HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Application for Demolition and Relocation Permits
December 2, 2026
PR-2026-091678; GF-2026-101204
1012 West Mary Street

Proposal

Demolish a ca. 1914 house.

Architecture

This house is a three bay, single-story bungalow with a large front gable that covers a front porch spanning the width of the building. This porch roof is supported by four wood posts, and the front door is in the middle bay with windows on either side. The roof structure features brackets and exposed rafter tails on the side, and the roofing material is metal. The windows all feature screens, likely original, and the frames appear to be wood and in good condition. Teardrop siding is present on all walls. Overall, the house is in good condition and retains integrity.

Research

While records of this property exist in city directories as far back as 1912, there is no record of anyone living at the house until 1922, when a series of renters and laborers inhabited the space, each for a short time. By the 1940s, Oscar & Annie Doerr were the owners for several years, and they had at least one child while living on West Mary Street. By the 1950s, they had moved, and the property was purchased by William & Lena Baland. William Baland worked in the construction industry and became an independent contractor by the end of the decade, after which the couple moved and the property was sold again.

Department Comments

The applicant is currently exploring relocation as an alternative to demolition for the main structure. As of posting, no application has yet been filed.

This application will time out on February 15, 2027.

Property Evaluation

The 2016 Bouldin Creek Neighborhood historic resource survey lists the property as a medium priority.

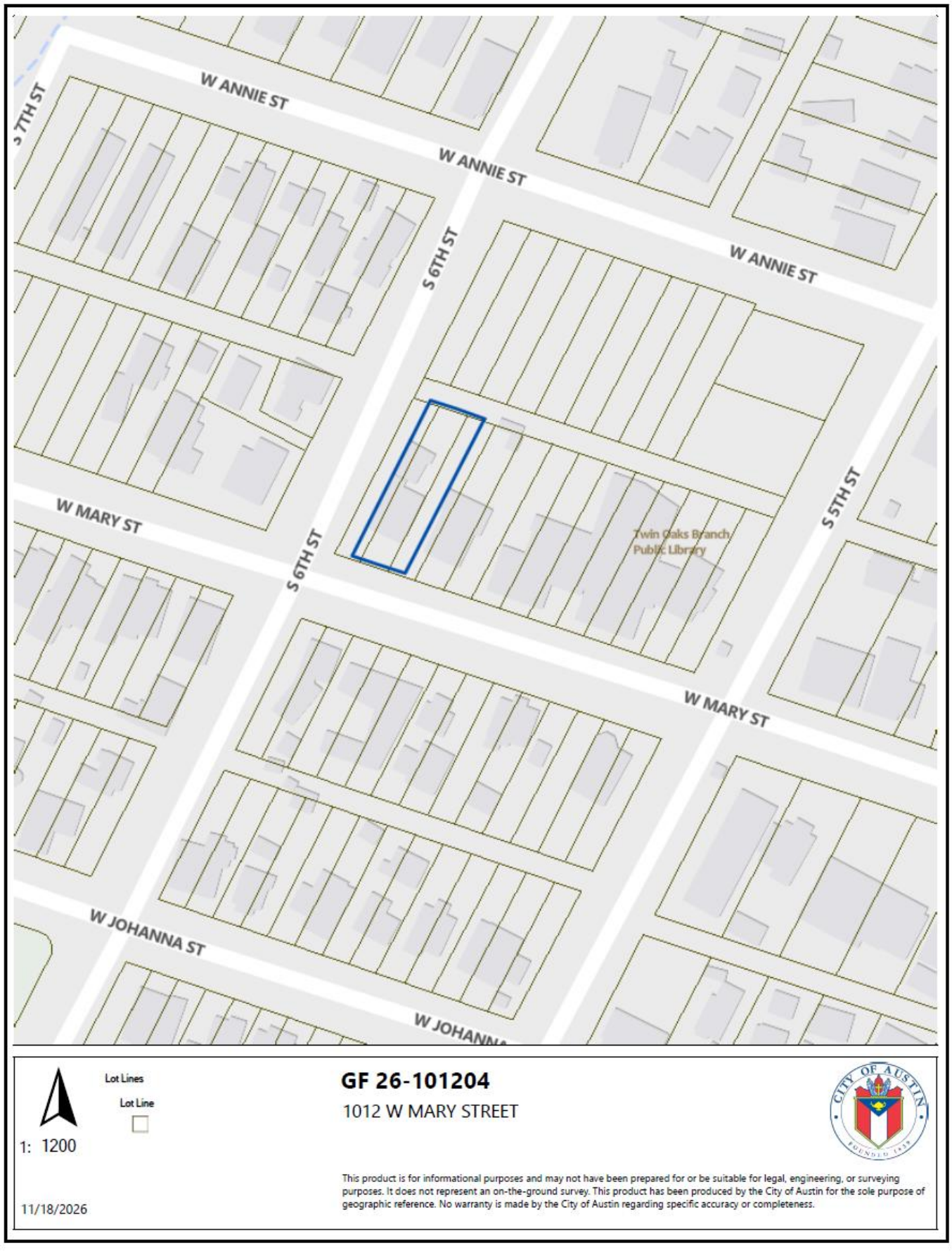
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

1) The building is more than 50 years old.
2) The building appears to retain 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 good example of Craftsman bungalow architecture in the neighborhood.
    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



Property Information

Photos



Demolition application, 2026

Occupancy History
City Directory Research, November 2026

1960	Clara Greer (widow of Louie), owner
1957	Adriane & Hassie Malone, owners; maintenanceman at State Hospital
1955	William & Lena Baland, owners; building contractor
1952	Same as above, now working at Acme Roofing
1949	Same as above, now working as a carpenter
1947	Oscar & Annie Doerr, owners; foreman at Austin Fireproof Warehouse
1944	Same as above, now working as a van operator; with Carrie Doerr, renter
1941	Jason Patton, owner
1939	Same as above
1937	Hugh & Irene Samson, owners
1935	Benjamin Sites, owner; helper at State Highway Department
1932	Alice Milton (widow of George), owner
1929	Charles & Ellen Powell, owners; salesman at Linam Furniture Company
1927	Same as above, now working as an insurance agent

1924 Mike & Gertrude Riordan, renters

1922 William & Lizzie Townsley, renters; wood dealer

1920 Vacant

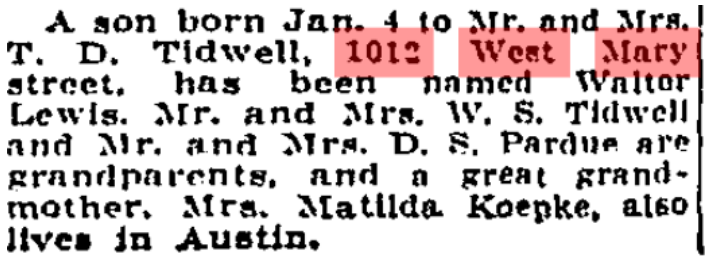
1918 Vacant

1916 Vacant

1914 Vacant

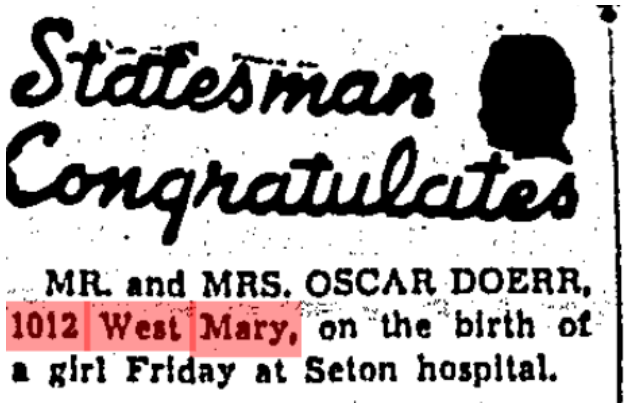
1912 Address not listed

Historical Information



A son born Jan. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Tidwell, 1012 West Mary street, has been named Walter Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tidwell and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Pardue are grandparents, and a great grandmother, Mrs. Matilda Koepke, also lives in Austin.

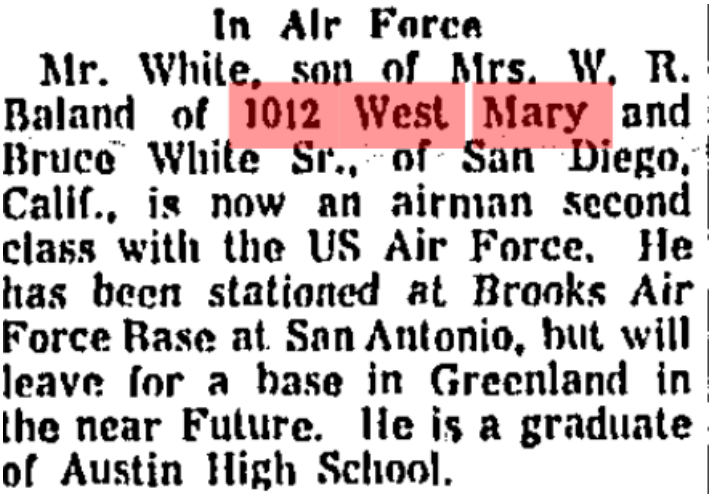
The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 07 Jan 1936: 3.



Statesman Congratulates

MR. and MRS. OSCAR DOERR, 1012 West Mary, on the birth of a girl Friday at Seton hospital.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 10 Jan 1944: 7.

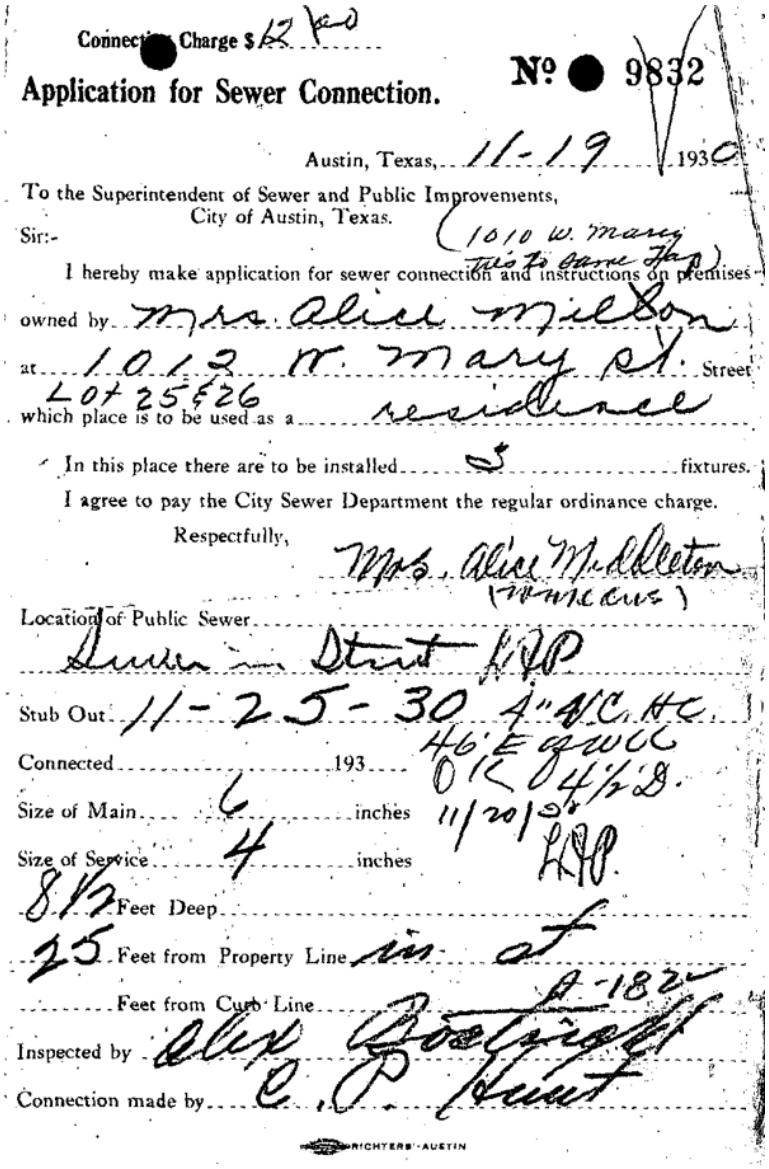


In Air Force

Mr. White, son of Mrs. W. R. Baland of 1012 West Mary and Bruce White Sr., of San Diego, Calif., is now an airman second class with the US Air Force. He has been stationed at Brooks Air Force Base at San Antonio, but will leave for a base in Greenland in the near Future. He is a graduate of Austin High School.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 22 Mar 1955: 6.

Permits



Connection Charge $ 12 00

Application for Sewer Connection. № 9832

Austin, Texas, 11-19 1930

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

Sir:-

(1010 W. Mary
this to same Tap)

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Mrs. Alice Milton at 1012 W. Mary St. Street Lot 25 & 26 which place is to be used as a residence

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures.

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

Respectfully,

Mrs. Alice Middleton
(Mrs. Cus)

Location of Public Sewer
Sewer in Street LAP

Stub Out 11-25-30 4" V.C. HC.
46' E of WLL
OK 4½ D.
11/20/30
LAP

Connected 193

Size of Main 6 inches

Size of Service 4 inches

8½ Feet Deep

25 Feet from Property Line in at

Feet from Curb Line A-182

Inspected by Alex Bostwick

Connection made by C. P. Hunt

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Sewer tap permit, 1930