

Historic Landmark Commission
May 21, 2012
Demolition and Relocation Permits
HDP-2012-0111
4914 Bennett Avenue

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1928 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan hipped-roof frame house with a partial-width, hipped-roof independent porch on plain square wood posts; paired 4:4 and single 6:6 fenestration in the original part of the house. The house has a ca. 1968 one-story rectangular-plan side-gabled addition to the left of the original portion of the house; the addition contains a secondary entry door and paired 6:6 fenestration. The entire house is clad with synthetic siding.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1928 for Wylie and Allie Lee Brown, who are listed as the owners and occupants of the house in the 1929 city directory. At the time it was built, the house was on the outskirts of Austin; it was not until 1935 that the house had an actual address and house number listed in the city directory. Wylie Brown was the son of a farmer in rural Travis County; by 1930, he had married his wife Allie, was working as a driver for the Wilcox-Nelson Company, a wholesale grocery and coffee roasting business, and was living in this house, although the 1930 census report shows it as a rural precinct of Travis County with no street addresses. Allie Brown was a rural school teacher. They lived in this house until the mid- to late-1940s; Wylie continued to work for Wilcox-Nelson until the early 1940s, and is then listed as a janitor at the University of Texas. Wylie Brown passed away in November, 1991.

George W. Campbell and his wife Cecilia are listed as the owners and occupants of the house from the late-1940s through the early 1990s. George W. Campbell was also the son of a Central Texas area farmer, having been born in San Saba County, and raised on his parents' farms in Hays and Williamson Counties. By the time he and Cecilia moved into this house, he was a firefighter. He then became a utilities station operator at the University of Texas, a job he held from the early 1950s until his retirement in the 1980s. George W. Campbell also passed away in November, 1991; he was 5 years younger than Wylie Brown.

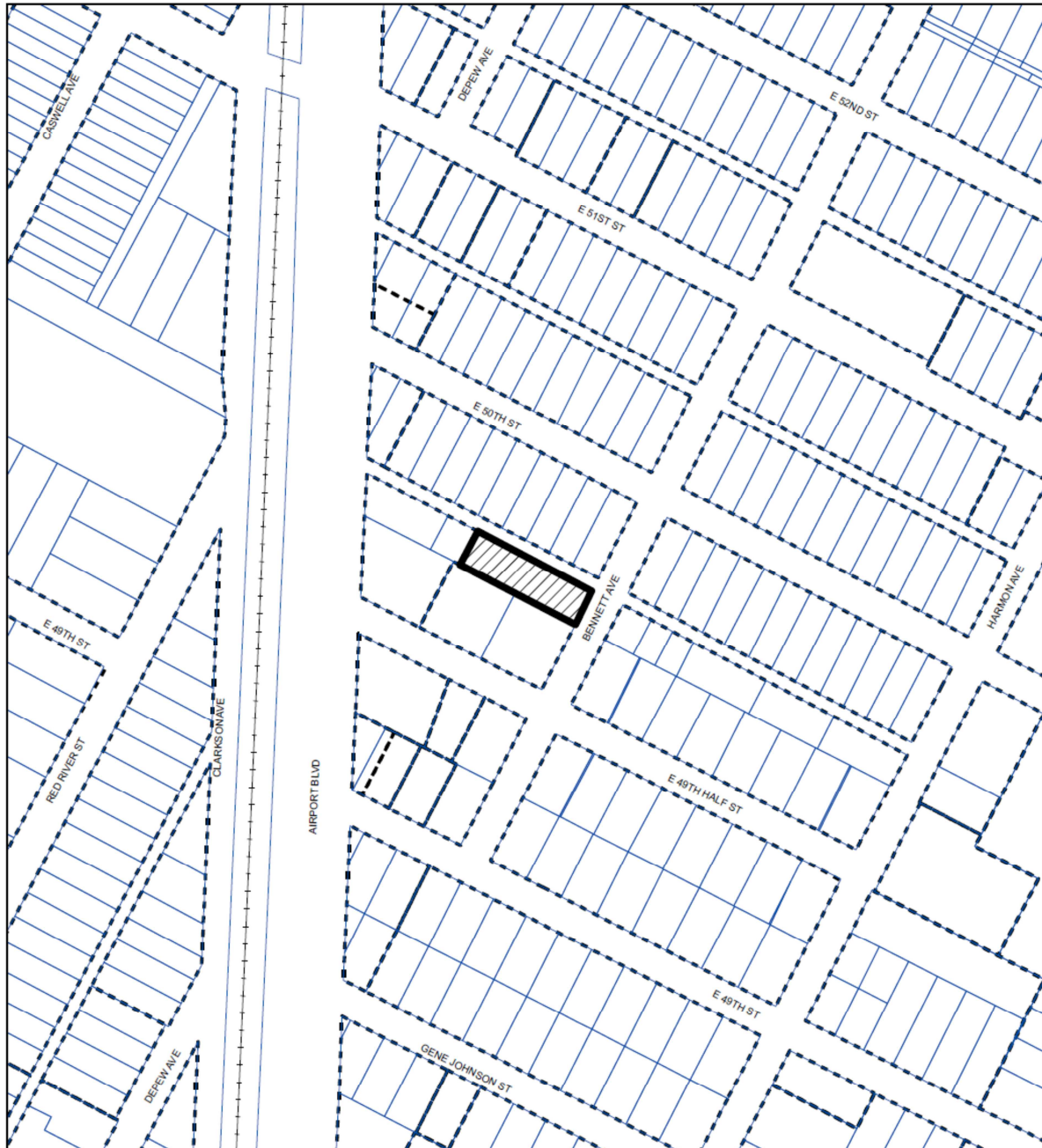
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit. The house is in extremely poor condition, and lacks the requisite architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0111
LOCATION: 4914 Bennett Avenue



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4914 Bennett Avenue
ca. 1928



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4914 Bennett Avenue

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

1992	<p>A: Jeffrey S. Speed, owner No occupation listed</p> <p>B: Deborah G. Paxton, renter No occupation listed</p> <p>NOTE: The directory indicates that Deborah G. Paxton was a new resident at this address.</p>
1985-86	George W. and Cecil Campbell, owners Retired
1981	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Retired
1977	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Retired
1973	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Utilities operations supervisor, University of Texas
1969	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Utilities station operator, University of Texas
1964	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Utilities station operator, University of Texas
1958	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Utilities station operator, University of Texas
1953	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Utilities station operator, University of Texas
1949	George W. and Cecilia J. Campbell, owners Firefighter
1944-45	<p>Wylie E. and Allie Brown, owners Janitor, University of Texas</p> <p>NOTE: George W. and Cecilia Campbell are listed as living at 1905 Garden Street; he was a helper at the University of Texas.</p>
1941	Wylie E. and Allie Lee Brown, owners Clerk, Wilcox-Nelson Company, coffee roasters, 214 W. 4 th Street.
1939	Wylie E. and Allie Lee Brown, owners

Foreman, Wilcox-Nelson Company, coffee roasters, 214 W. 4th Street.

- 1935 Wylie E. and Allie Lee Brown, owners
Driver, Wilcox-Nelson Company, coffee roasters, 214 W. 4th Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 4908 Bennett Avenue.
- 1932-33 Wylie E. and Allie Brown, owners
Driver, Wilcox-Nelson company, coffee roasters, 214 W. 4th Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as being on the west side of Bennett Avenue, 1
house north of 49th Street.
- 1930-31 Wylie E. and Allie Brown, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as being on the west side of Bennett Avenue, 1
house north of 49th Street.
- 1929 Wylie E. and Allie Brown, owners
Employed by Wilcox-Nelson Company, wholesale grocers, 410 E. 3rd Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as being on the west side of Bennett Avenue, 1
house south of LeConte Street.
- 1927 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Wylie and Allie Brown are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Wylie and Allie L. Brown (ca. 1928 – ca. 1947)

Wylie and Allie L. Brown appear in the 1930 U.S. Census, living in Precinct 3 in rural Travis County. They owned their property. Wylie Brown was then 29, had been born in Texas, and was a driver for a wholesale coffee house. Allie Brown was then 32, had been born in Texas, and was a teacher in a rural school. They had no children listed.

Wylie Brown also appears in the 1920 U.S. Census as the 19-year old son of farmer John W. Brown and his wife, Nancy, who lived in rural Travis County. Wylie was not yet married and has no occupation listed in the 1920 census report.

Wylie E. Brown

Wylie L. Brown, 90, of Austin died Monday, November 25, 1991.

He was retired from the University of Texas at Austin and a member of the Ridgetop Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lee Turberbille Brown.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Lois Brown of Austin; sisters, Lola Crumley Killibrew of Austin and Allie Arnold of Dripping Springs; and granddaughter, Jennifer Brown of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday at Ridgetop Baptist Church, 708 E. 51st. Street, with Reverend Jimmy Duffy officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Hill Park.

Pallbearers are Johnny Brown, Jim Moore, Herman Haydon, Douglas Arnold, Gene Corley and Jessie Allan.

Arrangements by Hyltin-Manor Funeral Chapel, 3000 N. IH-35 at 30th St. 476-5387.

Obituary of Wylie E. Brown
Austin American-Statesman, November 27, 1991

George and Cecilia Campbell (ca. 1947 – ca. 1987)

From his brief obituary in 1991, it appears that George W. Campbell was born around 1906. The 1930 U.S. Census shows a 23-year old George W. Campbell as a farm laborer living on his parents' farm on the Austin-Driftwood Road in Hays County, Texas. His father, George A. Campbell was a farmer, and George W. was the oldest of 3 sons living on the farm. The 1920 U.S. Census shows the family living near Pond Spring, in Williamson County, Texas. George A.

Campbell is listed as a general farmer. Texas Birth Records show that George Wiley Campbell was born in San Saba County, Texas; his Texas birth is confirmed by the 1920 and 1930 census reports.

CAMPBELL, George Wiley, 85, of Austin died Monday. Services 1 p.m. Thursday, Ridgetop Baptist Church. Burial Masonic Cemetery. (Cook-Walden, Lamar location)

Obituary of George W. Campbell
Austin American-Statesman, November 20, 1991

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT		No. 24756
Austin, Texas		
Received of	Geo. W. Campbell	Date 7-20-48
Address	4914 Bennett Ave.	
Amount	\$	
Builder or Owner	George W. Campbell	Plumber
Lot	12 & 13	Block P Subdivision Ridgetop Plat No. 215
Date of Connection	7-30-48	
By City	22' E/WPL	
By Plumber		
Checked By	Munoz	
Size Main	6"	Depth 3½'
Main Assign.	center of alley	
Stub Depth	Prop. Line 3'	
Stub Location		
Book No.	B-1899	
Paving Cut	No.	

No. Fittings	Size	Price
12' Pipe	4"	1.56
Pipe		
Wyes		
1 Bends		.60
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		.25
1 Other Tap		.25
1 hr truck		5.36
Labor:	8 hrs	1.00
1 hr Foreman		.00

Sewer service permit to George W. Campbell (1948)

Geo. W. Campbell 4914 Bennett Ave.
~~215~~ 14 (E 190) P
 215 Ridgetop
 Repairs & Remodel Residence.
 69950 8/5/58 1000.00
 owner =

Sheetrock inside-asbestos siding-rain roof to bring in
 line with other part of house-redecorate.

Building permit to George W. Campbell to repair and remodel the house (1958)

OWNER	G. W. Campbell	ADDRESS	4914 Bennett Avenue
PLAT	215	LOT	14 BLK P
SUBDIVISION	Ridgetop Annex		
OCCUPANCY	Glased in Porch		
BLD PERMIT #	108551	DATE	6-21-68
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	300.00
CONTRACTOR	owner	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
Frame Addn to a Res & Underpinning			
126 sq.ft.			
7-7-71-123909-mobil home onto lot tie to create duplex			
648 sq. ft. 6-22-77 165323 re roofing and siding			

Building permit to George W. Campbell to construct a frame addition (1968), and to move a
 mobile home onto the lot to create a duplex (1971)