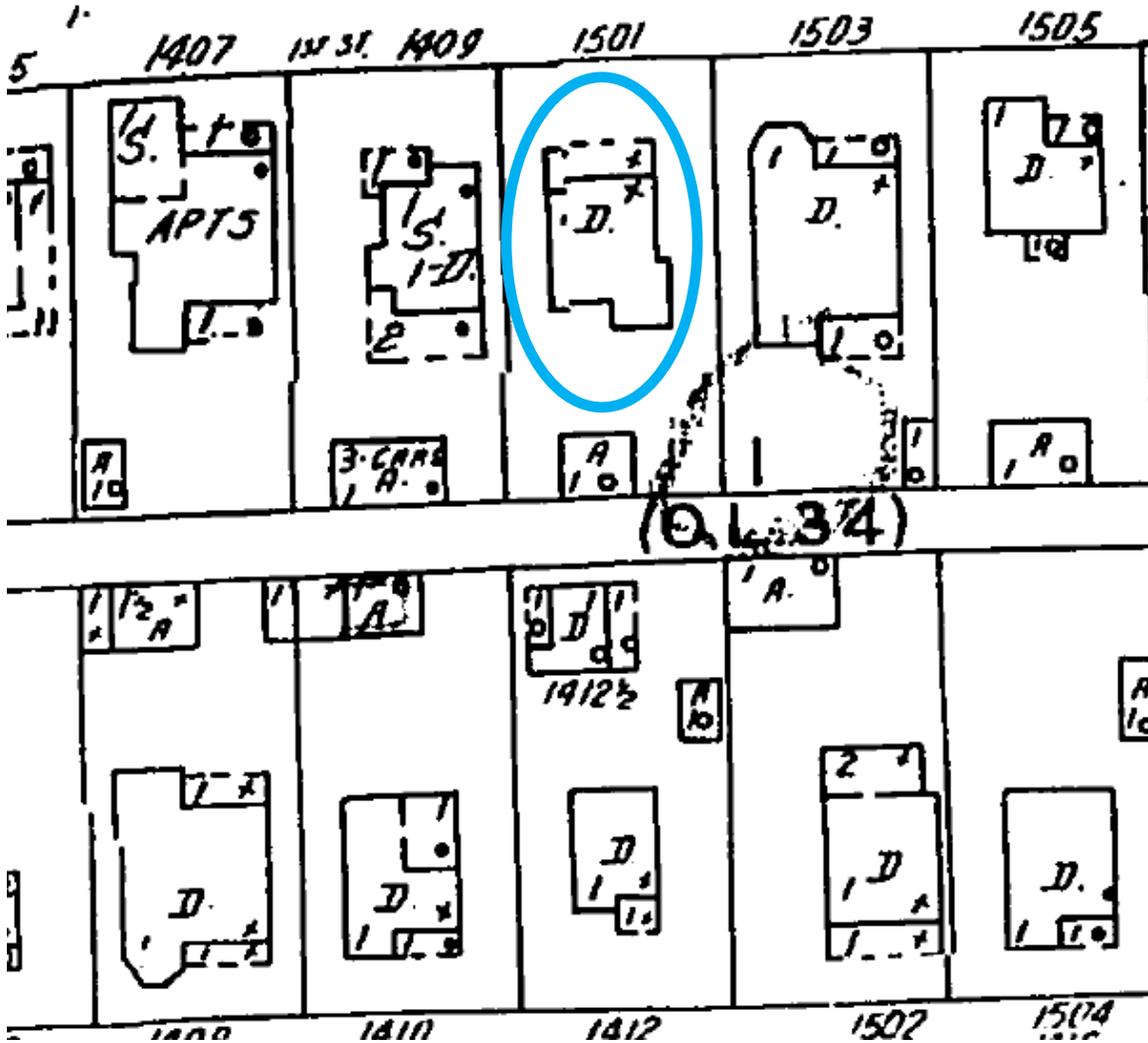
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The house appears on the December, 1921 Sanborn map with its projecting front entry.



The 1935 Sanborn map does not show the projecting front entry, and includes a rear addition to the east.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map above.