

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 23, 2012**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**HDP-2012-0102**  
**5107 AVENUE H**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-and-a-half story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a full-width independent porch; clipped gabled dormers do not appear to be original; single and paired windows, many have been replaced; metal roof. The property has a two-story garage apartment as well; this is not subject to the application for demolition.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1938 by J.L. Joseph, who does not appear to have ever lived here. The first known occupants were Oscar and Erla Clint, who are shown as renters in the 1941 city directory. He was a tire salesman. By 1944-45, the house was rented by O.L. and Bernice Berry; they eventually purchased the house and lived here until O.L. passed away in 1995. O.L. and Bernice Berry moved here from a rented house at 2809 Guadalupe Street and purchased the house around 1957. He ran a Gulf service station for many years – at first at 1701 Lavaca Street, and later at 3710 Jefferson Street.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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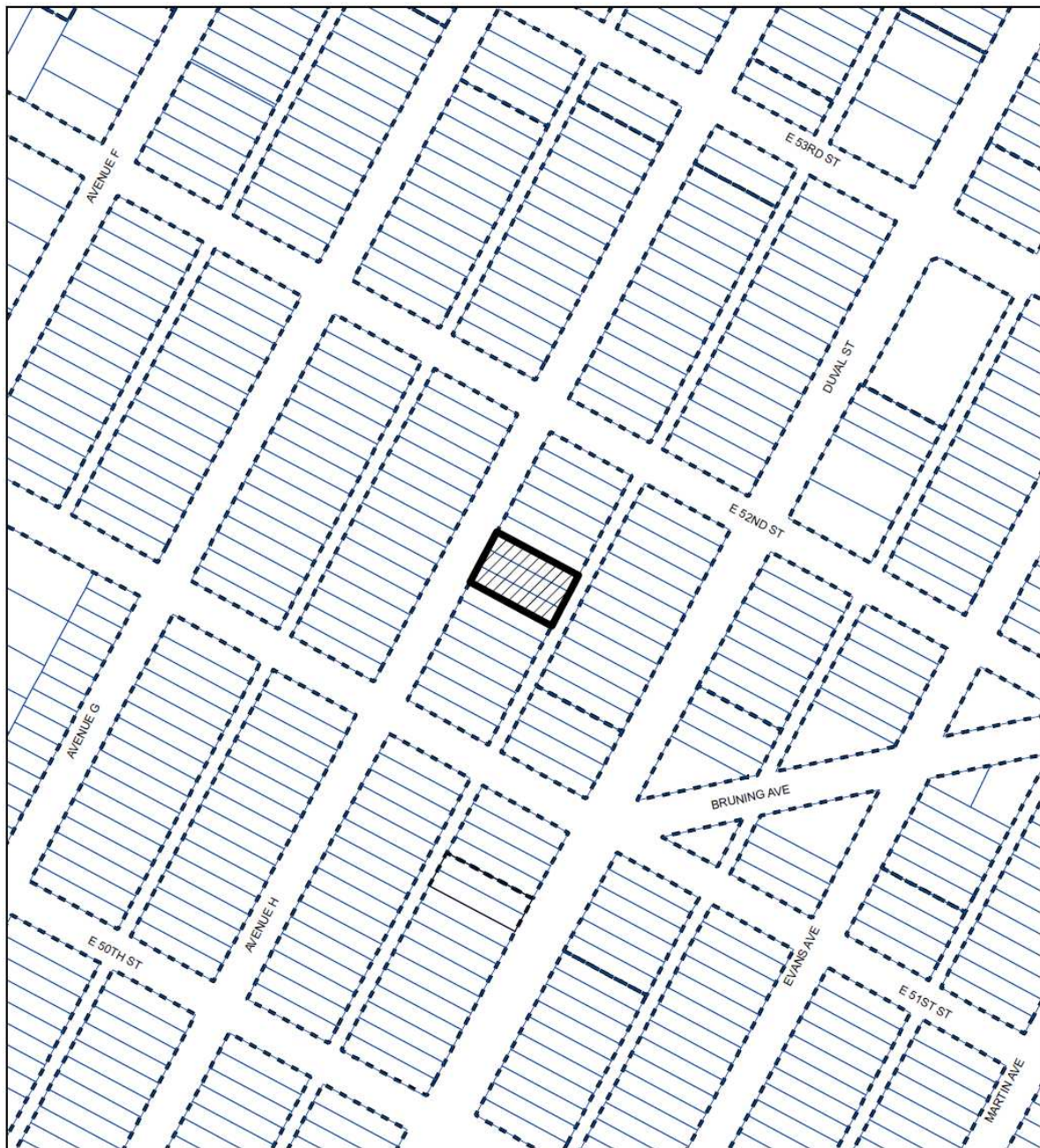
The house is beyond the bounds of any city survey.



**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the demolition permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



 SUBJECT TRACT  
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0102  
 LOCATION: 5107 Avenue H



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5107 Avenue H  
ca. 1938







## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 5107 Avenue H

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

1992	O.L. and Bernice H. Berry, owners Retired ½: Vacant
1985-86	O.L. and Berneice H. Berry, owners Retired ½: Tony Castillo, renter Student NOTE: The directory indicates that Tony Castillo was a new resident at this address.
1981	Orin L. and Bernice H. Berry, owners Retired ½: Barry L. Loving, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Barry L. Loving was a new resident at this address.
1977	O. Luther and Bernice Berry, owners Salesman, Gulf Oil ½: Richard C. Childers, renter Student

- 1973 O. Luther and Bernice Berry, owners  
Salesman, Gulf Oil  
½: Richard C. Childers, renter  
Student
- 1969 O. Luther and Bernice Berry, owners  
Salesman, Gulf Oil  
½: Daryl and Linda Hamilton, renters  
U.S. Air Force
- 1963 O. Luther and Bernice Berry, owners  
Proprietor, O.L Berry Gulf Service Station, 3710 Jefferson Street.  
½: Garland and Toni Evans, renters  
Clerk, 7-11 Dairy Store (several locations)
- 1958 O. Luther and Bernice Berry, owners  
Proprietor, O.L. Berry Gulf Service Station, 1701 Lavaca Street.  
½: Rodney and Patsy Michalk, renters  
Employed by the Steck Company, printers and office furniture.
- 1955 O. Luther and Bernice Berry (not listed as owners)  
Proprietor, O.L. Berry Gulf Service Station, 1701 Lavaca Street.  
½: Newell G. and Doris Adair, renters  
Sheet metal worker
- 1952 O. Luther and Bernice Berry, renters  
Proprietor, O.L. Berry Gulf Service Station, 1701 Lavaca Street.  
½: James A. and Betty J. Kaufman, renters  
Driver, Brown Express, 209 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1949 Orin L. and Bernice Berry, renters  
Proprietor, Berry's Gulf Service Station, 1701 Lavaca Street.  
½: William D. and Juanita Wilson, renters  
Student, University of Texas
- 1947 Orin L. and Bernice Berry, renters  
Proprietor, Berry's Gulf Service Station, 1701 Lavaca Street.  
½: Madison and Lillian Ottinger, renters  
Student, University of Texas
- 1944-45 Orin L. and Bernice Berry, renters  
Proprietor, Berry's Gulf Service Station, 1701 Lavaca Street.  
½: Jay W. and Florence Bingham, renters  
U.S. Navy
- 1941 Oscar C. and Erla Clint, renters  
Salesman, Goodrich Silvertown, tires, 910 Lavaca Street.  
NOTE: O.L. and Bernice Berry are listed as living at 2809 Guadalupe Street; he was the proprietor (with Horace T. Corley) of the Corley and Berry Service Station, 1701 Lavaca Street.  
Rear: James E. and Margaret Carlson, renters  
Auto trimmer, Murrah R. Withers, 510 Rio Grande Street.

1939

The address is not listed in the directory.

212 J. L. Joseph 5107 Avenue H.  
 - - 15 23-24-  
 - 25 -

Highlands

Frame residence & box garage

216n - 2/21/38

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The 1930 U.S. Census report shows O.L. and Bernice Berry living at 1105 Navasota Street, a house they rented. O.L. was then 23; Bernice was then 25. Both had been born in Texas. O.L. was an employee of a refining company; Bernice was a school teacher. They had no children listed in the census report.

COUNTY, TEXAS 19002.



### O.L. Berry

O.L. Berry, 88, a resident of Austin for 65 years, died Tuesday, May 29, 1995.

Loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he was a friend to all. He was born to John A. and Irene Jackson Berry, the fifth son of eight children. His parents, five siblings and an infant daughter, Jane, predeceased him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Berneice Helms Berry; brother, Leo Berry of Boerne; sister, Jonnie Reeves of Taylor; son, John (Sonny) Berry and wife Wanda; daughters, Joan Gauntt and husband Jim, and Judy Maples. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Jamie Grigar and wife Lisa, Tesa Kelly, Julie Grigar, David Gauntt, Sheri Austin and husband Greg, Oren Berry and Lea Brownlow and husband Bill. Mourning his loss are eight great-grandchildren, Angela Kelly, Ian Grigar, James and Christina Gauntt, E.J. Berry, Ashley and Macey Austin and Cheyenne Brownlow.

A dedicated hunter, he was an athlete and life-long sports fan. Until the mid 1970's, he was the owner/operator of Gulf Service Stations at 1701 Lavaca and at Jefferson Creek Road.

The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location. Interment will be 3:00 PM at Taylor City Cemetery in Taylor.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 North Lamar Blvd.

Obituary of O.L. Berry  
Austin American-Statesman, May 31, 1995

Connection Charge \$ 12.00

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## Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, 4/12 1938To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions  
on premises owned by 5107 I. L. Harrisat 5105 Ave. H. Street,further described as lot 23 ~~24-25~~ block 15, outlotsubdivision Highlands, division, platwhich is to be used as a Res.In this place there are to be installed COC fixtures.I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
charge.2 DEEP Respectfully,  
DT-PLJ. L. Harris

Stub Out

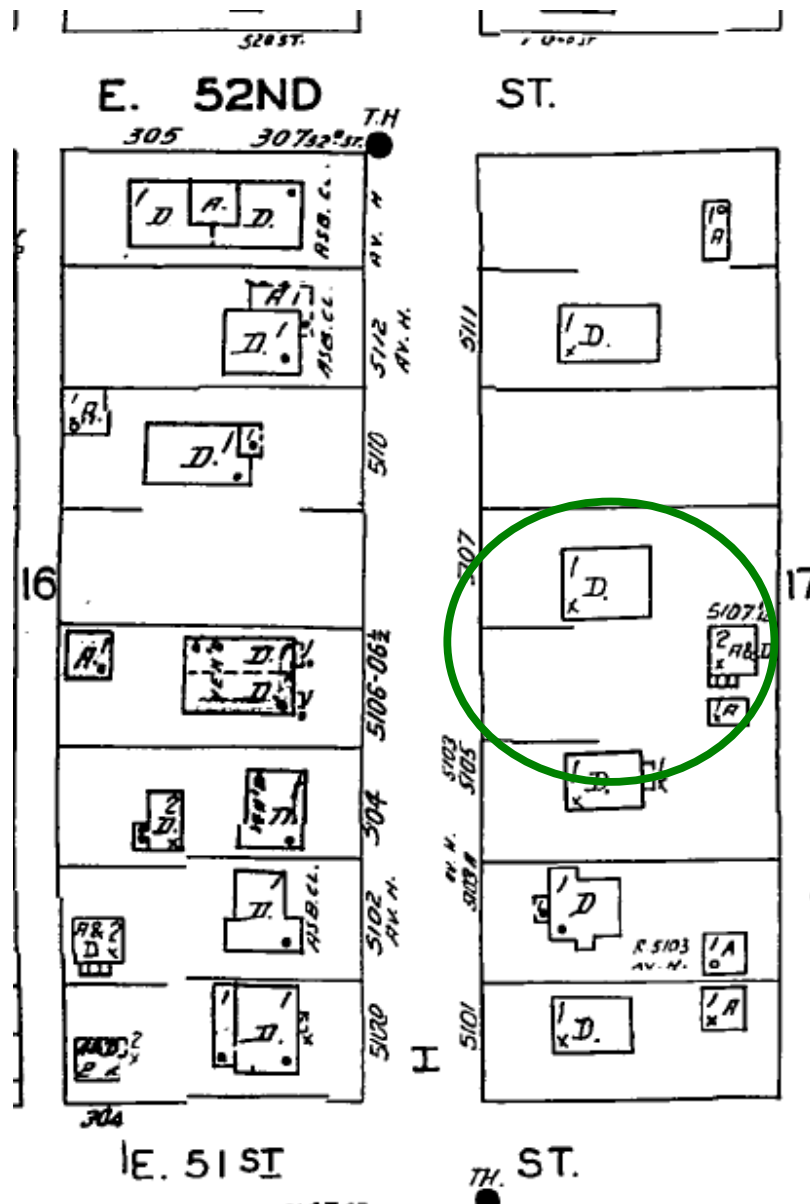
Connected 5-6 1938Size of Main 6 inches.Size of Service 4 inches.6 Feet Deep in ST26 Feet from Property Line

Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by BartlettConnection made by Morris9/15OK, 5-5-38OKcon 5-5-S of N PL



OWNER Oren L. Berry ADDRESS 5107 Ave. H.  
PLAT 212 LOT 23,24,25 BLK 15  
SUBDIVISION The Highlands  
OCCUPANCY Res.  
BLD PERMIT # 95674 DATE 5/3/65 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$1,485.00  
CONTRACTOR B. & G. Const Co. NO. OF FIXTURES none  
WATER TAP REC # \_\_\_\_\_ SEWER TAP REC # \_\_\_\_\_  
Repair & remodel Fm. Res.  
Install composition roof & aluminum siding



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house and the two-story garage apartment. This area of the city was not covered by the 1935 map.