

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
DECEMBER 13, 2023
PR-2023-143279; GF-2023-147637
WEST LINE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
1104 EASON STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1945 house.

ARCHITECTURE

1104 Eason Street is a one-story house with horizontal siding, vinyl replacement windows, and a partial-width porch beneath a cross-gabled hipped roof.

RESEARCH

The property at 1104 Eason Street was constructed around 1945. Its earliest occupants were Williard and Josephine Millner and their children. The Millners were part-owners and operators of the Millner Brothers Service Station on the 800 block of West 12th Street. Their sons also worked part-time at the station. By the early 1950s, however, the residence was vacant.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

1104 Eason Street contributes to the West Line National Register Historic District.

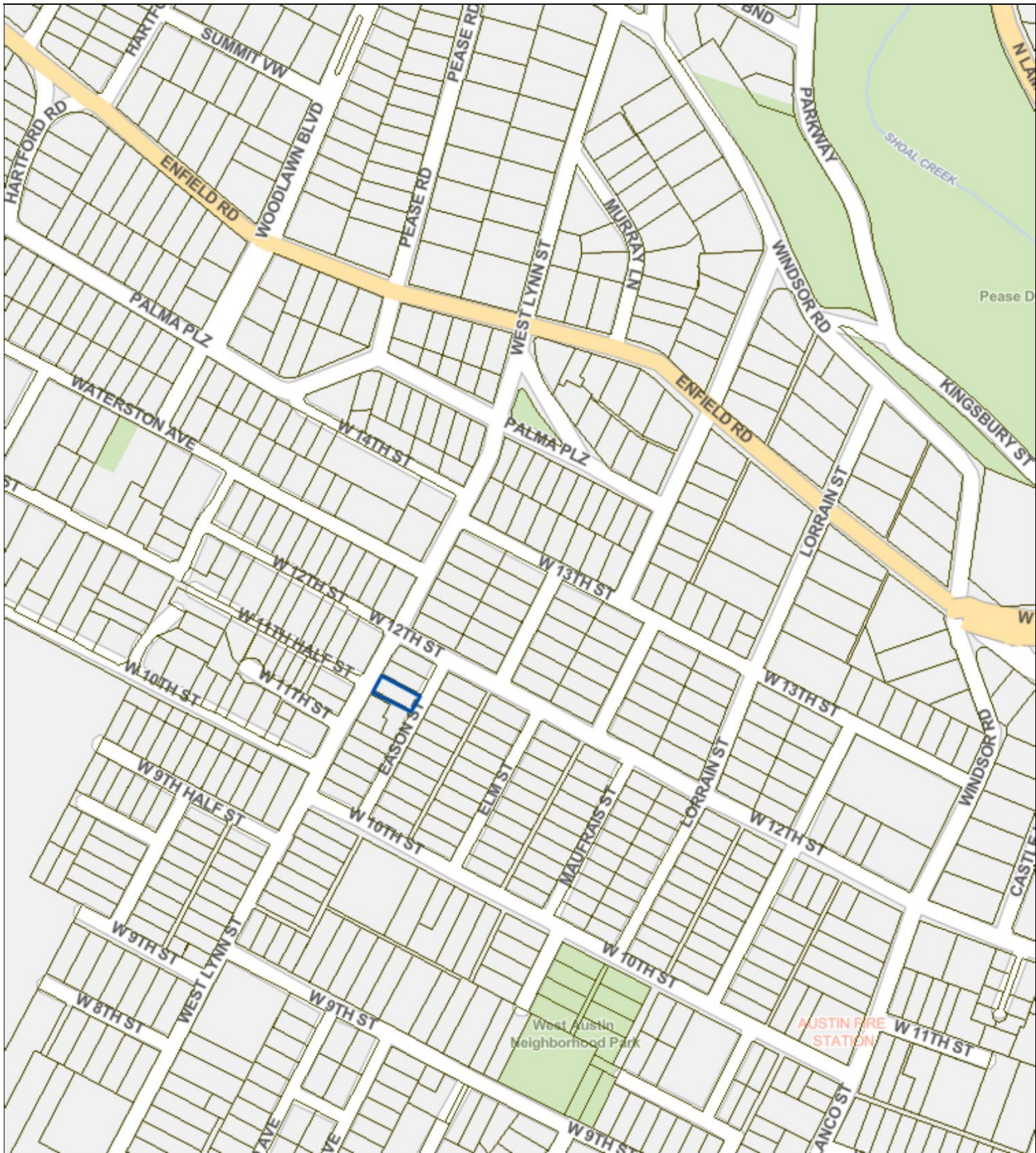
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. Windows and siding were replaced in 2011 per permits.
- 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 does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. The Commission must review any new construction within the National Register Historic District prior to release of the demolition permit.

LOCATION MAP



PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*



Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, November 2023

1959	Vacant
1955	Vacant
1952	Willard F. and Josephine Millner, owners – Millner Brothers Service Station, 827 W. 12 th St. Willard Millner, Jr. – attendant, Millner Brothers Service Station
1949	Willard F. and Josephine Millner, owners – Millner Brothers Service Station, 827 W. 12 th St.
1947	Willard F. and Josephine Millner, owners – Millner Brothers Service Station, 827 W. 12 th St.
1944	Address not listed

Historical Information



GREW INTO JOB—When Willard Millner Jr. first started work in a drug store four years ago he couldn't reach the fountain faucet and was put to work as delivery boy. He still works as a delivery boy to earn his money for his school savings account.

Willard A&M Bound With Money He Saves

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of stories about typical school students and the jobs they perform to earn money for their school savings accounts.

It will be four years this June that Willard Millner Jr. has been a delivery boy and soda jerk at the drugstore on the corner of 12th and Rio Grande. Fourteen-year-old Willard is in the ninth grade at Allan Junior High School, and his big blue eyes twinkle as he tells you that his 5 to 9 p. m. job each afternoon and night is for more than spending money.

Like so many other boys and girls in the Austin schools, Willard has a school savings account. And what's more, he knows exactly why he's adding to his \$103 account when bank day rolls around each Tuesday.

You can almost hear the Aggie War Hymn, as Willard pushes his chest out an inch or so and says, "Sure I know what I'm saving my money for. I'm going to be an Aggie. I'm going to A&M." The 32-cents an hour that Willard will have saved from his drug store job will go a long way toward opening the gates of A&M to him four years from now.

It took just one stand behind the counter, for Willard to decide that he'd begin his drug store career as a delivery boy three Junes ago. He originally applied for a soda jerk job, but stretch as he would, Willard grinningly admits that the black knob on the carbonated water faucet was a good deal more than a finger tip away. "Anyhow," he adds, "I couldn't have seen over the counter to see who I was serving." After a year or so as delivery boy, and some added adolescent inches, Willard did take his post behind the soda fountain. He'd still rather be a delivery boy, though, and changed back to his first job last spring.

"You see more things when you deliver, and if you're behind the counter when it gets hot and people start eating ice cream, gosh, but your arm gets tired of packing the stuff."

Willard's bank account isn't young, for it started school when he did, in the first grade. Two sisters and one brother are also school bank account savers, he says.

According to Willard there are good nights in the delivery business—nights when sometimes he'll end up with a dollar or more in tips. "And you can have fun with people, too," says Willard. Like

Hallowe'en night when he was to deliver a 10-gallon thermos jug.

He decided he'd fool them and play like one of the "Trick or Treat" boys. So, when the lady came to the door, and Willard gave the Hallowe'en by-word, she said, well she guessed she'd have to give him something. As she handed him some candy, Willard said, "Well, I'll give you something, too." That was one "Trick or Treat" that the lady didn't seem to mind.

The "goodnight" tips, as well as the weekly wages which go in a certain school saving account, will some day pave the road to College Station for an ambitious and foresighted, tow-headed Austin teen-ager.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 28 Jan 1948: 6.

DONNA K. MILLNER

Donna K. Millner, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Millner of 1104 Eason Street, died in a local hospital Wednesday. Besides the parents, she is survived by one sister, Joan; two brothers, Willard Jr. and Jack Millner; her grandparents, Mrs. Nora Morga and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Millner, all of Austin.

Funeral services were held at the Wilke Funeral Home Thursday with the Rev. H. E. Winegar of San Antonio officiating. Pallbearers were Lee Gray, Charles Jackson, Karrell Johnson and George Keeton. Burial was in Memorial Park.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 30 Sep 1948: 6.

WILLIAM A. MILLNER

William A. Millner, 86, of 907 Theresa died Tuesday in a local hospital. He had been a resident of Austin since 1924, and for a number of years was an ordained elder and pastor of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was affiliated with Neely Vending Company.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lora F. Millner of Austin; sons, Herman A. Millner, Willard F. Millner and Alvin O. Millner, all of Austin; brother, R. L. Millner of Beaumont; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Elder H. E. Winegar officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

SANCHEZ, Manuel R., 73, 1104 Eason, died Saturday. Services pending at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Rosie Sanchez of Austin; son, Edward L. Sanchez of Houston; sister, Mrs. Frances P. Sanchez of Austin; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Aug 1973: 52

The Austin American - Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; Austin, Tex.. 01 Aug 1976: B5.

Permits

W. A. Millner - 1104 Eason Street

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Shelley Properties

Frame residence

27007 - 4/24/45 \$6000.00

T. B. Bryan

Building permit, 1945