

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**  
**PR-2023-088313; GF-2023-104780**  
**2009 SOUTH 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, UNIT A**

**PROPOSAL**

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Remodel a ca. 1912 house.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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Reconfigure main façade, changing window and door openings and removing original door with sidelights. Change front porch posts and remove Craftsman-style decorative detailing.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story Craftsman bungalow with modern two-story rear addition and accessory dwelling unit. The main house has traditional Craftsman details, such as triangular brackets at gable ends, exposed rafter tails, and decorative attic vents. Its 1:1 windows have been replaced with modern vinyl windows.

**RESEARCH**

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The house at 2009 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street was built around 1912. Its first occupant, Frank Foster, was a South Austin farmer. Its next owners, Clarence and Lizzie Houston, lived there only for a short time, as Clarence Houston died suddenly of tuberculosis at age 33. After 1918, Lizzie Houston sold the property to the Prewitt family, who lived there for at least forty years. Elisha Prewitt worked as a rural paper carrier for the Austin American-Statesman, and Lizzie Prewitt worked as a bookbinder for Firm Foundations Publishing Company and the E. L. Steck Company.

**PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

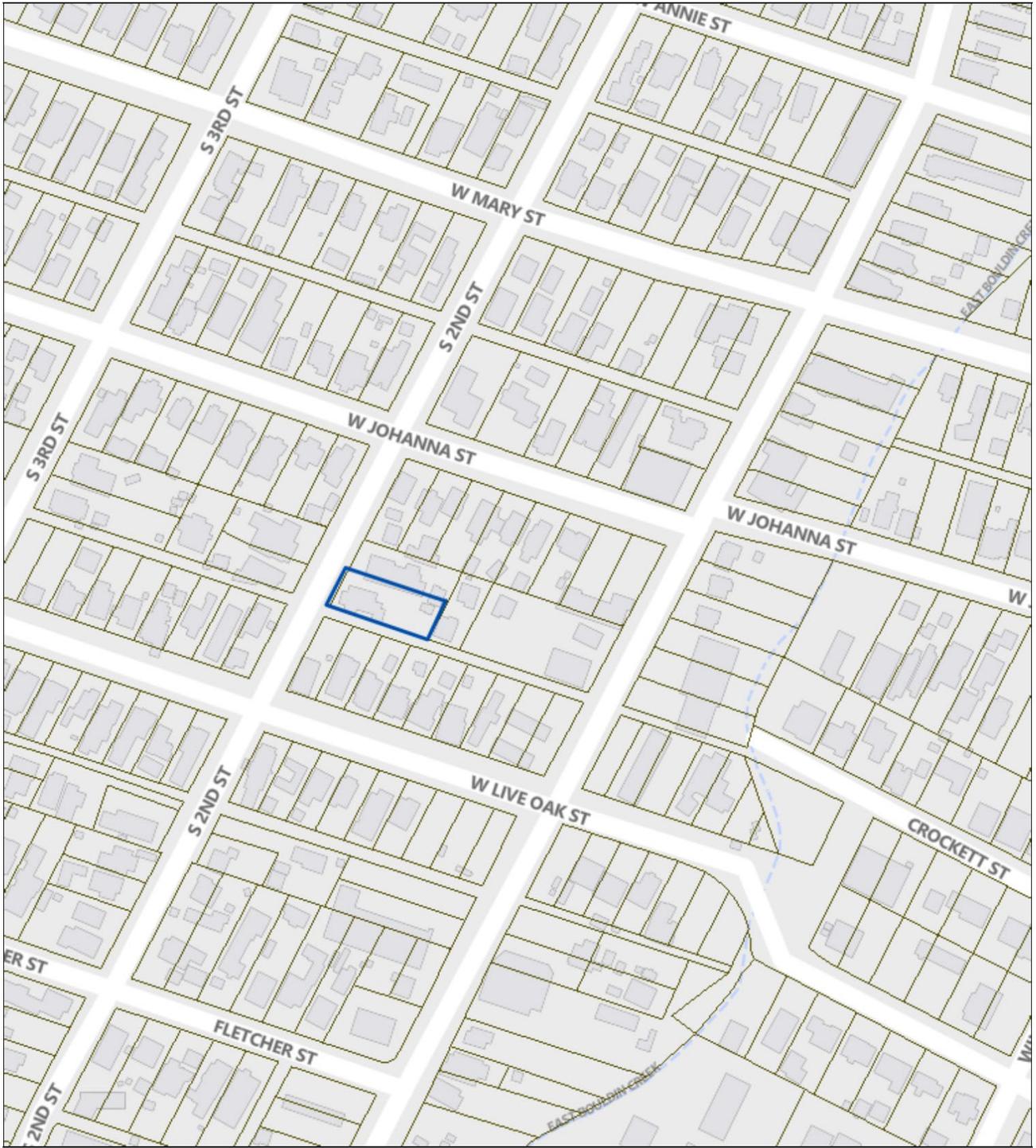
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building is constructed with Craftsman stylistic 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 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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Strongly encourage the applicant to retain the character-defining features of this Craftsman bungalow, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



1: 2400

Lot Lines

Lot Line

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### Photos



*Application, 2023*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, August 2023

- 1959 Lizzie Prewitt, owner  
Unit B: Duffy Crawford, renter
- 1955 Lizzie Prewitt, owner  
B: Bill Crawford, owner
- 1952 Elisha and Lizzie Prewitt, owners
- 1949 Lizzie and Elisha Prewitt, owners – bindery worker, Firm Foundation Publishing House
- 1944 Lizzie and Elisha Prewitt, owners – bookbinder, Steck Co. and routeman
- 1941 Lizzie and Elisha Prewitt, owners – bookbinder, Steck Co.
- 1939 E. N. and Lizzie Prewitt. owners
- 1935 E. N. and Lizzie Prewitt. owners
- 1932 Elizabeth E. and Elisha N. Prewitt, owners – bindery helper, Steck Co.
- 1929 Walter and Pearl Langdon, renters
- 1927 James and Hannah Hardin, renters – cook
- 1924 William B. and Thelma Prewitt, renters – metalworker, JL Buas and Sons  
Cecil Prewitt, renter – employee, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning

- 1922 Elisha N. Prewitt, owner  
William Prewitt  
Alva Prewitt - mechanic, Covert Auto Co.  
Johnnie L. Prewitt  
Otis R. Prewitt, renter - helper, Excelsior Meat Market
- 1918 Mrs. Lizzie E. Houston, renter (widow of Clarence) - housekeeper
- 1916 Clarence G. and Lizzie Houston - laborer
- 1914 Frank Foster - farmer
- 1912 Frank Foster - farmer
- 1909 Address not listed.

*Historical Information*

**MORTUARY**

**CLARENCE G. HOUSTON.**

Clarence H. Houston, 33 years old, died this morning at a local sanitarium. He is survived by his wife, a brother and two sisters. The funeral will be held in the morning at 10 o'clock from the late residence, 2009 South Second Street, South Austin, and interment will be made in Oakwood Cemetery. The funeral services will be held under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World.

**ATTENTION W. O. W.**

Members of Heart of Oak Camp No. 8 are requested to attend the funeral of Sov. Clarence G. Houston, from his residence at 2009 South Second Street at 10 a. m. Jan. 18, 1917. Visiting sovereigns cordially invited to attend.

A. B. CROISDALE, C. C.  
F. G. REYNOLDS, Clerk.

S. E. ROSENGREN  
Undertaker and Embalmer.  
Fine Carriages for Hire.  
Hospital Ambulance.

*MORTUARY. The Statesman (1916-1921); 17 Jan 1917: 8.*

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**"I'D ALMOST GIVEN  
UP ALL HOPE" SAYS  
MRS. L. E. HOUSTON**

**Well Known Austin  
Woman Had Suffered  
for Years and  
Couldn't Get Relief  
Until She Took Tan-  
lac.**

**Is Now Well and Hap-  
py as Can Be and Says  
She Can Hardly Find  
Words That Will Ex-  
press Her Gratitude.**

"I am so thankful for what Tanlac has done for me I can hardly find words to express my gratitude," said Mrs. L. E. Houston, 2009 South Second Street, a few days ago when talking to a Tanlac representative.

"It just seemed to me that there was no joy in living at all. I suffered for so many years with nervous indigestion and insomnia. I am ashamed to say it, but I got to the place where I was cross with everybody and irritable even to myself, especially in the morning. Nothing I did seemed to go right, and I grew more and more despondent, until I felt I never would be well again and had almost given up hope. I couldn't eat anything without having awful pains in my stomach and side, and I would get so sick from a sour stomach, that I would often vomit up the food I had eaten. I suffered so from nervous headaches, that it seemed there was a tight band pressing around my forehead and temples. I couldn't rest day nor night and was losing weight and strength all the time. I tried medicine after medicine but couldn't get relief, until one day a friend of mine told me about Tanlac and I bought a bottle and started taking it.

"Well sir, I feel like I could eat four or five times a day and it would never hurt me a bit, since I started taking my first bottle. I crave food all the time and after I eat, if I didn't remember how I had suffered, it would seem to me that there couldn't be such a thing as indigestion. I think it just marvelous that I could be relieved and strengthened so in so short a time. I can sleep like a log now. In fact, I have to depend on the alarm clock to wake me in the morning. I am glad to give you this testimonial because I feel that there are other women who suffer as I did, who will read it, and I am sure that they will receive the same benefits that I have from the use of Tanlac."

"Tanlac" is sold in Austin by the Van Smith Drug Co., under the personal direction of a special representative.

*The Statesman (1916-1921); 05 Feb 1917: 3.*

## 14 Residential Permits Issued

### Many Small Houses Being Erected Here

Residential building continued during the past week in Austin despite the rainy weather which prevailed. Permits for 14 residences were issued by City Building Inspector G. S. Moore during the six-day period, a number of the dwellings being rent houses.

Residence permits during the week were:

Mrs. Lizzie Prewitt, four-room frame residence, 2009 South Second street, \$1000.

## Pfc. Harris Of Marines Killed

Pfc. Robert L. Harris, 21, was killed in action April 12 while serving with the marines aboard a battleship in the Pacific area, the navy department has notified his parents, Mrs. Johnnie Lee Harris, 2009 South Second, and W. W. Harris, Austin.

The young man, who enlisted in the service while a senior in high school, was a veteran of five invasions when he came home on furlough last January. He returned to duty in time to serve in the invasion of the Philippines.

He had served overseas a total of 28 months.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); 31 May 1931: 10.*

*Pfc. Harris Of Marines Killed. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 30 Apr 1945: 2.*

### ELISHA N. (PONY) PREWITT

Elisha N. (Pony) Prewitt, 78, resident of Austin for the past 47 years, died at his home, 2009 South Second Street, early Monday. He was a rural paper carrier of The Austin American until his retirement a few years ago. Prewitt was a member of the First Southern Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Pounds Prewitt of Austin; two sons, Otis R. Prewitt of Cedar Valley and Alva Prewitt of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Johnnie Lee Wilson and Mrs. Cecil Lawrence, both of Houston; two brothers, Charles Prewitt and Arthur Prewitt, both of Round Rock; five sisters, Mrs. Emma Emrey and Mrs. Frankie Crow, both of Ada, Okla., Mrs. Ruth Davis of Houston and Mrs. Ethel Dearing and Miss Alice Von Roeder, both of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Dr. James A. Millard officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

### YSIDRO ESQUIVEL

Funeral for Ysidro Esquivel, 76, 2009 South 2nd Street was Friday at San Jose Catholic Church. Burial was in the Forest Oaks Cemetery under the direction of Mission Funeral Home.

Esquivel died Wednesday.

*DEATHS AND FUNERALS. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 11 May 1953: 10.*

*Deaths and Services. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 27 July 1973: A19.*

Permits

116 - F E. N. Prewitt 2009-B So. 2nd. E. 50' of 9 -

Bouldin

Frame residence

241n - 9/15/38

OWNER Carl M. Smith ADDRESS 2009 -B So. ~~2nd~~ <sup>1st. 2nd</sup>

PLAT 116 LOT 9 BLK F

SUBDIVISION James E. Bouldin

OCCUPANCY detached garage

BLD PERMIT # 111193 DATE 1-24-69 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$500.00

CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES yes

WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #

frm. & metal acc. bldg. 576 sq.ft.

OWNER Carl M. Smith ADDRESS 2009 <sup>So 2nd</sup> ~~(B) So. 1st~~

PLAT 116 LOT ~~9~~ <sup>10</sup> 9 BLK F

SUBDIVISION James E. Bouldin

OCCUPANCY garage

BLD PERMIT # 116823 DATE 4-22-70 OWNERS ESTIMATE 500.00

CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES yes

WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # ---

Frame and metal acc bldg (Renewal permit)

576 sq ft

12-8-70-120151-renewal of permit 116823