

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
MAY 4, 2022
PR-2022-033331; GF-2022-047410
902 EAST 7TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1903-1906 house.

ARCHITECTURE

902 E. 7th Street is a one-story L-plan Folk Victorian house clad in horizontal wood siding, with a metal cross-gabled roof and brick chimney. Its wood windows are 2:2 and transom, with operable shutters. Its door is also beneath a transom light. The partial width inset porch is supported by turned posts atop squared balusters and includes a jigsawn and turned frieze and matching jigsawn brackets. The lot is terraced, with a stone staircase matching the foundation skirting leads to a set of concrete steps to the street from atop the concrete retaining wall.

RESEARCH

The house was built between 1903 and 1906 by contractors Victor and Carl Carlson, Swedish immigrants to Texas.¹ Between 1906 and 1909, the property was rented to railway motorman August Lindahl, also of Swedish descent. The property was vacant in 1912, but by 1914, the Shipp family occupied the home. Jasper Shipp worked as a contractor, Dewey Shipp worked as a foreman, Nellie Shipp as a bookkeeper, and Madison Shipp as an insurance salesman; youngest sister Nina Shipp was a student.

After the Shipp's' departure, a variety of short-term renters—most with middle- and working-class occupations—lived at 902 E. 7th. In the early 1930s, Librada Reyes Colunga began renting the house with her family. Daughters Noemi Colunga, listed as the property owner in City directories, and Genoveva Colunga Martinez lived there until at least 1970.² Noemi Colunga worked as a laundress, maid, and public-school janitor. In the early twentieth century, the Colungas also hosted younger relatives Alicia and Berta while they attended the University of Texas.

In 1943, Noemi Colunga filed a petition for U. S. citizenship, as she and her mother were originally Mexican citizens. Librada Reyes Colunga³ died shortly after in 1949. Genoveva Martinez Colunga passed in 1970,⁴ followed by Noemi Colunga in 1977.⁵

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey recommends the property as eligible for designation as a local landmark, individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and contributing to potential local and National Register historic districts.

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 may meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. According to the East Austin Historic Resource Survey, the building is a good example of Folk Victorian architecture.
 - b. Historical association. According to the East Austin Historic Resource Survey, the property is associated with residential development patterns in the area.
 - c. Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.

¹ "DEATHS IN AUSTIN." The Austin Statesman (1902-1915), Oct 31, 1904.

² "Deaths and Funerals." 1970. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Dec 14, 30.

³ Obituary." 1949. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Aug 01, 11.

⁴ "Deaths and Funerals." 1970. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Dec 14, 30.

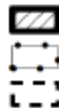
⁵ Deaths and Services." The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Aug 01, 1977, Evening ed.

- 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

Initiate historic zoning based on the 2016 East Austin survey recommendation. Should the Commission decide against initiation, release the relocation permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT
PENDING CASE
ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-047410

LOCATION: 902 E 7TH STREET

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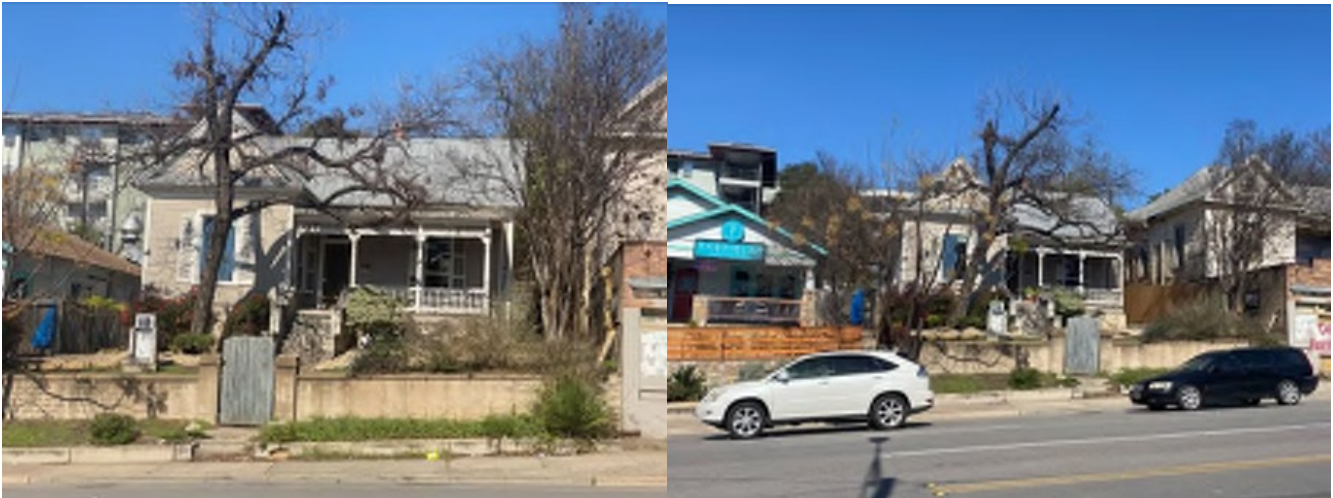


PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View, 2022



Applicant, 2022



Zillow.com, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/902-E-7th-St-Austin-TX-78702/306640412_zpid/



Loopnet.com, <https://www.loopnet.com/Listing/902-E-7th-St-Austin-TX/15412540/>



Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-07], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph968071/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.



Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph 3491-02], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph960046/m1/1/?q=%22902%20e%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.



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Texas Historical Commission. [Historic Property, Photograph THC 06-0333], photograph, Date Unknown; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph672261/m1/1/?q=%22902%20east%207th%22>: accessed April 15, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Texas Historical Commission.



2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey; HHM, Inc.

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, March 2022

1959	Niami Colunga, owner
	Genoveva Martinez
1957	Noemi Colunga, owner Employee, public school
1955	Noemi Colunga, owner Janitor, University Jr High
1952	Noemi Colunga, owner
1949	Noemi Colunga, owner Maid
1947	Noemi Colunga, owner Employee, public school
	Mrs. Librada Colunga
	Genoveva Martinez
1944	Noemi Colunga, owner Presser, George Wesley
	Librada R. Colunga
1941	Neomi Colunga, owner Mangle operator, AL & DC Co.
	Genevieve Colunga
	Berta Colunga Student at the University of Texas
	Alicia Colunga Student
1939	Noemi Colunga, owner Operator, L & D Co.
	Genoveva Colunga

Alice Colunga
Student at the University of Texas

Librada Colunga (widow of Refugio)

1937 Noemi Colunga, owner
Employee, Austin Laundry & Dry Cleaner

1935 Librada Reyes, renter

1932 Librada Reyes, renter

1929 Emilio and Maria J. Davila, renters
Jeweler, The Atco Co.

Olivia Hernandez, renter

1924 Joseph J. and Lillian Badaracco, renters

1920 Andrew T. Scott, renter
Mill hand, Nalle & Co.

1918 Ernest W. and Lillie Drennan, renters
Vulcanizer, Austin Double Tread Tire Co.

1916 Jasper A. Shipp
Contractor

Madison A. Shipp
Salesman

Nellie Shipp
Bookkeeper

Nina Shipp
Student

O. Dewey Shipp
Student

1914 Dewey O. Shipp
Foreman

Madison A. Shipp
Insurance agent

Nellie J. Shipp
Bookkeeper

Nina Shipp
Student

1912 Vacant

1909 August Lindahl
Motorman, Austin El. Railway Co.

1906 Claus August Lindahl
Motorman

Carl Carlson

Contractor and builder

Victor G. Carlson
Contractor

Note: Charles and Victor Carlson, proprietors of Carlson Brothers general contractors and builders, and Mandy Carlson, widow of Gustav Carlson, are listed as residing at their office at 1006 E. 7th Street in the directory cross-reference.

1903

Address not listed

Victor, Gustav, and Charles Carlson, contractors, at 1006 E. 7th.

Permits

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT		No. 2042
Austin, Texas		
Received of	Date 2/28/1914	
Address	902 E. 7th.	
Amount	\$	
Builder or Owner	Plumber	
Lot 9	Block	Subdivision
		Plat No.
Date of Connection		

Sewer service permit, 1914

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		E N ^o 21761
Austin, Texas		
Received of	Date 7-24-58	
Address	901 E. 7TH Street	
Amount	\$ pd. tap	
Plumber	Size of Tap	
Date of Connection		

Water service permit, 1958

Historical information

Carl G. Carlson.
Carl G. Carlson, aged 51 years, a well known cabinet maker, died yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock at the residence, 1006 East Seventh street, after a lingering illness. He was well known in Austin, having lived here many years, being connected with the different lumber companies here. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church and the remains will be interred in the City cemetery.

"DEATHS IN AUSTIN." *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915), Oct 31, 1904.

MORTUARY.

DEWEY SHIPP.

Dewey Shipp, formerly of Austin, died at Kansas City Nov. 2. He is survived by his father, J. A. Shipp; two sisters, Misses Nell and Nina Shipp, and three brothers, Tom, Dawson and Earl. Interment will be at Poteau, Okla.

Nine File Petitions For Citizenship

Nine Central Texas residents have filed petitions for U. S. citizenship in the past 30-day period, U. S. district court records showed Friday.

The petitioners, their present addresses, and the countries of their former residence are as follows: Antonia Marie Kahane, Granger, Czechoslovakia; Naomi Colunga, 902 East Seventh, Mexico; Manfred Fritz Rosenbusch, 500 West 17th, Germany; Fannie Shaikevitz, 613 West 24 1-2, Russia; Luciano Torrez Cruz and Jose Carrasco Cruz, Lockhart, Mexico; Brunhilde Hedwig Frithlof, 103 East 14th, Germany; John Gallagher, Lampasas, Ireland; and Juan Aguilar, Bastrop, Mexico.

"MORTUARY." *The Statesman* (1916-1921), Nov 04, 1917.

"Nine File Petitions for Citizenship." 1943. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Oct 15, 18.

MISS GENOVEVA MARTINEZ

Miss Genoveva Martinez, of 902 E. 7th St., died in a local hospital Monday. She was a member of the Salvation Army Church.

Survivors include a sister, Miss Noemi Colunga of Austin; two brothers, Refugio Colunga and Jaime Colunga, both of Dilley.

Funeral services are pending at Cook Funeral Home.

MRS. LIBRADA R. COLUNGA

Mrs. Librada Reyes Colunga died at her residence, 902 East Seventh Street, Sunday morning. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Genoveva Martinez and Miss Noemi Colunga, both of Austin; two sons, Refugio Colunga and Jaime Colunga of Dilley and a brother, Pablo Reyes. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the residence with the Rev. Isaac Perez officiating. Pallbearers were Humberto Colunga, Jesus Colunga, Felipe Colunga, Ramiro Colunga, Jose Salinas of Corpus Christi and Ricardo Lozano of San Antonio. Burial was in Memorial Park.

"Deaths and Funerals." 1970. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Dec 14, 30.

"Obituary." 1949. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Aug 01, 11.

COLUNGA, Miss Noemi, 82, 902 E. 7th St., died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: brother, Refugio Colunga Dilley; several nieces and nephews.

"Deaths and Services." *The Austin American Statesman* (1973-1980), Aug 01, 1977, Evening ed.