

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
NOVEMBER 1, 2023
PR-2023-115579; GF-2023-130954
812 WEST ELIZABETH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1890 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story T-plan Folk Victorian house with asbestos shingle siding, 1:1 wood windows, a partial-width porch supported by Classical columns, and a front-facing bay window. Details include a jigsawed frieze board and cedar shingles at gable ends.

RESEARCH

The house at 812 West Elizabeth Street was estimated to have been built around 1890 by the 2016 Bouldin Creek Neighborhood historic resource survey. It appears to have been part of a “homestead” owned by the Click family, who appear to have moved back and forth from their South Austin property to their ranch in Dripping Springs until the 1920s, when they moved permanently to Austin.

George Harvey and Sarah Josephine Click were both children of Texas pioneers. They lived on their family’s South Austin property, surrounded by their children and in-laws, for much of their lives. The house at 812, occupied by both the elder Clicks and later rented by their pastor, appears to be the oldest on the block. Newspaper research showing that Myra Click Clayton purchased and developed surrounding lots during the late 1930s.

During the 1950s, the home was owned by Inez Piper and her husband Clifford, a painter. The couple divorced in 1960. Later that year, sales clerk Consuelo Sanchez and Air Force serviceman Robert Martinez married and moved into 812 West Elizabeth Street.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2016 Bouldin Creek Neighborhood survey lists the property as a high priority.

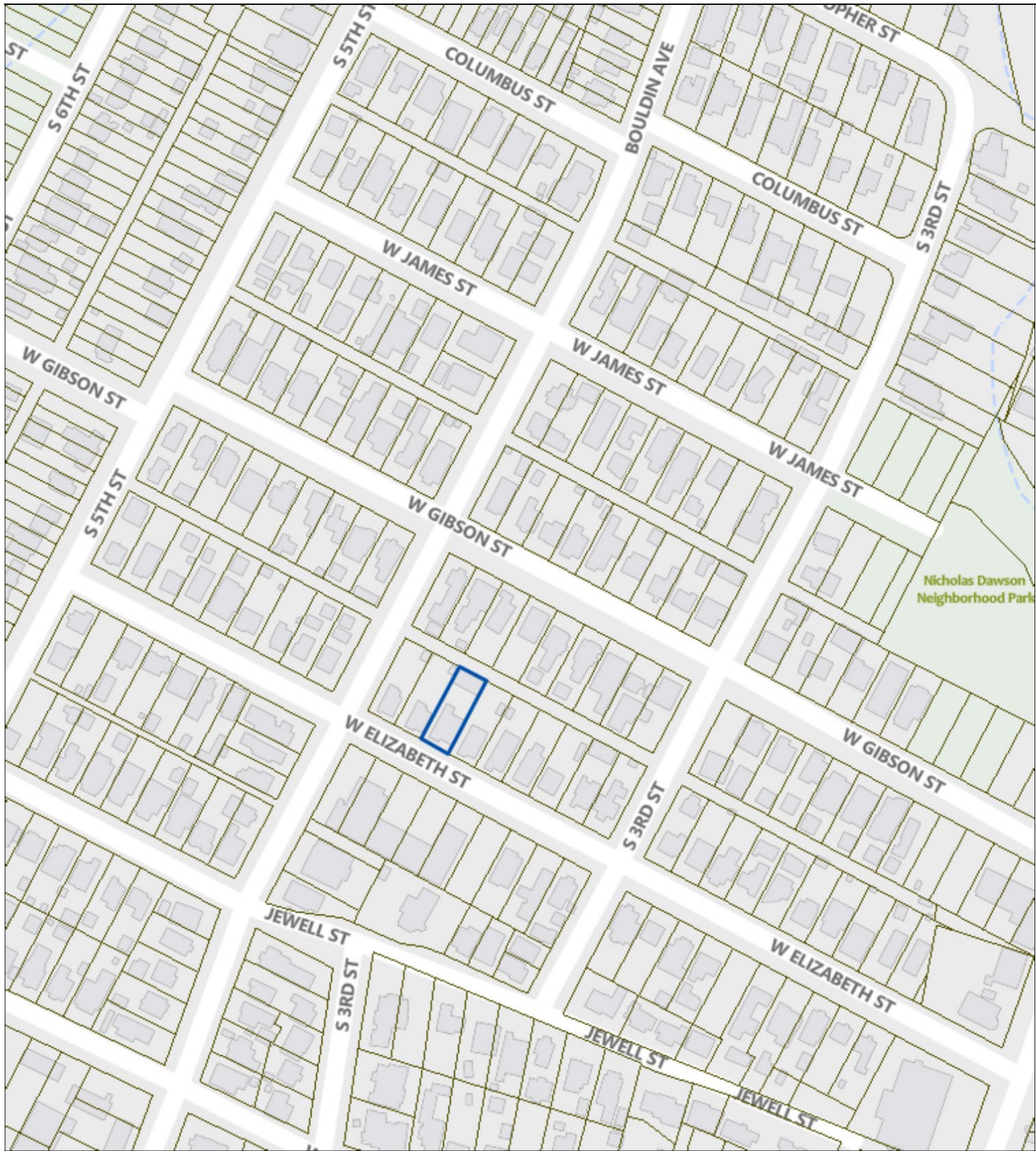
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark


- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity. The survey notes that modifications took place in 1930, during the period of significance, though asbestos siding and screens appear to have been added later in the twentieth century. Non-original window awnings have been removed.
- 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 constructed in the Folk Victorian style.
 - b. Historical association. The property appears to be associated with the Click family, ranchers and early South Austin residents.
 - 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

Consider whether the building’s integrity is sufficient to meet the merits of landmark designation. If so, initiate historic zoning. Should the Commission decide against initiation, 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






1: 2400

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos







Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, October 2023

1959	Clifford S. Piper, owner
1955	Clifford S. and Inez Piper, owners – painter
1952	Clifford S. and Inez Piper, owners – painter
1949	Clifford S. and Inez Piper, owners – painter
1944	Mrs. Maggie Cox, renter
1941	Vacant
1939	Reverend J.L. and Bertha Holcomb, renters – pastor, Capitol Heights Baptist Church
1935	James R. and Mary Hutson, renters
1932	George H. Click, owner
1929	George H. and Sarah J. Click, owners
1927	George H. and Sarah J. Click, owners <i>Address listed as 812 W. Gibson St.</i>
1924	Address not listed
1920	George H. and Sarah J. Click, owners <i>Address listed as 812 W. Gibson St.</i>
1918	George H. and Sarah J. Click, owners <i>Address listed as 812 W. Gibson St.</i>

Historical Information



1940 aerial photograph

M. M. CLICK.

C. M. Click died at San Antonio yesterday, and the body reached Austin yesterday afternoon. The young man was working on cantonment buildings near San Antonio. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock this morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Click, at 910 West Gibson Street, South Austin. Interment was made in Fitzhugh cemetery, twenty miles west.

LEO WALKER.

Leo Walker, aged 2 years and 10 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Walker, died last night at the family home, 812 West Gibson Street, South Austin. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock this morning and interment made at Fitzhugh Cemetery, west of the city.

Mrs. Leo Walker and little son returned to their home in Tucson, Ariz., last Sunday after a visit of two months with Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Click of South Austin. Miss Myra Click accompanied them to their home for a visit.

The Statesman (1916-1921); Austin, Tex.. 06 Feb 1918: 8. And The Statesman (1916-1921); Austin, Tex.. 04 Jan 1918: 8. Mrs Austin E Sullivan. The Statesman (1916-1921); Austin, Tex.. 05 Oct 1919: A5.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith have moved to the Click homestead on West Gibson street, South Austin. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Myra Click.

Miss Margaret Moore, who under-

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 08 Nov 1925: B11 and 20 Dec 1925: A3.

Mr. and Mrs. George Click have recently moved from their ranch near Dripping Springs to their former home, 810 West Gibson street, South Austin.

XI—LEGALS

99—Legals

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to give public notice that an appeal has been made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, City of Austin, by Myra Clayton for a variation from the Zoning Ordinance requirements of Side Yard, so as to permit the erection of two private garages on the premises 808-10 West Elizabeth St.

This appeal has been set down for hearing at 8:00 p. m. at the City Hall on Tuesday, June 13, 1939.

Any interested parties may appear at this hearing and present any written objections that they may have to the granting of the permit requested.

Signed: H. P. KUEHNE,
Chairman,
Zoning Board of Adjustment.

dence and reroof and convert into duplex, 506 Oakland, \$500.

Myra Clayton, box garage, 812 West Elizabeth, \$15.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lindig, frame addition to store building, 310 Crockett,

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 04 June 1939: A9 and 06 June 1939: 11.

50TH WEDDING DAY FETE IS HELD

Special to Sunday American-Statesman

LLANO, June 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, pioneer Llano residents and native Texans, observed their golden wedding anniversary here at their home Tuesday. They were married on June 30, 1889, at the home of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Click, in the Click community of Llano county.

Mrs. Smith, the former Miss Mary Click, was born in Hays county April 20, 1873. When she was 11 years of age, her family moved to Llano county and settled the community which still bears the

Click name.

Smith, 75, is a native of Llano county, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, who were pioneer settlers of Llano county. He is a former trail driver of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have spent all of their married life in Llano county. They have the following sons and daughters: Charlie, Claude, Calvin and Leslie Smith, Mrs. Zella Alexander and Miss Siambra Smith, all of Llano county; Mrs. Pearl Harmon and Earl Smith of Austin, Clark Smith of Corpus Christi, Oliver Smith of Burnet and Mrs. Rub Joe Latham of Pittsburg, Calif. All of the children except two were present for the golden wedding observance here Tuesday.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 25 June 1939: A2.

CLICK—Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Josephine Click, 78, pioneer resident of Travis county, who died, Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myra Clayton, will be held at the Fitzhugh cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. J. L. Holcomb, and Rev. E. E. Wheelless officiating.

Mrs. Click is survived by her husband, George H. Click, two daughters, Mrs. Myra Clayton of Austin, Mrs. Lee Walker of Pittsburg, Calif., a sister, Mrs. Betty Hale of San Angelo, and four grandchildren.

The body will lie in state at the Wilke-Manor funeral home chapel until Sunday noon, when it will be taken to the Fitzhugh church.

Pallbearers will be Steve Heffington, Bill Kemp, H. L. McEntire, W. E. Click, Lem Cade, and Sidney Cade.

GEORGE HARVEY CLICK

George Harvey Click, 82, retired ranchman and a resident of Austin for the past 33 years, died here Saturday.

Short funeral services will be held from the Wilke Funeral home at 1 p. m. Sunday. The funeral cortege will then go to the Fitzhugh Baptist church where services will be conducted by the Rev. Charles F. Parker of Drifting Springs at 2 p. m. Burial will be in the Fitzhugh cemetery.

Pallbearers will be R. B. Kemp,

Steve Heffington, E. D. Paris, George Harmon, G. R. Click and J. F. Clayton.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Myra Clayton of Austin; one sister, Mrs. Mary Smith of Llano, and two brothers, R. M. Click and J. E. Click of San Saba.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 09 Mar 1940: 9 and 14 Feb 1943: 12.

98TH DISTRICT COURT (Chas. O. Belts, Judge)

In Re: William Charles Dodson, removal of disabilities of minority granted.

Clifford Piper vs. Inez Piper, divorce, granted for Defendant.

Judy Frischen vs. Lambert Frischen, divorce, granted.

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The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 05 May 1960: A4.

Consuelo Sanchez Weds Roberto Martinez in Church

Miss Consuelo Sanchez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando G. Sanchez, 2609 South Third Street, became the bride of Roberto P. Martinez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Martinez of Bakersfield, Calif., Oct. 9.

Juan Flores Jr. was ring bearer.

A reception was held at San Jose Hall. The newlyweds are now residing at 812 West Elizabeth.

The Rev. Joseph Houser read the double ring ceremony in San Jose Catholic Church.

Prior to her marriage, the bride was employed by Academy Surplus. Mr. Martinez is serving as an Airman Third Class with the US Air Force at Bergstrom AFB.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of imported lace and satin. The fitted bodice featured a sabrina neckline accented with pearls, beads and sequins. The full skirt was fashioned with back ruffles.

Her shoulder-length veil of nylon tulle was attached to a crown of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of orange blossoms.

The bride's sister, Miss Yolanda Sanchez, was maid of honor; and Mrs. Salvador Reyna was matron of honor. Attendants were Mrs. Matt Martinez, Mrs. Rufus Castillo, Mrs. Juan Flores and Miss Sylvia Gonzales.

Consuelo Sanchez Weds Roberto Martinez in Church. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 01 Nov 1960: 6.

Click, TX

By: [James B. Heckert-Greene](#)

Type: General Entry

CLICK, TX. Click is on Barnett Branch near Sandy Creek in Sandy Valley, fifteen miles southeast of Llano in southeastern Llano County. It was granted a post office in 1880 with Benjamim F. Lowe as postmaster. The community was named for the large family descended from Malachi Click, an early settler. At one time it had a church, a school, and a store, but the post office was closed after 1940, and the population had declined to twenty by 1966.

Handbook of Texas Online. 1994. <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/click-tx>

Permits

Connecting Charge \$ 1.20-0

Application for Sewer Connection. No 9879

Austin, Texas, 11/29 1930

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises
owned by G. H. Click

at 812 West Elizabeth Street
Lot 12 Bk 4

which place is to be used as a residence

In this place there are to be installed One fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully, G. H. Click

Sewer tap permit, 1930