HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS NOVEMBER 15, 2021 PR-21-160810 1007 CHICON STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1933 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, clipped side-gabled frame Craftsman-style bungalow with minimal Tudor Revival influences, including faux half-timbering in the clipped front-gabled independent porch on brick piers and battered wood posts; single and double 1:1 fenestration; railed-in front porch with boxed sections for ornamental effect; stone front stairs from the sidewalk; stone front retaining wall.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built as a rental property in 1933; until around 1943, there was a series of renters, including a dishwasher at Scarbrough's, a cook, and a porter. From around 1943, the house was owned by Howard A. and Velma Patridge, who lived here at least through the end of the 1950s. Howard A. Patridge was a laborer for the City Water Department; Velma Patridge worked off and on as a secretary for a Black insurance company. Velma and Howard Patridge lived here until around 1948; after that time, Howard lived here with a woman named Gloria, who was a public school teacher.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

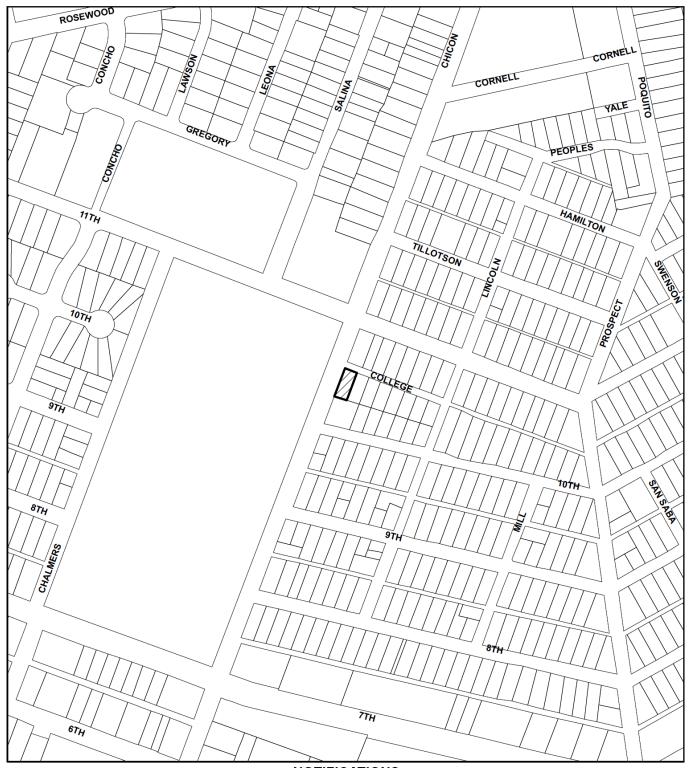
The East Austin Historic Resources Survey does not recommend local or National Register eligibility for this house. Staff disagrees with the National Register determination, and finds that the house could be eligible for NR listing under Criterion A for architecture.

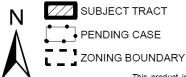
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity and represents a good example of a clipped gable bungalow.
- 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 is a good example of a clipped gable bungalow, a relatively rare type, especially in East Austin.
 - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have any significant historical associations; for at least 20 years during the historic period, a city utility worker and his wife lived here.
 - 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of 8.5 x 11 photographs of all elevations, printed on photographic paper, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history for archiving at the Austin History Center.





NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: PR 21-160810

LOCATION: 1007 CHICON STREET

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PROPERTY INFORMATION



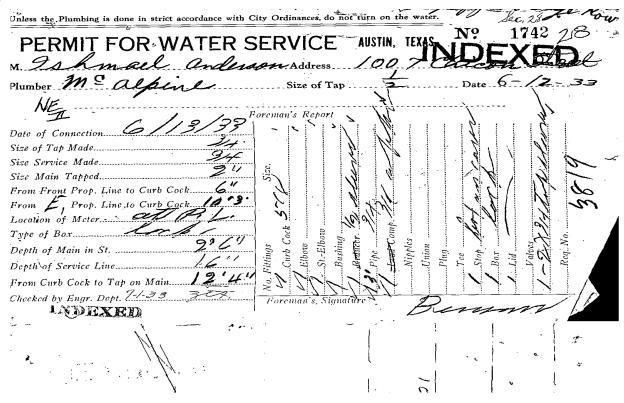
Google Street View, 2020

Occupancy History
City Directory Research, September 2021

1959	Howard A. and Gloria Patridge, owners Repairman City Water & Sewer Department
1957	Howard A. and Gloria Patridge, owners Howard – Laborer City of Austin Gloria – Teacher public school
1955	Howard A. and Gloria Patridge, owners Howard – Repairman City Water & Sewer Department
1952	Howard A. and Gloria Patridge, owners Howard – Repairman City Water & Sewer Department
1949	Howard A. Patridge, owner
1947	Howard A. and Velma M. Patridge, owners Laborer City Water Department

Howard A. and Velma M. Patridge, owners
 Howard – Porter
 Velma – supervisor Atlanta Life Insurance Co.
 E. Scott and Margaret Harris, renters
 Porter
 Merritt and Mabel Hicks, renters
 Cook
 Leroy R. and Annetta Thompson, renters
 Dishwasher E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6thStreet and Congress Avenue+
 Address not listed

Permits



Water Service Permit, 1933

OWNER Elbert Pruitt	ADDRESS 1007 Chicon St.		
PLAT 29 LOT 16	BLK8		
SUBDIVISION College Hgts. Addn			
OCCUPANCY Siding to res.			
BLDG. PERMIT # ¹⁸⁰⁴⁹¹ DAT	TE 3-26-79 OWNERS ESTIMATE 2,009.00		
CONTRACTOR Coastal Supply	NO. OF FIXTURES		
WATER TAP REC#	SEWER TAP REC#		
Repair res. w/ siding			
			
3ID 2004			

Building Permit to install Siding, 1979

Biographical Information

Howard and Velma Patridge (ca. 1943 – c. 1948)

Howard and Gloria Patridge (ca. 1950 -)

His 1940 World War II draft registration card shows that Howard Allen Patridge was living with his wife, Thelma Mildred Patridge, at 805 ½ Comal Street in Austin. He was born in Bastrop County, Texas in 1915 and was employed by Moore Dairy Products at 2506 Guadalupe Street. He was 6'-2" tall, weighed 180 pounds, had brown eyes, black hair, and a light brown complexion.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Howard and Velma Patridge as the renters of the house at 805 ½ Comal Street in Austin. Howard Patridge was 24 had been born in Texas, and did general work in a creamery. Velma Patridge was 27, had been born in Texas, and was a maid for a private family. They had no children listed with them. Velma Patridge died in 1952. Very little is known about Gloria Patridge; there is no record of her marriage to Howard.

His 1977 death certificate shows that Howard Allen Patridge was living at 3509 Rogge Lane at the time of his death from a brain tumor. He was born in Center Union, Texas in 1915 and was a maintenance foreman for the City of Austin.