

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 22, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
1701 CHICON STREET
HDP-2013-0190

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1908 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, cross-gabled frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch; 2:2 and 1:1 windows; transom over the front door.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1908; the first occupant was Walter T. Green, a clerk in the dry goods and grocery store of W.B. Smith in the 200 block of E. 6th Street. He lived here until around 1915. The next occupant was Frank Crow, a park-keeper for the University Avenue park. Crow lived here until around 1917. The house was then rented or owned by a series of African-American families until around 1930, when it was purchased by Cornelia Roberts, an African-American maid for Rev. Beverly Boyd, the rector of St. David's Episcopal Church, who lived at 1603 Pearl Street. Cornelia Roberts lived here until the late 1930s, with her daughter, Willetta King, who worked as a laundress and a maid. She lived here until around 1970. The house was rented again, then taken over by Willetta King's daughter, Iola Kinney, who lived here into the 1990s.

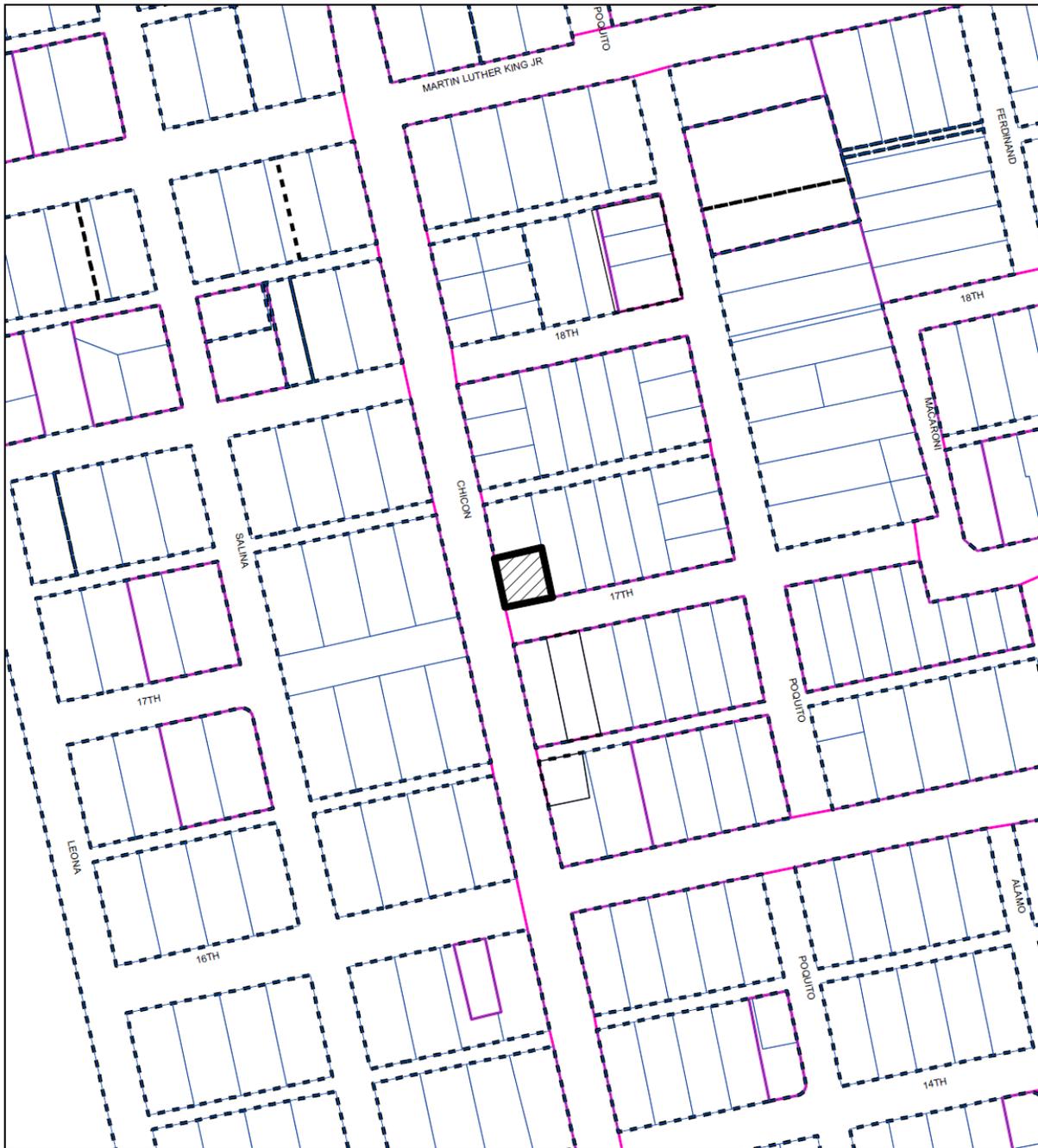
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as a medium priority for preservation in the Chestnut Neighborhood Historic Structures Survey (2001).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit after 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, with the further recommendation that re-usable materials be salvaged, and encourage relocation over demolition, if feasible.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0190
LOCATION: 1701 Chicon Street



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1701 Chicon Street
ca. 1908





Detail of north window showing the 2:2 configuration

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1701 Chicon Street

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

1992	Iola Kinney, owner Retired
1985-86	Iola Kenny, owner Retired
1981	Iola Kenny, owner Retired
1977	Iola Kenny, owner No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Iola Kenny was a new resident at this address.
1973	Alice Thompson, renter Unit manager, Holy Cross Hospital, 2600 E. 19 th Street.
1968	Willetta King, owner Retired
1962	Willetta King, owner Maid
1957	Willetta King, owner Widow, Wallace King No occupation listed
1952	Willetta King, owner No occupation listed
1949	Willetta King, owner Laundress
1947	Willetta King (not listed as the owner) Laundry worker
1944-45	Willetta King (not listed as the owner) No occupation listed
1941	Josephine Plummer, renter Laundress Also listed is Willetta King, a cook.
1939	George and Josephine Plummer, renters No occupation listed

- 1937 Cornelia Roberts, owner
No occupation listed
- 1935 Cornelia Roberts, owner
No occupation listed
- 1932-33 Cornelia Roberts, owner
No occupation listed
- 1930-31 Cornelia Roberts (colored) (not listed as the owner)
Domestic, Rev. Beverly M. Boyd, 1603 Pearl Street. NOTE: Rev. Boyd was the
rector of St. David's Episcopal Church.
- 1929 William W. and Ruth Sanders, renters
Truck driver
NOTE: Cornelia Roberts is not listed in the directory.
- 1927 Effie Wroe (colored), renter
No occupation listed
- 1924 H. Edward and Gegotta Bratton, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: There is no indication in the directory that H. Edward and Gegotta Bratton
were African-American.
- 1922 Emanuel and Lucinda Manor (colored), renters
No occupation listed
- 1920 Vacant
- 1918 Benjamin and Beulah Graham (colored), renters
Yardman, University of Texas
- 1916 Frank W. Crow
Park deeper, University Avenue Park
NOTE: There is no indication in the directory that Frank W. Crow was African-
American.
- 1914 Walter T. Green
Salesman, W.B. Smith, dry goods, 205-07 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: There is no indication in the directory that Walter T. Green was African-
American.
- 1912-13 Walter T. Green
Salesman, W.B. Smith, wholesale and retail dry goods, shoes, clothing and
groceries, 205-07 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: There is no indication in the directory that Walter T. Green was African-
American.
- 1910-11 Walter T. Green
Clerk, W.B. Smith, wholesale and retail dry goods, shoes, clothing, and
groceries, 205-07 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: There is no indication in the directory that Walter T. Green was African-
American.

- 1909-10 Walter T. Green
Clerk, W.B. Smith, dry goods, shoes, and clothing, 205-07 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: There is no indication in the directory that Walter T. Green was African-American.
- 1906-07 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Walter T. Green is listed as a clerk for W.B. Smith, dry goods, 205-07 E. 6th Street; he lived at 3016 Guadalupe Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Walter T. and Anna Green (ca. 1908 – ca. 1915)

Walter T. and Anna Green appear at this address in the 1910 U.S. Census. Walter T. Green was then 34, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman in a general store. Anna Green was then 29 and had been born in Texas. They had three children: Vivian, 8, Lillian, 5, and infant Thomas. With them also lived Anna's sister, Oda Harper, 17, a salesperson in a dry goods store. By 1920, the family was living in a rented house at 74 Waller Street. Walter was a clerk in a grocery store. He died in Travis County, June 21, 1956.

Cornelia Roberts and Willetta King (ca. 1930 – ca. 1970)

Cornelia Roberts and Willetta King appear in the 1930 U.S. Census at this address, with the indication that they owned the house. Cornelia Roberts was then a 55-year old Texas-born widow who worked as a cook for a private family. Her daughter, Willetta King, was then a 30-year old Texas-born divorcee who had no occupation listed. She had two children: Dola Brown, 17, and Velma Brown, 14. Willetta King's daughter, Lola Kinney, occupied the house thereafter.

MRS. WILLETTA KING
Mrs. Willetta King, 72, of 1701
Chicon, died Friday en route to
a local hospital.
Funeral will be at 4 p.m.

Monday at David Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. J. E. Obey officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Fuller Sheffield and Funeral Service, Inc.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Iola Kinney of Austin; three grand children; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter.

Pallbearers will be Phil Hunter and deacons of David Chapel Baptist Church.

Obituary of Willetta King
Austin American-Statesman, January 25, 1970

OWNER	Lola Kenney	ADDRESS	1701 Chicon St.
PLAT	39	LOTS	So. 73.5 of lot 10
		BLK.	2
SUBDIVISION	Walter R. Baemond Jr.		
OCCUPANCY	residence		
BLDG. PERMIT #	161474	DATE	1-6-77
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	8,900
CONTRACTOR	Mercado Enterprises	NO. OF FIXTURES	yes
WATER TAP REC#	exist	SEWER TAP REC#	exist
Repair and remodel res.			

Building permit to Lola Kenney to repair and remodel the house (1977)