HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2013-0649 3608 CLAWSON ROAD

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, random-patterned, ashlar stone-veneered frame house with a partial-width, front-gabled, wood entry hood; 1:1 fenestration. The house has a carport to the right of the main block of the house.

RESEARCH

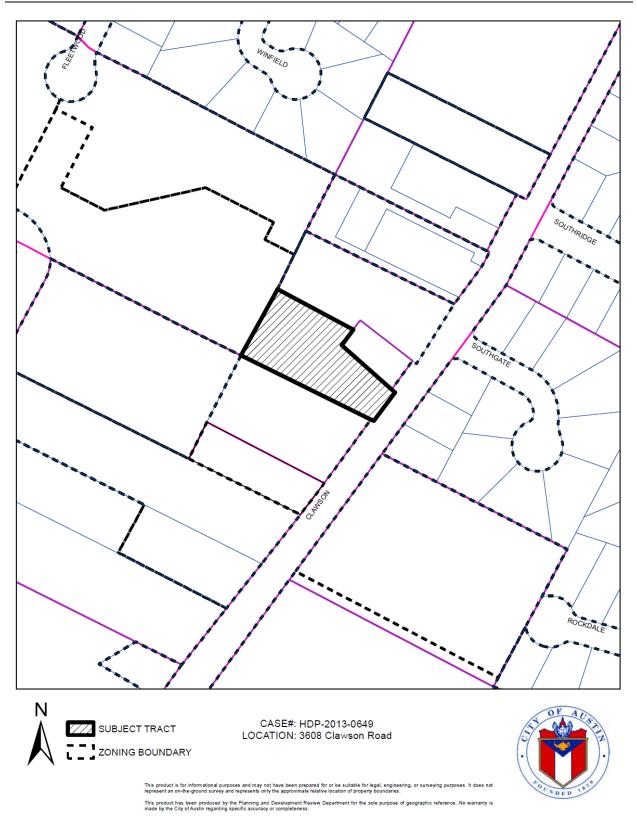
The house appears to have been built in 1938 by Fred and Ruby Badger, who lived here for the rest of their lives. As a young man, Fred Badger worked as a steamfitter at the Confederate Home; he then became a tailor in the 1930s, and by the time he and Ruby moved into this house, he was a dyer and clothes cleaner for Kelly Smith Cleaners. By the late 1940s, he was the vice-president of Kelly Smith Cleaners, and by the late 1950s, he was the superintendent there. His son, Bill, lived next door, at 3606 Clawson Road, a house that has been demolished. His first wife, Ruby, passed away in 1965, and Fred re-married; he passed away in 1976, and his second wife, Margie, lived in this house until her death in 1992.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of 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 of the property, for archiving at the Austin History Center.





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3608 Clawson Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office April, 2007

1987	Margie Badger, owner Retired
1981	Margie Badger, owner Retired
1975	Fred D. and Margie Badger, owners Vice president, Kelly Smith Cleaners, Inc. (Dunning Bright, president), 511 W. 19 th Street.
1970	Fred D. and Margie Badger, owners Vice president, Kelly Smith Cleaners, Inc. (Dunning Bright, president), Fur storage and repairing, wool storage, Sanitone Cleaning, Quality Cleaning for over ½ century.
1966	Fred D. and Ruby P. Badger, owners Vice president, Kelly Smith Cleaners, Inc. (Dunning Bright, president), 511 W. 19 th Street.
1962	Fred D. and Ruby P. Badger, owners Superintendent, Smith Cleaners (not listed in the main directory) NOTE: Mrs. Louise Badger, an office manager at Lumberman's Underwriters (2501 North Lamar) lived at 3606 Clawson Road.
1958	Fred D. and Ruby P. Badger, owners Superintendent, Kelly Smith Cleaners (Dunning Bright, manager), 511 W. 19 th Street and 5026 Fairview. NOTE: Bill and Louise Badger lived at 3606 Clawson Road; he was a salesman at Marshall Motors.
1954	Fred D. and Ruby Badger, owners Vice President, Kelly Smith Cleaners (Mrs. Delta L. Donich, manager), 5026 Fairview Drive NOTE: 3606 Clawson Road is not listed in the directory.
1952	Fred D. and Ruby Badger, owners Vice President, Kelly Smith Cleaners (A. Dunning Bright, president), 511 W. 19 th Street
1949	Fred D. and Ruby Badger, owners Vice President, Kelly Smith Cleaners (Dunning Bright, president), 209 W. 6 th Street
1947	Fred D. and Ruby Badger, owners Superintendent, Kelly Smith Cleaners, cleaners, hatters, furriers and fur storage (Dunning Bright, manager), 209 W. 6 th Street NOTE: The house is listed as Theo Low Heights without an address.

- 1944-45 Fred D. Badger is not listed in the directory; the house is not listed.
- 1941 Fred D. and Ruby Badger, owners Cleaner, Kelly Smith Cleaners, cleaners, hatters, furriers and fur storage (Dunning Bright, manager), 209 W. 6th Street. NOTE: Fred and Ruby Badger are listed as living in Theo Low Heights without a street address.
 1940 Fred D. and Ruby Badger, owners
- Cleaner, Kelly Smith Cleaners, cleaners, hatters, furriers and fur storage (Dunning Bright, manager), 209 W. 6th Street. NOTE: Fred and Ruby Badger are listed as living in Theo Low Heights without a street address.
- Fred D. and Ruby Badger, owners
 Dyer, Kelly Smith Cleaners, hats, clothes, furs, alterations, 209 W. 6th Street.
 NOTE: Fred and Ruby Badger are listed as living in Theo Low Heights without a street address.
- 1937 Unknown; the address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Fred D. and Ruby Smith are listed at 208 E. 8th Street; he was a dyer for Kelly Smith.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Fred D. and Ruby Badger (ca. 1938 – ca 1965)

Fred D. and Margie Badger (ca. 1965 - ca. 1992)

Fred D. and Ruby Badger appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of a house at 610 E. 3rd Street in Austin. Fred D. Badger was then 29 years old, had been born in Texas, and was a tailor. Ruby Badger was then 33 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had a son, Billie, 3, who had been born in Texas. The 1920 U.S. Census shows F.D. Badger as a 19-year old steam engineer (plumber) at the Confederate Home in Austin.

MRS. RUBY G. BADGER

Mrs. Ruby Gubbs Badger, Austin, died Clawson, 3608 Thursday in a local hospital. Besides her husband, Fred D. Badger, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Martha McConnel; daughter, Mrs. Louise Ellen, all of Austin; son, William D. Badger, Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Mrs. S. Gershon, California, and Mrs. M. Lamperson, Dallas; brother, James Grubbs, Austin, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Badger was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Rosary was read Friday in Wilke - Clay Funeral Home. Funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. from the funeral home

Obituary of Ruby Badger Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, February 13, 1965

with Rev. Daniel Walsh offi-

ciating.

BADGER, Fred Davidson, 76, 3608 Clawson Road, died Friday. Services 3 p.m. Monday at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Margie R. Badger of Austin; two grandchildren.

> Obituary of Fred Badger Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, August 29, 1976

BADGER, Fred Davidson, 76, 3608 Clawson Road, died Friday. Services 3 p.m. Monday at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home.

Funeral notice for Fred Badger Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, August 30, 1976

Margie Badger

Margie Badger, age 86, of Austin, passed away Sunday, January 5, 1992.

Mrs. Badger was a longtime resident of Austin. She was a nurse and also worked for Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include son, Bill Dearen of Austin; and five grandchildren.

Graveside service will be at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 8, 1992, in Forest Oaks Memorial Park with Reverend Gordon Bergstrom officiating.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Margie Badger Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, January 7, 1992

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Water service permit to Fred D. Badger (1949)

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Building permit to Fred D. Badger for the construction of the carport and a masonry addition (1952)

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