

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**JUNE 7, 2023**  
**HR-2023-041358**  
**CLARKSVILLE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**1812 WEST 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Relocate a ca. 1921 house on the same lot and construct an addition. Construct a new building behind the existing house.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Relocate existing house on same lot to allow for construction of new driveway.
- 2) Construct a compatible one-story addition to the rear of the house. Replace 4:4 double-hung wood windows, existing doors, and composition shingle roof to match existing. Repair siding where needed.
- 3) Construct a three-story building behind the existing house. The proposed new building has shed, side-gabled, and flat roofs; brick, metal, and fiber-cement siding; and masonry accent screening. Windows are undivided fixed units or two-pane casements. A rear garage is located on the west elevation.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story house clad with asbestos shingle siding and capped with a gabled composition shingle roof; includes partial-width shed-roofed porch with turned wood posts. Windows are 4:4 with aluminum screens.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house at 1812 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street was constructed around 1921. Its first occupants were William S. and Lillian R. Edmerson, along with Mrs. Minerva Edmerson. William Edmerson was a carpenter, while Minerva Edmerson worked in the household at 602 Patterson Avenue. By 1932, the home was owned by Agnes R. Edmonds, who worked as a cook; it was then briefly rented out. Archie and Clara Stewart lived there from 1949 to at least 1965.

## **DESIGN STANDARDS**

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The City of Austin's [Historic Design Standards](#) (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects in National Register districts. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

### *Residential new construction*

#### *1. Location*

The proposed new house is located at the rear of the lot, behind the one-story existing house.

#### *2. Orientation*

The proposed new building appears to be oriented consistently with the contributing house.

#### *3. Scale, massing, and height*

While the new building's scale, massing, and height are all different from the existing house's, its location at the back of the lot mitigates the visual impact of these differences.

#### *4. Proportions*

The proposed new building's proportions are somewhat compatible, with appropriate floor-to-floor stepbacks and material emphasis on the first floor.

#### *5. Design and style*

The proposed building is adequately differentiated from the existing historic home, and is mostly stylistically consistent within its own design. While its design is not typical of historic Clarksville, its location at the back of the lot mitigates its incongruity.

#### *6. Roofs*

The new building's complex roof form is not consistent with contributing buildings in the district. However, the horizontal roof forms do balance the building's overall verticality.

*7. Exterior walls*

The proposed vertical fiber-cement siding is compatible; the metal and brick cladding less so.

*8. Windows and doors*

Proposed windows and doors are somewhat compatible in their rhythmic pattern, but casements and fixed windows are not consistent with the district.

*9. Porches*

The proposed offset screened porch is somewhat compatible.

*11. Attached garages and carports*

The proposed rear garage is appropriately sited and will not be visible from the street.

*Summary*

The project meets some of the applicable standards.

**PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The 2018 Clarksville-Buass-Martin survey lists the property as contributing to the National Register district.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

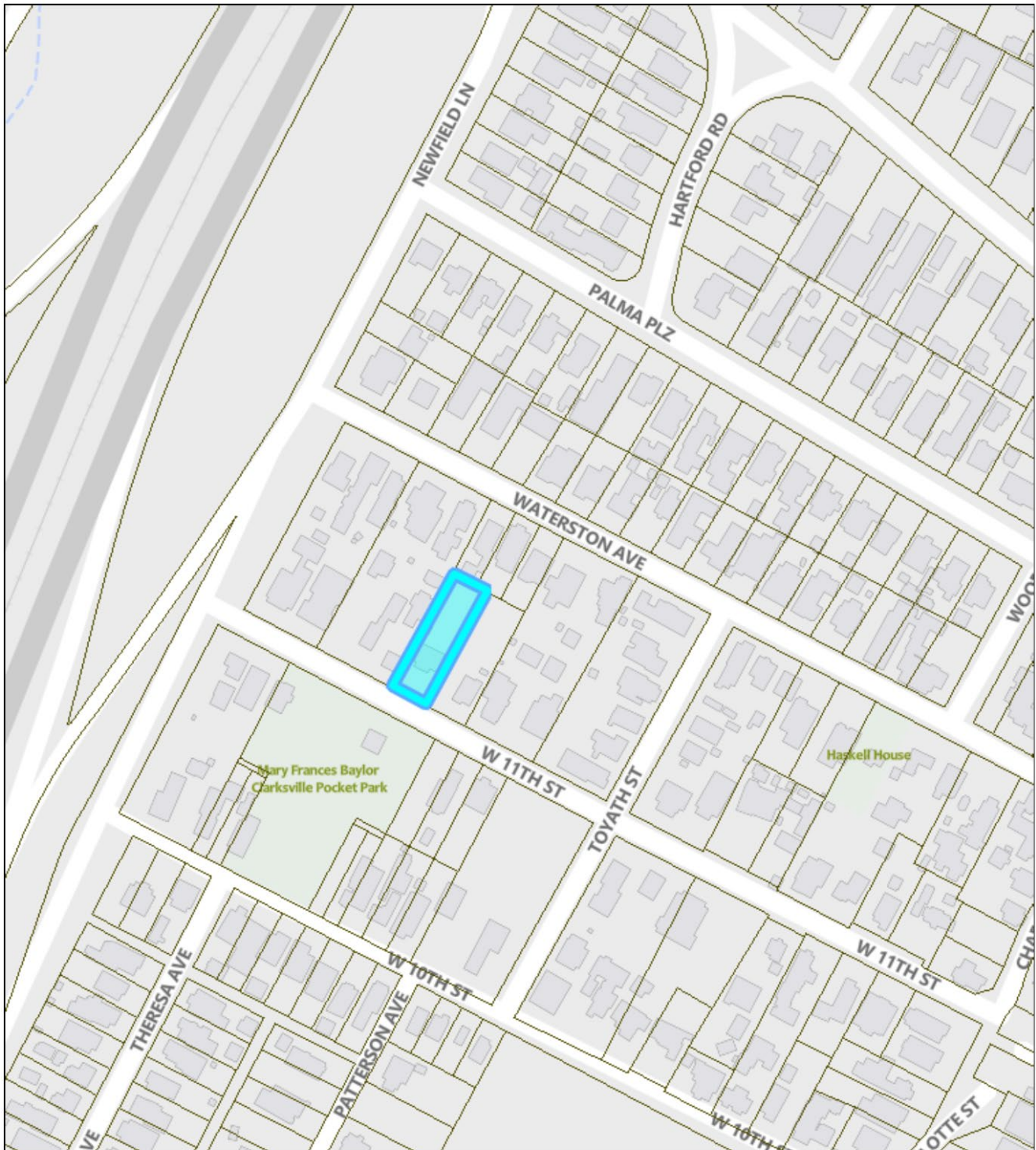
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity. Siding has been replaced.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it may meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building is a good example of a vernacular National Folk building.
  - b. Historical association. While the property is not associated with a singular person or event, the Commission may wish to consider its significance as a home whose occupants represent typical Clarksville residents of the early twentieth century; namely, working-class African American homeowners and renters who lived there for relatively long-term periods.
  - 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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Release the relocation permit. Comment on and release plans.

## LOCATION MAP



1: 2400

Lot Lines

Lot Line

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1812 W 11TH STREET



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**PROPERTY INFORMATION***Photos*





*Historic review application, 2023*

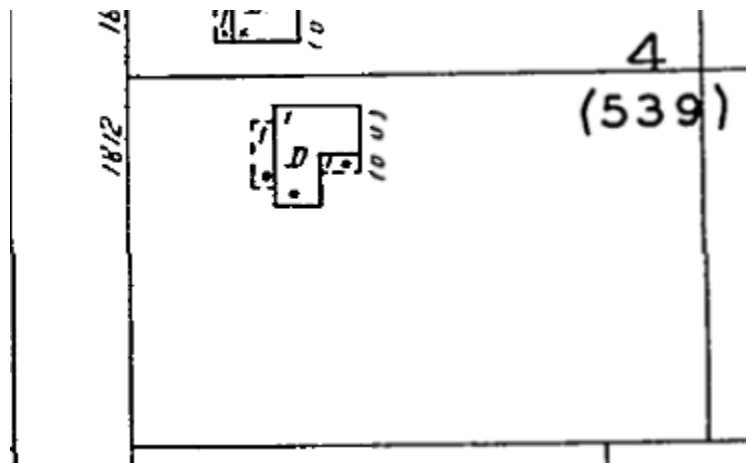
*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, May 2023

1959	Archie and Clara Stewart
	Yardwork
1955	Archie and Clara Stewart

	Yardwork
1952	Archie and Clara Stewart
1949	Archie and Clara Stewart Laborer
1944	Louis and Cora Blaine Concrete worker
1941	Agnes R. Edmonds Cook
1939	Agnes R. Edmonds Cook
1935	A. R. Edmonds, owner
1932	A. R. Edmonds, owner
1929	<i>Also addressed as 1612 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street</i> William S. and Lillian Edmerson, owners Minerva A. Edmerson, renter
1927	William S. and Lillian R. Edmerson, owners Carpenter
	Minerva A. Edmerson, renter
1924	William S. and Lillian Edmerson, owners Carpenter
	Minerva A. Edmerson, renter
1922	William S. and Lillian Edmerson, owners Carpenter
	Minerva A. Edmerson, renter Domestic worker, 602 Patterson
1920	Address not listed.

### *Historical Information*



*1935 Sanborn map*



**TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT COURT.**

Hon. Charles A. Wilcox, Judge.  
 Suit filed: State of Texas vs. Beaver  
 Beneficial Society; Injunction and for-  
 feiture of charter.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

Willie S. Edmerson and Lillian Bry-  
 ant.

Other 9 -- No Title. *The Austin Statesman and Tribune* (1915-1916); 26 May 1916: 8.

**LOUIS BLAINE, SR.**

Funeral for Louis Blaine, Sr. will be Monday at 3:30 p.m. at Fuller Mercer Sheffield Funeral Chapel with Rev. S. L. Davis officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Fairis Hunter Austin and Mrs. Ladell Smith, Austin; Mrs. Lillie Thomas, Temple; five sons, Edward Blaine; George Howard Blaine; Marshall Lee Blaine and Vernon Blaine, Austin; Louis Blaine, Jr. Los Angeles; sister, Mrs. Jane Shelton, Austin; 26 grand children and nine great-grand children.

Pallbearers will be Payton Randolph, Willie Phillips, Andrew Brooks, Lee Brooks, Herbert Davis and Henry Hyder, Earl Mackey, and Elmo DeWitty.

LOUIS BLAINE, SR. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 10 Oct 1965: A27.

**ARCHIE T. STEWART**

Funeral for Archie (Tank) Stewart will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Sweethome Baptist Church with Rev. E. M. Loggins officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Clara Stewart; two sons, Wilmer Stewart of Los Angeles, Melvin Stewart; of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Cook, Mrs. Pauline Brown of Austin; one brother, Mozell Stewart, one sister, Mrs. Ruth Hainsworth; and five grandchildren.

**MRS. MINERVA EDMERSON**

Funeral services for Mrs. Minerva Ann Brown Edmerson were held Wednesday at the Ebenezer Baptist Church with Rev. Robert L. Rowe officiating. Interment was in the Jerry Brown Cemetery under the direction of King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.

Survivors include, three daughters, Mrs. Maggie Gordon, Miss Buelah Edmerson and Mrs. Louise Ransom; one son, Israel Edmerson; two brothers, Rev. W. T. Brown and Robert Brown; and three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Walton, Mrs. Charity McGarrity and Mrs. Lillie Hicks.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 19 May 1968: A6.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 01 Feb 1967: 14.

**EDMERSON, Mrs. Lillian Ruth, 86, 1822 E. 11th St., died Monday. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Rosewood Baptist Church. Burial, Evergreen Cemetery. Survivors: nieces, Ethel Hubert, Louise Bacon, Lillian Bryant, all of Austin, Jemmia Walker of Madison, Wis.; nephews, Edward Bryant, R.C. Bryant, Howard Bryant, Earless Bryant, all of Austin, Weldon Bryant of Rockdale, George Chandler of Marshall. (Fuller-Sheffield)**

deaths and services. *The Austin American Statesman* (1973-1980), Evening ed.; 17 Nov 1978: B3.

### Permits

OWNER Archie Stewart ADDRESS 1812 West 11th St.  
 PLAT 91 LOT 8 BLK.  DIV   
 SUBDIVISION Meas  
 OCCUPANCY Frame Addition to and remodel Residence.  
 BLD PERMIT # 88681 DATE 7-15-63 OWNERS ESTIMATE 340.00  
 CONTRACTOR F. S. Loera NO. OF FIXTURES Relocate 3  
 WATER TAP REC #  SEWER TAP REC #   
 DINING ROOM   
 Relocate Bath - enclose screen proch - repairs

*Addition and remodel permit, 1963*

OWNER Archie Stewart ADDRESS 1812 West 11th Street  
 PLAT 91 LOT H 125' x 197' BLK   
 SUBDIVISION Mass Addition  
 OCCUPANCY Residence  
 BLD PERMIT # 94458 DATE 1-5-65 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$700.  
 CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES   
 WATER TAP REC # X SEWER TAP REC # X  
 Remodel residence/sheetorck two rooms, reroof house  
 repair front porch/repalce posts and add roof to  
 porch

*Remodel permit, 1965*