

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0294
4532 AVENUE F**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1930 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan cross-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width side-gabled independent porch on battered wood posts and paneled brick piers. Fenestration patterns are unknown – the house is boarded up.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1930, but the first time the address appears in the city directories, the house is listed as vacant. Fireman James Whitaker and his wife purchased the house around 1931 and lived here until around 1936. The house was rented out until around 1940, when it was purchased by house painter Carl Blum and his wife, Barbara Ethel. Members of the Blum family remained in this house for the rest of their lives – the last surviving daughter, Dorothy, a retired telephone operator, lived here almost until her death in 2004.

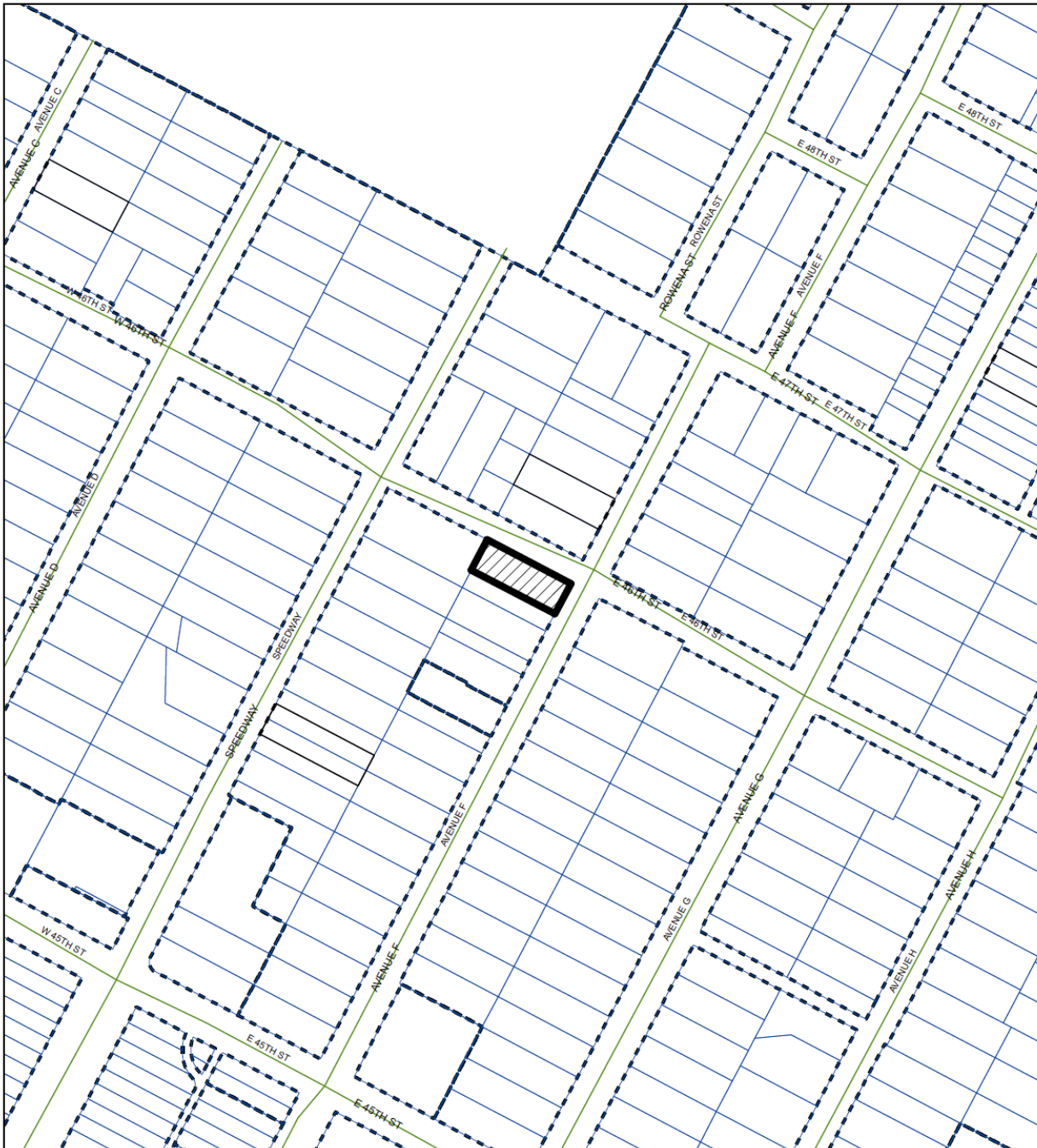
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit application after completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations (with boards over the windows and doors removed), a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0294
LOCATION: 4532 Avenue F



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4532 Avenue F
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

4532 Avenue F

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

1990	Dorothea A. Blum, owner Retired
1985-86	Dorothea A. Blum (not listed as the owner) No occupation listed
1981	Barbara N. Blum, owner Retired Also listed are Carl F. Blum, Jr., no occupation listed; and Dorothea Blum, an operator for the Telephone Company.
1977	Fred Blum, owner Retired Also listed are Barbara N. Blum, no occupation listed; Carl F. Blum, Jr., a painter; and Dorothea Blum, a clerk at the Telephone Company.
1973	Fred Blum, owner Retired Also listed are Carl F. Blum, Jr., a painter, and Dorothea Blum, a clerk at the Telephone Company.
1968	Carl F. and Ethel Blum, owners Retired Also listed are Carl F. Blum, Jr., a painter; and Dorothea Blum, a clerk at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
1962	Carl F. and Ethel Blum, owners Paint contractor (office at the house) Also listed are Carl F. Blum, Jr., no occupation stated; and Dorothy Blum, a clerk at the Telephone Company.
1957	Carl F. and Barbara Blum, owners Painter (office at the house) Also listed are Carl F. Blum, Jr., a painter; Dorothea A. Blum, a clerk at the Telephone Company; Freddie A. Blum, a painter; and Nancy Blum, a telephone operator.
1953	Carl F. and Barbara E. Blum, owners Painter Also listed are Barbara N. Blum, a telephone operator; Carl F. Blum, Jr., a painter; and Dorothea Blum, a telephone operator.
1949	Carl F. and Ethel B. Blum, owners Paint contractor Also listed is Dorothea A. Blum, a telephone operator.

- 1947 Carl F. and Barbara E. Blum, owners
Painter
Also listed are Dorothea A. Blum, a telephone operator; and Freddie A. Blum, a student at the University of Texas.
- 1944-45 Carl F. and Ethel Blum, owners
Painter
Also listed is Dorothea A. Blum, a telephone operator.
- 1941 Carl F. and Barbara Blum (not listed as owners)
Painter
Also listed is Dorothy Blum, a student.
- 1939 Clarence C. and Jewel Henderson, renters
Driver
NOTE: Carl F. and Barbara Ethel Blum are listed as living at 1700 E. 14th Street; he is listed as a carpenter.
- 1937 Barnett and Grace Davis, renters
Laborer, City Street and Bridge Department
- 1935 James M. and Jewel Whitaker, owners
Captain, Central Fire Station
- 1932-33 James M. and Pearl Whitaker, owners
Captain, City Fire Department
- 1930-31 Vacant
NOTE: James M. and Pearl Whitaker are listed as living at 1406 Guadalupe Street; he is listed as a hoseman with the Austin Fire Department.
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

JAMES M. and PEARL WHITAKER (ca. 1930 - ca. 1934)

JAMES M. and JEWEL WHITAKER (ca. 1934 – ca. 1936)

James M. Whitaker was born in Texas in 1900. He appears in the 1900 U.S. Census report as the infant son of Jesse and Lucindy Whitaker, Kentucky-born farmers in Hays County, Texas. By 1910, according to the census report, the family had moved to Travis County. James M. Whitaker does not appear in the 1920 U.S. Census report, but the 1930 census report shows him living in a rented duplex at 1406 Guadalupe Street with his wife, Pearl. He is listed as a city fireman; Pearl Whitaker was a rural school teacher. James Whitaker was 30; Pearl Whitaker was 29. They had no children. It is possible that James and Pearl Whitaker divorced between 1930 and 1940 – she died in Junction, Texas in 1982 and it seems clear that James Whitaker married another woman, Jewel, by 1935.

The 1940 U.S. Census report shows James M. and Jewel Whitaker living in a rented house at 1311 W. 10th Street in Austin. James M. Whitaker was then 40 years old; his wife is listed as Jewel Whitaker, who was then 33, had been born in Texas, and was an office worker at a department store. She also appears in the 1930 U.S. Census report as the wife of Dee Bird, an auto mechanic. James Whitaker and Jewel had a daughter, Barbara, who was 6, Jewel's two sons, Douglas, 14, and Eugene, 11, and Jewel Whitaker's mother, Dora Hamilton, a 63-year old widow. Her boys and mother are also listed in the 1930 census when she was married to Dee Bird. She died December 24, 1991 in Tarrant County, as Jewel Bird.

CAPTAIN JAMES M. WHITAKER

Captain James Marion Whitaker, 54, of 107 East Anne, died at his home Tuesday. He was a retired fireman, having served for 32 years in the Austin Fire Department.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Barbara White of Monaca, Pa., three brothers: Henry Whitaker of Kyle, John W. Whitaker and Lee Whitaker, both of Austin, and four sisters: Mrs. Luta McCowan of Buda, Mrs. Fannie McGary of San Marcos, Mrs. Julia O'Dell of Driftwood and Mrs. Anne Tomblin of San Marcos.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a. m. at the Hyman Manor Funeral Home, with Dr. D. H. Bonner of the Congress Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery. Pallbearers will be R. A. Spears, Jr., W. O. Lane, W. A. McAngus, Leo Brown, Claude Wright Jr., and Tom Pinckney.

Obituary of James M. Whitaker
Austin American, September 2, 1954

**Pearl Lankford
Whitaker**

Pearl Lankford Whitaker, age 88 of Junction,

formerly of Austin, died Thursday.

Services are 3:30 P.M. Saturday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, Chapel of the Bells, with Reverend Robert L. Sheffield officiating. Burial in Austin Memorial Park.

Survivors are son, Alvin W. Whitaker, Junction; two sisters, Ollie Swofford, Belle Barnes, both of Austin; two brothers, Ben Lankford, Houston, George Lankford, Corpus Christi; ten grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Bobby Stephens, Danny Whitaker, Cecil Barnes, Arthur Polk, James Swofford, Woody Burl Lankford.

Obituary of Pearl Whitaker
Austin American-Statesman, August 14, 1982

CARL F. and BARBARA ETHEL BLUM and FAMILY (ca. 1940 – ca. 1990s)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Carl F. and B. Ethel Blum living 1t 1600 E. 14th Street, a house they owned, and which was worth \$2,200. Carl Blum was then 41, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and was a house painter. B. Ethel Blum was then 37, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children: Claudia, 15, who was a saleslady in a department store, Freddie, 12, Helen, 9, Dorothy, 6, and Carl, Jr., 4. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1900 U.S. Census reveals that Carl Blum was the 11-year old son of Annie Blum, a 50-year old widow who had been born in Germany. The family lived at 1604 E. 14th Street. Annie Blum was a washerwoman. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Carl Blum living with his mother, Annie, at 1406 E. 14th Street. Annie Blum is listed as having her own income. Carl Blum was listed as a paper-hanger. With them also lived Carl's sister Lena, and her husband, John G. Brideson (Brydson?), who is listed as a painter. He was 35 and had been born in Wisconsin. Lena (Helena) Blum Brideson was 22. They had an infant.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Carl and Ethel Blum living in a rented house at 1112 E. 9th Street. Claudia and Freddie were no longer listed in the census listing with their parents. Carl Sr. was a painter with building construction. The Blums had another daughter, Nancy, 7. None of the remaining children had an occupation listed.

The image shows two documents side-by-side. The left document is a 'REGISTRATION CARD' for Carl Friedrich Blum, No. 188. It contains the following information: Name: Carl Friedrich Blum; Address: 1606 E. Austin, Travis County, Texas, U. S. A.; Date of birth: May 26, 1889; Place of birth: Del Valle, Texas, U.S.A.; Occupation: Painter & Paper Hanger; Employer: P. W. Egkardt; Support: Wife, child and mother; Military service: None. The right document is a 'REGISTRAR'S REPORT' No. 1570, dated June 29, 1917. It contains the following information: Name: Carl Friedrich Blum; Address: 1606 E. Austin, Travis County, Texas, U. S. A.; Signature: Ed Schmitz; Date of registration: June 29, 1917.

Carl Blum's World War I draft registration card shows that he was born in 1889 in Del Valle, Texas, lived at 1606 E. 14th Street, and was a painter and paperhanger. He had a wife, child, and mother to support.

C. F. BLUM

C. F. Blum, 81, of 4532 Ave. F., died in a local hospital Saturday. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and the Sons of Herman Lodge. He was a lifelong resident of Austin. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Blum, of Austin; four daughters, Mrs. Jack P. Sallis, of Dallas, Mrs. Helen Bates, Miss Dorothea Blum and Miss Barbara Nancy Blum, all of Austin; two sons, Fred A. Blum and Carl F. Blum Jr., both of Austin; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Private funeral will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Cook Funeral Home, with Rev. Harold Zink, di CSC, officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Carl F. Blum
Austin American-Statesman, March 21, 1971

MRS. ETHEL MANN BLUM

Mrs. Ethel Mann Blum, 79, of 4532 Ave. F., died in a local hospital Friday. She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Survivors are two sons, Fred A. Blum and Carl Blum Jr., both of Austin; four daughters, Dorothea Blum, Barbara Nancy Blum and Mrs. Helen Bates, all of Austin, Mrs. Claudia Sallis of Dallas; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral is pending -- at Cook Walden Funeral Home

Death notice for Ethel Blum
Austin American-Statesman, May 19, 1973

MRS. ETHEL MANN BLUM

Mrs. Ethel Mann Blum, 79, 4532 Avenue F, died in a local hospital Friday. She was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Survivors include two sons, Fred A. Blum and Carl Blum, Jr., both of Austin; four daughters, Miss Dorothea Blum, Miss Barbara Nancy Blum, Mrs. Helen Bates, all of Austin, and Mrs. Claudia Sallis of Dallas; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Rev. Harold Zink, C.S.C., officiating. Burial will be in the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. Rosary was said Saturday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Obituary of Ethel Blum
Austin American-Statesman, May 20, 1973

Carl F. Blum, Jr.

Carl F. Blum, Jr. of Austin, passed away Saturday, February 10, 1996, following a hard fought battle with emphysema.

He was born November 17, 1925, in Austin to Carl F. Blum, Sr. and Barbara Ethel Mann Blum. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Fred Blum, Sr. and a sister, Claudia Blum Sallis.

Survivors include three sisters, Helen Bates, Dorothea Blum and Nancy Blum; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday, February 12, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, in the Davis Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cook-Walden Capital Parks.

Our special thanks to everyone of Unit III at the Arbor Nursing Center, with very special thanks to Mrs. Tippie Jefferson, who gave him special care and helped to make his everyday life there as happy as possible.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 27170, Austin, Texas 78755-2170.



**Cook-
Walden.**

6100 North Lamar
512 454-5611

Obituary of Carl F. Blum, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, February 12, 1996

Barbara Nancy Blum

Barbara Nancy Blum, age 65, of Austin passed away Thursday, February 5, 1998. She was born December 15, 1932, in Austin, to Carl and Barbara Ethel (Mann) Blum.

Miss Blum was a native Austinite and a member of St. Mary's.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Barbara Blum; her sister, Claudia Blum Sallis; and her brothers, Carl Blum Jr., and Fred Blum.

She is survived by her sisters, Dorothea Blum and Helen Bates, both of Austin, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 1998, at Austin Memorial Park.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or Diabetes Association.



6100 North Lamar
512/454-5611

Obituary of Barbara Nancy Blum
Austin American-Statesman, February 6, 1998

BLUM, Dorothy Nell, 83, of Manchaca died Wednesday. Visitation 6 p.m. today, Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home. Services 2 p.m. Sunday, Live Oak Cemetery, Manchaca.

Death notice for Dorothy Blum
Austin American-Statesman, September 11, 2004