

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 30, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0235
615 WEST ANNIE STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a house of unknown age.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, roughly rectangular-plan hipped-roof frame transitional cottage with a partial-width inset porch on round posts; 1:1 fenestration with a bay window on the right side of the house and a leaded Queen Anne-style window on the front of the house to the left of the front porch.

RESEARCH

City permits indicate that the house was moved onto the site in 1958 from an unknown location. There appears to have been a house here in the late 1940s with an address of 619 West Annie Street – the 1949 city directory shows it as under construction. Neither address of 615 nor 619 West Annie appear in the 1952 city directory and the city directories of 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1957 show that whatever structure was at 615 West Annie Street was vacant. The 1958 directory does not list the address at all, perhaps indicating that whatever structure had been there in the mid-1950s was then gone. The city building permit shows that Walter Garcia moved the house onto the lot in October, 1958; he and his wife Nellie lived there until the late 1970s – later directories show their son, Jesse J. Garcia lived in the house through the 1990s. Walter and Nellie Garcia had previously lived in a house at 709 West Elizabeth Street – city building permits show that house was built in 1956, and the 1935 Sanborn map shows the lot as vacant, so it seems clear that the house currently at 615 West Annie Street was not the house the Garcia family lived in on West Elizabeth Street. Walter Garcia was a serviceman and warehouse manager for Cabaniss-Brown, a large Austin furniture company. Jesse J. Garcia, their son, worked for J.C Penney.

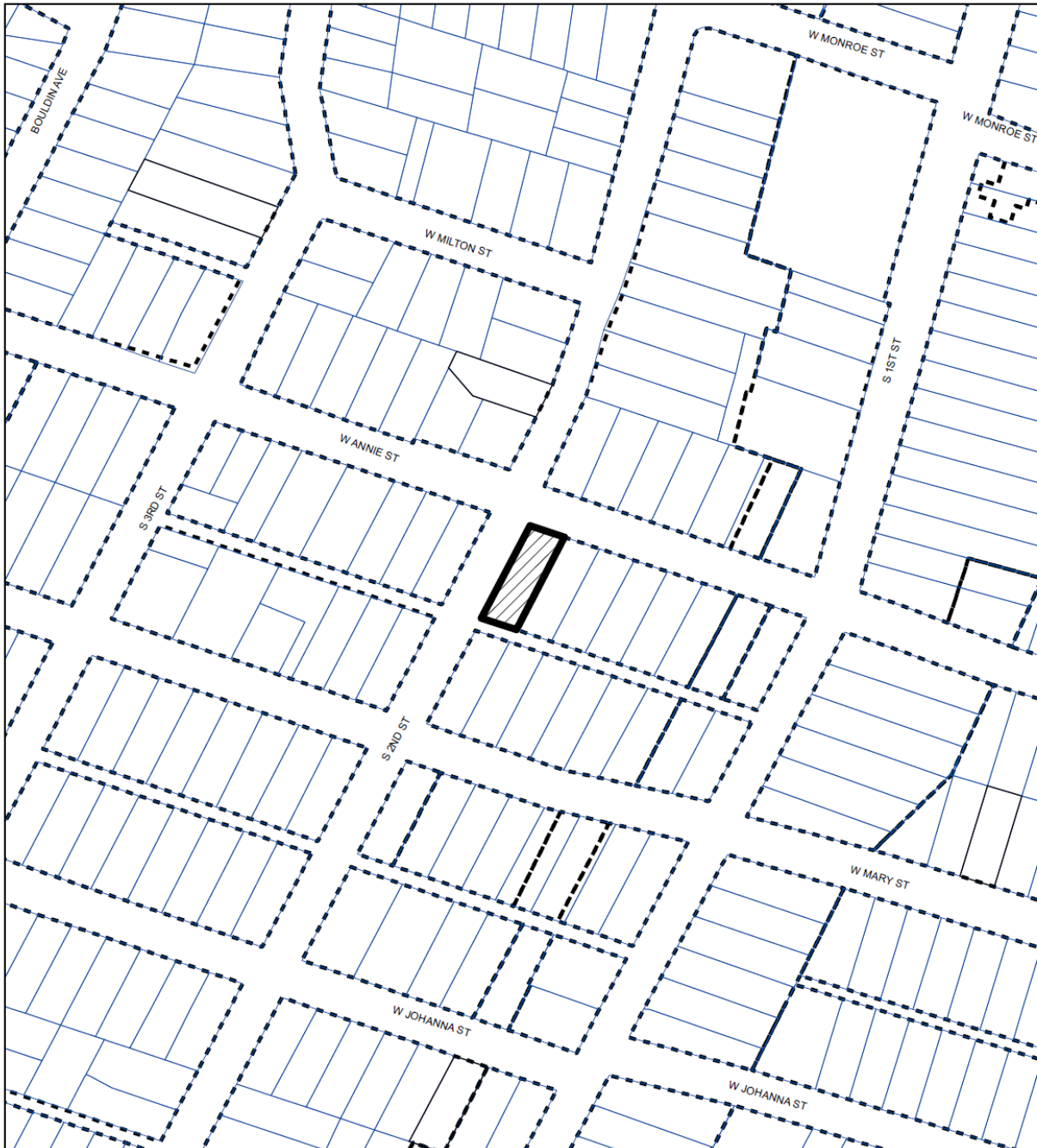
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
The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but there does not seem to be any additional information about the original location of the house to determine its pre-1958 history. All of the members of the Garcia family who lived in this house have passed on, and efforts to find their descendants to determine the original location of the house have not been successful. However, the house is a fine example of a ca. 1910s transitional style cottage with a Queen Anne-style window in the front with a leaded glass transom, and a projecting bay window on the right side of the house, and if it is structurally sound and capable of being moved, that would be staff's recommendation – to allow it to be re-used and preserved in another location.

LOCATION MAP



 SUBJECT TRACT
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0235
 LOCATION: 615 West Annie Street



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615 West Annie Street
ca. 1912 – moved to this site in 1958



Side of the house – shows the projecting bay window and the partial-width inset porch.



Front of the house



Detail shot of the Queen Anne-style window in the front of the house with a leaded glass transom.

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 615 West Annie Street

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

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| 1992 | Jesse J. Garcia, renter Employed by JC Penney |
| 1985-86 | Jesse J. Garcia, renter Employed by JC Penney |
| 1981 | Jesse J. Garcia, renter Employed by JC Penney |
| 1977 | Walter B. and Nellie H. Garcia, owners Warehouse manager, Cabaniss-Brown Furniture; warehouse, 6101 Dillard Circle. Also listed is Jesse J. Garcia, employed by JC Penney. |
| 1973 | Walter B. and Nellie H. Garcia, owners Warehouse manager, Cabaniss-Brown Furniture; warehouse, 6101 Dillard Circle. |
| 1969 | Walter B and Nellie H. Garcia, owners Warehouse manager, Cabaniss-Brown Furniture Company, 211 E. 5 th Street and 811 Clayton Lane. |

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| 1964 | Walter B. and Nellie H. Garcia, owners Service manager, Cabaniss-Brown Furniture, 211 E. 5 th Street. |
| 1960 | Walter B. and Nellie H. Garcia, owners Service manager, Cabaniss-Brown Furniture, 211 E. 5 th Street. |
| 1958 | The address is not listed in the directory NOTE: Walter and Nellie Garcia are listed as living at 709 West Elizabeth Street; he was a driver for Cabaniss-Brown Furniture Company. |
| 1957 | Vacant |
| 1955 | Vacant |
| 1954 | Vacant |
| 1953 | Vacant |
| 1952 | The address is not listed in the directory. |

Walter B. Garcia

Mr. Walter B. Garcia, 75, of Austin, passed away Thursday, November 19, 1998.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Angel Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, with Reverend Father Harold Zink officiating. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Mr. Garcia was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Cerila Garcia; and a brother, Manuel Garcia.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie H. Garcia; daughters, Isabel Kelly, Lydia Ledesma and Delia Garcia; sons, Jesse Garcia, Martin Garcia and Adrian Garcia; sister, Lupe Huck; and a brother, Albert Garcia, all of Austin; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Samuel DeLeon & Son/Angel Funeral Home, 1600 S. First St., Austin, TX. (512) 441-9738.

Obituary of Walter Garcia

Austin American-Statesman, November 20, 1998

Springs. Services 7 p.m. Thursday.

GARCIA, Jesse John, 55, of Austin died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. today, San Jose Catholic Church. Burial Assumption Cemetery. Arrangements by Angel

Obituary of Jesse J. Garcia
Austin American-Statesman, October 24, 2001

GARCIA, Nellie H., 88, of Austin died Friday. Visitation 7 p.m. today, Angel Funeral Home. Services 12:30 p.m. Monday, San Jose Catholic Church. Burial Assumption Cemetery.
Published in Austin American-Statesman on November 6, 2011

Death notice for Nellie Garcia
Austin American-Statesman, November 6, 2011

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