

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
APRIL 5, 2023
PR-2023-026372; GF-2023-027683
2008 CANTERBURY STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1919 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Modified hipped-roof, square-plan house with vinyl siding, 6:6 replacement windows, and partial-width inset front porch.

RESEARCH

The house at 2008 Canterbury Street was constructed around 1919. By 1920, Jose and Sofia Del Rio had become its first residents; the Del Rio family would remain in the home until at least 1959. Jose Del Rio, known as Joe, was a tailor. He operated an alteration, repair, pressing, and cleaning business at 113 E. 9th Street and 600 Congress Avenue. His wife Sofia worked as the business' bookkeeper at the 9th St. location. Their son Jose Jr. worked with his father at the shop, and son Raul became a barber who eventually opened his own shop during the 1940s. Raul Del Rio built a house next door at 2006 Canterbury with his wife, Consuelo. Other Del Rio family members living in the house during the twentieth century included Tillie Del Rio, a beauty shop operator; Edward, a tailor and presser and a U.S. Army serviceman; Ernest, another Army serviceman and HEB department manager; Oscar, a UT student and Navy serviceman; Danny, an employee at Economy Furniture and Upholstery; Elizabeth and Ada, both grocery cashiers; and Gonzales, a barber.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2016 East Austin survey lists the property as contributing to potential National Register and local historic districts.

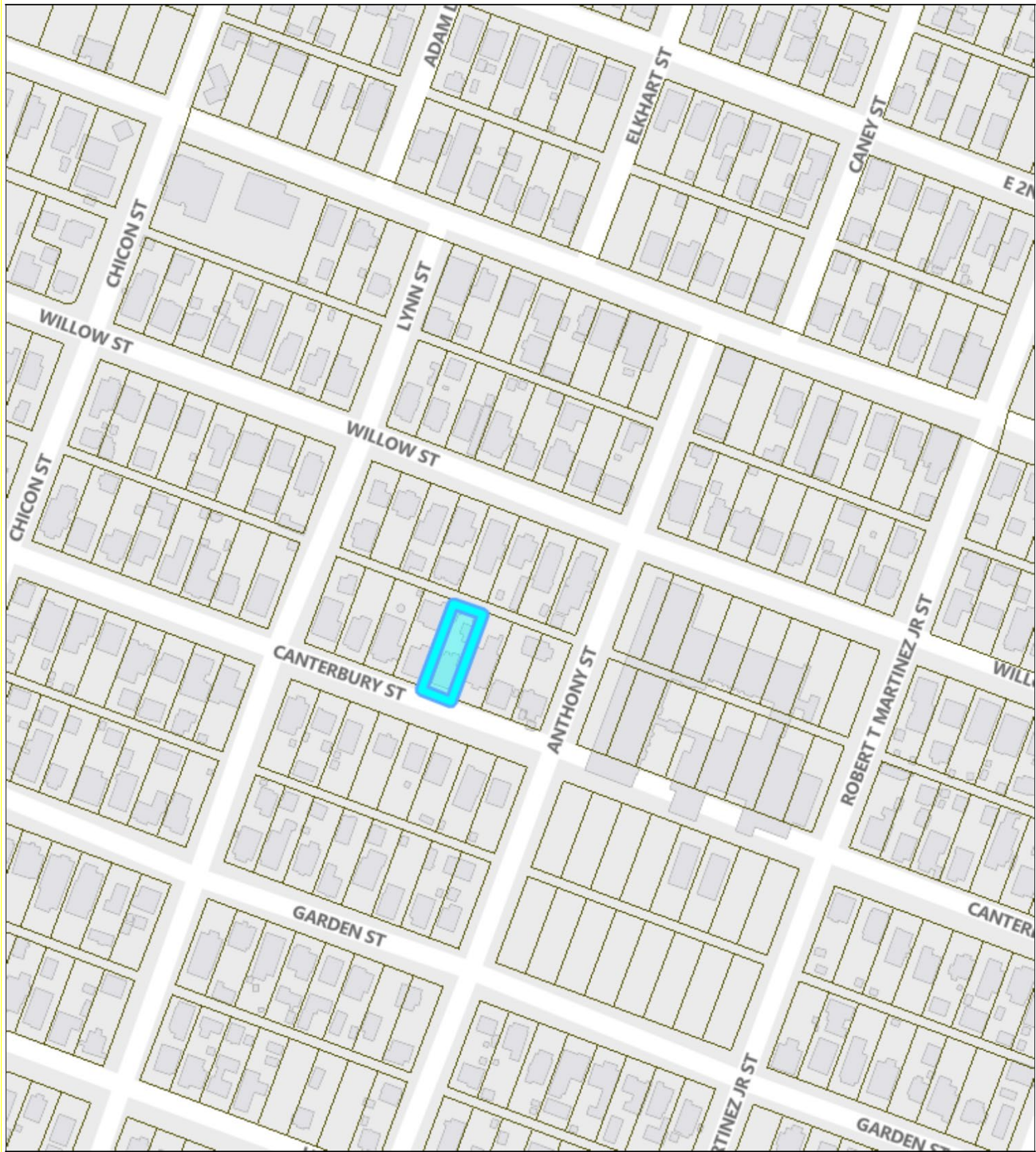
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark


- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. Doors, windows, siding, and porch posts have been replaced.
- 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 has been modified and no longer conveys its original architectural significance.
 - b. Historical association. The property has longstanding associations with the Del Rio family, East Austin entrepreneurs and craftsmen.
 - 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 was not evaluated for its potential as 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 application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP






1: 2400

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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*





Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, March 2023

1959	Mrs. Sophie Del Rio, owner
1955	Mrs. Sophie Del Rio, owner
	Mrs. Ada M. Del Rio, renter Checker, HEB
	Ernest and May Del Rio, renters Produce manager, HEB
1949	Mrs. Sophie Del Rio, owner (widow of José Del Rio)
	Oscar Del Rio, renter UT student
	Danny Del Rio, renter Helper, Economy Furniture and Upholstery
	Ernest Del Rio, renter Manager, HEB
	Gonzales Del Rio, renter Proprietor, Crystal Barber Shop
1947	José and Sofia Del Rio, owners
	Ernest Del Rio, renter Produce manager, HEB
	Oscar Del Rio, renter Student, UT
1944	José and Sophie del Rio, owners Tailor, W. W. Lewis

Ernest del Rio
US Army

Eddie del Rio
US Army

Elizabeth del Rio
Checker, AL&DC Co.

Raul S. and Consuelo del Rio, renters
Louis Barber Shop

Tillie and William Johns, renters
Operator, Midway Barber and Beauty Shop
US Army

1941 José and Sophie del Rio, owners

Ernest del Rio, renter
Clerk, Piggly Wiggly
Edward del Rio, renter
Presser, Rosedale Cleaners

Oscar del Rio, renter
Clerk

Raul S. and Consuelo del Rio, renters
Barber, East Side Barber Shop

Tillie del Rio, renter
Beauty shop operator

1935 José and Sophie del Rio, owners
Tailor, 600 Congress 2nd floor

Edward del Rio, renter
Tailor, 600 Congress

Ernest del Rio, renter
Clerk, Piggly Wiggly

Raul del Rio, renter
Barber, L. G. Cazares

1932 José and Sophie del Rio, owners
Tailor, 600 Congress 2nd floor

José Jr. and Mary del Rio, renters
Tailor, 600 Congress

Raul del Rio, renter
Barber, L G Casarez

1929 José and Sophie del Rio, owners
Tailor, 600 Congress 2nd floor

José Jr. and Mary del Rio, renters
Tailor, 600 Congress

Raul del Rio, renter
Barber, Deciderio Carmona

- 1927 José and Sophie del Rio, owners
Tailor, 600 Congress 2nd floor
- Raul del Rio, renter
Clerk
- 1924 José and Sophie del Rio, renters
Tailor, Nick Linz
- 1920 José and Sophie del Rio, renters
Tailor, Pressing, Cleaning, Repairing, and Altering, 113 E. 9th St.
Bookkeeper, 113 E. 9th St.

Historical Information

BUILDING PERMITS

J. R. Robinson, awning in front of store, 1401 Garden street, \$30.

Texas Wesleyan college, tabernacle, near Neches street, \$400.

Otto Grein, garage, 1209½ Willow street, \$90.

Joe Del Rio, frame sleeping porch, 2008 Canterbury, \$20.

Olivet Baptist church, tabernacle, Mosby and Lott, \$400.

E. M. Chote, sleeping porch, 4106 Avenue F, \$125.

Mrs. Joe Del Rio, box garage apartment, 2008 Canterbury street, \$250.
Walter Schlittler, frame residence, and

"Austin Short Stories." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 28 June 1928: 16.

"Construction Picks Up Here: Building Shakes Off Doldrums." *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 01 Oct 1939: A12.

Austin Sergeant Dies of Wound

The family of S-Sgt. William Johns, 25, has been informed of his death from battle wounds Dec. 11 in Italy.

For gallantry in action in the Sicilian campaign, the Austin soldier was awarded the Silver Star, according to word received by his family a short time ago. Sgt. Johns was serving with an armored unit.

His wife, Mrs. Tillie Johns, who lives at 2008 Canterbury street, gave birth to a son on Dec. 7, just four days before Sgt. Johns was seriously wounded in action. The war department notice that he had been wounded Dec. 11 was followed by a second message, disclosing his death on the same date.

A native of Longview, Sgt. Johns grew up in Austin and attended the Austin schools. He and his brother George, who is a corporal at Bergstrom field, worked in The American-Statesman press room at one time, but Sgt. Johns was employed by the Balagla produce and market when he entered the service.

Survivors include his grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Johns of 809 East Eighth; his father, Alex Johns, who lives in Abilene, and his sister, Mrs. Sam Attal of 506 East Seventh, besides his wife, son and brother.

Military Honors To Be Awarded Posthumously Monday at Camp Swift to William Johns' Son

CAMP SWIFT, May 13.—(Spl)—Posthumous award of military honors to survivors of an Austin soldier will be made here Monday, when the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle will be presented to the widow and five-month-old son of S-Sgt. William Johns.

Sgt. Johns of the First U. S. armored division, died Dec. 11, 1943, as the result of wounds received in action in Africa.

The presentation will be made at a review of troops of the 681st tank destroyer battalion. Mrs. Johns and her infant son, William Johns Jr., will have positions of honor on the reviewing stand. The troops will pass in review before Col. Alfred G. Brown, post commander and members of his staff. In the reviewing party will be Lt. Col. Parke Houston, post executive; Lt. Col. Guy A. Reed, post supply officer; Maj. Z. E. Coombes, inspector general, and W-O H. E. Sheldon, adjutant. Music for the review will be by one of the bands stationed at the post.



S-SGT. WILLIAM JOHNS

The general order awarding the Silver Star and the Purple Heart to S-Sgt. Johns recites that during

an action in Africa the engine of his tank became disabled and Sgt. Johns led members of his tank crew in setting up a machine gun on the nearby terrain and combating enemy forces. He directed operations of his crew until wounded. He died as the result of his wounds.

Mrs. Johns, whose home is at 2008 Canterbury street, and her son will be accompanied to the review by Sgt. George Johns, brother of the heroic deceased soldier. Sgt. George Johns is a member of the Bergstrom field military police detachment.

Five brothers of S-Sgt. Johns are now in service and the sixth is soon to be inducted. Mrs. Johns is employed in an Austin beauty parlor, and has requested of Col. Brown that the honors be presented her son.

The ceremony and presentation will be held at 7 p. m. Monday and will be witnessed by personnel of the post, civilian employees and visitors. Mrs. Johns and her son and members of the family party will be conducted to Camp Swift by officers of the post.

"Austin Sergeant Dies of Wound." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 06 Jan 1944: 1.

"Military Honors To Be Awarded Posthumously Monday at Camp Swift to William Johns' Son." *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 14 May 1944: 5.

Ada Mae Murphy Ernest Del Rio Exchange Vows

Mrs. Ada Mae Murphy and Ernest Del Rio were married Saturday in an informal, double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Chester Puckett at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Joe Del Rio, 2008 Canterbury Street.

The bride is from Sussex, New Brunswick, where she attended public schools, and she is now employed by HEB Food Stores as is Mr. Del Rio. He attended Austin High School and served four years with the 41st Infantry Division in the South Pacific.

Miss Aline McNaughton was the bride's only attendant, and Virgil Gonzales was best man. Out of town guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Del Rio of Houston.

MRS. SOPHIE DEL RIO

Mrs. Sophie Del Rio, 84, 2008 Canterbury, died at her residence Tuesday evening. She was a member of the Cristo Rey Catholic Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth On of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Sophie Cardenas and Mrs. Tillie J. Burnette, both of Austin; five sons, Joe Del Rio Jr., Eddie Del Rio, Ernest Del Rio, all of Austin, Oscar Del Rio of Corpus Christi, and Danny Del Rio of Houston; one sister, Mrs. Virginia Del Rio of San Antonio; two brothers, Camillo Saenz and Larry Saenz, both of San Antonio; 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending at the Cook Funeral Home.

Rosary will be said at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cook Funeral Home, and Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday at Cristo Rey Catholic Church.

"Ada Mae Murphy Ernest Del Rio Exchange Vows." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 20 May 1955: 8.
"DEATHS AND FUNERALS." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 05 July 1967: 56.

DEL RIO, Ernest A., 59, of Driftwood, died Thursday. Services 4 p.m. Saturday at Hyllin-Manor Funeral Chapel. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Mae Del Rio of Driftwood; sons, Ernest R. Del Rio, Jimmy Del Rio, both of Driftwood; brothers, Joe Del Rio, Eddy Del Rio, both of Austin, Oscar Del Rio of Corpus Christi, Danny Del Rio of Houston; sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth On of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Sophie Cardenas, Mrs. Tillie Burnette, both of Austin.

CARDENAS, Mrs. Sophie, 64, of Austin, died Sunday. Rosary 8 p.m. today at Angel Funeral Home. Mass 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Survivors: daughters, Delores Portillo, Elizabeth Garcia, Mary Francis Limon, all of Austin; sons, Eligardo Cardenas Jr., John Ernest Cardenas, both of Austin; brothers, Joe Del Rio, Eddie Del Rio, both of Austin, Oscar Del Rio of Corpus Christi, Danny Del Rio of Houston; sisters, Tillie Burnett of Austin, Elizabeth On of Wichita Falls.

"deaths and services." *The Austin American Statesman* (1973-1980), Evening ed.; 03 Dec 1977: B2.
"deaths and services." *The Austin American Statesman* (1973-1980), Evening ed.; 25 Feb 1980: B6.

Permits

CONNECTING CHARGE \$12.50 NO 28375

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

SE/A Austin, Texas. 3/30-1929

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 Joe Del Rio

at 2008 Canterbury Street
2013 BIR P

which place is to be used as a residence

In this place there are to be installed 2 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully, W. G. Anderson

Location of Public Sewer BT Downing

Connected 4-6-1929

Sewer tap permit, 1929

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

E No 36779

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Received of	Date
Address 2008 Canterbury St. Apt 13 Bk R	
Amount No record of service	\$ Pl Tap
Plumber locate & renew with copper if only	Size of Tap 3/4
Date of Connection 3-30-61	
Size of Tap Made 3/4	
Size Service Made 3/4	
Size Main Tapped 6"	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'	

Water tap permit, 1961

Mrs. Joe Del Rio

2008 Canterbury St.

- R 13 -

Driving Park

box garage apt.

287n - 9-21-39

Garage permit, 1939