

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2020-000352  
1807 W. 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939 house and detached garage.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story L-plan house with shallow eaves, steeply pitched front gable, shed-roofed covered porch supported by turned posts, and 6:6 wood windows. The house is clad in asbestos shingles and the garage in board-and-batten siding.

**RESEARCH**

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The house and garage at 1807 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street was built as a rental property in 1939 by Gus Borner. Its first occupants were Kermit and Mildred Dillard. Dillard was an electrician who also worked in real estate; the Dillards married in 1937. Though they divorced in 1940, both are listed as living in the house until 1941. Dillard was later arrested and imprisoned for shooting a neighbor at 1901 W. 39<sup>th</sup> Street, though he later appealed his five-year sentence. After Dillard's departure, the home was briefly occupied by automotive shop owners Harold T. and Clara Armstrong.

The home's longest-term resident was Minerva Davis, a 30-year veteran employee of the Selective Services System. A longtime Austin resident, Davis retired to Fort Worth in the late 1960s, leaving her home of nearly twenty years.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to City Code:
  - a) *Architecture*. The building has Tudor Revival and Minimal Traditional influences.
  - b) *Historical association*. The building does not appear to have 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 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**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, then release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2020-0352  
LOCATION: 1807 W 36TH STREET



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

*Photos*



*Source: Zillow.com, 2020*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, 2020

Note: Due to facility closure, post-1959 directory research is unavailable.

- 1939 Address not listed
- 1941 Kermit C. and Mildred Dillard, renters  
Real estate
- 1944 Kermit C. Dillard, renter
- 1947 Harold T. and Clara M. Armstrong, owners  
Armstrong Automotive Supply Co.
- 1949 Harold T. and Clara M. Armstrong, owners  
Armstrong Automotive Supply Co.
- 1952 Minerva Davis, owner  
Stenographer, Selective Service System
- 1955 Minerva Davis, owner  
Stenographer, Selective Service System
- 1957 Minerva Davis, owner  
Stenographer, Selective Service System
- 1959 Minerva Davis, owner

*Biographical Information*

## Selective Service Aide Retires With 30 Years

Miss Minerva Davis, 1807 West 36th Street, Selective Service employe with the longest period of service in Texas, will retire Friday.

Miss Davis, a native of Gonzales who has lived in Austin most of her life, where she attended high school, has completed more than 27 years with the draft agency.

She began as an employe of the Selective Service System Oct. 15, 1940, serving as a clerk-stenographer when Brig. Gen. J. Watt Page was state Selective Service director.

Miss Davis will close out her service with the agency as secretary to Lt. Col. Walter A. Gaetjens, the state procurement and fiscal officer.

On three occasions, in 1957, 1961, and 1962, Miss Davis was recognized with cash awards by the government for superior

work performance. In 1959, 1960, and 1961, she was officially rated an "outstanding" employe.

Miss Davis will be honored by fellow employes Thursday at a noon luncheon at Christie's restaurant, where she will be presented an official retirement emblem.

Prior to working for Selective Service, Miss Davis served from 1928 to 1940 with the Adjutant General's Department at Camp Mabry as a secretary.

Miss Davis plans to live in Fort Worth after her retirement.



UPI Telephoto

**DRAFT PINS**—Eight employees of State Selective Service Headquarters here have received certificates for lengthy service. From left to right in the front row are State Director Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, 20 years; Mrs. Lucy A. Cald-

well, 15 years; Mrs. Kathryn Ulrich, 15 years; and Miss Minerva Davis, 25 years. Left to right at rear are Mrs. Ruth Henderson and Mrs. Adella Barnes, 15 years; Lieutenant Colonel Charles M. Duncan, 10 years; and Charles Watts, 15 years.

*The Austin Statesman: Feb 9, 1966*

## Police File Murder Charge In Austin Death

**Kermit Dillard Held  
For Fatal Shooting  
Of Tom H. Davis Jr.**

Kermit Curtis Dillard, 43, was charged with murder Saturday afternoon in Justice Tom E. Johnson's court in a complaint filed by police following an investigation into circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of Tom H. Davis Jr., 43-year-old ambulance driver of the Cook Funeral Home.

Davis was found shot to death Saturday at 1:35 a. m. in the dining room at a residence at 1901 West 39th Street.

### **Arrest Made at House**

Dillard was arrested at the house where the shooting reportedly occurred at 1:55 a. m. Saturday and lodged in the city jail, where he was questioned later by police detectives. Detective Captain Ted Klaus said a woman eye-witness in the shooting also was questioned and the complaint filed on the basis of her testimony to the officers. Klaus said two other witnesses will be questioned later as police planned to continue their probe of the case.

*The Austin American: Jun 8, 1947*

Building Permits

Gus Borner 1307 West 36th. St.

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Oakmont Heights

Frame residence - box garage

259n - 2/13/39

Building permit, 2-13-39

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

Section No. 12291  
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Received of W. C. Hadeler Date Feb 16, 1939

Address 1807 W 36th

Amount Two and 50/100 - - - \$ 2.50

Plumber Farrow Size of Tap 1"

Date of Connection	<u>2/19/39</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>1"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>1"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>2"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7.5'</u>
From <u>6'</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>16'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>curb</u>
Type of Box	<u>WALK</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>21'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>12"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>OVER-ALL</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>2-27-39 LE</u>

No. Fittings	1 Curb Cock	1"
Elbow		
St. Elbow		
Bushing		
Reducers		
Pipe	311 COPPER	
Lead-Comp.		
Nipples		
Union		
Plug		
Tap		
Stops		
Box		
Lid		
Valves		
Job No.	<u>27945</u>	
Req. No.		

Water tap permit, 2-16-39

**SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT** No. 51317  
Austin, Texas

Received of Buster Farrow Date 2/16/1939

Address 1807 W. 36th.

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Builder or Owner Gus Borner Plumber \_\_\_\_\_

Lot 21 Block 1 Subdivision Oakmont Plat No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Connection	<u>3/6/1939</u>
By City	<u>3' E/E. line of house</u>
By Plumber	<u>Boatright</u>
Checked by	<u>Boatright</u>
Size Main	<u>6"</u> Depth <u>6 1/2'</u>
Main Assign.	<u>in St. 20' from PL</u>
Stub Depth	<u>Prop. Line 2'</u>
Stub Location	
Book No.	<u>A-1079</u>
Paving Cut	No.

Fittings	Size	Price
2 Pipe	4"	2.25
Pipe		
Wyes		
Bends	4"	.40
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other	4" tap	.15

Sewer tap permit, 2-16-39