

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023
915 COLUMBUS STREET
PR-2023-067052; GF-2023-087253**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story Craftsman bungalow with asbestos siding and exposed rafter tails at eaves. Its partial-width porch is supported by tapered columns atop river-rock piers.

RESEARCH

The house at 915 Columbus was built around 1935. Its original occupants, the Dunlap family, lived there for at least 35 years. James W. Dunlap, Sr., was a salesman for the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant and later worked as a watchman at the E. M. Scarbrough Co. He and his wife, Rilla, had two sons. His mother, Sarah, also lived in the home until her death. Son James W. Dunlap, Jr., worked as a driver and clerk for the railroad and lived with his wife and children at 915 Columbus until at least 1971.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2016 Bouldin Creek Neighborhood survey lists the property as a medium priority and contributing to a potential local historic district.

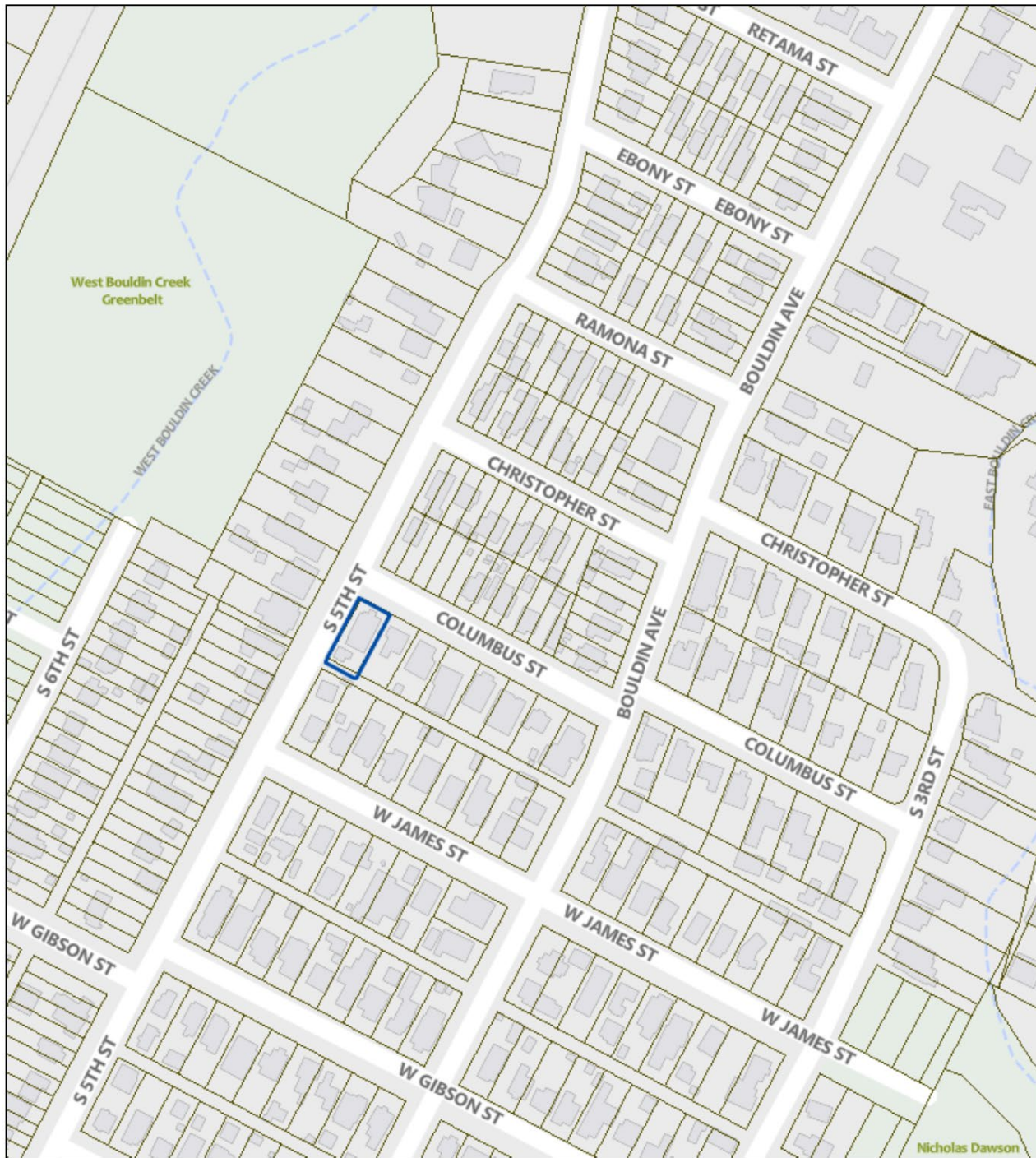
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity. Alterations were completed during the historic period.
- 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 is constructed with Craftsman 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 was not evaluated for its ability 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

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

LOCATION MAP



1: 2400

Lot Lines
 Lot Line

**GF 23-087253**

915 COLUMBUS STREET



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Occupancy History

City Directory Research, August 2023

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| 1959 | James W. Dunlap, owner |
| 1955 | James W. Jr. and Lorene Dunlap, owners – clerk, Railway Express Agency, Inc.
James W. Dunlap—watchman, E. M. Scarbrough and Sons |
| 1952 | James W. Jr. and Lorene Dunlap, owners – driver, Railway Express Agency
James W. Dunlap—watchman, E. M. Scarbrough and Sons |
| 1949 | James W. Dunlap – clerk |

James W. Dunlap—watchman

- 1944 James W. and Rilla Dunlap, owners—salesman, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
James W. Dunlap, Jr. — driver, Railway Express Agency
Sarah A. Dunlap, renter (widow of Hugh)
William Dunlap—service attendant, Brown Service Station
- 1941 James W. and Rilla Dunlap, owners—salesman, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Sarah A. Dunlap, renter (widow of Hugh)
- 1939 James W. and Rilla Dunlap, owners—salesman, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Sarah A. Dunlap, renter (widow of Hugh)
- 1937 James W. and Rilla Dunlap, owners—salesman, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Mrs. Sarah A. Dunlap, renter
- 1935 Address not listed

Historical Information

JAMES W. DUNLAP, SR.

James W. Dunlap Sr., of 915 Columbus Street, died at the family residence Wednesday morning. He was associated with E. M. Scarbrough & Sons preceding his retirement. He is a veteran of World War I.

Survivors are two sons, Billy A. Dunlap of Amarillo, and James W. Dunlap Jr., of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Linnie Walker of Brandon, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Cook Funeral Home.



TO WED—Miss Teresa De-lene Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmo Elliott of Katemcy, and James W. Dunlap III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dunlop Jr., 915 Columbus, have set Aug. 7 as their wedding date at the Church of Christ in Mason. The bride-elect, a former student at Tarleton State College, is employed by the Retail Credit Co. Her fiancé, a graduate of Travis High School, is a junior at Southwest Texas State University.

*DEATHS AND FUNERALS. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 05 Feb 1964: 38.
TO WED. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 13 June 1971: D4.*

Permits

J. W. Dunlap 915 Columbus St.
 113 1 8
 Capitol Heights
 Screen porch add'n. to rear of res.
 23776 - 6/22/42 \$35.00

J. W. Dunlap 915 Columbus St.
 113 8 1
 Capitol Heights
 Frame Addition to rear of Residence
 84174 6-7-62 350.00
 Owner 2

BEDROOM, UTILITY AND BATH