

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 26, 2020  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2020-0395  
910 WEST ELIZABETH STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1937 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled rock veneered frame house with a rear frame addition; symmetrical composition consisting of a central doorway with a front-gabled entry hood, and a single 6:6 window on each side of the door; the tympanum of the front gable is sheathed in wood planks following the contour of the gable roofline.

## RESEARCH

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The house was built in 1937 by John S. Minyard and his wife, Gertrude, who lived here until around 1943. John S. Minyard was listed as a carpenter in the city directories and as a contractor in general construction in the 1940 U.S. Census report. They lived in El Paso in 1935. John S. Minyard died in Littlefield, Texas in 1948; Gertrude Minyard died at the home of her son in Galveston in 1950. After a short period of tenancy by a renter, the house was purchased by Emma Anderson, a widow, in the late 1940s. Emma Anderson had no occupation listed in the city directories and lived here until around 1950. The house was then a rental property again through the 1950s. John Diaz, who had no occupation listed in the city directories, was listed as the owner of the property in 1959.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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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 nice example of a stone-veneered house that characterizes some Austin residential building materials in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but otherwise displays no architectural significance.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was built by a carpenter/general contractor, John S. Minyard, who lived here until around 1943; in the late 1940s, it was the home of a widow. 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

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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



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2020-0395  
LOCATION: 910 W. ELIZABETH ST.

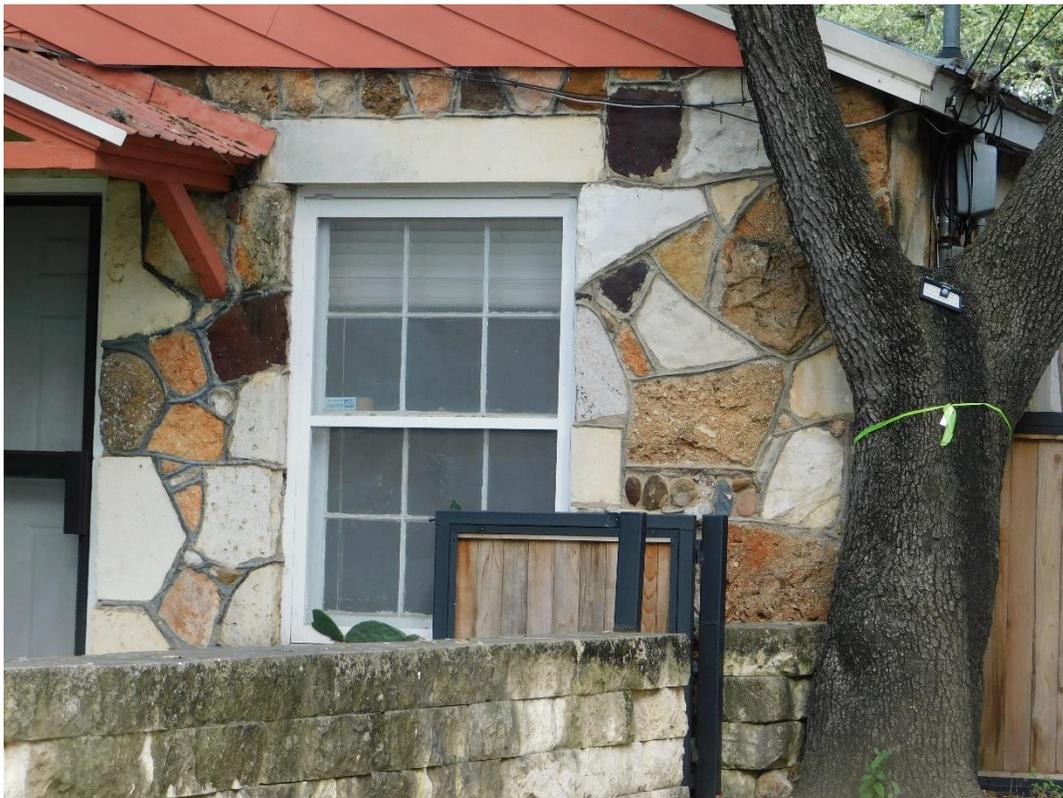


1" = 165'

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910 West Elizabeth Street  
ca. 1937



Detail of stonework

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 910 West Elizabeth Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
October, 2020

- 1959            John P. Diaz, owner  
                  No occupation listed
- 1957            Fred N. and Barbara L. Smith, renters  
                  Fred:            No occupation listed  
                  Barbara:        Office secretary, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
- 1955            Vacant
- 1952            Victor C. and Lela J. Sumner, renters  
                  Counselor  
                  NOTE: There is an Emma H. Anderson listed in the directory; she was a clerk at the Texas Insurance Checking Office and lived at 3309 Bryker Drive.
- 1949            Emma Anderson, owner  
                  No occupation listed
- 1947            Emma Anderson, owner  
                  Widow, Sam Anderson  
                  No occupation listed
- 1944-45        Kenneth A. and Minnie Wilson, renters  
                  Engineer  
                  NOTE: John S. and Gertrude Minyard are not listed in the directory.  
                  NOTE: There are several people named Emma Anderson in the directory, but none identified as the widow of Sam Anderson.
- 1941            John S. and Gertrude Minyard, owners  
                  Carpenter
- 1939            John S. and Gertrude Minyard, owners  
                  Carpenter
- 1937            The address is not listed in the directory.  
                  NOTE: John S. and Gertrude Minyard are listed at 1908 Whitis Avenue; he was a carpenter.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

#### **John S. and Gertrude Minyard (ca. 1937 – ca. 1943)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows John S. and Gertrude Minyard as the owners of this house, which was worth \$4,000. John S. Minyard was 47, had been born in Texas, and was a contractor in general construction. Gertrude Minyard was 46, had been born in Texas. They had a son, Odell E., 17, who had been born in Texas. The family lived in El Paso, Texas in 1935. Also in the house hold were Gertrude Minyard's parents. John G. and Viola E. Pruitt. John G. Pruitt was 76, had been born in South Carolina. Viola Pruitt was 65, had been born in Texas. They lived in Morton, Texas in 1935.

John Stafford Minyard was born in Polk County, Texas in 1892 and lived in Littlefield, Texas in 1948. Gertrude Minyard was born in Texas in 1893 and died in Galveston, Texas in 1950. Both are buried in Travis County.

**JOHN S. MINYARD**

John S. Minyard, 1508 Edgewood, died in Littlefield Thursday. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Minyard of Austin; a son, A. E. Minyard of the Medical School at Galveston; a sister, Mrs. Walter Linskey of Littlefield and a brother, J. F. Minyard, also of Littlefield. The body is at the Cook Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of John S. Minyard  
Austin Statesman, October 8, 1948

Mrs. Gertrude Minyard died in Galveston Wednesday. She is survived by a son, A. E. Minyard of Galveston.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at the Cook Funeral Home. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Park.

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Obituary of Gertrude Minyard  
Austin Statesman, September 27, 1950

**MRS. GERTRUDE MINYARD**

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude Minyard will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Cook Funeral Home. She is survived by a son, A. E. Minyard of Galveston.

Funeral notice for Gertrude Minyard  
Austin Statesman, September 28, 1950

J.S. Minyard 910 West Elizabeth  
 114 - 9 13 -  
 South Hgts.  
 rock veneer residence - frame garage  
 186 - April 2, 1937

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Building permit to John S. Minyard for the construction of this house (1937)

**PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE** AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 54446

M. J. S. Minyard Address 910 W. Elizabeth **INDEXED**

Plumber Harper - Lunsford Size of Tap 1 1/2" Date 5/13/37

**Foreman's Report**

Date of Connection 5/14/37

Size of Tap Made 1 1/2"

Size Service Made 1 1/2"

Size Main Tapped 8"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'

From FW Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'

Location of Meter AT CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 36"

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 26'

Checked by Engr. Dept. [Signature]

**INDEXED**

No.	Fittings	Size.
1	Curb Cock	1 1/2"
	Elbow	
	St. Elbow	
1	Bushing	1 1/2"
1	Reducer	1 1/2"
27	Pipe	3/4" COPPER
1	stands Comp	3/4" COPPER
	Nipples	
1	Union	1 1/2" - 1 1/2"
	Plug	
	Tee	
1	Stop Box	1 1/2" - 1 1/2"
1	Box	1 1/2" - 1 1/2"
1	Lid	
	Valves	
	Req. No.	16701

Foreman's Signature BENSON

Water

service permit to John S. Minyard for this address (1937)

Connection Charge # 1258 N<sup>o</sup> 15846

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas, June 23 1939

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 J. S. Minyard  
at 910 W. Elizabeth Street  
further described as lot 13, block 9, outlot  
subdivision South Austin, division \_\_\_\_\_, plat 114  
which is to be used as a res.

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

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

Respectfully,  
J. S. Minyard

Stub Out \_\_\_\_\_ Per P.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Connected 12-2-4 1945 12-15-45

Size of Main \_\_\_\_\_ 6 inches. 12-15-45  
Size of Service \_\_\_\_\_ 4 inches. C.W.H.

3 Feet Deep 4 1/2 at Main  
49 Feet from Property Line  
\_\_\_\_\_ Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by: Dehoyas

Connection made by: \_\_\_\_\_  
2/16/70 Main 25' south of 9th P  
At 137

Sewer connection application by John S. Minyard for this address (1939)

OWNER Len Patridge ADDRESS 910 W. Elizabeth Street

PLAT 114 LOT 13 BLK 9

SUBDIVISION South Hts.

OCCUPANCY B<sub>e</sub>droom

BLD PERMIT #14052 DATE 8-13-69 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$200.00

CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES several

WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist

Frm addn to rear of residence

288 sq. ft.

Building permit to construct a frame addition (1969)