

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
PR-2021-130292
OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
1400 MOHLE DRIVE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a contributing building and garage.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story brick Tudor Revival house with cross-gabled roof, arched offset doorway, paired 1:1 windows with decorative screens, and concrete front stoop enclosed by metal railing.

RESEARCH

The house at 1400 Mohle Drive was built in 1939 for Elizabeth and Benjamin Tobin. The Tobins owned a barber and beauty shop, where they both worked; Benjamin Tobin ran the barbershop and Elizabeth Tobin operated the beauty salon. The shop was located first at 1138 San Jacinto, then at 113 East 21st Street. The Tobins occupied the home until at least 1973.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building displays Tudor Revival stylistic influences.
 - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations.
 - 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

Release the demolition application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. New construction in National Register Historic Districts must be evaluated by the Historic Landmark Commission prior to issuance of a demolition permit.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: PR 2021-130292
LOCATION: 1400 MOHLE DRIVE



1" = 292'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View and demolition application, 2021

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, August 2021

1959	Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, owners Tobin's Barber Shop
1957	Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, owners Texas Barber Shop
1955	Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, owners Texas Barber Shop
1952	Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, owners Texas Barber Shop
1949	Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, owners Texas Barber Shop
1947	Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, owners Texas Barber Shop

- 1944 Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, owners
Texas Barber Shop
Tobin's Beauty Shop
- 1941 Benjamin A. and Elizabeth M. Tobin, renters
Barber, 1813 San Jacinto
Tobin's Beauty Shop

Biographical Information

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)					
SERIAL NUMBER T. 2506	1. NAME (Print) Benjamin Algenon Tobin (First) (Middle) (Last)				ORDER NUMBER T. 11010
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1400 Mohle Drive Austin, Travis, Texas (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)					
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]					
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same [Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]					
4. TELEPHONE 20253 80313 (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 42 DATE OF BIRTH Sept. 15 1899. (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		6. PLACE OF BIRTH Blanco Texas (Town or county) (State or country)		
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Elizabeth Mae Tobin 1400 Mohle Dr. Austin, Texas					
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Tobin Barber Shop					
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 113 East 21st. Austin Travis Texas (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)					
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.					
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)	(over)	☆	GPO	16-21630-1	B. A. Tobin (Registrant's signature)

WWII draft card, Ancestry.com

Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tobin, 1400 Mohle, will hold open house Tuesday from 6 to 10 p. m. to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tobin were married Oct. 31, 1919. . . .

The Austin American (1914-1973); Oct 1, 1944



FIGHTERS for FREEDOM☆☆☆

with the Texas National Guard in 1940. His brother, Corp. Nolan P. Tobin, enlisted in the army air corps in 1942 and is stationed at Bergstrom field. Corp. Tobin finished Austin high school in June, 1942. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tobin, 1400 Mohle drive.

A letter to Mrs. C. M. McArthur of Route 2 from her son's commanding officer, 1st Lt. Roger F. Seasholtz, told of the circumstances of Sgt. Cecil M. McArthur's death July 22 with the marine corps on Saipan.

"Your son was platoon sergeant and acting platoon leader in the recent engagement with the enemy on Saipan island. He had assembled his tanks behind the lines and had started to dismount when he noticed some enemy snipers ready to fire on other tank personnel. As they appeared, 'Mac' immediately engaged them in a fire fight, thus attracting the attention of his other men enabling them to seek the protection of their tanks. This courageous act saved the lives of many. It is reassuring to know that your son met his death without fear or suffering."

Mrs. McArthur also received a letter from Col. D. O. Orr, marine corps, informing her that her son had been awarded posthumously the Purple Heart. Sgt. McArthur was buried on Saipan island.

1st Col. Carl E. Green, anti-aircraft officer with the army coast artillery, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal "for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from June 17 to July 10 on Saipan."

Col. Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ledbetter, 910 Baylor. Mrs. Green and their son, Carl Jr., are living with her mother, Mrs. Claude de Van Watts, 1112 West Ninth.

By MARGARET MAYER

First Lt. Carl Hobbs, infantry officer, has returned to duty following his second injury received in action in France. His wife, who lives at 3501 Govalle, recently received a Purple Heart medal awarded him for his first injury.

Landing with the first troops in France on D-Day, Lt. Hobbs was wounded two days later, June 8, hit by shrapnel from a 20 mm shell in the left shoulder and left ear. He was evacuated to a hospital in England, returning to duty June 28.

He was injured the second time on Aug. 1, and recovering from a shotgun wound in his leg, returned to duty Aug. 20.

Lt. Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hobbs, 3602 Webberville road, worked at the Austin post office before entering the army in February, 1942. He was commissioned as infantry officer at Fort Benning, Ga., in August, 1942.

Walter M. Maurer, Jr., 23, radio man third class, is in his second year of sea duty on a seaplane tender in the Pacific. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maurer, 610 Theresa, he worked in the press room of The American-Statesman before joining the navy Dec. 20, 1941. He left the States for sea duty in July, 1943.

T-Sgt. James A. Tobin is serving in a field hospital somewhere in France. He was a student at the University of Texas before he entered the army



CARE HOBBS



NOLAN TOBIN



WALTER MAURER



JAMES TOBIN

ELIZABETH B. TOBIN
 Elizabeth B. Tobin, 71, 1400 Mohle, died at her home Sunday. She had been a resident of Austin since 1918; and was a Baptist. She was a member of the Anderson Mills Garden Club, and the Travis County Home Demonstration Unit.
 Survivors include her husband, B. A. Tobin, Austin; two sons, James Tobin and Nolan P. Tobin, both of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. H. B. Rainwater, Austin, Mrs. Chuck Woody, Houston, and Mrs. Erselle Straley, Lubbock; four brothers W. T. Jones, Austin, David Jones, Marfa, Clifton Jones, Austin, and Glen Jones, Dripping Springs; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.
 Funeral will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Chapel. Pastor Ken England will officiate and burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jun 4, 1973

Permits

WATER SERVICE PERMIT Austin, Texas		No. 12768A ⁶¹
Received of	B. A. Tobin	Date April 26, 1939
Address	1400 Mohle Dr.	
Amount	Two and 50/100 - - - -	\$ 2.50
Plumber	Frey	Size of Tap $\frac{1}{2}$
Date of Connection	4/27/39	
Size of Tap Made		
Size Service Made		
Size Main Tapped		
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	76"	
From S ₁ Prop. Line to Curb Cock	70"	
Location of Meter	C-1112	
Type of Box	1-1-1	
Depth of Main in St.	41 1/2'	
Depth of Service Line	19"	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	2 1/2' - M	
Checked by Engr. Dept.	5-17-39 LE	

No. Fittings	1 Curb Cock	5
Elbow		
St. Elbow		
Bushing		
Reducer		
Pipe		
Lead-Comp.		
Nipples		
Union		
Plug		
Tee		
Stop		
Box		
Lid		
Valves		
Job No.	35-178	
Req. No.	61190	

Water service permit, 1939

