

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MAY 20, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0125  
4705 ROWENA STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, cross-gabled, frame house with stone veneer on the front wall and synthetic siding on the side and rear walls; partial-width, shed-roofed inset porch; 1:1 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1950 by Felix Williams, but there is no indication that he actually lived here. The first owners and occupants were Douglas and Elenora Bowmer, who lived here until Douglas was killed and Elenora seriously injured in a car wreck on Christmas Day, 1952. Douglas had been a clerk in the State Adjutant General's Office. The house was rented in the mid-1950s, vacant in the early 1960s, and by the mid-1960s had been purchased by Raymond and Connie Milicia, who lived here through the 1990s. Raymond Milicia was a floor tile setter. He built an addition to the house in 1972.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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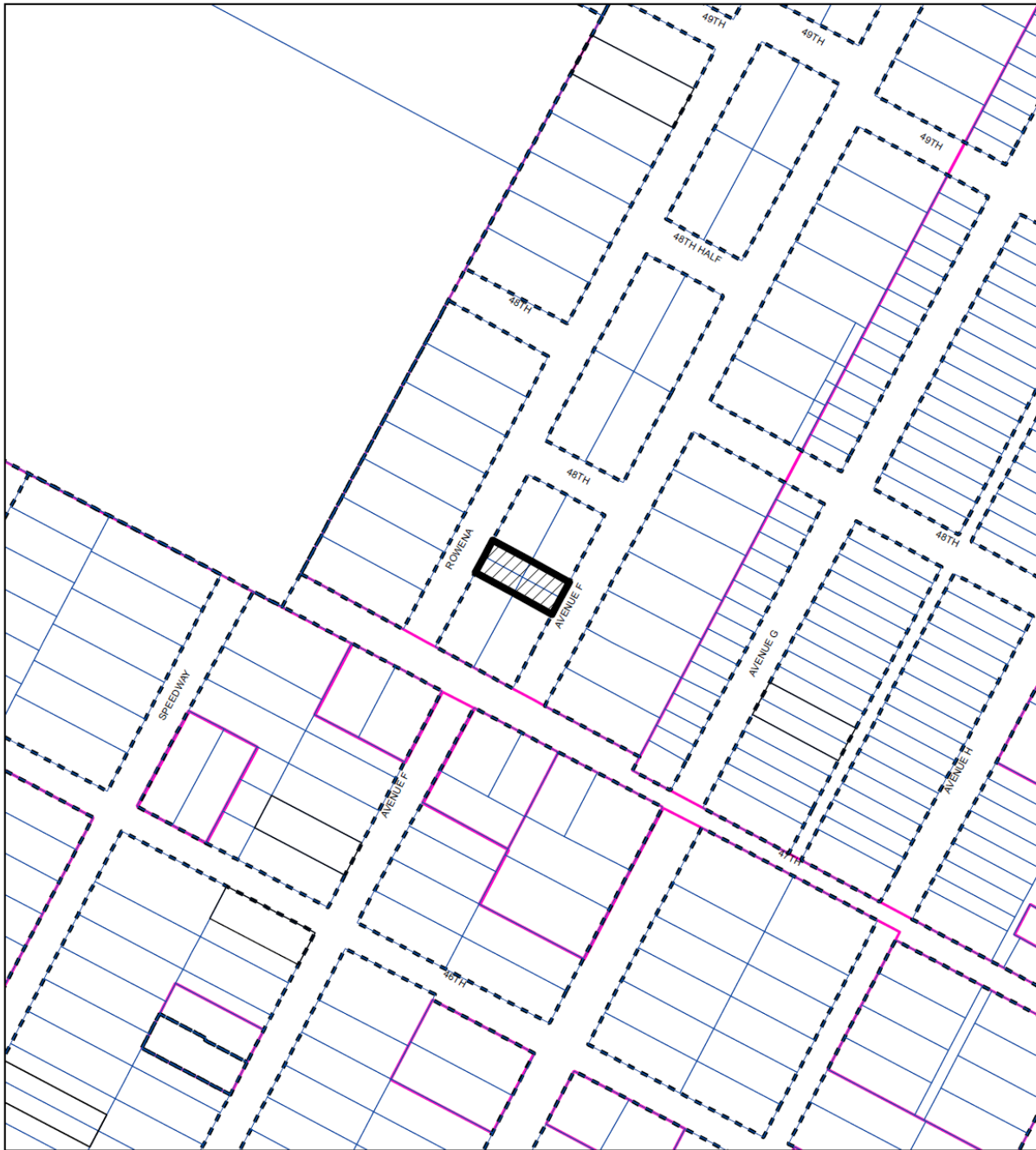
The house does not appear in any City survey; however, when City staff reviewed the area for a possible local historic district nomination, staff noted the house as contributing to the possible district.

**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 of the house for archiving at the Austin History Center, and encourage the applicant to consider re-use of the stone veneer on the front of the house in the new proposal for the site. The house does not have sufficient architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

# LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0125  
LOCATION: 4705 Rowena Street



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4705 Rowena Avenue  
ca. 1950



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 4705 Rowena Avenue

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

1992	Raymond and Connie Milicia, owners Tile setter, Pounds Floor and Tile Company, 8732 N. Lamar Boulevard.
1985-86	Raymond and Connie Milicia, owners Tile setter, Pounds Floor and Tile Company, 8732 N. Lamar Boulevard.
1981	Raymond and Connie Milicia, owners Tile setter, Pounds Floor and Tile Company, 8732 N. Lamar Boulevard.
1977	Raymond and Connie Milicia (not listed as owners) Tile setter, Pounds Floor and Tile Company, 8732 N. Lamar Boulevard.
1973	Raymond and Connie Milicia (not listed as owners) Tile setter, Pounds Floor and Tile Company, 8732 N. Lamar Boulevard.
1968	Raymond and Connie Milicia, owners Tile setter, Pounds Floor and Tile Company, 1713 N. Interregional Highway.
1962	Vacant
1957	Richard E. and Patsy Nelson, Jr., renters Student
1952	Douglas S. and Elenora Bowmer, owners Clerk, State Adjutant General
1949	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Douglas S. Bowmer (no wife listed) is listed as an assistant plant operator for the Lower Colorado River Authority. He lived at 4012 Avenue C.

# Crash Victim's Rites Incomplete

Funeral arrangements were pending Friday at Cook Funeral Home for Douglas Sellar Bowmer, 38, of 4706 Rowena, whose death Thursday brought Austin's traffic fatality total to seven for the year.

Seriously injured and retained for observation and treatment at Brackenridge Hospital was his widow, Mrs. Elenora Bowmer.

The Christmas day tragedy occurred when the car in which the Bowmers were riding collided with the rear of a large trailer-truck in the 7900 block of Burnet Road. John Melvin Chaney of Brownfield was driving the truck.

Bowmer is survived by his widow and son, Michael Douglas Bowmer, of Austin, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Bowmer of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Norma Bowmer Bradshaw of Abilene and Miss Sally Jo Bowmer of Austin.

Obituary and funeral notice for Douglas Bowmer  
Austin American, December 27, 1952

**DOUGLAS SELEARS BOWMER**

Funeral services for Douglas S. Bowmer will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Edward V. Long officiating assisted by the Rev. Lory Hildreth. Burial will be in Capitol Memorial Gardens with full military honors by National Guardsmen.

Pallbearers will be Walter S. Skinner Jr., Robert M. Cavett, Robert M. Westberg, Joe A. Pils, Joe W. Montgomery and Edward G. Balaglia.

Funeral notice for Douglas Bowmer  
Austin American-Statesman, December 28, 1952



## Raymond C. Milicia

Raymond C. Milicia, 66, a lifetime resident of Austin, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 1998.

Raymond was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral. He also loved to travel, especially to Las Vegas and Port Aransas. He retired from Pounds Floor and Tile after 34 years of devoted service to them.

Raymond is survived by his wife of 46 years, Connie P. Milicia; six daughters, Gracie Walker and Ken, Roseanna (Tana) Garcia and John, Carmella Russell and Wayne, Irma Agnew and William, Patricia Zuehl and Greg, Angie Stremer and Mark; 17 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Moreno, Angelina Lopez and Annie Jones; brother, Joe Milicia; and many numerous nieces and nephews. His absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him. He never met a stranger he didn't know.

A rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 1998, in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 24, 1998, in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden, with Reverend Jerry Smith as celebrant. Interment will follow in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers will be Donnie Lopez, Jesse Lopez, Randy Agnew, Josh Garcia, Ted Flores and Gilbert Garza Jr.

The family would like to thank Hospice nurse Ellen Hippard and also Dr. James Hull for their excellent care and compassion during their time of need.

 **Cook-Walden.** 6100 North Lamar  
512/454-5611

Obituary of Raymond Milicia  
Austin American-Statesman, July 23, 1998

Felix Williams 4705 Rowena Street  
 210 No.25' of 1 & 4 & So.25' of 3 10 - -

J. J. Hegeman

Frame residence and frame garage.

43718 2-28-50

\$4500.00

Owner

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2-28-72-Raymond Millica-127957-frm addn to residence  
 240 sq.ft.

Building permit to Felix Williams for the construction of a frame house and garage (1950)

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
 Austin, Texas.

Received of Felix Williams No. 5244 216  
 Duplicate  
 Date 3-1-50

Address 4705 Rowena

Amount \$20.00

Plumber V.R. Watteringer Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 3-4-50

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2" GALV.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7'6"

From ~~SOUTH~~ Prop. Line to Curb Cock 28'

Location of Meter CURB LINE

Type of Box LOCK BOX

Depth of Main in St. 20"

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 24'

Checked by Engr. Dept. MAR 24 1950

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Corp. Cock	5/8"
1	Elbow	3/4" COPPER
1	St. Elbow	3/4" CO. RP.
1	Bushing	2 X 3/4 TAP SLEEVE
	Reducer	
26	Pipe	3/4" COPPER
1	Lead Comp.	3/4" COPPLING
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
1	tee	D. Tile
1	Stop	WILLIAMS
1	Box	
1	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No.	W323502
	Req. No.	

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changed to 2 1/2" and removed with 3/4" cap on 1" 23087

77 Nicholas

Water service permit to Felix Williams for this address.



Receipt No. 13727 Application for Sewer Connection N<sup>o</sup> 42384

Austin, Texas, 3-1- 1950

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Felix Williams at 4705 Rowena Street, further described as Lot No. 25.67.144 & 50.25.93.2 Block 10 Outlot — Division — subdivision J. J. Hegeman Plat 219 which is to be used as a Res. In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 38083 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'-

Stub Out  
~~Connection~~

16'- N of SLL  
(Location)

Date 4-14-50

By

Williams

NOTE: Connection Instruction

6" Sewer in St + 6" Deep  
Main 12.5' W of E R. A/353

6'-at man  
Respectfully,

V. Hattenger

Sewer connection application by Felix Williams for this address (1950)