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Dear Commissioners

My name is Matt Coldwell - I live at and within 400' radius of the property being considered for full demolition, 812 W. Elizabeth St. Agenda item # 30.

I ask that you seriously consider pulling the item for initiating historic zoning at 812 W. Elizabeth. It is a significant touchstone to our path into Bouldin & South Austin history.

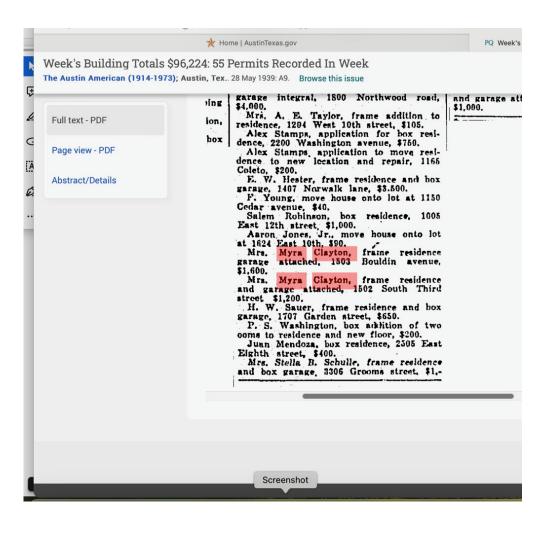
The structure was recognized as a *high priority landmark* by the BCNA commissioned historical survey in 2015. Of particular note, 812 W. Elizabeth is among less than 10 houses west of Sth First street from the turn of the 20th century that still exist on its original building site. And one of the fewest wood framed, original, folk victorian homes in Bouldin Creek. It was built before the bungalow craze of post WWI. It is a good example of the nearly extinct structures that were first in Bouldin and still intact.

The family clearly had roots not only in old South Austin but were among the first colonists in Texas. I discovered that the Click family names were part of an original settlement called "Nashvile-on-the-Brazos," a settlement not too far from "Washington on the Brazos".

Speaking to the local community significance of it and the Click family, at least 2 generations were involved with the development of South Austin. From a deep dive into historic periodicals, I found that Myra (nee) Click Clayton was involved with supporting Fulmore Jr High and the Junior Red Cross there. She was in business like Mary & Nannie Dawson who have parks and streets and schools named after them and developed and sold and bought multiple Bouldin properties on Elizabeth, Gibson, Bouldin Ave and Sth 3rd Street. She bought real estate property from Herman Becker on west Monroe St.

Please see the attached screenshots below from my research showing the Click Family from 1835 to 1939.

In closing I ask you, if the applicant was requesting historical landmark status as opposed to demolition, would you grant that to them? I think you would.



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U. 17. Kinney to W. 25. Harreit and wife. May 3, 1939; 4900, Lots 7 and 8, Block K, Barton Heights addition.
David C. Gracy to E. J. Harris and wife, Jan. 18, 1938, \$300, North ½ of Lot 10, Block 3, Hyric Park annex.
Cordella A. Assmann to D. W. Steplens, March 26, 1939, \$310, Lot 4, Block 28, Microsof Revrace.
Wendall M. Lee and wife, May 11 1939, \$110, Lots 12 and 25, Block D, Oak Hill addition.
Alonto White and wife to A. L. Hut, March 29, 1939, \$175, Lot 3, Block 6, subdivision Outlet 34 Division B.
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