

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MAY 24, 2021  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
PR-2021-062320  
1601 CANTERBURY STREET

### PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1908 house.

### ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled board-and-batten frame house with a Cumberland-style configuration of two front doors; full-width, independent frame porch on plain wood posts; non-historic replacement windows several rear additions.

### RESEARCH

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The house was built around 1908 and is remarkable for the long-term tenancies and ownership by a number of widows. Mrs. Mila Rhemann, who lived here from around 1923 until her death in 1961, was the longest resident here. She worked occasionally as a janitress, but her working-age children lived here for long periods of time as well.

### STAFF COMMENTS

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The house was listed as contributing to a potential local or National Register historic district but not as an individual landmark or National Register property in the East Austin Historic Resources Survey (2016).

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 an early 20<sup>th</sup> century board-and-batten house with a Cumberland style configuration that retains some integrity of form and style, but has had several modifications over the years, including what appears to be wholesale replacement of original siding on the west elevation as well as replacement windows. While the house reflects a disappearing style in Austin, there are many better examples remaining.
- b. **Historical association.** A widow owned and occupied this house for over 40 years during the historic period. 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



-  N
-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 159'

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: PR-2021-062320  
LOCATION: 1601 CANTERBURY ST

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1601 Canterbury Street  
ca. 1908







## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1601 Canterbury Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
August, 2015

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 1992    | Joe and Maureen Estrada, renters<br>Construction worker  |
| 1985-86 | Joe D. and Maurine Estrada, renters<br>Paint contractor  |
| 1981    | Joe D. and Maurine Estrada, renters<br>Paint contractor<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Joe D. and Maurine Estrada were new residents at this address. |
| 1977    | Vacant   |
| 1973    | Phillip and Rosa Garcia, renters<br>Laborer<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Phillip and Rosa Garcia were new residents at this address.                |
| 1968    | Vacant   |
| 1962    | Vacant   |

- 1959 Mila Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter Rhemann  
No occupation listed
- 1955 Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter Rhemann  
No occupation listed
- 1952 Luther and Margaret Allen, owners  
Laborer
- 1949 Luther and Margaret Allen, owners  
Baker, Menns Baking Company, 603 Rio Grande Street.
- 1947 Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter M. Rhemann  
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter Rhemann  
No occupation listed
- 1941 Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Pete M. Rhemann  
No occupation listed
- 1939 Mrs. Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter Rhemann  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is Victor I. Rhemann, no occupation shown.
- 1937 Mrs. Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter M. Rhemann  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is George Rhemann, a salesman for Meyer's Creamery, milk, ice cream, and sherbets, 308-10 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1935 Mrs. Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter Rhemann  
No occupation listed
- 1932-33 Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter Rhemann  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is George Rhemann, no occupation shown.
- 1930-31 Mrs. Millie E. Rhemann, owner  
Widow, Peter Rhemann  
No occupation listed  
Also listed are George Rhemann, a finisher for the Woodward Manufacturing Company, furniture and auto truck bodies, S. Congress Avenue, 3 miles south of the city; and Margaret Rhemann, a saleslady.
- 1929 Mrs. Mollie E. Rhemann, owner

- Widow, Peter Rhemann  
 No occupation listed  
 Also listed are George M. Rhemann, a messenger; and Margaret Rhemann, a saleslady at S.H. Kress, 5¢ - 25¢ store, 808-10 Congress Avenue.
- 1927 Mila E. Rhemann, owner  
 Widow, Peter M. Rhemann  
 Janitress, Littlefield Building  
 Also listed is Margaret I. Rhemann, a saleslady at F.W. Woolworth, department store, 800-02 Congress Avenue.
- 1924 Peter M. and Mila E. Rhemann, owners  
 No occupation listed
- 1922 Earl C. and Dora Ives, renters  
 Driver, Capitol Bakery, 2409 Guadalupe Street.
- Rebecca Hays, owner  
 Widow, Henry H. Hays  
 No occupation listed  
 NOTE: Peter and Mila Rhemann are listed at 2012 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street; he was a farmer.
- 1920 Rebecca Hays, owner  
 Widow, Henry H. Hays  
 No occupation listed
- 1918 Rebecca Hays, owner  
 Widow, Henry H. Hays  
 No occupation listed
- 1916 Rebecca Hays  
 Widow, Mack H. Hays  
 No occupation listed
- 1914 Rebecca Hays  
 Widow, Mack H. Hays  
 No occupation listed
- 1912-13 Mack H. Hays  
 Retired
- 1910-11 Marie (Mrs. J.C.) Shooter  
 No occupation listed  
 NOTE: Mack Hays is not listed in the directory.
- 1909-10 Marie (Mrs. J.C.) Shooter  
 No occupation listed
- 1906-07 The address is not listed in the directory.  
 NOTE: Mary Shooter, a widow, is listed at 1605 Canterbury Street. She had no occupation shown.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

**Marie Shooter (ca. 1908 – ca.1911)**

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Mary R. Shooter as the resident of this house. She was a 39-year old divorcee with 3 children: Anna, 7; Carl, 6; and Beatrice, 4. Mary R. Shooter had been born in Sweden and was a laborer doing general work. Her children had all been born in Texas and had a father that had been born in Virginia.

**Rebecca Hays (ca. 1911 – ca. 1923)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Mrs. R.J. Hays as the owner of this house. She was a 74-year old Alabama-born widow with no occupation listed. There were no other people listed with her in the census report.

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Mac H. and Rebecca J. Hays at 1319 Chincapin Street in Austin. Mac Hays was 61, had been born in Tennessee, and was a carpenter. Rebecca J. Hays was 54, had been born in Alabama to Tennessee-born parents, and was a grocer.



Obituary of Rebecca Hays  
 Austin American, March 31, 1923

**Mila E. Rhemann (ca. 1923 – ca. 1961)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Mila E. Rhemann as the owner of this house, which was worth \$400. She was a 65-year old widow who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. With her lived her son, Uel V. Ives, a 40-year old Texas-born widower who worked as a utility man for the City, and Uel's son, Warren U. Ives, 14, who had no occupation listed. In addition to Uel and Warren Ives, the household also included Mila's daughter, Margaret Allen, 29, along with Margaret's children, Luther Allen, Jr., 8, and Jewel D. Allen, 4 months. Margaret Allen had no occupation listed. She and her son Luther had lived in Manor, Texas in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Mila E. Rhemann as the owner of this house, which was worth \$1,500. She was a 56-year old Texas-born widow who worked as a janitress in a hotel. With her lived her daughter, Margaret Rhemann, 19, a saleslady in a dry goods store; and her son, George, 16, a news boy.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Peter and Mila Rhemann as the renters of the house at 2012 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Peter Rhemann was a 63-year old Michigan-born common laborer on a farm. His parents had both been born in Germany. Mila Rhemann was 45, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Margaret, 9; and George, 6.

According to her 1961 death certificate, Mila Elizabeth Rhemann was born in Hays County, Texas on December 14, 1874; she was living at 1601 Canterbury Street at the time of her death, and was a housewife.

**PETER M. RHEMANN**

Peter M. Rhemann, 74, died Saturday afternoon at a local hospital. Rhemann had been a resident of Austin for a number of years. He is survived by his wife and two brothers living at Fulshear, Texas.

Funeral services will be conducted this Monday morning, 10 o'clock, at St. Mary's church. Father Michael Quillen officiating. Interment St. Calvary cemetery.

Obituary of Peter Rhemann  
Austin American, February 18, 1924

**MRS. MILA RHEMANN**

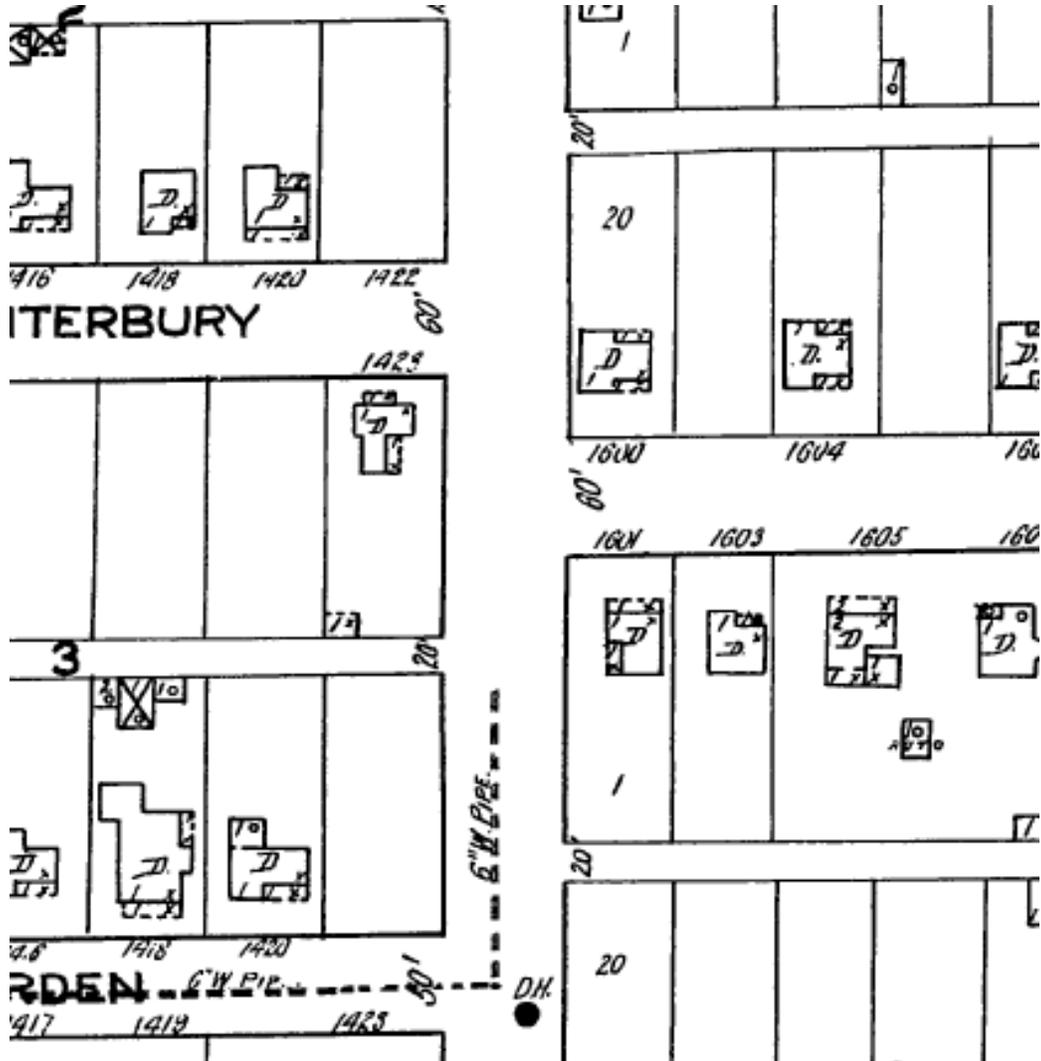
Mrs. Mila Elizabeth Rhemann of 1601 Canterbury died at the home of her son, George A. Rhemann Sr.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Allen of Austin; three sons, Uel V. Iyes, Earl C. Iyes and George A. Rhemann Sr., all of Austin; a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

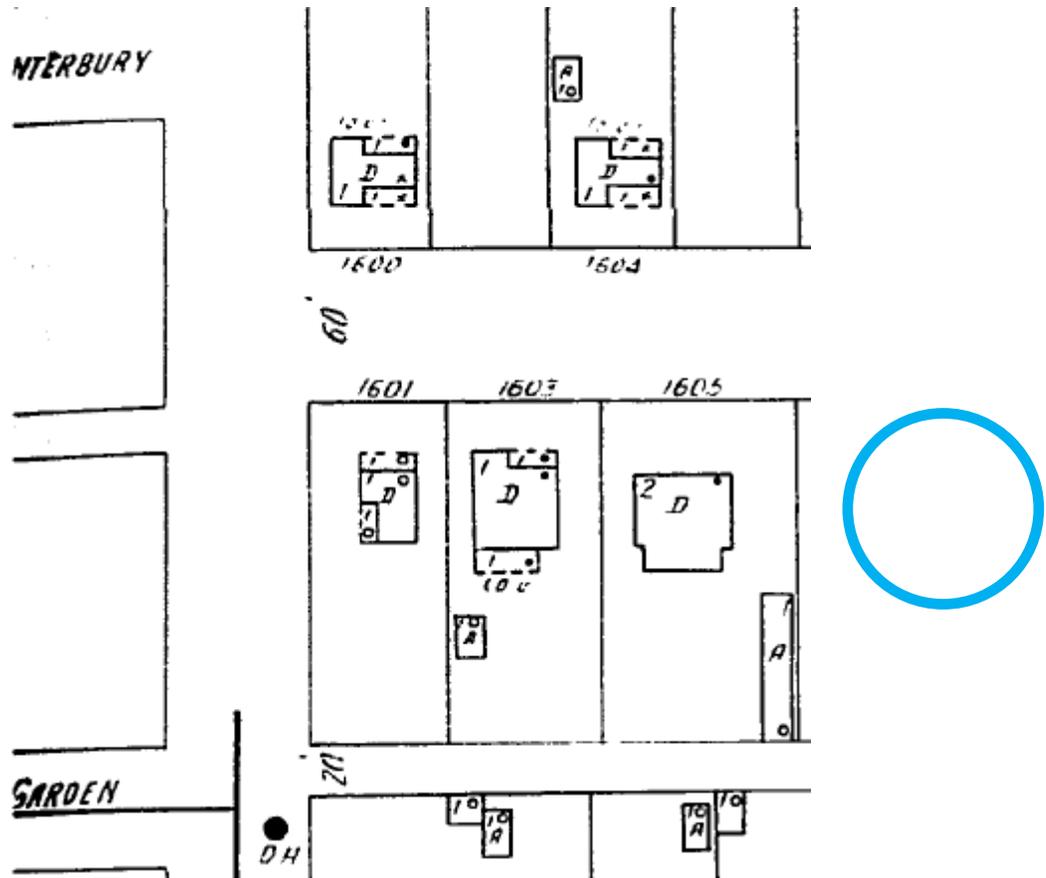
Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Gene Rutledge officiating. Burial will be at White Rock Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Buddy Rhemann, Errol King, Luther Allen, Howard Hatherly, Ben Butler and Jack Bierce.

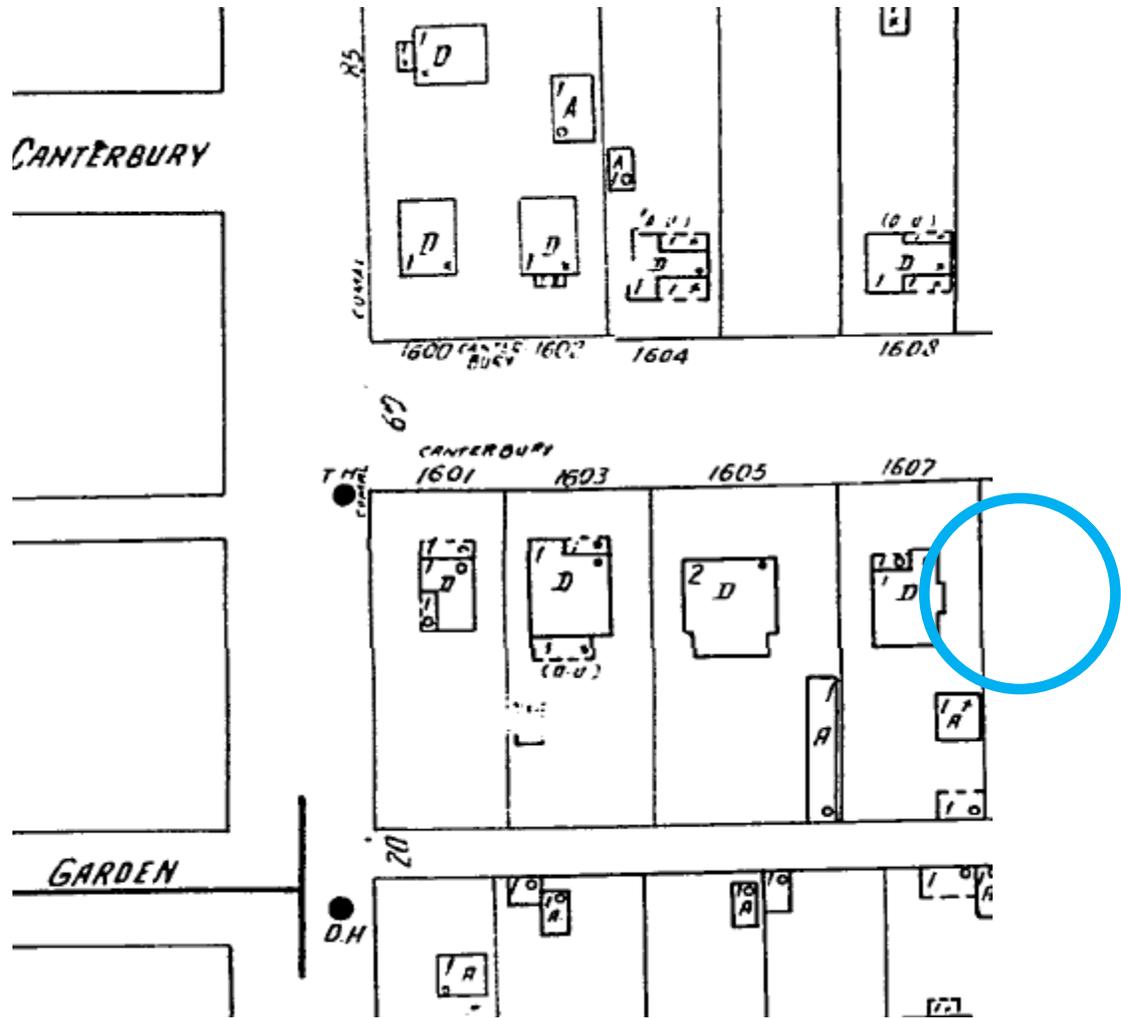
Obituary of Mila Rhemann  
Austin American, July 28, 1961



The house appears on the 1922 Sanborn map with what appears to be the current configuration.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1922 map above.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the prior maps above.

SE/II Duplicate

No. 2541 A

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

Application for Sewer Connection

Austin, Texas, 1-30 1917

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

at 1601 Canterbury Street, further described as Lot 1 Block 5 Outlot \_\_\_\_\_ Division subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat 20, which is to be used as a

In this place there are to be installed 1 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 1753  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully,

Stub Out Connected } In Canal St.  
(Location)

Andrew Walker  
D. H. 1-29-1916

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6" Sewer in Alley B-803  
8" Sewer in Canal 12.885 18" Sewer in Canal B-781

Sewer connection application for this address (1917)

|  |                   |                 |                        |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| OWNER  | Joe H. Daywood    | ADDRESS         | 1601 Canterbury Street |
| PLAT   | 20                | LOT             | 1                      |
|  |                   | BLK             | 5                      |
| SUBDIVISION                                  | Seonard M. Tobins |                 |                        |
| OCCUPANCY                                    | Residence         |                 |                        |
| BLD PERMIT #                                 | 101455            | DATE            | 11-9-66                |
|  |                   | OWNERS ESTIMATE | 100.00                 |
| CONTRACTOR                                   | owner             | NO. OF FIXTURES | 5                      |
| WATER TAP REC #                              |                   | SEWER TAP REC # |                        |
| Remodel & Repair Frame Residence to Min Stad |                   |                 |                        |

Repair and remodel permit for this address (1966)

OWNER Eugene Vega Jr. ADDRESS 1601 Canterbury St.

PLAT 20 LOT 1 BLK 5

SUBDIVISION Riverside -

OCCUPANCY Res

BLD PERMIT # 109352 DATE 8/15/68 OWNERS ESTIMATE 150.00

CONTRACTOR ----- NO. OF FIXTURES 5

WATER TAP REC # ----- SEWER TAP REC # -----

Repair and remodel frm res wnd bring to min stdrs

2-9-72-127574-repair exist residence

4-24-75-148979-repair existing res and bring to min std.  
\$200.00

Multiple repair and remodel permits for this address (1968, 1972, and 1975)

OWNER Eugene Vega Jr. ADDRESS 1601 Canterbury St.

PLAT 20 LOT 1 BLK 5

SUBDIVISION Riverside

OCCUPANCY Remodel res.

BLDG. PERMIT # 187037 DATE 11-1-79 OWNERS ESTIMATE 300.00

CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES

WATER TAP REC# SEWER TAP REC#

Repair & remodel exist res to min standrs.

Remodel permit for this address (1979)