

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 22, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0480
4303 MAYBELLE AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with an ornamental front gable and a partial-width, front-gabled independent entry hood; synthetic siding; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

There is a notation in City utility permits that a water service permit was issued for this address in 1936, but the permit no longer exists; city directories show that the address first appears in the 1937 edition, as a house rented by Roscoe Cooper, a paint salesman, and his wife Jean. Around 1939, the house was purchased by Albert C. and Laura Crippen, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Albert Crippen was originally from Caldwell County, Texas, and by 1920, he and Laura were operating a grocery business in Lockhart. He became a teacher, and moved to Austin before 1930. City directory listings through the early 1940s show him as a teacher; listings after that until his retirement show him as a building contractor. His son, Albert C., Jr., was a painter and a roofer. Albert Crippen died in 1970; the house became a rent house after that.

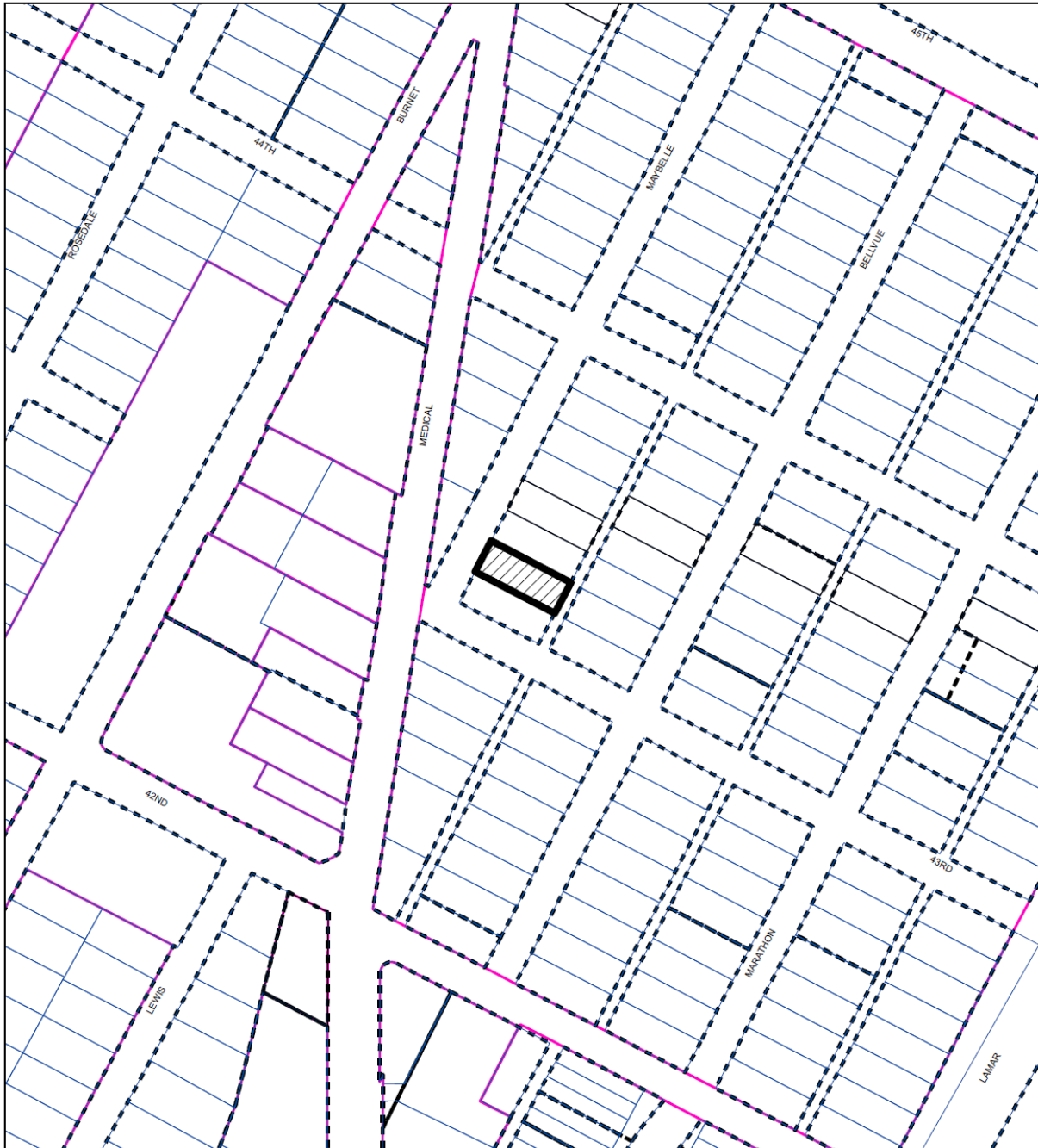
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the 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-2013-0480
LOCATION: 4303 Maybelle Avenue



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4303 Maybelle Avenue
ca. 1936



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4303 Maybelle Avenue

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

1992	Sally Kauffman, renter Artist
1985-86	Thomas J. and Susan Ganshirt, renters No occupation listed
1981	Robert P. Watson, renter Cabinetmaker, Unique Cabinets (not listed in the directory)
1977	Warren A. Watson, renter No occupation listed
1973	David and Nancy Guillet, owners Student
1968	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Retired

1962	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Building contractor
1957	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Building contractor
1954	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Building contractor
1952	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Building contractor
1949	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Building contractor
1947	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Building contractor
1944-45	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Building contractor
1942	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Teacher Also listed are Albert C. and Lita Crippen, Jr., he was a roofer.
1939	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Teacher Also listed is Albert C. Crippen, Jr., a painter.
1937	Roscoe and Jean Cooper, renters Salesman, Sherwin Williams Paint Company NOTE: Albert C. and Laura Crippen lived at 803 W. 22½ Street; he was a teacher.
1935	The address is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Albert and Laura Crippen (ca. 1939 – ca. 1970)

Albert C. and Laura Crippen appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Red Rock, Bastrop County, Texas. Albert Crippen was then 46. Had been born in Texas, and was a house carpenter. Laura Crippen was then 41 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had two children: Bessie Lee, 18; and Albert C., Jr., 13. Neither had an occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Albert and Laura Crippen living on Pecos Street in Lockhart, Texas, where Albert is listed as the proprietor of a retail grocery store. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Albert and Laura Crippen living on a farm in Caldwell County, Texas.

ALBERT C. CRIPPEN

Funeral for Albert C. Crippen, 81, of 4303 Maybelle, will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hyatt-Mannor Funeral Home with Rev. A. D. Eberhart officiating. Burial will be in the McMahan Cemetery near Lockhart.

Mr. Crippen died in a local hospital Sunday evening. He was a retired school teacher and contractor, a member of the Baptist Church and had been a resident of Austin for 40 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. O. W. Mobley of Houston; one brother, Ed Crippen of Lockhart; three sisters, Mrs. Shuford Alexander of Lockhart, Mrs. Walter Baden of Austin and Mrs. George Harlon of Longview, Wash.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Albert Crippen
Austin American, July 28, 1970

A. C. Crippen

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Alta Vista

Repair rear porch.

38381 7-21-48

\$100.00

Owner

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Building permit to A.C. Crippen to repair the back porch.

A. C. Crippen

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Alta Vista

Frame garage.

50574 4-7-52

\$100.00

Owner

9-25-73 138488 Mrs. D Mobley frame addn. to -
acc. bldg. (enlarge gar.) 204 sq.ft.

Building permit to A.C. Crippen for the construction of a detached frame garage (1952), and to
Mrs. Mobley for a frame addition to the garage (1973)