

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**APRIL 26, 2021**  
**HR-2021-029755**  
**CLARKSVILLE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**1104 TOYATH STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1922 contributing house.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story gable-roofed house with full-width porch, clad in horizontal wood siding with board-and-batten at gable end. Fenestration includes 1:1 wood windows and an offset front door that may have once been paired. The roof is clad in seamed metal and features exposed rafter tails.

## **RESEARCH**

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The building at 1104 Toyath Street was built around 1922. In its earliest years, the lot hosted a rental property owned by laundress Luisa Roberts, who hosted up to four tenant families at a time. Most tenants worked as laborers or in the service industry. Renter Walter Carrington purchased the property between 1918 and 1920; newspaper records indicate that the current house was built in 1922. Carrington worked at Butler Bricks before becoming a carpenter; his wife, Josephine Johnson Carrington, worked as a cook. Their son, Ralph Carrington, was a painter and contractor. Despite legal trouble, including a 1941 murder charge reported in the Statesman, Ralph Carrington took possession of the home after 1958 and remained there for at least ten years. He constructed two additions to the house: one in 1948 for his mother, and another in 1968.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed as a contributing building in a 2018 inventory of the Clarksville National Register Historic District.

### *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 criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it may meet two criteria:
  - a. *Architecture.* The building displays some Craftsman and vernacular influences
  - b. *Historical association.* The Commission may wish to consider Walter and Josephine Carrington's status as long-term Clarksville residents who rented, then owned, their property—one of the limited paths to homeownership for Black residents in segregated twentieth-century Austin.
  - c. *Archaeology.* The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. *Community value.* The property 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 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

1" = 150'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HR 21-029755  
LOCATION: 1104 TOYATH ST

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

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### *Photos*



*Source: Google Street View, 2021*











*Source: Realtor.com, Jan. 2021*









*Source: Applicant, 2021*

*Occupancy History: City Directory Research, February 2021*

1959	Ralph Carrington, owner
1957	Walter Carrington, owner
1955	Walter Carrington, renter Laborer
1952	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners Laborer
1949	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners
1947	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners Carpenter
1944	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners Laborer
1941	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners Carpenter
	Ralph Carrington Painter
1939	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners
1937	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners
1935	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners
1932	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners

1929	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners
1927	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners
1924	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners Laborer
1922	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners  Cleo Carrington
1920	Walter and Josephine Carrington, owners  Lou Roberts
1918	Walter and Josephine Carrington Laborer, Butler Brick Works  Louann Sneed, renter
1916	Luisa Roberts, owner  Lulu Roberts Laundress  Walter and Josephine Carrington, renters Laborer, Butler Brick Works Cook, 507 Oakdale Ave  William Wright, renter Laborer  William Townsend, renter Laborer  Lizzie McCrea, renter Cook
1914	Lizzie Sneed, owner  Louanna Sneed, renter  Julia Jennings, renter  Walter Carrington, renter Laborer
1912	Lou Roberts, owner  Walter Carrington Laborer, Austin Brick Co.  Lizzie Sneed
1910	Address not listed



## Biographical Information

PLACE OF DEATH		Texas State Board of Health	
County <u>Travis</u>		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
City <u>Austin</u>		Registered No. <u>2416</u>	
(No. <u>1104 Toyath St.</u> ; Ward)			
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)			
*FULL NAME <u>of Mother Josephine Carrington</u>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			
SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>colored</u>	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>child</u>	
(Write the word.)			
*DATE OF BIRTH <u>Jan 2 1913</u>			
(Month) (Day) (Year)			
Age <u>13</u> yrs. mos. da.			
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work.			
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)			
*BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Austin Texas</u>			
PARENTS	*NAME OF FATHER <u>Walter Carrington</u>		
	*BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Austin Tex</u>		
	*MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Josephine Johnson</u>		
	*BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Lock Hart Tx</u>		
*THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>Walter Carrington</u>			
(Address) <u>1104 Toyath St Austin Tx</u>			
*DATE OF DEATH <u>Jan 15 1913</u>			
(Month) (Day) (Year)			
I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from <u>1-30A</u> to <u>1-30A</u> 1913			
that I last saw him alive on <u>1-30A</u> 1913			
and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>1-30A</u> m.			
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:			
<u>Premature Birth</u>			
(Duration) yrs. mos. da.			
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. da.			
(Signed) <u>Mrs. T.C. Carrington</u> midwife D. <u>2/28</u> 1913 (Address) <u>Clarksville City</u>			
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.			
*LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents).			
At place of death yrs. mos. da. State yrs. mos. da.			
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death.			
Former or usual residence.			
*PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>MT Calvary Cem</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>1/16</u> 1913	
*UNDERTAKER <u>Wm. M. Fears</u>		ADDRESS <u>Austin Tx</u>	
Filed <u>2/28</u> <u>W.R.M. W. Carrington</u>			

Death certificate of infant delivered to Mrs. Josephine Carrington at 1104 Toyath St, 1-15-13.

REGISTRATION CARD		REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
Focus <u>4633</u> No. <u>487</u>		<u>1080</u> <u>42-1-3-A</u>	
1 Name in full <u>Walter Carrington</u>	Age, in yrs. <u>26</u>	1 Tell, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>short</u>	Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>medium</u>
2 Home address <u>1104 Toyath Austin Texas</u>		2 Color of eyes <u>brown</u>	Color of hair <u>black</u> Bald? <u>no</u>
3 Date of birth <u>Sept 26 1890</u>		3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>no</u>	
4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>natural born</u>		I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
5 Where were you born? <u>Austin Texas</u>		<div style="text-align: right;"> <u>P.O. Rightor</u>  <small>1244 North of Registrar</small> </div>	
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <u>—</u>		7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>laborer</u>	By whom employed? <u>Butler Bros. (Brick Yard)</u>
8 Where employed? <u>Austin Texas</u>		9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>mother - wife - 2 children</u>	10 Married or single (which)? <u>married</u> Race (specify which)? <u>negro</u>
11 What military service have you had? Rank <u>none</u> ; branch <u>—</u>		12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>Yes - dependents</u>	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
<u>Walter Carrington</u>			

World War I draft card for Walter Carrington, 6-5-1917. Carrington, then 26 years old, is listed as the head of a household including his mother, his wife, and his two children.

## PERMITS FOR TWO NEW RESIDENCES ARE ISSUED

Permits for the erection of two small residence buildings were issued late Monday at the office of the city tax assessor. One of the permits was to W. Grimmer for the erection of a house at Tenth and Robertson streets costing \$1500. The other permit was

issued to Herman Barnett for the erection of a house costing \$1025 at 1104 Toyah street.

Since the first of November six building permits for the erection of residences have been issued at the city hall. Over 130 such permits have been issued since the first of the year, the records show.

## STATE HEAD OF ROYAL NEIGHBORS VISIT HERE

Mrs. Mary E. Holley of Fort Worth, state head of the Royal Neighbors of America, who is in Austin attending the convention of the Texas Fraternal Congress, is guest of honor at a special meeting of Luck Camp, Royal Neighbors, of Austin, being held this afternoon at the Odd Fellows' Hall. Members of the Austin Camp, Royal Neighbors, are assisting Luck Camp in the entertainment of the distinguished visitor.

Mrs. Holley while here is a guest in the home of Mrs. Jack Jones, 1302 West avenue, who is the oracle of the Austin camp. Mrs. Mary Innis is oracle of Luck Camp.

## ADVERTISING PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 14.—Important phases of the advertising business as it affects the publisher, both metro-

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Nov 14, 1922*

## MARRIAGE DECLARATIONS (Fowler, County Clerk)

Ira F. Camp and Mrs. Sadie J. Burns.  
Elmer Ross and Alma Linemann.  
Leroy Black and Alberta Moten.  
Ralph Carrington and Jamina Bryant.

## 126TH DISTRICT COURT (Archer, Judge)

Filed:

Ex Parte Mary Etta Girndt, et al. for change of name.

L. B. Hardeman vs. Sybil Laverne Hardeman, for divorce.

M. L. Knox vs. W. P. Knox, for divorce.

Bertha Epperson vs. H. G. Epperson, for divorce.

Ralph Carrington vs. Jamima Carrington, for divorce.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Jan 21, 1934 and The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Aug 20, 1940*

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT (Johnson, Justice)

State of Texas vs. Delores Rodriguez, 608 West 12th street, charged with petty theft; defendant fined \$32 and costs on plea of guilty.

State of Texas vs. Alberta Nichols, charged with petty theft; defendant fined \$150 and costs on plea of guilty.

Filed:

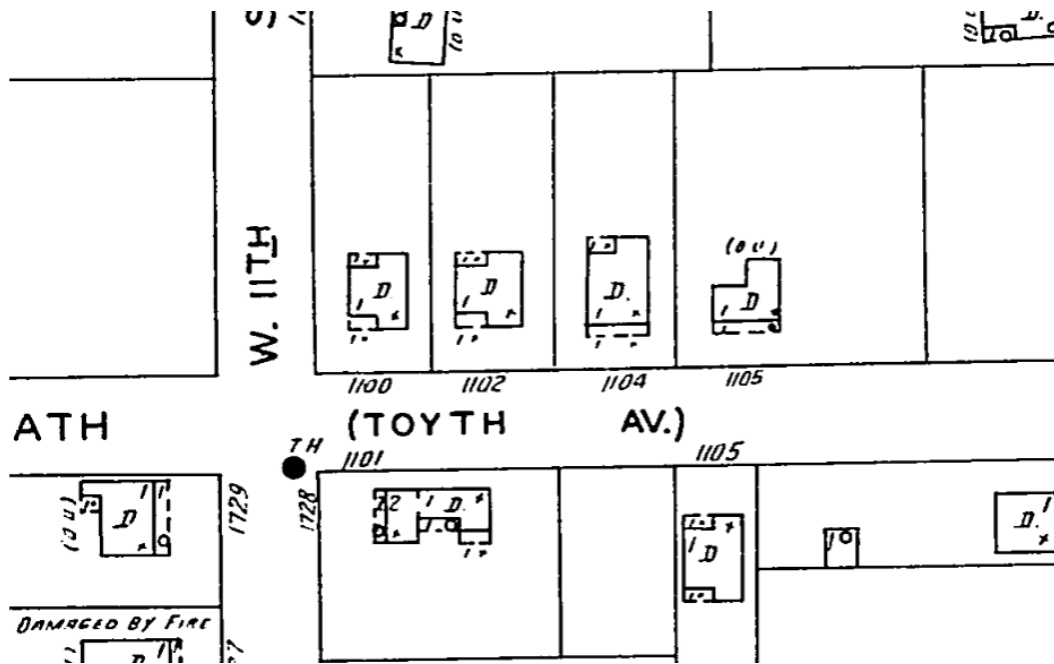
State of Texas vs. Ralph Carrington, 1104 Toyah, charged with murder.

State of Texas vs. Percy Sneed, charged with disposing of mortgaged property.

State of Texas vs. J. C. Hilliard, 2304 East 18th, charged with petty theft.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Apr 26, 1941*





1935 Sanborn fire insurance map

*Building Permits*

Josephine Carrington

1104 Toyath Street

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Maas Addition

Frame addition to rear of residence.

38858 8-23-48

\$80.00

Ralph Carrington

*Building permit for addition, 8-23-48*OWNER Ralph Carrington ADDRESS 1104 Toyath St.PLAT 91 LOT D BLK 13SUBDIVISION Maas Addn.OCCUPANCY BedroomBLD PERMIT # 109292 DATE 8/13/68 OWNERS ESTIMATE 250.00CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES -----WATER TAP REC # ----- SEWER TAP REC # -----Frm. Addn. to Res.168 Sq. Ft.*Building permit for addition, 8-13-68*

Rece. No. 11341 Application for Sewer Connection No. 40466

Austin, Texas, 4-8-19

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 Walter Carrington at 1104 Toyah Street,

further described as Lot 17 Block 13 Division 13 subdivision Maas Addition Plat 91, which is to be used as a res

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 33505

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3' 4' at main 5-17-49

Stub Out 34' S of NLL Respectfully, Walter Carrington

Date 5-25-49

Sewer tap permit, 5-25-49

Lot 6 cen 50' WATER SERVICE PERMIT F No. 26170

Block 13 Austin, Texas

Subdivision MAAS ADDITION

Received of 1104 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address 1104 TOYAH AVE Size of Tap \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Connection 3-26-79

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock \_\_\_\_\_

From 3' Prop. Line to Curb Cock 4'

Location of Meter BETWEEN CURB + SIDEWALK

Type of Box \_\_\_\_\_

Depth of Main in St. 4'

Depth of Service Line 4'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 25'

Checked by Engr. Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Fittings	Size	Material
25	3/4"	Poly.
		Corp. Cock
		Cop. to Iron ell
		Cop. to Cop. ell
		Cop. to Iron Coupling
		Cop. to Cop. Coupling
		Angle Stop
		Stop
		Bushing
		Nipples
		Service Clamp
		Valve
		Meter Box
		Lock Lid
		Drain Tile
		Drain Tile Lid
		Stop & Drain
		Job No.
		Foreman

Water tap permit, 3-26-79