

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**  
**PR-2022-013267; GF-2022-014636**  
**1906 WILLOW STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1916 house.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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1906 Willow Street is a one-story house with pyramidal roof, inset partial-width porch, and screened aluminum windows. It is clad in horizontal wood siding and features double front doors.

## **RESEARCH**

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The primary house at 1906 Willow Street was built between 1916 and 1920. Its first occupants were renters Peter and Esther Allidi, who later built a landmarked home on Balcones Dr.<sup>1</sup> By 1920, long-term owners Robert and Lottie Webb had purchased the house. Robert Webb worked as a railway ticketing agent with the Missouri-Pacific Lines, and Lottie Webb worked in the laundry at the Texas Confederate Home and the Driskill Hotel. Mrs. Webb stayed in the home after her husband's death, renting it out to her mother<sup>2</sup> and son in the late 1940s and to various other short-term renters in the 1950s. By 1959, Soledad Guajardo<sup>3</sup> had purchased the house, adding an accessory unit at the rear of the property.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey lists the property as contributing to a potential 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 modest National Folk 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 appear to 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**

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

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<sup>1</sup> Zoning Change Review Sheet: C14H-2015-0147, Peter and Esther Allidi House.  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=251601>

<sup>2</sup> "Obituary." *The Austin Statesman*, Jun 11, 1940. 7.

<sup>3</sup> Zoning Change Review Sheet: C14H-2013-0006, Eloy and Soledad Guajardo House.  
<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=200458>

# LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-014636

LOCATION: 1906 WILLOW STREET

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

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### *Photos*



*Demolition permit application, 2022*



*Zillow.com, 2022*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, February 2022

1959 Jessie L. and Ann Sheppard, renters  
Driver, Spiller Butane

1957 Franklin and Rose Marie Scott, renters  
Laborer, City

1955 Milton B. and Josephine Ayers, renters

1952 Johnnie Lynn, renter  
Plumber

1949 Robert S. and Celia Webb, owners  
Student

1947 Mary Rousseau, renter (widow of Louis)

1944 Lottie Webb, owner  
Presser, Driskill Hotel Laundry

1941 Lottie Webb, owner  
Presser, Driskill Hotel Laundry

1939 Lottie Webb, owner  
Machine operator, Driskill Hotel Laundry

1937 Lottie Webb, owner  
Laundry, Texas Confederate Home

1935 Lottie Webb, owner  
Laundry, Texas Confederate Home

1932 Lottie Webb, owner (widow of Robert)  
Laundry, Texas Confederate Home

1929 Lottie Webb, owner  
Laundry, Texas Confederate Home

1927 Robert D. and Lottie Webb, owners  
Assistant pass and ticket agent, Missouri Pacific Lines

1924 Robert D. and Lottie Webb, owners  
Assistant pass and ticket agent, Missouri Pacific Lines

1920 Peter and Esther Allidi, renters  
Painter

1916 Address not listed

*Permits*

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**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
**Austin, Texas**

E N<sup>o</sup> 36718

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1906 Willow St. - lot 12 - Block M - "Dinning Park Addition"

Amount No tax record - Renew if not correct Pl. Dep

Plumber \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Tap \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Connection \_\_\_\_\_

*Water service permit*

Mrs. S. Guajardo

1906 Willow Street

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M

Driving Park

Frame Addition rear of residence

74732

11-26-59

400.00

Guadalupe Portello

Relocate 1

Relocate Kitchen sink. One kitchen only in this  
residence

Porch and enlarge Kitchen.

Building permit, 1959

OWNER Mrs. S. Guajardo ADDRESS 1906 Willow St.  
 PLAT 19 LOT 12 BLK M  
 SUBDIVISION Driving Park  
 OCCUPANCY carport  
 BLD PERMIT # 141061 DATE 3-5-74 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$600.00  
 CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES  
 WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist  
 Frm acc bldg. 528 sq. ft.

Building permit, 1974

ADDRESS: 1906 WILLOW ST.		PERMIT 141001		PLAT 19	
LOT: 12		BLOCK M		SUB.	
OUTLOT		DRIVING PARK			
FLOOR LINE 3		USE DIST: A-1st		OCCUPANCY: FRM. ACC. BLDG.	
4-6-74		LAYOUT		FRAMING 8-12-75	
PRINC. BLDG.		ACC. BLDG.		PRINC. BLDG.	
FOUNDATION 5		FLOOR JOIST SIZE & O.C.		NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.	
FR. SETBACK		CEILING JOIST SIZE & O.C. 2x6 24"		ROOM VENTILATION	
TOTAL & MIN. SIDE YD.		STUD SIZE & O.C.		STAIRS REQ. & NO.	
SIDE STREET YARD		MASONRY WALL		ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.	
OWNER: MRS. S. GUAJARDO		CONTRACTOR: OWNER.			
CARPORT 22x24'					

Building permit, 1975



## FIGHTERS for FREEDOM☆☆☆

at Dale Mabry field, Tallahassee, Fla., where he's in the finance department. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Marie Anderson Landers, lives at 2710 Nueces.

Lts. Arthur L. Quicksall, Jr., and Robert B. Harris have finished their bombardier instruction at the Carlsbad, N. M., advanced flying school. They had previously completed navigation training at Hondo.

Pvts. Robert L. Webb and Monnie G. Montgomery have graduated from a course in glider mechanics at Sheppard field. Webb is the son of Mrs. Lottie Webb of 1906 Willow and Montgomery is the son of Mrs. Susan Montgomery of Liberty Hill.

## Austin Man's Gunshot Death Termed Suicide

**Services Set Sunday  
At Cook Parlors  
For Mr. Roemer**

Services for Herman August Roemer, 47, who was found shot about 11 a. m. at his apartment at 1006 Willow street, will be held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Cook Funeral home, with the Rev. F. C. Roesener officiating.

Roemer's body was found in a sitting position on the stairs to his apartment by Louis Renck. A .30 caliber Remington automatic rifle was under his right leg and his right hand was near the trigger guard. Justice of the Peace Mace Thurman declared the death was by self-inflicted bullet wounds.

A note was found in the apartment written on a postcard which said, "Can't live TB and cancer," and was signed "Herman." Roemer, who formerly operated a barber-shop in the 100 block of East Fifth street, had been in ill health for some time, his widow, Mrs. Minnie Roemer, said. Mrs. Lillie Roemer, who lives next door, said that Roemer had been there two days before and was talking to himself as if he were talking to his deceased brother, saying "Bob I'll see you in a couple of days."

Survivors besides his widow are his mother, Mrs. H. F. Roemer of Burton; a daughter, Vernelle of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. Frank Querry and Miss Elfrieda Roemer of Austin, Mrs. Lena Kneipstein of Giddings and Mrs. Selma Miller of Carmine; four brothers, Max August and Laurence Roemer of Carmine and Walter Roemer in the navy.

Pallbearers will be Eddie Schotts, Tom Bledsoe, Robert Troll, Alfred Koener, Tillman Bogan, and Horace Linscomb.

"Fighters for Freedom." *The Austin Statesman*, Mar 8, 1943. 2.

"Austin Man's Gunshot Death Termed Suicide: Services Set Sunday At Cook Parlors For Mr. Roemer." *The Austin American*, Dec 17, 1944.

# Obituary

**ROUSSEAU:** Mrs. Mary Rousseau, 76, died at her home, 1906 Willow Street, Tuesday afternoon. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lottie McCord and Mrs. Pauline Reissig, both of Austin and two sons, Fred Rousseau of Austin and Albert Rousseau of San Antonio. Rosary services will be held from the Cook Funeral Home at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday and funeral services will be held from St. Mary's Catholic Church at 9 a. m. Thursday with Father Clement Funke officiating. Pallbearers will be Fred Barkely, Floyd Reissig, David L. Webb, E. L. Rampy, Howard Ferguson, and E. R. Meschke. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

"Obituary." *The Austin Statesman*, Feb 19, 1947. 2.

## Completes training

Guadalupe Portillo Jr., son of Dolores C. and Guadalupe Portillo Sr. of 1906 Willow, has completed recruit training at San Diego, Calif.

Portillo is a 1976 graduate of Johnston High, he joined the Navy in 1977.

"Military notes: UT student at camp." *The Austin American Statesman*, Jul 27, 1978. 5.