

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 25, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
1300 CANTERBURY STREET  
HDP-2013-0024**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with ornamental eave brackets on the front gable; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1940 by George Layton, who built it as an investment property. The first known owners and occupants of the house were Cecil and Rachel Needham, who rented the house. Cecil Needham had been brought up on farms in Fayette and Travis counties, Texas, and by 1940, was married and working as a “hot shot man” for the Texas Public Service Company (the forerunner to Southern Union Gas). The Needhams lived here for only a short period; around 1942, the house was rented by Frank and Janie Swan. Frank Swan was a native of Sweden; he came to Travis County in 1900 and settled on a farm. In 1905, his widowed mother, Mary, joined him; they were living on a rented Travis County farm according to the 1920 U.S. Census report. By 1930, he had married Mary Jane Florida (Janie Swan), who had several children from a former marriage; they were apparently adopted by Frank Swan and given his surname. In 1930, Frank Swan was working as a laborer in a lumber yard; by 1940, he was working as a laborer for the Texas Public Service Company. After Frank died in July, 1943, Janie Swan remained as a renter in this house until the early 1950s. Andrew and Basilia Trevino rented the house from the early 1950s through the mid-1960s. According to the 1940 U.S. Census, Andrew Trevino was working as a florist’s helper in private yards; he had no occupation listed in the city directories of the 1950s, but by 1962, was listed as the proprietor of Ritter’s Service Station at 1401 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He died in Austin in 1966. Andrew and Sara Gonzales rented the house from the mid-1960s through the late 1970s. He is listed as a laborer in city directories.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

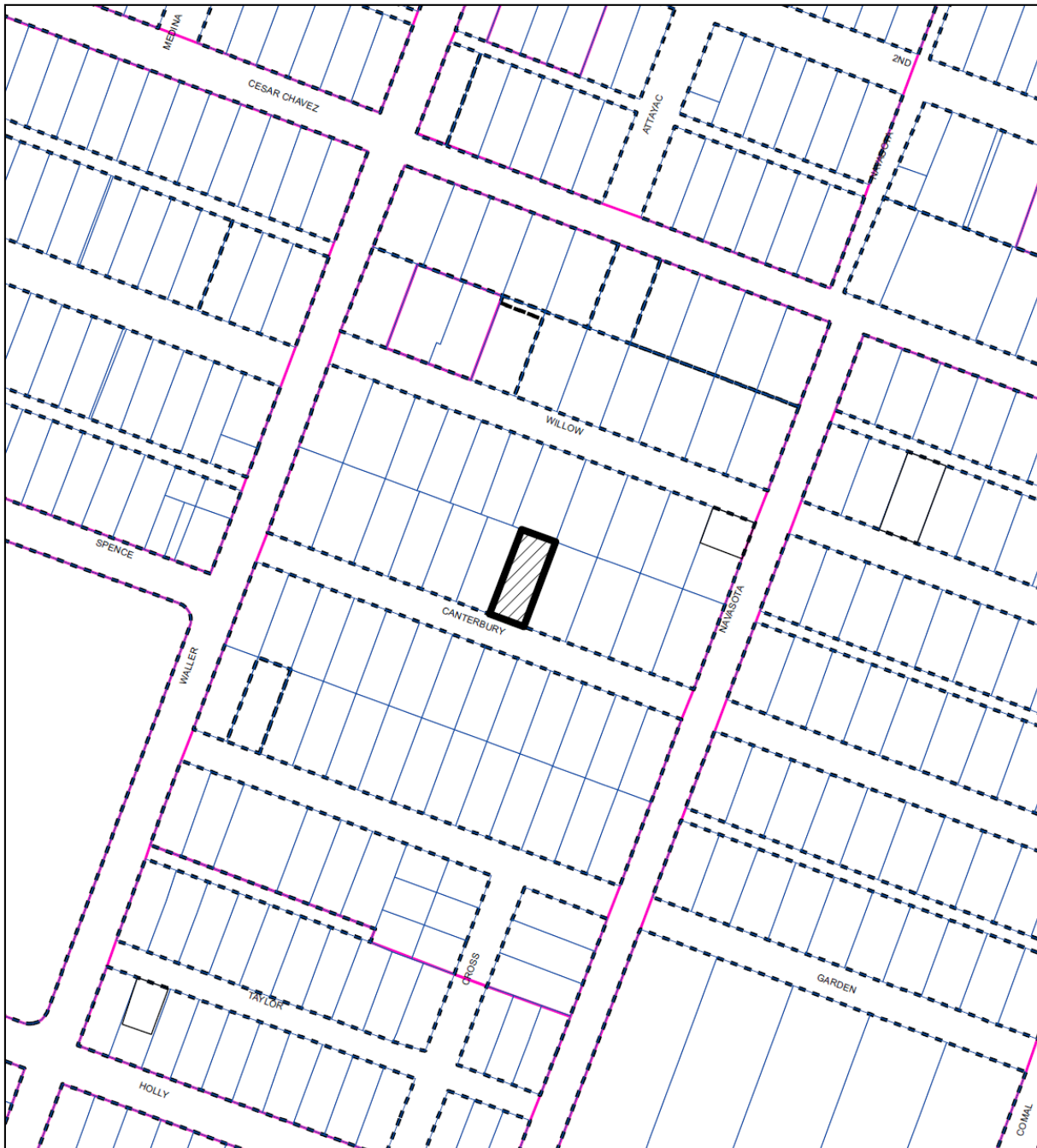
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0024  
LOCATION: 1300 Canterbury Street



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1300 Canterbury Street  
ca. 1940



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1300 Canterbury Street

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

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| 1992    | Elicio and Maria Perez, renters<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Elicio and Maria Perez were new residents at this address. |
| 1985-86 | Jose D. Delgado, renter<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Jose D. Delgado was a new resident at this address.                |
| 1981    | No return  |
| 1977    | Andrew and Sara Gonzales, renters<br>No occupation listed  |
| 1973    | Andrew Gonzales, renter<br>Laborer   |

1968	Andrew Gonzales, renter Laborer
1962	Andrew and Basilia H. Trevino, renters Proprietor, Ritter's Service Station, 1401 E 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.
1957	Andrew and Basilia H. Trevino, renters No occupation listed
1953	Andrew and Basilia H. Trevino, renters No occupation listed
1949	Janie Swan, renter Widow, Frank Swan Nurse
1947	Janie Swan, renter Widow, Frank Swan No occupation listed
1944-45	Janie Swan, renter Widow, Frank Swan No occupation listed Also listed are Frank J. Swan, a laborer, and Lucille Swan; no occupation stated.
1941	Cecil M. and Rachel Needham, renters Driver, Texas Public Service Company
1939	The address is not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Cecil and Rachel Needham (ca. 1940 – ca. 1943)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Cecil and Rachel Needham as the renters of this house. Cecil Needham was then 24, had been born in Texas, and was a "hot shot man" for the Texas Public Service Company. Rachel Needham was also 24 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. The couple had a daughter, Shirley, 4.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Cecil Needham as the 14-year old son of Marion and Marian Needham, who lived on a rented farm on Kennedy Road in Travis County. Cecil was the oldest of the four Needham children living on the farm. The 1920 U.S. Census shows the Needham family living on a rented farm on the Flatonia and Cistern Road in Fayette County, Texas. The census report also shows that Cecil had an older sister, Wilma, who was then 5 (Cecil was then 4).

## **Cecil M. Needham**

Cecil M. Needham, age 77, of Austin passed away Saturday.

Survivors include wife of 58 years, Rachel Needham, of Austin; daughter, Shirley Fick and husband, Louis, of Houston; brother, Kenneth Needham, of Houston; sisters, Ida Mae Giebelstein and Mary Eva Morris, both of Austin; granddaughter, Deanna Fick, of Houston; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home with Dr. Fabaus Landry officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Oaks Cemetery under the auspices of the Austin Masonic Lodge #12 AF and AM.

Pallbearers are Philip Needham, Billy Fisher, Michael Ragland, Tim Montgomery, Bob Long and Mickey Hudnett. Honorary pallbearers are Al Giebelstein, C.P. Metcalf, Earl Needham, Walter Hudnett, Joe Long, Ernest Stark and Jim Garcia.

Services are under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, 2620 South Congress.

**Frank and Janie Swan (ca. 1943 – ca. 1951)**

Frank W. and Janie Swan appear in the 1940 U.S. Census, renting the house at 1105 Taylor Street in Austin. Frank Swan was then 58, had been born in Sweden, and was a laborer for the Texas Public Service Company. Janie Swan was then 43, and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. According to the 1930 U.S. Census (below), this was a mixed family, with Janie's daughter, Myrtle, 15 (but with the surname of Swan), and the couples' four children together: David, 11, Lambert, 8, Walter, 7, and Patricia Ann, 1. All of the children had been born in Texas, and none had an occupation listed.

Frank and Janie Swan also appear in the 1930 U.S. Census report, living in a rented house at 1310 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Frank Swan was listed as a laborer at a lumber yard. The census also reveals that Frank J. Swan was the Janie Swan's son from a prior marriage, as was Lucille Swan, and Myrtie. The oldest of the couples' children was David, who was then 1 year old.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Frank Swan living with his widowed mother, Mary, on a farm in rural Travis County. Frank Swan had come to the United States from Sweden in 1900; his mother had come in 1905.

## **Mortuary**

### **FRANK W. SWAN**

Frank W. Swan, 62, died at his home, 1300 Canterbury street, Thursday. Swan was born in Jonkopin, Sweden, May 5, 1881, and came to the United States in 1900 and settled in Travis county. Seventeen years ago he moved to Austin. Surviving are his widow, three daughters, Mrs. P. K. Huls of Washington, D. C., Miss Myrtle Swan and Miss Patricia Ann Swan, both of Austin; three sons, Frank Swan, Jr., with the U. S. army air corps overseas, John David Swan and Walter Swan of Austin. The body is at the Hyttin Funeral home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Frank Swan, the husband of Janie Swan  
Austin American, July 2, 1943

**FRANK W. SWAN**

The body of Frank W. Swan will be at the Hyllin Funeral home until 9 a. m. Monday when it will be taken to the Gethsemane Lutheran church where services will be con-

ducted at 10 a. m. with the Rev. J. E. Chester officiating. Burial will be in Memorial park. Pallbearers will be John Fegerquist, Henry Humphrey, Arthur Olson, Roger Mussett, A. N. Ekstrom and C. E. Metcalf.

Funeral notice for Frank Swan  
Austin American-Statesman, July 4, 1943



**MRS. MARY J. SWAN**

Mrs. Mary J. Swan, 74, of 5558 Merkins, San Antonio, died in a San Antonio Hospital Thursday afternoon. Formerly of Austin, she was a member of Skyview Baptist Church, here. She had been a resident of San Antonio for four years.

Survivors include three sons, David Swan of California, Frank Swan and Walter Swan, both of Austin; three daughters, Lucille Hastings and Mrs. Myrtle Dean, both of Austin, and Mrs. Patsy Neyland of San Antonio; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Florida and Mrs. Maud Leifeste, both of Austin; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral is pending at Hyatt-Manor Funeral Home.

Obituary of Janie Swan  
Austin American, November 5, 1971



**MRS. MARY J. SWAN**  
**SAN ANTONIO—** Funeral for  
 Mrs. Mary J. Swan, 74, of 5558 S  
 Merkins, San Antonio, will be at  
 2 p.m. Sunday at Hykin-Manor  
 Funeral Home with Rev.  
 Johnny Hutchings officiating.  
 Burial will be in Austin  
 Memorial Park.  
 Mrs. Swan died in a San  
 Antonio Hospital Thursday  
 afternoon.

Funeral notice for Janie Swan  
 Austin American, November 6, 1971

**Andrew and Basilia Trevino (ca. 1951 – ca. 1966)**

The 1940 U.S. Census report shows Andrew and Basilia Trevino living in a rented house at 2000-B Riverview Street in Austin. Andrew Trevino was then 25, had been born in Texas, and was a florist's helper in private yards. Basilia Trevino was then 27, and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. The couple had three children: Manuel, 9, Arthur, 7, and Dora, 2. All of the children had been born in Texas.

**ANDREW TREVINO**

Andrew Trevino, 57, of 1305 E. 2nd, died in a local hospital Wednesday. Funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Mission Funeral Home with Rev. Stanley Guzik, OMI, officiating. Rosary will be recited Thursday at 8 p.m. at Mission Funeral Home.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bacilia Trevino; two daughters, Mrs. Rose Guerra and Mrs. Dora Arredondo, Austin; three sons, Manuel Trevino, Arthur Trevino and Mateo Trevino, Austin, his mother, Mrs. Antonia B. Trevino, Austin; eight sisters, Mrs. Tiofila T. Nandin, Mrs. Mary T. Capuchino, Mrs. Eloisa T. Rosas, Mrs. Eliselda Trevino, Mrs. Raguella T. Cantu and Mrs. Adela Trevino, Austin, Mrs. Emma T. Ramos, Dallas, and Mrs. Carlotta T. Guerrero, Houston; two brothers, Mateo Trevino, Michigan, and Francisco Trevino, Houston; and 18 grandchildren.

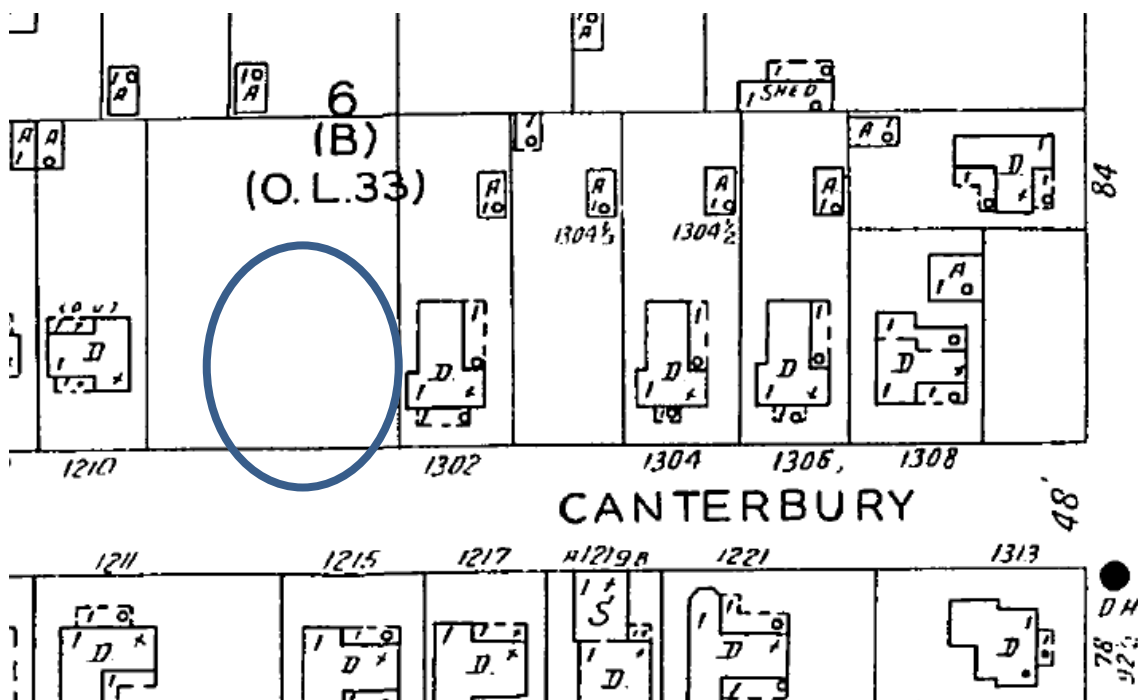
Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery under direction of Mission Funeral Home.

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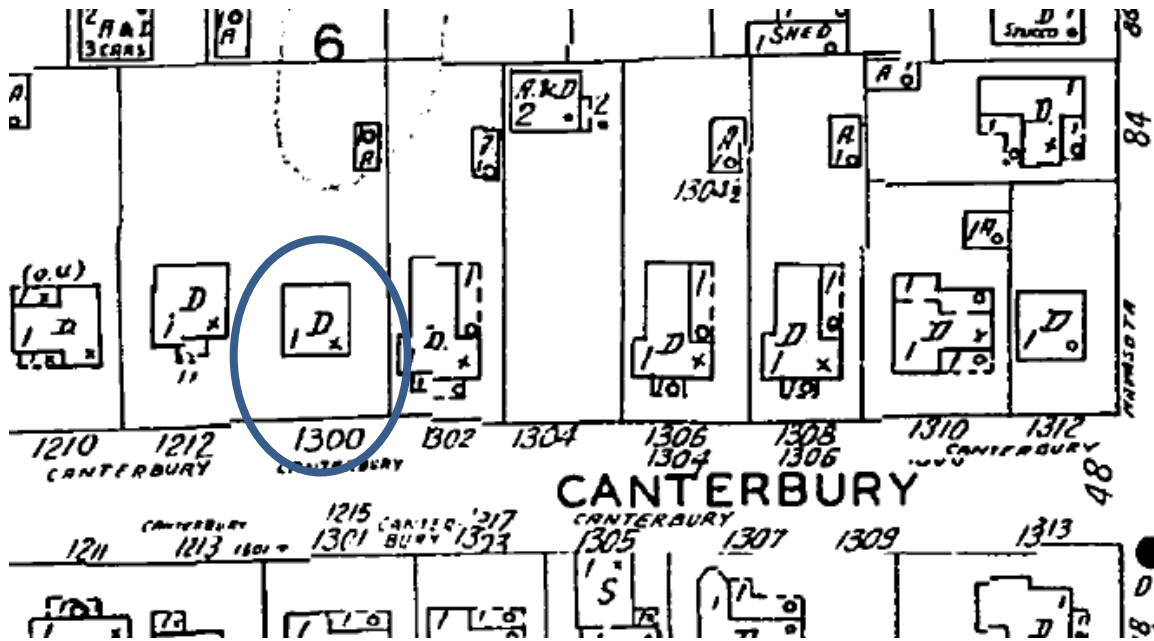
Funeral for Andrew Trevino, who died Wednesday in a local hospital, will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Stanley Gozek, O.M.I., officiating. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery under direction of Mission Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Martin Manchaca, Tony Resendez, Marcelino Fernandez, Chico Moncevais, and Andy Villegas.

Funeral notice for Andrew Trevino  
Austin American, July 29, 1966



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the site of the current house as a vacant lot.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house.

Connection Charge # 1994 Duplicate No 16558A

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

SE/II Austin, Texas, 2-19 1940

To 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 George C. Layton  
at 1300 Canterbury Street,  
further described as lot 36, block B-2, outlot  
subdivision Canterbury Square addition, plat 21  
which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
charge.

2-DEEP Respectfully, George C. Layton

AT-PL Stub Out By City

Connected 3-29 19 40 3-20-40

Size of Main 4 inches.

Size of Service 4 inches.

3 Feet Deep in ST

21 Feet from Property Line from 14'

Feet from Curb Line 41' of E

Inspected by George C. Layton

Connection made by Edmonston L.I.

13288 Sewer in Canterbury St. J.H.B.

Sewer connection application by George Layton for this address (1940)

NOTE: There is no evidence that George Layton ever lived in the house.

NOTE: There are no original construction building permits nor a water service permit for this address extant in City records.