HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS DECEMBER 17, 2021 PR-2021-171300; GF-2021-189004 2105 S. L. DAVIS AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Single-story, front-gabled bungalow of concrete block construction with a stucco finish. Windows and doors have been replaced and the front porch enclosed.

RESEARCH

The concrete block house at 2105 S. L. Davis Ave. (previously addressed at 2105 Washington Ave.) was built in the early 1940s, replacing an earlier frame residence on the lot. It was owned by Rosetta and Sonnie Washington from 1947 to 1963. Sonnie Washington was a laborer. Rosetta Washington was a maid.

The earlier house was built ca. 1906 by Albert and Queen Wilson. Albert Wilson worked as a laborer at Merchants' Transfer in 1918 and Beth Israel Cemetery in 1922. Queen Wilson worked as a housekeeper. Mr. Wilson passed away in 1931, and Ms. Wilson passed away in 1944.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

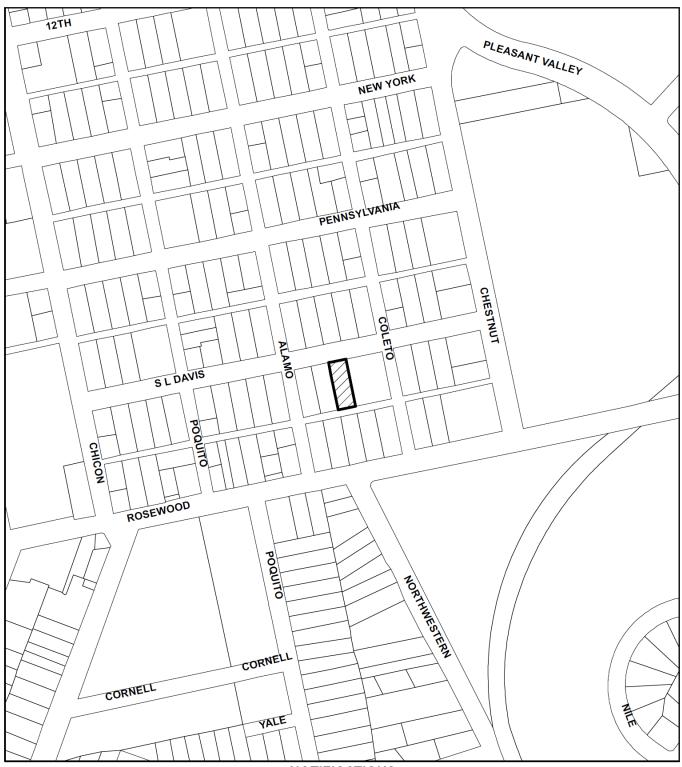
The <u>Historic Resources Survey for East Austin</u> (Hardy Heck Moore, Inc., 2016) lists the property as ineligible for historic designation.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building has been modified and appears to have a low level of 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 criteria for landmark designation:
 - a. Architecture. The building does not retain architectural significance.
 - b. Historical association. The property is associated with the Washington family, an African American workingclass family.
 - 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 permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.





NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 21-192877

LOCATION: 2105 S.L. DAVIS AVENUE

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PROPERTY INFORMATION



Demolition permit application, 2021

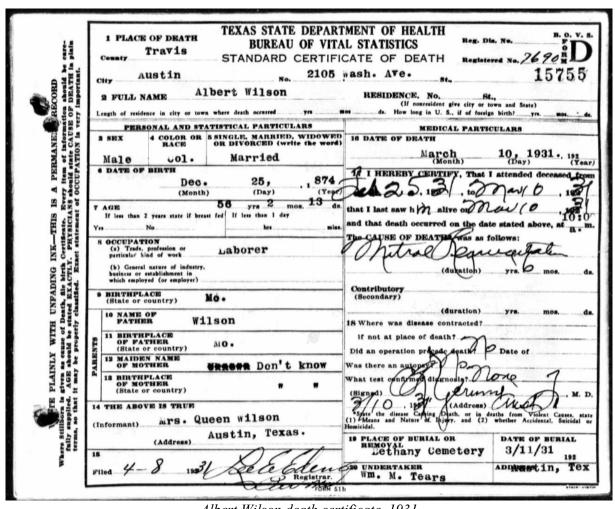
Occupancy History

City Directory Research, November 2021

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1949	Sonny and Rosetta Washington, owners
1947	Rosa Washington, renter
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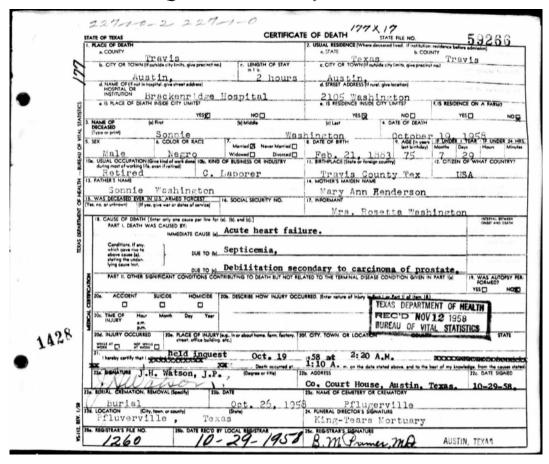
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Albert Wilson death certificate, 1931

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Queen Wilson death certificate, 1944



Sonnie Washington death certificate, 1958

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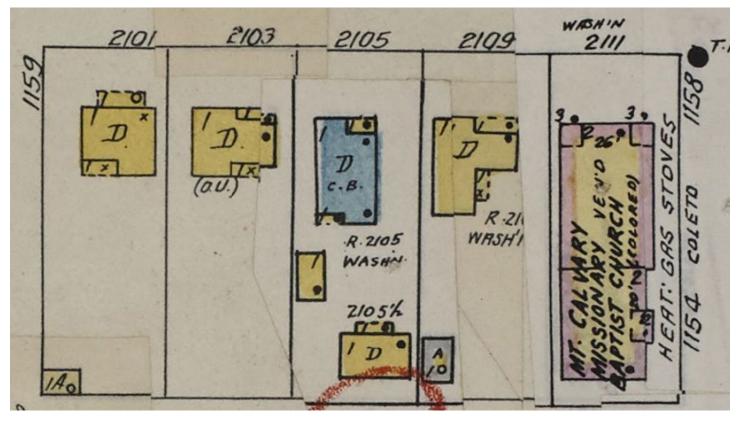
Rosetta Washington death certificate, 1963

Permits

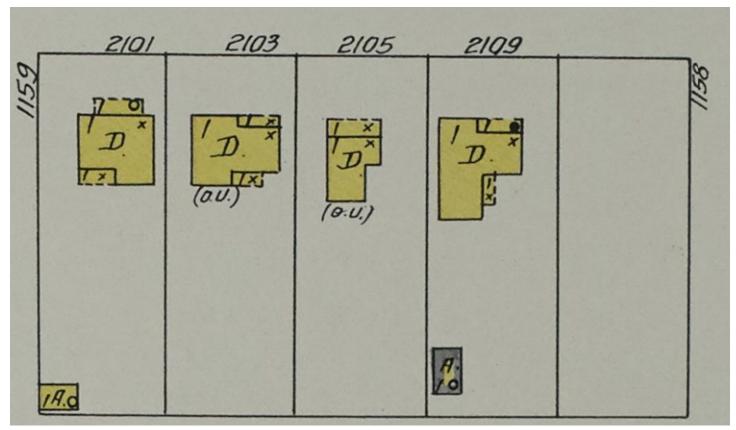
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