

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Applications for Demolition and Relocation Permits
February 4, 2026
PR-2026-004010
1603 Canterbury Street

Proposal

Demolish a ca. 1909 building.

Architecture

This house has an L-shaped layout with a front porch extending across the larger ell facing Canterbury Street. There are numerous elements of the original Folk Victorian design that remain intact, including the wood porch supports, the shingle pattern at the front facing gable, and the board and batten siding. The house is elevated on piers and features a moderately pitched roof.

Research

From its construction around 1909 until 1922, the property was occupied by a series of renters, the most tenured of which were Wade & Marie Stubbs. Wade Stubbs worked as a driver in various roles before being listed as a solicitor. From 1924 through at least 1959, the Dyer family owned the property. Willard Dyer, later with his wife Bernice and their two children, lived at the address while he was employed at the Austin American-Statesman as a typesetter and later a machinist.

Department Comments

This application will time out on April 20th, 2026.

Property Evaluation

The 2016 East Austin historic resource survey lists the property as a contributing resource to a potential national or local historic district.

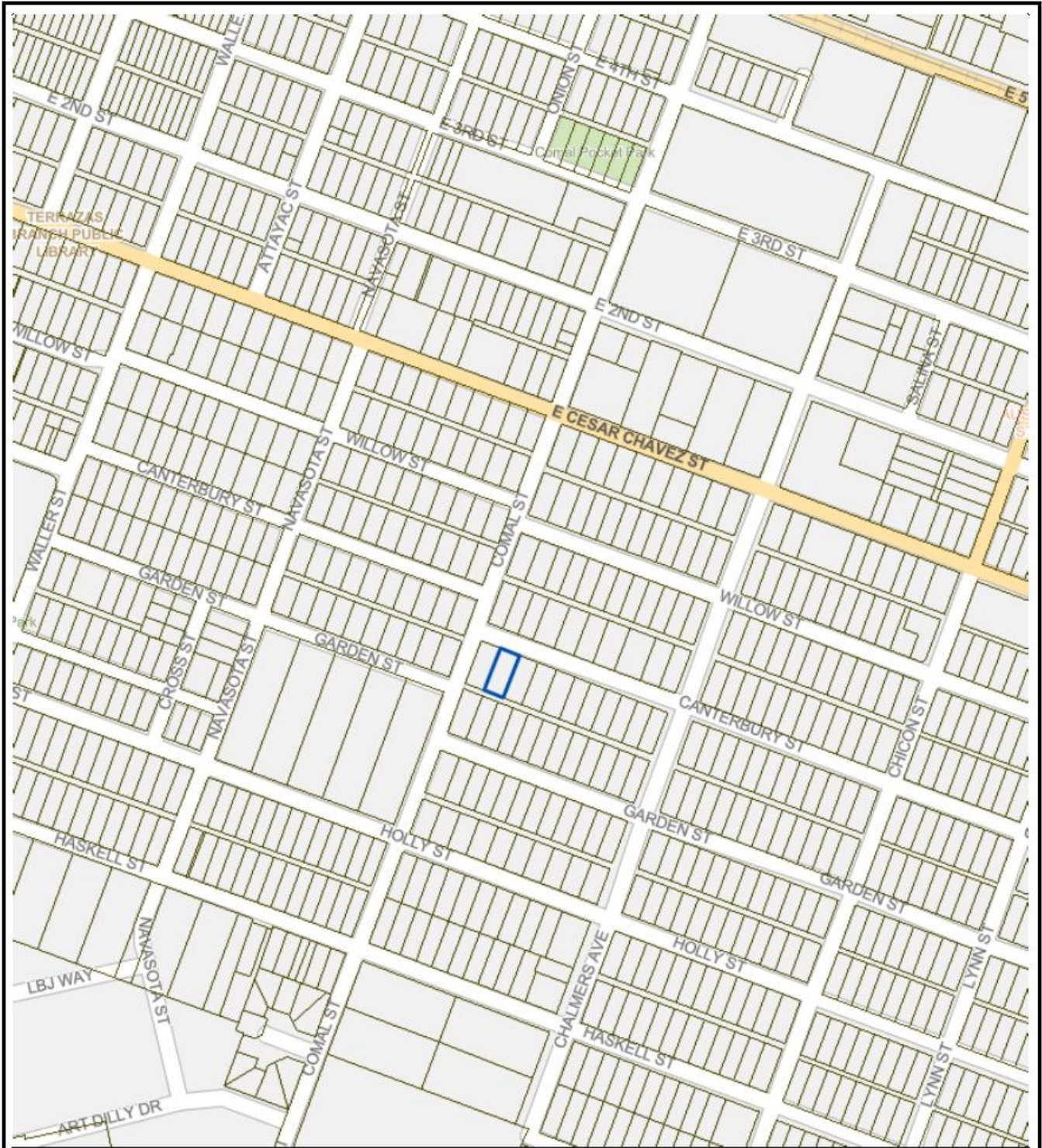
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark


- 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 for landmark designation:
 - a. Architecture. The building is a well preserved, intact example of Folk Victorian architecture.
 - 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, relocation, or deconstruction and salvage over demolition, but approve the demolition permit application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.


Location Map





 1: 4800

Lot Lines



 Lot Line

GF 26-004693
 1603 CANTERBURY STREET



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Property Information

Photos



Texas Historical Commission survey, April 1980, The Portal to Texas History



Google Streetview, 2024

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, January 2026

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| 1959 | Willard & Bernice Dyer, owners; machinist at the Austin-American Statesman |
| 1957 | Same as above |
| 1955 | Same as above |
| 1952 | Same as above |
| 1949 | Same as above |
| 1947 | Same as above |
| 1944 | Same as above, now working as machinist at American Publishing Company |
| 1941 | Same as above |
| 1939 | Same as above, now working in the composing room at American Publishing Company |
| 1935 | Same as above |
| 1932 | Willard Dyer, renter; worker at Austin American-Statesman |
| 1929 | Same as above |
| 1927 | Same as above |
| 1924 | Lucien Dyer, owner, with Elbert (engineer at Quality Mills) & Laura Dyer, renters |
| 1922 | Samuel & Bertha Griffin Jr, renters; cashier at Southern Pacific Lines |
| 1920 | Earl & Dora Ives, renters; auto mechanic at Messer & Hatcher |
| 1918 | Wade & Marie Stubbs, renters; solicitor |
| 1916 | Wade Stubbs, renter; driver at Austin Laundry & Dry Cleaning Company |
| 1914 | Same as above, now driver at Model Steam Laundry |
| 1912 | Same as above |
| 1909 | Same as above, now city poundkeeper |
| 1906 | Address not listed |



**Feel tired, achy,
all worn out?**

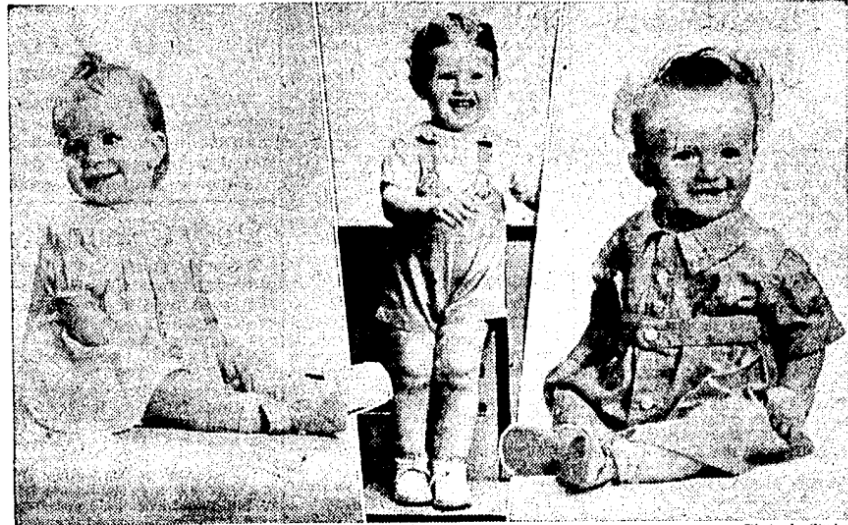
ARE you tortured with constant backache—tired, weak, all unstrung? Then look to your kidneys! Sluggish kidneys cause nagging backache, stabbing pains and annoying kidney irregularities. Don't risk neglect! Use Doan's Pills. Doan's have helped thousands. Are endorsed here at home. Ask your neighbor!

Here's An Austin Case:

Mrs. E. C. Dyer, 1603 Canterbury St., says: "When I stooped, pains darted across my kidneys. The lameness in my back got worse and finally put me in bed. Sometimes spots came before my eyes. My kidneys acted too often. Doan's Pills ended the backache and put my kidneys in a healthy condition."

DOAN'S PILLS
60c
Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N.Y.

Trio of Austin Youngsters



Nancy Jo Dyer

Barby Wayne Brunken

Ray Paul Pressler

Photos by Studer

A trio of lovable babies is shown above with Nancy Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dyer, 1603 Canterbury street wearing the smile which was left over from her recent celebration of a very important birthday, her first.

Barby Wayne Brunken celebrated his first birthday April 1, and judging from his pleased appearance he considered it very good luck in spite of opinions to the contrary. Barby Wayne is the son

of Mr. and Mrs. Onnie Brunken of Taylor. He is the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Truede of Taylor. His other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Brunken, live in Hutto.

Ray Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pressler, 302 East 30th street, was seven months old April 19. He is the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pressler of Austin. His other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Beverly, live at Copperas Cove.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Feb 8, 1926; 4 (left) and

The Austin American (1914-1973); Apr 23, 1939; A9 (right).

3 Austinites Unharmmed After Freak Accident

Mrs. Willard E. Dyer and her two children, of 1603 Canterbury Street,

consider themselves very lucky to be unhurt after an accident at their home Friday.

Mrs. Dyer was bathing her 2-year-old baby when she glanced out of the window and saw Nancy Jo, age 9, clutching the wire fence around the yard, unable to let it go.

A radio aerial had fell across a light line, and contacted the fence, shorting the electricity across.

Mrs. Dyer picked her baby up from the bath and rushed out to clutch at Nancy Jo, and then all three received considerable shock. The child was freed after a second attempt, however, and all three are

suffering no after-effects from the experience.

An official of the light company told Mrs. Dyer that had she made full contact with the fence, the results would probably have been fatal for all three, for then she could not have freed herself.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Aug 10, 1947; 11.

Permits

Receipt No. _____ *SE/II Duplicate*
 Application for Sewer Connection **Nº 1903A**
 Austin, Texas, *Oct 10 1913*

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by
 _____ at *1603 Canterbury* Street,
 further described as Lot *2* Block *5* Outlot _____ Division _____
 subdivision _____ Plat *20*, which is to be used as a _____
 In this place there are to be installed _____ fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. _____
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line _____ Respectfully,
 Stub Out } *In alley*
 Connected } _____ (Location)
 Date *10-10-13*

By _____
 NOTE: Connection Instruction *6" Sewer in Alley B 803*

Sewer permit, 1913

W. E. Dyer 1603 Canterbury St.
 20 47 5 2 "0"

Riverside Addition

Re-roof residence

24161 - 11/25/42 \$74.00

Day labor

8-10-72-131160-Mary Alice Tamez-repair and remodel exist residence

#146197 11-6-74 Alberto Tamer Remodel Res. Siding, Screens, Storm Door 2,000.00

A-1 Bldrs.