

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JANUARY 28, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
1905 GARDEN STREET  
HDP-2012-0464**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1911 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story rectangular – plan pyramidal-roofed frame house with a partial width inset porch on plain, square wood posts and concrete piers on the left side of the front façade; 1:1 fenestration; non-historic sidelight to the left of the non-historic front door; open carport attached to the left side of the house, and a rectangular-plan frame addition to the rear.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built around 1911; the first owners and occupants were Samuel and Estelle Hamby, who are listed in the 1912-13 city directory at this address. Previously, Sam Hamby had lived at 1212 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and had worked as a laborer for the Austin Canning Company. When he and Estelle moved into this house, he was a fireman for the City Water, Light, and Power Department. The Hamby's lived here until around 1919, then apparently moved to Houston, where Sam was a stationary engineer. In later life, he returned to Austin and was a farmer and a plumber. A Mrs. S.F. Howell rented the house in 1920, and by 1922, the house was occupied by Mrs. Johnnie A. Fulkes and her sons, Walter and Melvin. Johnnie Fulkes was the widow of John Fulkes, who had farmed in Travis County, and died in 1913. Sam Hamby's wife, Estelle, was the daughter of John and Johnnie Fulkes. The Fulkes family lived here until around 1936; the house is listed as vacant in the 1937 city directory, and Mrs. Fulkes died in 1938; she was living on Canterbury Street at the time.

The house was then a rental unit until around 1946, when it was purchased and occupied by Charles and Freida Lablack. Charles Lablack was a porter for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, but it appears that he and Freida divorced around 1948. Freida Lablack is listed as the sole occupant and owner of the house until the early 1960s. She worked variously as a kindergarten cook, a nursing home cook, and a nurse in a nursing home. She died in 1968. The house then became a rental unit again with a series of Hispanic renters, including Martin Contreras, an auto painter, who lived here in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

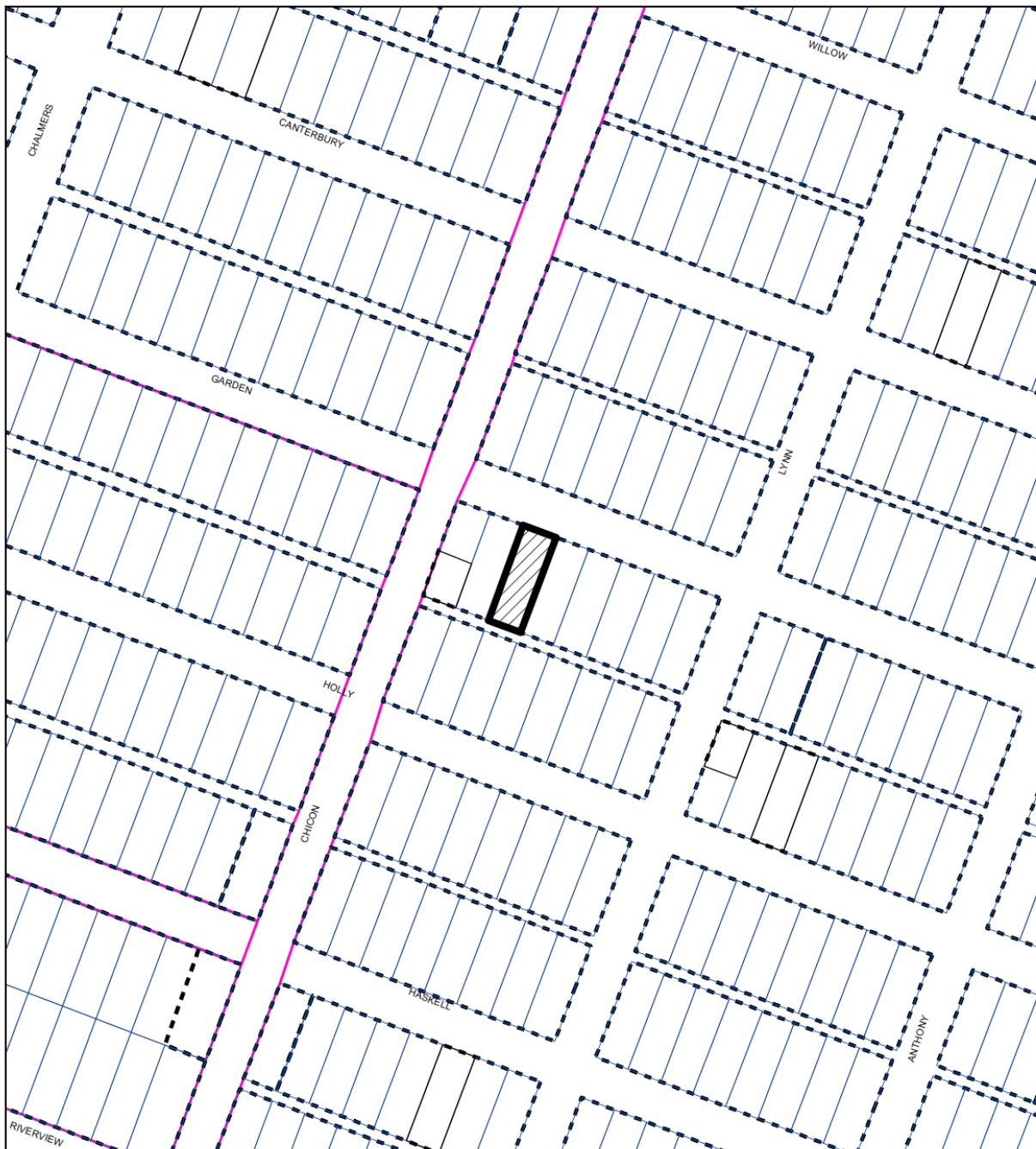
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

# LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0464  
LOCATION: 1905 Garden Street



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1905 Garden Street  
ca. 1911



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 1905 Garden Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
 By City Historic Preservation Office  
 January, 2013

1992	Gertrude Garza, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Gertrude Garza was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Pete and Flora Briones, renters No occupation listed
1981	Martin M. and Elizabeth Contreras, renters Painter
1977	Martin M. and Elizabeth Contreras, renters Painter, Bob Miller Volkswagen, 6111 E. U.S. 290
1973	Gloria G. Aguilar, renter No occupation listed
1969	L. M. and Olivia Ancira, renters No occupation listed
1962	Freida Lablack, owner Nurse, Sankey's Nursing Home, 310 Radam Lane
1958	Freida Lablack, owner Cook, Lamar Nursing Home, 2026 South Lamar Boulevard
1954	Freida Lablack, owner Nurse, Taylor Nursing Home, 3911 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street
1952	Freida Lablack, owner Cook, Austin Kindergarten, 1403 Enfield Road and 2009 Sabine Street.
1949	Freida Lablack, owner Janitor
1947	Charles H. and Freida Lablack, owners Porter, Missouri Pacific Lines Also listed is William A. Lablack, a driver for Picks Transportation (not listed in the directory).
1944-45	George W. and Cecil Campbell, renters Helper, University of Texas NOTE: Charles H. and Freida Lablack are not listed in the directory.
1941	George W. and Cecil Campbell, renters Ice man

1939	Thomas F. and Nellie Russell, renters Painter
1937	Vacant
1935	Mrs. Johnnie A. Fulkes, renter Widow, John Fulkes No occupation listed Also listed are Melvin C. Fulkes, a steelworker, and Walter Fulkes, no occupation stated.
1932-33	Mrs. Johnnie A. Fulkes, renter Widow, John Fulkes No occupation listed Also listed are Melvin C. Fulkes, a foreman, and Walter Fulkes, no occupation stated.
1930-31	Mrs. Johnnie A. Fulkes, renter Widow, John Fulkes No occupation listed Also listed is Melvin C. Fulkes, a foreman with Heierman-Tips, machinery and supplies, 117-19 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1929	Mrs. Johnnie A. Fulkes, renter Widow, John Fulkes No occupation listed Also listed is Melvin C. Fulkes, a foreman with Heierman-Tips, machinery and supplies, 117-19 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1927	Jodie Fulkes, renter No occupation listed Also listed is Melvin Fulkes, who was employed by Walker Property Association, canners, 500-02 W, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street.
1924	Mrs. J.A. Fulkes, renter (not listed in the main section of the directory).
1922	Jack A. and Jodie Fulkes, renters Fruits, 1004 Congress Avenue
1920	Mrs. S.F. Howell, renter No occupation listed NOTE: Jack, Jodie, or Johnnie Fulkes are not listed in the directory.
1918	Samuel T. and Estelle Hamby, owners Pump tender, City Water, Light, and Power Department
1916	Samuel T. Hamby Employed by the City Water, Light, and Power Department
1914	Samuel T. Hamby Fireman, City Water, Light, and Power Department

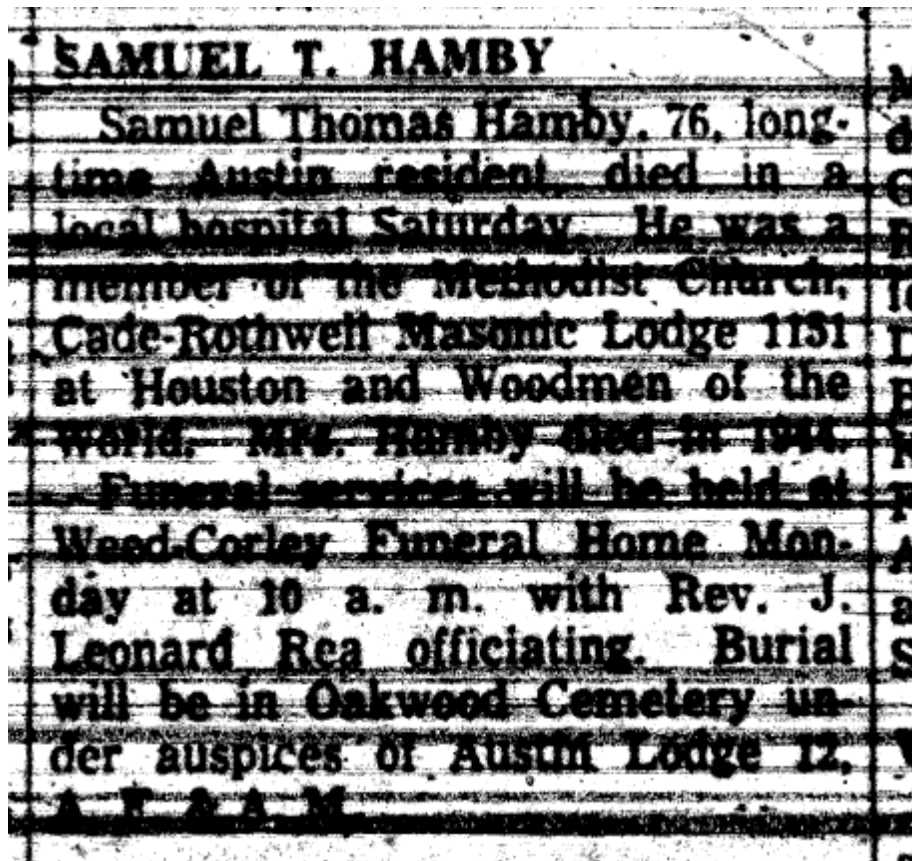


- 1912-13 Samuel T. Hamby  
Fireman, City Water, Light, and Power Department
- 1910-11 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Samuel T. Hamby is listed as living at 1212 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; he was a laborer for Austin Canning Company, 401-17 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:****Samuel T. and Estelle Fulkes Hamby (ca. 1911 – ca. 1919)**

Samuel and Estelle Hamby appear in the 1910 U.S. Census living at 1612 Willow Street in Austin. Samuel Hamby was then 33, had been born in Texas, and was a stationary engineer. Estelle Hamby was then 24 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Sam and Estelle Hamby living in Houston, where he was a stationary engineer for an oil company. They lived in the home of her brother, Paul Fulkes. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Sam and Estelle living on a farm in Travis County. He is listed as a farmer. The 1940 U.S. Census shows Sam and Estelle Hamby living in Travis County where Sam was a plumber. He died in 1956.



Obituary of Samuel Hamby  
Austin American-Statesman, July 8, 1956

## SAMUEL THOMAS HAMBY

Samuel Thomas Hamby, 76, died in a local hospital Saturday. He was a member of the Methodist Church, the Cade-Rothwell Masonic Lodge No. 1151 at Houston, and the Woodmen of the World.

Funeral services will be held at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Monday. Rev. J. Leonard Rea will officiate and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery under the auspices of Austin Lodge No. 12 A. F. & A. M.

Obituary of Samuel T. Hamby  
Austin American, July 9, 1956

### **Mrs. Johnnie Fulkes (ca. 1921 – ca. 1936)**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Johnnie Fulkes at this address; she is listed as a renter. She was then 64 years old, had been born in Arkansas, and had no occupation listed. With her lived her two sons, Jack, 31, a deputy sheriff, and Melvin, 25, a foreman at a foundry. Both boys had been born in Texas. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Johnnie Fulkes living on a farm in Travis County with her sons, Walter, 18, and Melvin 15. Johnnie Fulkes is listed as a farmer; both boys are listed as farm laborers. The 1910 U.S. Census shows John and Johnnie Fulkes living on a farm in Williamson County, Texas, with sons, Jack, Walter, and Melvin. John Fulkes is listed as a farmer. Jack Fulkes is listed as a farm laborer on the home farm. No other family member had an occupation listed. The 1900 U.S. Census shows John and Johnnie Fulkes living on a farm in Travis County. John Fulkes was then a 45-year old Texas-born farmer. Their children were Annie, 15, Estelle, 14, Paul, 11, Bessie, 7, and Jack, 2. Estelle Fulkes eventually married Samuel Hamby; the Hamby's lived with Paul Fulkes in Houston in 1920.

### **J. A. FULKES**

J. A. Fulkes, 58 years old died yesterday at his residence four miles north of Austin. He had been a life-long resident of Travis County and a member of Rock Creek Church for many years. His wife and seven children, Mrs. W. R. Glenn, Mrs. Sam Hamby, Mrs. Ed Reeves and Paul, Jack, Walter and Melvin Fulkes survive. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Obituary of John A. Fulkes  
Austin Daily Statesman, April 29, 1913

### **MRS. JOHNNIE A. FULKES**

Mrs. Johnnie Alice Fulkes, 73, died at the family home at 2303 Canterbury street at 12:15 p. m. Monday after an illness of about two years. Mrs. Fulkes had been a resident of Austin for the past 17 years. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. W. B. Glenn of Georgetown, Mrs. E. M. Reeves and Mrs. Estelle Hamby, both of Austin; 4 sons, Walter, Jack and Melvin Fulkes, all of Austin, and Paul Fulkes of Houston.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p. m. Tuesday at the Thurlow Weed Funeral home, 1000 Lavaca street, and burial will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

Obituary of Johnnie Fulkes  
Austin American, June 21, 1938



**M. C. FULKES**

M. C. (Babe) Fulkes, 5706 Nasco died Wednesday at his home. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. W. T. Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery near Liberty Hill.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mae Fulkes; two sisters, Mrs. Ed Reeves of Austin and Mrs. Annie Glenn of Georgetown; three brothers, Paul Fulkes of Houston, Jack Fulkes of Baytown and Walter Fulkes of Austin.

Pallbearers will be Bob Barnhart, E. W. Holz, L. L. McCandless, J. E. Ricks, William Kay Miller, C. A. McAden Jr., Frank Heironimus and S. O. Yarbrough.

Obituary of Melvin C. Fulkes  
Austin American, January 14, 1960

## WALTER FULKES

Walter Fulkes, 70, of Austin, died in a local hospital Wednesday morning. He was a longtime resident of Austin and a former employee of a west coast oil co.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mae Fulkes, Liberty Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at the direction of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Obituary of Walter Fulkes  
Austin American, August 10, 1972

### Mrs. S.F. Howell (ca. 1919 – ca. 1921)

S.F. Howell is listed as the renter of this house in the 1920 U.S. Census; she was a 43-year old Arkansas-born widow with no occupation listed. Her son, Earl, 24, was a stenographer for an oil company. Three younger children had no occupations listed. All of the children had been born in Arkansas.

### George and Cecil Campbell (ca. 1941 – ca. 1946)

George W. and Cecil Campbell appear in the 1940 U.S. Census renting a house at 2511 Diaz Street in Austin. George W. Campbell was 33, had been born in Texas, and was an ice delivery man. Cecil Campbell was then 25, and had been born in Texas. They had two sons, Douglas, 4, and Roger, 6 months. With them also lived George Campbell's father, Albert, 61, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. The 1930 U.S. Census shows George W. Campbell living on a farm with his parents, George A. and Alice Campbell, on the Austin and Driftwood Road in Travis County. The elder Campbell was a farmer; George W. Campbell is listed as a farm laborer.

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

**ELLYSON, Mary Emma, 85, of Georgia.**

Death notice for George W. Campbell

Austin American-Statesman, November 20, 1991

**Charlie and Freida Lablack (ca. 1946 – ca. 1948)**

**Freida Lablack (ca. 1948 – ca. 1966)**

Charlie and Freida Lablack appear in the 1940 U.S. Census renting a house on Lutheran Church Road in Travis County, Texas. Both Charlie and Freida were then 28, and both had been born in Texas. Charlie Lablack is listed as a farmer; Freida Lablack had no occupation listed. With them lived Freida's four sons, Bill, Ervin, Harold, and Robert Ehrlich; Bill, at 11 was the oldest. They also had a daughter of their own, Charlene, who was 3 months old.

**MRS. FRIEDA LABLACK**

Mrs. Frieda Lablack, 56, of 4803 Gonzales, died in a local hospital Friday. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Charlene Larson of Ottawa, Ill., four sons, William A. Ehrlich and Robert A. Ehrlich, Austin; Harold Gene Ehrlich, Manor, and Ervin Ehrlich, Mendota; two sisters, Miss Loraine Stolle and Mrs. Erna Edgar, Austin; two brothers, August Stolle and Otto Stolle, Austin; and fifteen grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. from the Chapel of Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. J. F. Owen, pastor of Bethel Assembly of God Church, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. P. H. Barrett, pastor of Assembly of God Church in Taylor.

Burial will be in Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

**MRS. FRIEDA LABLACK**  
 Funeral for Mrs. Frieda Lablack will  
 be Sunday at 2 p.m. from the Wilke Clay  
 Funeral Home with Rev. J. F. Owen  
 officiating, assisted by Rev. P. A.  
 Borrett.  
 Burial will be in Salem Lutheran  
 Cemetery.

**CALVIN J. COLLIER, SR.**

Funeral notice for Freida Lablack  
 Austin American-Statesman, January 7, 1968

## **Charlie Lablack**

**Charlie Lablack, of Kyle, passed away on October 24, 1987, at the age of 75.**

**Services will be held, 2:00 PM, Monday afternoon at Pennington Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Live Oak Cemetery in Uhland.**

**He is survived by one daughter, Charlene Larson of Rogers, Arkansas; two brothers, Herman Lablack of Austin and Neill Lablack of Round Rock; one sister, Ruth Herzog of Kyle; four grandchildren.**

**Arrangements under the direction of Pennington Funeral Home, 323 North Comanche, San Marcos.**

Obituary of Charlie Lablack  
 Austin American-Statesman, November 26, 1987