

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 22, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
5106 CASWELL AVENUE  
HDP-2013-0143**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a house that was moved to the current site ca. 1950 from Camp Swift, Texas.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with single and paired 6:6 windows; one-story, rectangular-plan, side gabled addition to the right side.

**RESEARCH**

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City building permits indicate that the house was moved from Camp Swift in 1950. Frank W. Urbis, the father of the first owner and occupant, Helen Scharfe, and her husband, Emil, is listed on the building permit for the relocation of the house. Emil and Helen Scharfe lived here until Emil's death in 1990; Helen Scharfe lived here a number of years longer. Emil Scharfe was a brakeman for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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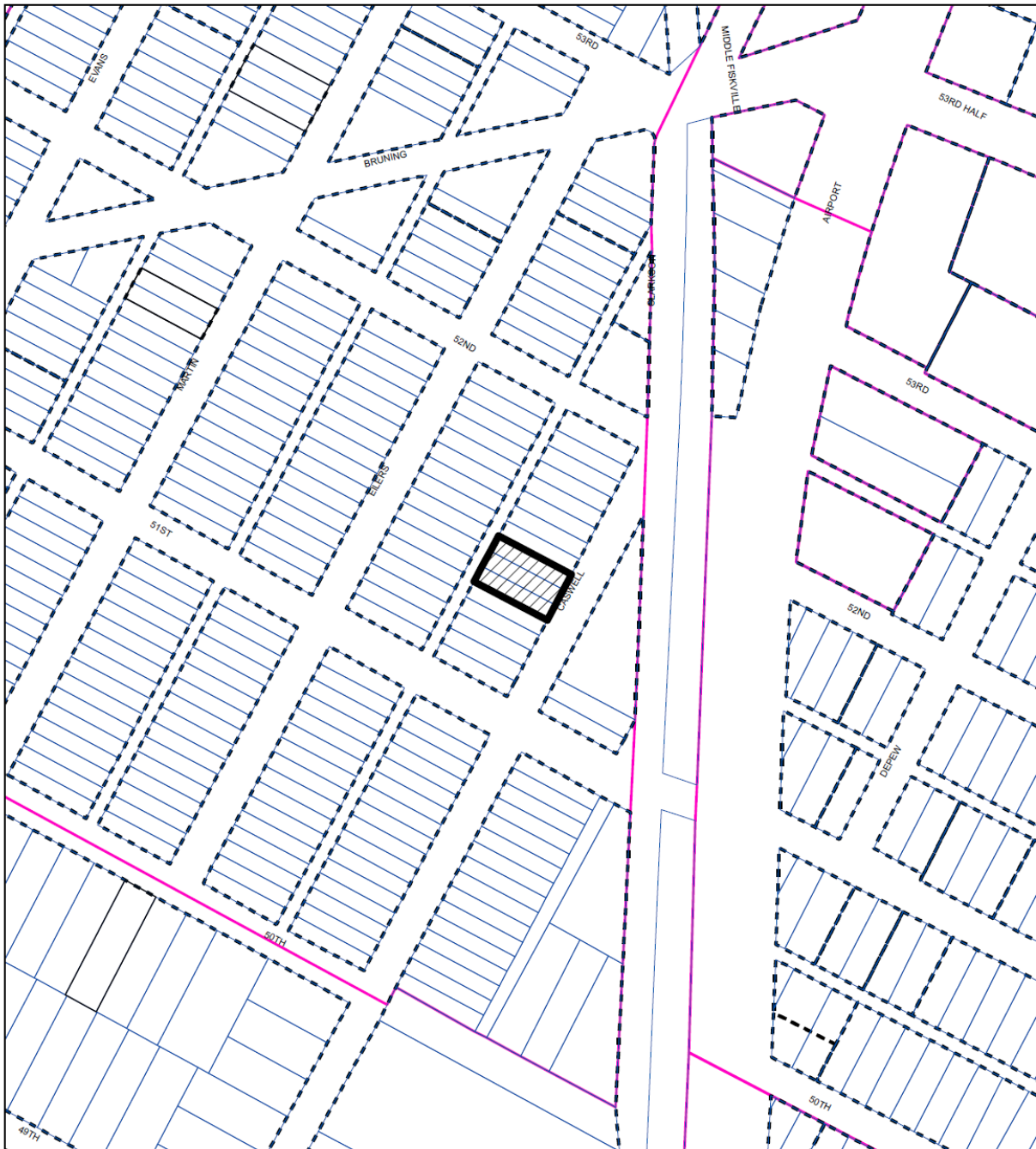
The house is not listed in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the demolition permit, but encourage the applicant to consider relocation if feasible.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0143  
LOCATION: 5106 Caswell Avenue



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5106 Caswell Avenue  
Moved onto this site from Camp Swift, ca. 1950



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 5106 Caswell Avenue

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

1992	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Retired
1985-86	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Retired
1981	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Retired
1977	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Retired
1973	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Conductor, Southern Pacific Railroad
1968	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Conductor, Southern Pacific Railroad
1962	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Conductor, Southern Pacific Railroad
1957	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Brakeman, Southern Pacific Railroad
1954	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Brakeman, Southern Pacific Railroad
1952	Emil F. and Helen Scharfe, owners Brakeman
1949	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Emil F. and Helen Scharfe are not listed in the directory.

**SCHARFE, Emil Frank, 78, of Austin died Wednesday. Prayer service 7:30 p.m. Friday, Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Mass 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial 11:30 a.m. Saturday, St. Mary's Church Cemetery, Taylor.**

Death notice for Emil F. Scharfe  
Austin American-Statesman, August 23, 1990



Helen Scharfe, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to be with her Savior Saturday, December 14.

A longtime resident of Austin, Helen was born in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, December 25, 1917, to Frank W. and Marie Cocek Urbis. She was raised in Taylor, where her parents were the owners of the Urbis Cotton Gin.

For the past five years she has resided at the Clairmont Retirement Center, and will be missed by her many friends.

A graduate of Taylor High School and the Austin Beauty School, Helen married Emil F. Scharfe October 26, 1937. His work took them to California, Oregon, and Washington, D.C. They settled in Austin after he began working for Southern Pacific Railroad. Helen's family was her career. She was an accomplished seamstress and an avid gardener.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Dennis F. Scharfe; one granddaughter, Monica Bailes; one brother, Frank Urbis Jr.; and one sister, Leona Urbis.

Survivors include: daughter, Priscilla and her husband, Bob DuBois of Lockhart; daughter-in-law, Mildred Scharfe of Austin; son, Ron Scharfe and his wife, Alice of Austin; and daughter, Yvonne and her husband, Dr. Joseph Bailes of The Woodlands. Her sister, Olivia and her husband, Alton Lucas of Portland, Oregon, and a number of nephews and nieces also survive. She will be sadly missed by her 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Helen was a member of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church.

Rosary will be recited Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at Providence Funeral Home Chapel in Taylor.

Celebration of Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Msgr. Lonnie Urban as Celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Taylor.

F. W. Urbish 5106 Caswell Avenue

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The Highlands  
Moved from Camp Swift.  
Move barracks onto lot, convert into res.  
& attach gar.  
44950 6-14-50 \$3800.00

Mr. Ferris

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Building permit to move the house from Camp Swift to the current site (1950)