

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
JANUARY 24, 2022
PR-2021-196484; GF-2021-205536
904 CHRISTOPHER STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house and detached garage.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story house with horizontal wood siding and 1:1 screened wood windows. The cross-gabled roof with asymmetrical sloped roofline at the gable is clad in composition shingles. The main elevation features a partial width inset porch supported by simple boxed columns.

RESEARCH

The house and garage at 904 Christopher Street were constructed in 1937 by R. W. Herndon, presumably as a rental property. Its longest-term occupants were John W. and Dora M. Kelly. John Kelly, a farmer and rancher, spent the 1950s doing carpentry work. His wife, Dora, was active in the Order of the Eastern Star, a women's charitable organization. Other occupants included two service station owners.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2015 Bouldin survey lists the property as a medium priority and contributing to a potential local historic district.

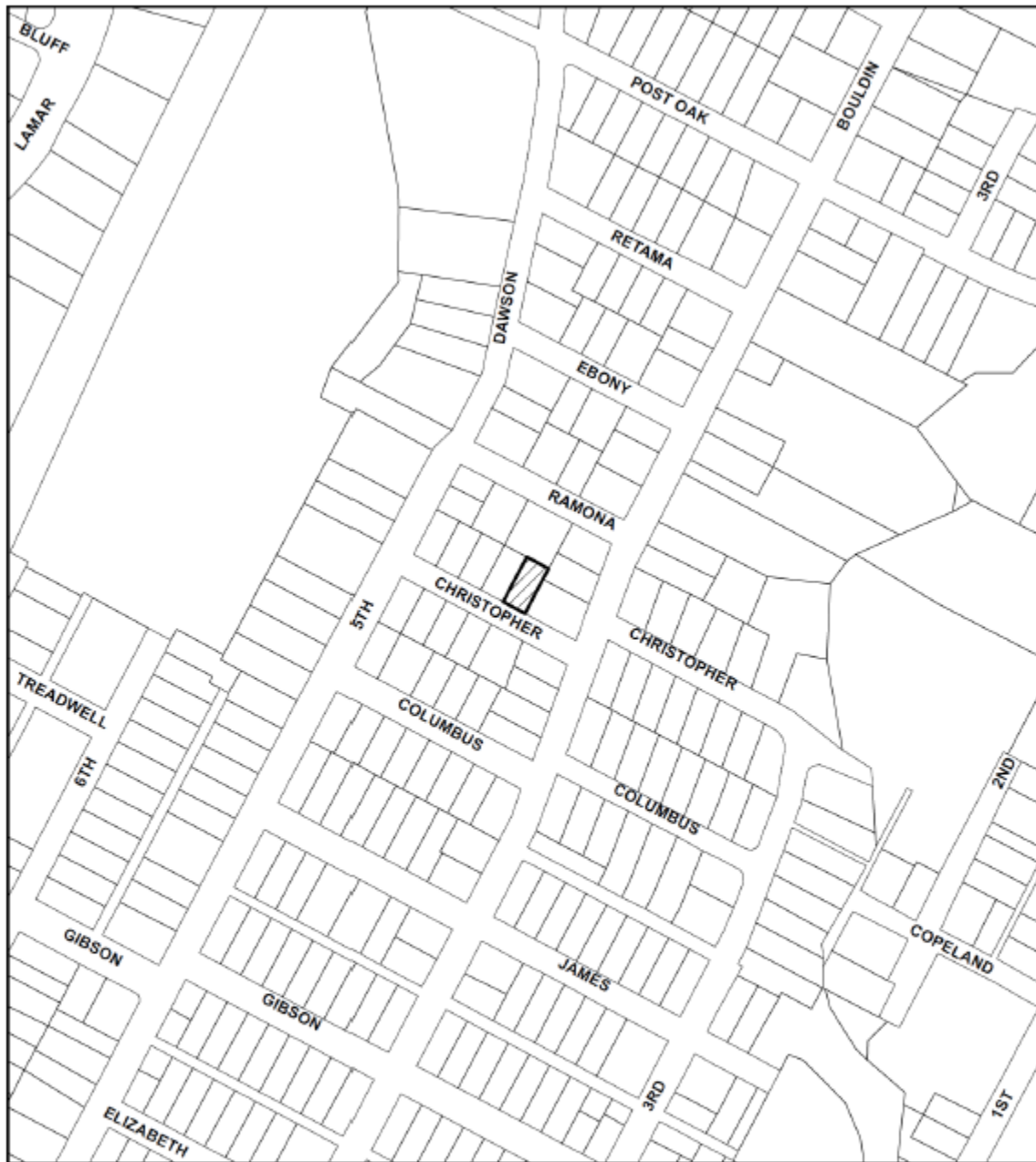
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark




- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high 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 Minimal Traditional and Tudor Revival 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 21-205536

LOCATION: 904 CHRISTOPHER STREET

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Demolition Permit Application, 2021

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, December 2021

1959 Vacant

1957 Curtis and Nelda Williams, renters
Operator, Magnolia Service Station

1955 John W. and Dora M. Kelly, renters
Carpenter

1952 John W. and Dora M. Kelly, renters
Carpenter

1949 John W. and Dora M. Kelly, renters
Farmer

1947 John W. and Dora M. Kelly, renters
Rancher
Universal Exterminating Service
W. Byrl Kelly

1944 John W. and Dora Kelly, renters
Carpenter

1941 John W. and Dora Kelly, renters
Carpenter

1939 Wilbur F. and Myrtle Salyer, renters
Salyer's Service Station

1937 Address not listed

Permits

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 5517 Sec 113

M. R. W. Herndon Address 904 Christopher St.

Plumber Gisace Size of Tap 1/2 Date 6-4-37

30 changed to 6" Main & 3/4" copper on 701-141.

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 6/4/37

Water service permit, 1937

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 8622

Application for Sewer Connection. No. 13604A1

SW/T Austin, Texas, August 2 1937

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by R. W. Herndon
at 904 Christopher St. Street,

Sewer service permit, 1937

R.W.Herndon

904 Christopher St

113

3

1 & 2

Capital Hts.

frame residence & garage

192 - May 28, 1937

Building permit, 1937

*Biographical information***Smaller Homes Dominate Building**

**4 Permits Are
Granted by City
Totaling \$98,117**

**Many Homes Being
Improved in Austin
During Summer**

Building during the past week showed a slight slump as only 34 permits were issued at an aggregate value of \$34,895 to bring the year's record to \$1,675,787.

Construction during the week was confined largely to smaller homes and minor home improvements, but the record brought building for the past two weeks to 75 permits totaling \$117 in value.

Permits issued during the week included:

Lyla Johnson Williams, move residence onto lot at 1905 East 5th street, \$75.

R. W. Herndon, frame residence and frame garage, 904 Christopher, \$1,000.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); May 30, 1937***Mrs. Kelly
Is Honored**

Mrs. Dora Kelly, worthy matron, and officers of the Creedmoor Chapter 607, OES, were honorees at a coffee given Saturday morning by Mrs. Neville E. Johnston.

The coffee table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of spring flowers.

Mrs. Kelly was given a surprise handkerchief shower by the guests.

Attending were Messrs. and Mesdames D. L. Mills, F. L. Stussey, Clayton Gurley and Roy Jones.

Also, Mesdames George Potthoff, A. W. Mullins, W. T. McAuley, A. D. Morgan, Laura Braune, C. H. Petri Jr., G. M. Chandler, M. W. Gove and Grace Jackson; and A. B. Dittmar.

123 West 8th Street Phone 4388
WANTED TO lease 500 acres farm and ranch land. John Kelly, 904 Christopher, Austin.
106—Farms and Ranches

The Austin American (1914-1973); Oct 18, 1942 and The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 5, 1948