

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0052
603 W. 30TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1931 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan front-gabled frame cottage with a front-gabled round-arched entry hood on plain round wood posts framing a Craftsman-style three-light wood door; partial-width side-gabled inset porch to the left of the principal façade; single and paired 1:1 windows with 6:1 wooden screens.

RESEARCH

The 1922 Sanborn map shows an earlier house on this site, which dates to closer to the turn of the 20th century; this house was replaced with the current house around 1931, according to city utility permits, and confirmed by the 1935 Sanborn map. The house was owned by the Wukasch family, who had several businesses in town, including Charlie's Confectionary on Guadalupe Street, which was operated by Walter and Billie Wukasch, the second tenants of this house. Walter Wukasch was the son of C.G. and Emma Wukasch; Emma Wukasch is shown as the owner of the property on a 1928 sewer service permit for this property. Walter and Billie Wukasch married in 1933 and moved into this house, which was apparently owned by his parents at the time. He operated Charlie's Confectionary on Guadalupe Street for several years, and by the late 1930s, he was working at Charlie's Liquor Store, owned by another Wukasch relative. From around 1940 to around 1946, the house was rented by William P. and Alvina Urban; William Urban had been a Lutheran and Methodist minister in rural Texas for several years, but by the time he was living in this house, he was also working as a clerk at Charlie's Liquor Store. It is possible that the Wukasch and Urban families were related; both were German families from the Serbin area in Lee County, Texas and are listed closely together on census reports. By 1947, the house was owned and occupied by Mary Hannusch, a widow, with two sons attending the University of Texas. After a short interval, the house was purchased by Olga Patschke, a widow, originally from Milam County, Texas. She worked as a clerk and food server at the University of Texas, and lived here from around 1960 until around 1975. By that time, the house had been converted to a duplex, and has remained a rental unit.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit after completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all four sides, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, but encourage the applicant to consider relocation of the house over demolition. The house would be contributing to a potential historic district but does not have the requisite architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.



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603 W. 30th Street
ca. 1931



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

603 W. 30th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
March, 2012

1992	Guy C. Henson, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Lynn Ohrstrom, renter Student NOTE: The directory indicates that Lynn Ohrstrom was a new resident at this address.
1981	The address is not listed in the directory.
1977	A: Paul Murry, owner No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Paul Murry was a new resident at this address. B: Vacant
1973	A: Olga Patschke, owner Widow, Walter Patschke Retired B: Frank Korman, renter No occupation listed
1969	Olga Patschke, owner Widow, Walter Patschke Retired
1965	Olga Patschke, owner Food server, University of Texas
1961	Olga Patschke, owner Clerk, University of Texas
1958	Ben and Martha Grijlva, owners Student NOTE: Olga Patschke is not listed in the directory.
1953	Thurmond D. and Pauline Barnett, renters Salesman, Reliable Life Insurance Company, 400 W. 15 th Street.
1949	Vacant
1947	Mary Hannusch, owner No occupation listed Also listed are Dennis C. and Vera Hannusch -he was a student at the University of Texas; and Eugene G. Hannusch, a student at the University of Texas.

1944-45	William P. and Alvina Urban, renters Clerk
1941	William P. and Alvina Urban, renters Clerk, Charlie's Liquor Store #1, 403 W. 19 th Street. Also listed are Clarence R. Urban, a truck driver for David Shipwash, groceries, 2900 Rio Grande Street; and Della R. Urban, a saleswoman at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 522 Congress Avenue.
1939	Walter and Billye Wukasch, renters No occupation listed
1937	Walter and Billie Wukasch, renters Salesman, Charlie's Liquor Store (M.C. Wukasch, proprietor), 403 W. 19 th Street. NOTE: The house is listed as 503 W. 30 th Street.
1935	Walter and Billie Wukasch, renters Proprietor, Charlie's Confectionary, 2270 Guadalupe Street. NOTE: The house is listed as 503 W. 30 th Street.
1932-33	Herschel C. and Maude L. Walling, renters Accountant, University of Texas NOTE: The house is listed as 503 W. 30 th Street. NOTE: Walter Wukasch is listed as living at 407 W. 23 rd Street. He had no wife listed and was the proprietor of Charlie's Confectionary, 2270 Guadalupe Street.

Earlier directories show tenants at a house listed as 503 W. 30th Street, but it is apparent that this house was built in 1931, based upon utility records and the 1922 and 1935 Sanborn maps.

Biographical notes

Walter and Billie Wukasch (ca. 1933 to ca. 1940)

Walter Wukasch appears in the 1920 U.S. Census report as the 11 year old son of C.G. and Emma Wukasch, who lived at 611 W. 23rd Street. The elder Wukasch was a grocer. The 1930 U.S. Census report shows Walter still living with his parents on 23rd Street, but he was the proprietor of a confectionary. His father had no occupation listed.

Walter Charles Wukasch

Walter Charles Wukasch, born July 24, 1908, in Austin, died Tuesday, December 20, 1994.

He attended St. Paul's Lutheran School, Allen Jr. High School, and graduated from Austin High School in 1925. He earned his BBA from the University of Texas where he lettered in tennis and was the University All Sports Intramural Champion. In 1928 he took over his father's business, Charlie's Confectionary located at 23rd and Guadalupe, and was active for 40 years in real estate development and property management. He was district president and state governor of Toastmasters International, nationally ranked masters badminton player, and Texas state champion in the over 70-year-old three-mile race walk. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he was an Elder for many years and Congregational President.

He married Billye Teykl in 1933 and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1993.

He is survived by his wife, Billye Teykl Wukasch; two sons, Dr. Don Charles Wukasch of Houston and Dr. Barry Charles Wukasch of Scottsdale, Arizona; and grandchildren, Wynne Hemingway of Scottsdale, Arizona, Ann Elizabeth Wukasch of Dallas, and Walter Charles Wukasch II of Houston.

Visitation will be 5:30 to 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 21, at the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday, December 22, in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3501 Red River. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund, 3501 Red River, Austin, Texas 78705.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 North Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Walter Wukasch
Austin American-Statesman, December 21, 1994

William P. and Alvina Urban (ca. 1940 to ca. 1946)

William P. Urban was born in 1888 in Texas; the 1900 U.S. Census shows him as the 11-year old son of Andreas and Magdalena Urban, farmers in Serbin, Texas, who lived in close proximity to relatives of Charles G. Wukasch, the father of Walter Wukasch. William Urban was

born in Texas, as was his father, but his mother had been born in Germany. The 1910 U.S. Census shows William (Wilhelm) Urban living on his parents' farm in Serbin, Lee County, Texas, where he was a 21-year old farm laborer. His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that he was married, had been born at Northrup, Texas (Lee County), and was the book-keeper and manager of the Walburg Garage at Walburg, Williamson County, Texas. By 1920, according to the census report, William and Alvina Urban were living in rural Nueces County, Texas, where he was a Lutheran minister. William was 31; Alvina was 24, had been born in Germany, and had no occupation listed. The 1930 U.S. Census shows William and Alvina Urban living in Anderson (Grimes County), Texas with their young daughter and son, and a 21-year old boarder, Clarence Burt, who was a school teacher. William Urban is listed as a Methodist minister. He died in February, 1975, but the microfilm at the Austin History Center containing his obituary is badly damaged and unreadable – in any case, obituaries in the American-Statesman of that era were generally no more than a listing of survivors and the time and place of the funeral with no other information.

The image shows two pages of a World War I draft registration card for William Paul Urban. The left page is the 'REGISTRATION CARD' and the right page is the 'REGISTRAR'S REPORT'.

REGISTRATION CARD (Left Page):

- 1. Name: William Paul Urban
- 2. Place: Walburg
- 3. Date of Birth: May 27, 1888
- 4. Residence: Northrup, Tex.
- 5. Occupation: Bookkeeper, Garage Manager
- 6. Status: Married
- 7. Signature: William Paul Urban

REGISTRAR'S REPORT (Right Page):

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William Urban's World War I draft registration card shows him as a married man living in Walburg, Williamson County, Texas, where he was the book-keeper and manager of the Walburg Garage.

Olga Patschke (ca. 1960 to ca. 1975)

Olga Patschke appears in the 1930 U.S. Census report along with her husband, Walter. He was then 29; she was then 26. They had 2 small children. Both Walter and Olga had been born in Texas, and were living on a rented farm in Milam County, Texas at the time of the census report.

Taylor City Cemetery.

PATSCHKE, Olga, 89, of Thorndale died Wednesday. Services 10 a.m. Saturday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Thorndale. Burial church cemetery. (Condra, Taylor)

Funeral notice for Olga Patschke
Austin American-Statesman, July 19, 1991

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 80408

Austin, Texas

Received of Harper Linscomb Date 8/16/1928
Address 503 W. 30th.
Amount twelve dollars \$ 12.00
Builder or Owner Mrs. C. G. Wukasch Plumber _____
Lot _____ Block _____ Subdivision _____ Plat No. _____
2nd lot from Fruth

Date of Connection	<u>8/28/1928</u>	No. Fittings 28' Pipe Pipe Wyes Bends Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings 1/8" Other sack cement Labor: 40 hrs.
By City	_____	
By Plumber	_____	
Checked By	<u>Spence</u>	
Size Main	<u>6"</u>	
Depth	<u>4 1/2'</u>	
Main Assign.	<u>in St. 23' from PL</u>	
Stub Depth	_____	
Stub Location	_____	
Book No.	<u>A-489</u>	
Paving Cut	_____	No. _____

This sanitary sewer permit shows that Walter Wukasch's mother, Mrs. C.G. Wukasch, owned the property in 1928; however, it does not appear that the house was built at that time.

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 9181 *Sec. 63*

Address 503 W. 30th ST.

Number 1-EVERTT Size of Tap 3/4" Date 7/24/31 *Pa. Tap*

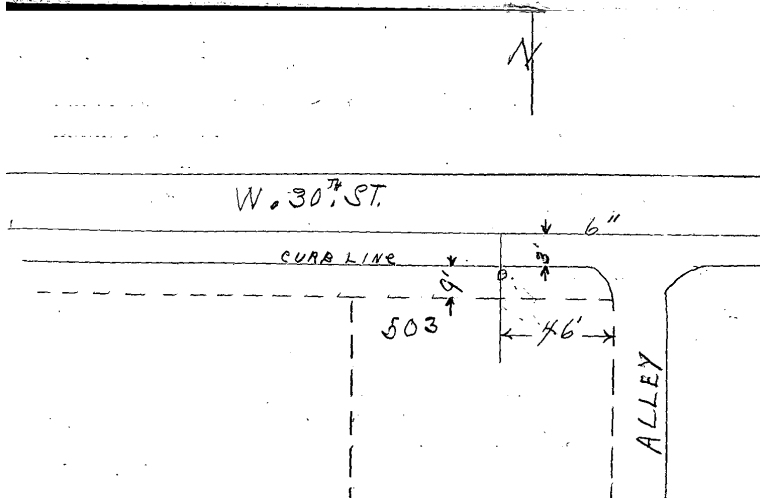
Foreman's Report

Date of Connection	<u>7/24/31</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7'</u>
From E. Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>46'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>FRONT</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOCK</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>30"</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>30"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>5' 6"</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>8-10-31 JCA</u>

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Foreman's Signature _____

No. Fittings _____
 Size _____
 Curb Cock _____
 Elbow _____
 St. Elbow _____
 Bushing _____
 Reducer _____
 Lead Comp. _____
 Nipples _____
 Union _____
 Plug _____
 Tee _____
 Stop _____
 Box _____
 Lid _____
 Valves _____
 Req. No. _____



This 1931 water service permit shows the location of the house and a date of 1931. Both this permit and the sewer permit show the old address of 503 W. 30th Street, which is also shown on the 1935 Sanborn map.

OWNER Olga Patschke ADDRESS 603 West 30th Street

PLAT 63 LOT 4 BLK 2/a

SUBDIVISION Garpers Resub

OCCUPANCY Bathroom

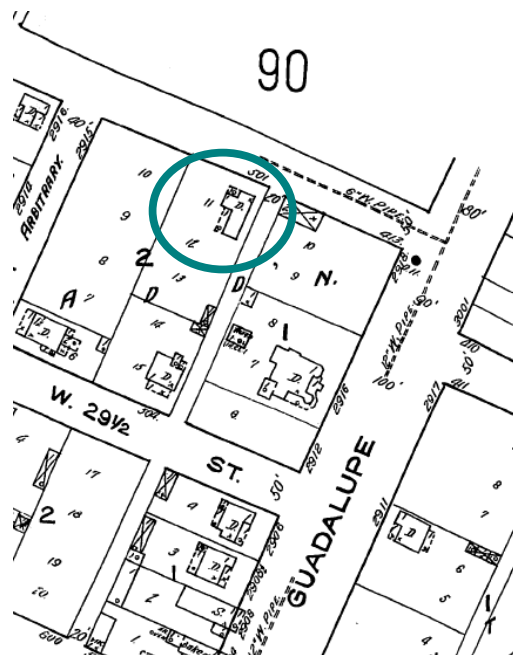
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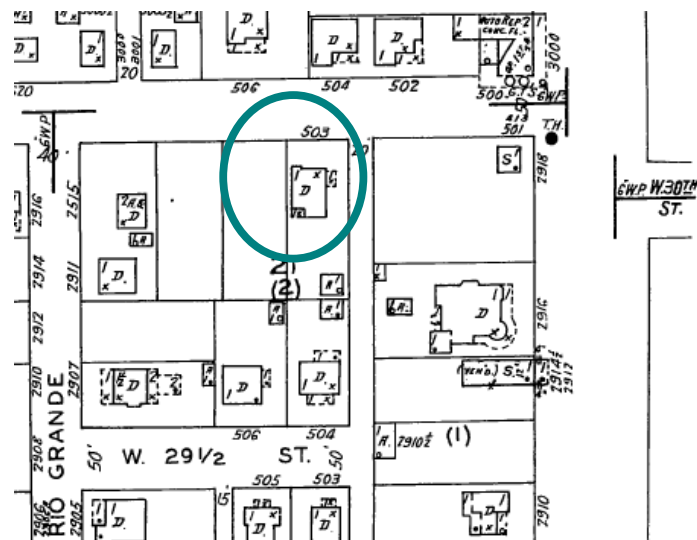
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Remodeling Frame Residence

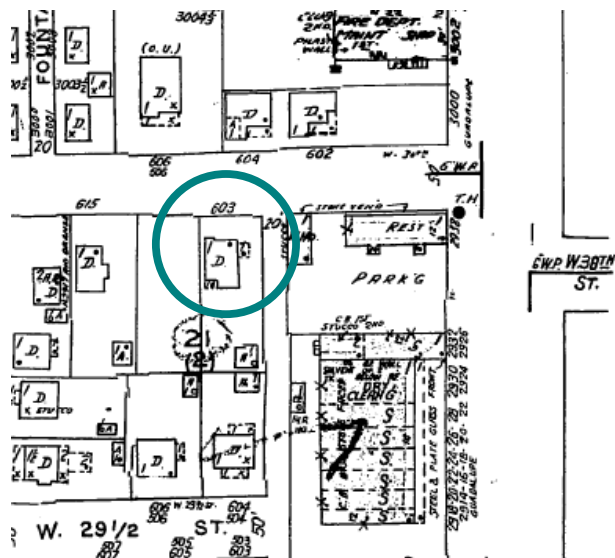
Olga Patschke obtained a permit in 1966 to remodel the house.



The 1922 Sanborn map shows a different house at the site of the current house.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the current house with an address of 503 W. 30th Street.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the current house with the address of 603 W. 30th Street.