

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
DECEMBER 13, 2023
PR-2023-131697; GF-2023-147647
1716 BOULDIN AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house and detached garage.

ARCHITECTURE

The primary building at 1716 Bouldin Avenue is a one-story cottage with a cross-gabled roof, 1:1 wood windows, asbestos siding, and a decorative Craftsman-style arched hood above the front door.

RESEARCH

1716 Bouldin Avenue was built around 1935. Its long-term owner-occupant was Hamilton S. Walker, son of General Land Office commissioner J. H. Walker. Hamilton Walker worked as a warehouse clerk with the Texas Highway Department and shared the residence with renter Eudora Beck, mother of his deceased first wife. He later remarried and had one daughter. Walker lived in the home until his death in 1965, and his wife remained home until at least 1967.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

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

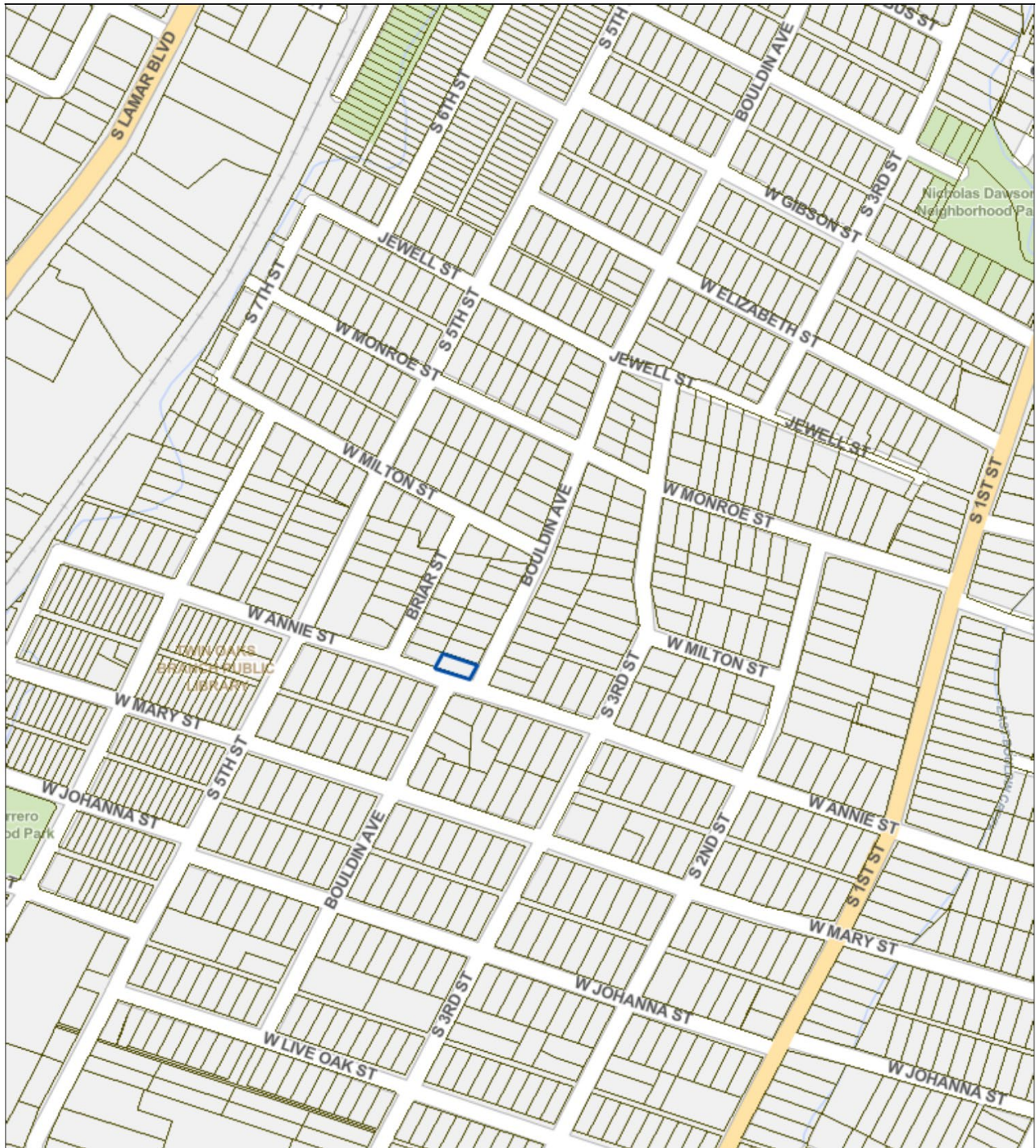
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 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 does not meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building retains some 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 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

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

LOCATION MAP



Lot Lines

Lot Line

**GF 23-147647**

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11/29/2023

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos

Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, November 2023

1959 Hamilton Walker, owner
 1955 Hamilton Walker – clerk
 1952 Hamilton S. Walker – assistant warehouseman, State Highway Department
 1949 Mrs. Eudora Beck – widow of John H. Beck
 1944 Dora Beck
 1941 Dora Beck, owner – widow of John H. Beck
 1939 Dora Beck – widow of John H. Beck
 1937 Dora Beck – widow of John H. Beck
 1935 Address not listed. Hamilton Walker listed as 1935 water tap permit applicant.

Historical Information

William Davis, the 16-year-old son of Dr. W. A. Davis, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, was killed and Misses Julia Cooper and Emma Huddleston and Hamilton Walker, 17-year-old son of J. H. Walker of the State Land Office, were injured this morning on the Post Road, near Austin, when the automobile in which they were driving overturned. All the young people lived in Austin.

The car, which was owned by Walker, was being driven by Miss Cooper at the time of the accident. Cotton pickers who saw the accident say that the car turned out to avoid colliding with a wagon. One wheel struck a stone in the road and gave way turning the car over. Davis was caught and crushed beneath the car. His chest was crushed and his lungs punctured by a rib.

The injured boys were taken to the City Hospital, where Davis died a few minutes later. Walker is suffering from cuts and bruises, but is not seriously hurt.

The two girls were taken to Seton Infirmary, where they were treated by Dr. Joe Wooten. Miss Cooper is badly cut about the limbs, but is not dangerously hurt. Miss Huddleston's back was injured and it has not been ascertained just how seriously she is hurt.



MRS. NAOMI E. WALKER.

The funeral services for Mrs. Naomi E. Walker, 17 years old, who died early Sunday at the family residence, 1801 Sabine street, was held at the residence at 3 p. m. Monday. Burial in Oakwood cemetery. Pallbearers were: S. C. Clark, J. T. Robison, Leo Hawkins, Tom Atlee, J. W. Hawkins, and W. E. Heslep.

Surviving relatives are her husband, Hamilton S. Walker; mother, Mrs. John Beck, and one brother, Milan Beck, all of Austin.

The Statesman (1916-1921); 02 Aug 1918: 1.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 20 Nov 1922: 4.

Heart Attack Fatal To J. H. Walker

James H. Walker, University of Texas land officer and former commissioner of the General Land Office, died Saturday morning at the home of his son, Mills P. Walker, city manager of Bryan.

The former commissioner would have celebrated his 87th birthday Sunday.

Friends here said that Walker had just opened his morning mail and was chuckling over a birthday greeting sent by his old associates in the Land Office when he was stricken with a heart attack. He died a short time later.

Walker was appointed commissioner by Governor Dan Moody on Sept. 12, 1929, and was elected and re-elected to the office until his retirement Dec. 16, 1936. He entered the Land Office as a Spanish translator in 1898 and worked there 43 years, serving as chief clerk under Commissioner J. T. Robison before his own appointment to the executive position.

He was one of the best informed men in Texas on land history and titles. As University land officer, he supervised the many acres of oil and grazing lands belonging to the institution.

Walker was born in Grandview June 15, 1860, and received his BA degree from Mansfield College. Survivors include Hamilton Walker, a son, of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at Austin.

HAMILTON S. WALKER

Hamilton S. Walker, 1716 Bouldin, died Wednesday in the Veteran's Hospital in Temple. Before his retirement, he was a warehouse clerk with the Texas Highway Department, was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge for more than 25 years and a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie R. Walker; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Warren of Austin; three brothers, Mills P. Walker of Bryan, Philip Walker of Ft. Worth and Solon Walker of Concord, Tennessee and one grandson, Eddie Warren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. from Cook Funeral Home with Rev. J. P. Owen officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Francis Ressig, Jim Holder, Truman Pace, Terry Forrester, Karl Hoppess, and James G. McGuire.

MRS. BESS M. BLACK

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 14 June 1947: 1.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 06 May 1965: A14.

Permits

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 2941
INDEXED

M. H. S. Walker Address. 1716 Bouldin Ave.
 Plumber H. S. Walker Size of Tap 1/2 Date 7-8-35

Date of Connection 7/15/35
 Size of Tap Made 3/4
 Size Service Made 1 1/2
 Size Main Tapped 2"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 11'6"
 From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 1'30"
 Location of Meter at curb
 Type of Box box
 Depth of Main in St. 2'
 Depth of Service Line 2'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 13'
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 2-10-35 (2) R.H.

Foreman's Report

No. Fittings	Size	Material	Remarks
1	3/4"	Curb Cock	
1	1"	Elbow	
1	1"	St. Elbow	
1	1"	Pushing	
1	1"	Bedroom	
1	1"	Pipe	
1	1"	Lead Comp.	
1	1"	Nipples	
1	1"	Union	
1	1"	Plug	
1	1"	Ter	
1	1"	Stop	
1	1"	Box	
1	1"	Lid	
1	1"	Valves	
			Reg. No. <u>332</u>

Foreman's Signature Bauman

Water tap permit, 1935

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT No. 12066
 Austin, Texas

Received of HARPER + LINSOMB Date 8-13-35
 Address 1716 BOULDIN AVE.
 Amount \$ _____
 Builder or Owner H.S. WALKER Plumber _____
 Lot 18 Block _____ Subdivision AIRDALE Plat No. 115

Date of Connection 9-12-35
 By City 942' N. S. L.
 By Plumber _____
 Checked By JOHNSON
 Size Main 6" Depth 3'
 Main Assgn. 42' FROM P.L.
 Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line _____
 Stub Location _____
 Book No. A-1068
 Paving Cut _____ No. _____

No. Fittings	Size	Price
42	Pipe 4"	4.20
	Pipe	
	Wyes	
	Bends	
	Reducers	
	Plugs	
	Sand	
	Gravel	
	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
	Other	
	LAYING PIPE	.84
	Labor: 1 DAY	2.70
		7.74

Sewer tap permit, 1935

OWNER Mrs. Hamilton Walker ADDRESS 1716 Bouldin Avenue
 PLAT 175 LOT 18 BLK ---
 SUBDIVISION Airdale Addition
 OCCUPANCY Bedroom & Bath
 OWNERS
 BLD PERMIT # 102450 DATE 2-17-67 ESTIMATE 3,400.
 CONTRACTOR owner Matthews - Newman NO. OF FIXTURES 3
 WATER TAP REC # Existing SEWER TAP REC # Existing
 Frame Addition to Residence & Remodel
 264 sq.ft.

Building permit for addition, 1967