

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 24, 2011
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2011-0177
905 OLIVE STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story side-gabled board-and-batten Cumberland-style house with a central, partial-width shed-roofed independent porch on turned wood posts; 1:1 windows appear in a ca. 2000 photograph of the house; the windows have been boarded over.

RESEARCH

City building permits reflect that the house was built in 1938 by Alice Stevens, who never lived here. The house has been occupied almost exclusively by renters throughout its history, with a regular turnover of tenants. The house was converted to a duplex between 1949 and 1953.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as a medium priority for preservation in the Historic Resources Survey of East Austin (2000), but was at that time in much better condition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit. This house is in a seriously deteriorated state, and its 1938 construction date is significantly later than the other turn-of-the-century houses in the neighborhood, three of which are historic landmarks. While staff recognizes that this house would be part of a potential district, it does not merit individual landmark designation. Staff and NHCD staff are looking at deconstructing this house and either reconstructing it on site, or as a potential addition to an adjacent house that is scheduled for restoration. Deconstruction will require the demolition permit sought here.

905 Olive Street
ca. 1938



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 905 Olive Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
April, 2009

1987	A:	Julia H. Gomez, renter Retired
	B:	Vacant
1981	A:	Julia H. Gomez, renter Retired
	B:	No return
1976	A:	Guadalupe Johnson, renter No occupation listed
	B:	Vacant
1972	A:	Chris and Irene Castro, renters Carpenter NOTE: The directory indicates that Chris and Irene Castro were new residents at this address.
	B:	Tony Almaguer, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Tony Almaguer was a new resident at this address.

1968	A: Lucille Fulbright, renter No occupation listed B: Jesse Meadows, renter No occupation listed
1964	A: Vacant B: Vacant
1960	A: L.B. and Mary T. Maxwell, renters Porter, Joe Quick Car Wash, 301 E. 12 th Street B: Herman and Curtis Robinson, renters Presser, University Cleaners, 2004 Speedway
1957	A: Vacant B: Herman and Curtis Robinson, renters Presser, University Cleaners, 2004 Speedway
1953	A: Vacant B: Herman and Curtis Robinson, renters Presser, Atlas Cleaners, 1107 E. 6 th Street
1949	Earl and Ruby Thomas, owners Washman, Driskill Laundry
1947	James H. Pennick, renter Not listed in the main directory
1944-45	James H. and Anna Bell Pennick, renters Porter, Frank Knight Tire Company, 307 W. 19 th Street
1942	Beatrice Pennick, renter ' Cook
1940	Walter and Texana Moore, renters No occupation listed
1937	The address is not listed in the directory. It is unclear if Walter Moore is listed in the directory; there is no Walter Moore married to a woman named Texana listed.

Miss Alice Stevens	905 Olive Street
32	North part of
55	3
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Box residence

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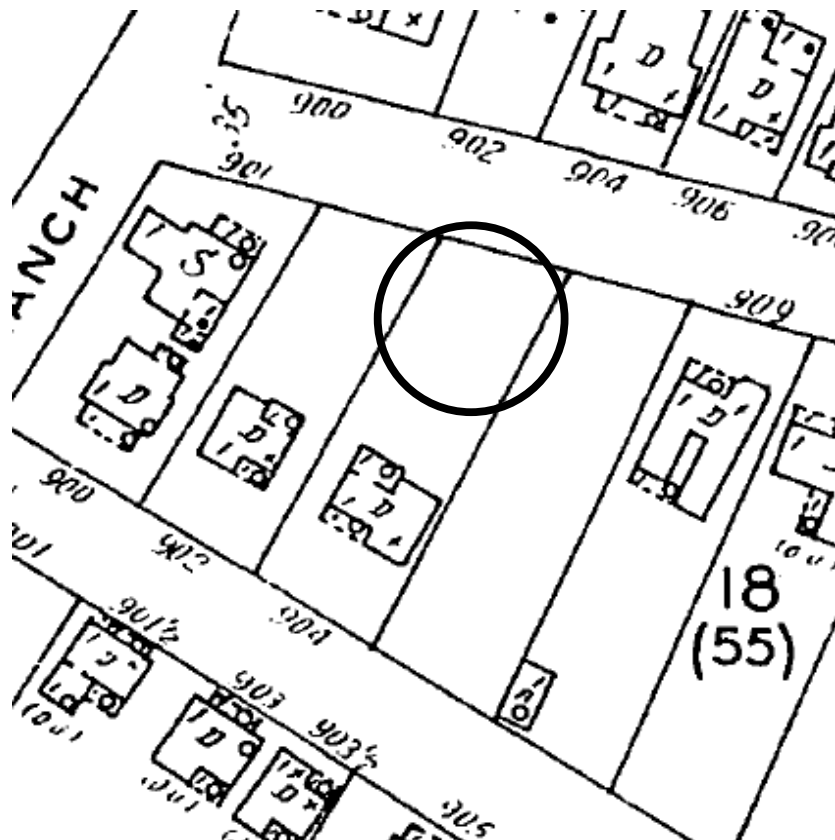
Building permit to Alice Stevens for the construction of the house (1938)

OWNER Mrs. Bess K. Alday ADDRESS 905 Olive Street
PLAT 32 LOT 3 BLK. - DIV
SUBDIVISION Sub of O.L. 55
OCCUPANCY Frame Addition to rear of Duplex
BLD PERMIT # 86757 DATE 2-6-63 OWNERS ESTIMATE 125.00
CONTRACTOR Clyde Branch NO. OF FIXTURES 2
WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #
ADDITION TO BATH

Building permit to Bess K. Alday for the construction of a frame rear addition (1963)

OWNER Mrs. Bess K. Alday ADDRESS 905 Olive St
PLAT 32 LOT 3 BLK. DIV
SUBDIVISION Of lots 55
OCCUPANCY Repair fire damage to duplex
OWNERS
BLD PERMIT # 90390 DATE 12-26-63 ESTIMATE 800.00
CONTRACTOR Clyde Branch NO. OF FIXTURES
WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #
DUPLEX
Replace part of outside walls, also floor, joints.
Paint, replace 1 roof (10'x12') Re-wired, some plumbing
to be replaced.

Building permit to Bess Alday to repair fire damage to the house (1963)

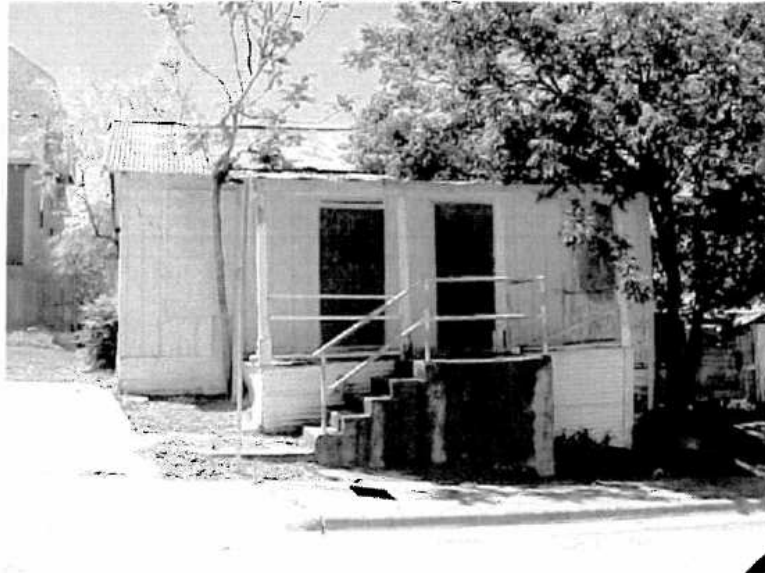


The 1935 Sanborn map shows the site of this house as vacant.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house.

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Lot Size: 2,134 sq. feet
Bldg. Coverage: 870 sq. feet

Historic:

Building Permit issued by City of Austin in 1938. Building permit issued for rear addition in 1963.

Proposal:

Proposal is to dismantle 905 Olive. Any salvageable materials will be utilized in the renovation of 907 Olive. 905 Olive and 907 Olive are identical buildings.

AHFC plans to re-subdivide several different lots to:

- A. Remove encroachment of structure located at 902 Juniper onto the Sapenter lot.
- B. Provide the Sapenter lot with off-street parking.
- C. Combine Lot 5 (a.k.a. 907 Olive) with remnants of Lot 4 (905 Olive) to form a legal sized lot.

905 OLIVE STREET Floor Plan

