HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 PR-2021-121887 908 COLUMBUS STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Single-story, side-gabled Minimal Traditional house with a central gabled porch stoop flanked by paired 1:1 windows with awnings. The house is clad in horizontal wood siding and has a metal roof.

RESEARCH

The house at 908 Columbus Street was occupied from 1937–1939 by the family of Morris D. and Birdie Scheid. Morris Scheid worked at the State Comptroller Department. The next owners of the house were John A. and Bernice Reed, who lived in the house briefly in 1941. The longest owners of the house were Luther M. and Ruby Leath, who owned the house from 1947–1959. Luther worked as a life insurance agent, and Ruby worked as a saleswoman.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Historic Resources Survey and Assessment (Preservation Central, Inc., 2016) lists the property as contributing to the potential Bon Air Historic District, recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and as a local historic district.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

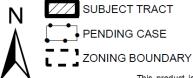
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building retains a moderate degree of integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (Land Development Code §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building has modest Craftsman and Minimal Traditional stylistic influences but is not an exemplar of either style.
 - b. Historical association. The house does not 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 permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP





NOTIFICATIONS

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View, 2014

Occupancy History
City Directory Research, August 2021

1959	Luther M. Leath, owner
1957	Luther M. and Ruby Leath, owners Luther – Representative, Life & Casualty Insurance Co. Ruby – Saleswoman, T.H. Williams & Co.
1955	Luther M. and Ruby Leath, owners Agent, Life & Casualty Insurance Co.
1952	Luther M. and Ruby Leath, owners Superintendent, Franklin Life
1949	Luther M. and Ruby Leath, owners Superintendent, Reliable Life Ins
1947	Luther M. and Ruby Leath, owners Luther – Salesman, Reliable Life Ins Ruby – Saleswoman, Williams & Co.
1944	Edward and Ina M. Taylor, renters
1941	John A. and Bernice Reed, owners Body builder, Cal Marshall Auto Body Shop
1939	Morris D. and Birdie Scheid, renters Supervisor, State Comptroller

1937 *908 & 906 Columbus St*

Morris D. and Birdie Scheid, renters

Tax supervisor, State Comptroller's Department

1935 Address not listed

Biographical Information

Leath Assigned To Camp Chaffee

CAMP CHAFFEE, Ark., Dec. 10 Captain Luther Leath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Leath Sr., 908 Columbus Street, Austin, Texas, recently was assigned here as chief of the education and training branch of the US Army hospital.

Before coming here Captain Leath was with the 171st Station Hospital in Korea.

He received his commission in 1943 upon graduation from Officers Candidate School, Camp Barkley, Texas. Capt. Leath served with the 582nd Ambulance Company in Europe during World War II.



OFFICER RETIRES—Lt. Col. L. C. Heath, formerly of Austin, has retired from military service after spending 22 years in the US Army. Heath served in Europe during World War II, in Korea in 1951 and 1953 and in Germany from 1959 to 1963. He retired from the service from Fort Dix, N.J. and will make his home at 501 E. Oltorf, Apt. 150 in Austin. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Heath, 908

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Permits

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