

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0567
1701 S. 3RD STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, board-and-batten, front-gabled frame bungalow with single and paired 1:1 fenestration; the original front windows on the house have been replaced.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1937 by Sam T. Hill as an investment property. The first occupants of the house were Henry L. and Genary Newton, who lived here together until Henry's death in 1946. Henry L. Newton had a 50-year occupational history with the City's power plant – he worked as an electrician there, then chief engineer of the power plant. According to his obituary, he helped plow the first furrow for the construction of the old Austin dam. By the time he and Genary lived in this house, he was up in years, and listings in the city directories showed him to be a watchman at the city sewer plant, while Genary had various occupations, including a laundry worker at St. Edward's University, and a matron at Brackenridge Hospital. His obituary also called him the head of the city's power plant; he rented this modest house, which seems a little incongruous with his prominence. After Henry's 1946 death, Genary Newton married Carl G. Wagner, a millman at Calcasieu Lumber Company; they lived here until Carl died in 1959; Genary's 1961 obituary noted her address on Holly Street. The house was a rental until through the 1960s and early 1970s; Joe and Flora Arismendez rented the house in the mid-1970s, then are listed as the owners of the house thereafter. Joe Arismendez was a roofer; Flora Arismendez worked as a food service worker in the public schools in her later years. Joe Arismendez died in 2002.

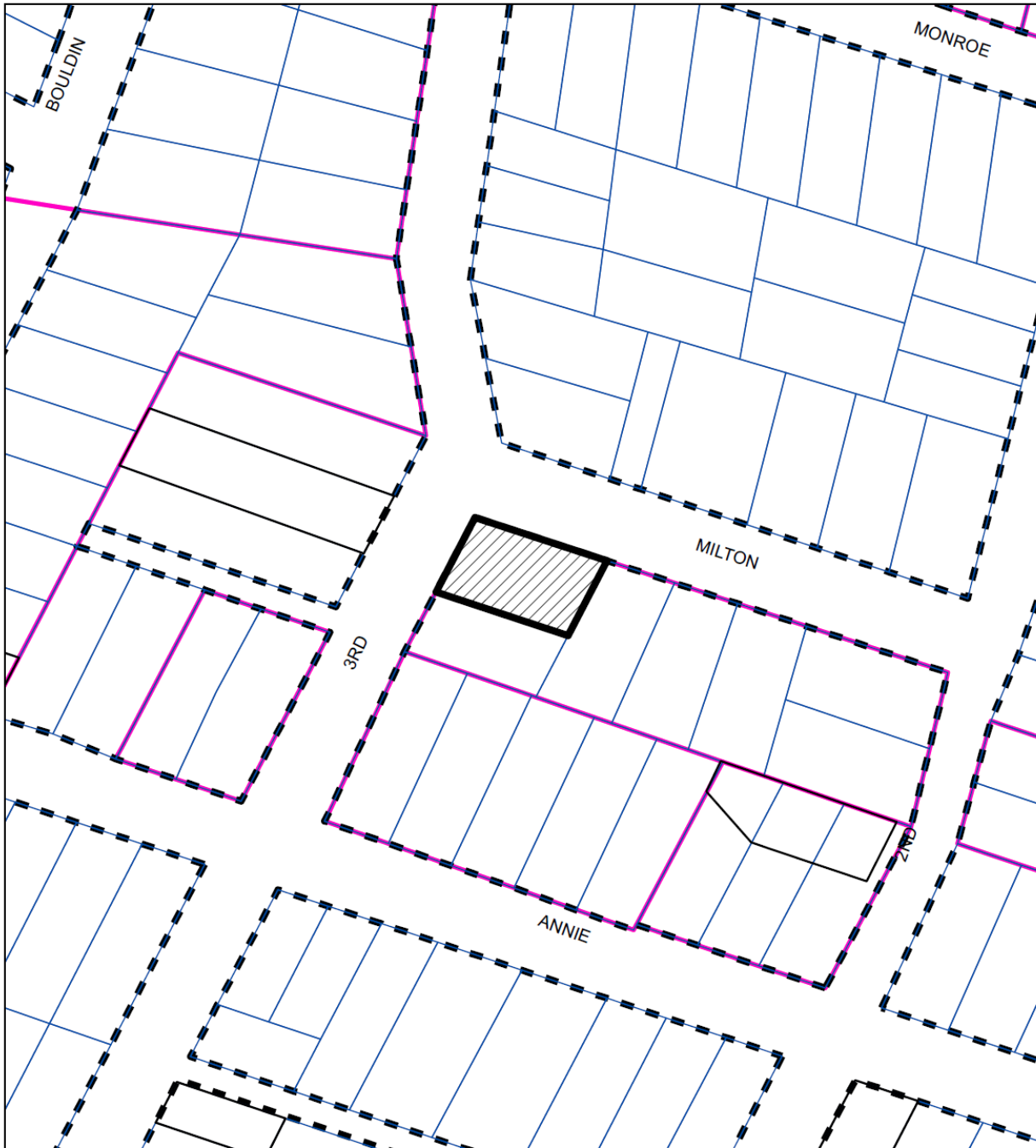
STAFF COMMENTS



The house appears in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

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-2013-0567
LOCATION: 1701 South 3rd Street



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1701 S. 3rd Street
ca. 1937



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1701 S. 3rd Street

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

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 1992 | Joe L. and Flora Arismendez, owners
Joe: Retired
Flora: Food server, public schools |
| 1985-86 | Joe L. and Flora Arismendez, owners
Roofer
Also listed is Jesse J. Arismendez, an operator for Burnup and Sims, communications, 2716 E. 5 th Street. |
| 1981 | Joe L. and Flora Arismendez (not listed as owners)
Roofer |
| 1977 | Joe L. and Flora Arismendez, renters
No occupation listed |
| 1973 | Felipe M. and Ella Rivas, owners
Operator, public schools |
| 1968 | R.C. and Rose Smith, renters
Driver, City of Austin |

- 1962 Leo and Dorothy Thompson, renters
Driver, public schools
- 1959 Carl G. and Genary Wagner (not listed as owners)
Millman, Calcasieu Lumber Company
- 1955 Carl G. and Genary Wagner, owners
Millman, Calcasieu Lumber Company
- 1952 Carl G. and Genary Wagner, owners
Employed by the Calcasieu Lumber Company
- 1949 Carl G. and Genary Wagner, owners
Sawyer (no place of employment listed)
- 1947 Carl G. and Genary Wagner (not listed as owners)
Cabinet maker, Calcasieu Lumber Company
- 1944-45 Henry L. and Genary G. Newton, renters
Henry: Nurse
Genary: Matron, Brackenridge Hospital
NOTE: Carl G. and Nettie Wagner are listed at 2115 Clifton Street; he was a millman at Calcasieu Lumber Company.
- 1941 Henry L. and Genary G. Newton, renters
Watchman, City Sewer Department
- 1939 Henry L. and Genary G. Newton, renters
Henry: Special officer
Genary: Laundry worker, St. Edward's University
- 1937 Under construction
NOTE: Henry L. and Genary G. Newton lived at 2000 Wilson Street; he was a watchman at the City Sewer Department; she had no occupation listed.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Henry L. and Genary Newton (ca. 1937 – ca. 1946)

H.L. and Genary Newton appear as the renters of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census report. H.L. Newton was then 72, had been born in Texas, and was a watchman for the City of Austin. Genary Newton was then 63, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter, Mabel, 40, a Texas-born waitress in the university cafeteria, and her son, Charles, 9, who had been born in Texas. Mabel and Charles had lived in San Antonio in 1935. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Henry L. and Genary Newton renting a house at 200 Rio Grande Street in Austin. Henry L. Newton was an engineer in the city power plant. With them lived Genary's mother, Mollie (listed as Newton, but she was actually Mollie Collins, as shown in the 1910 U.S. Census), 73, a Texas-born widow who was listed as retired. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Henry L. and Genary Newton renting a house at 607 Henderson Street; he was a stationery engineer for the city water, light, and power plant. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Henry and Genary Newton at 301 Crockett Street, along with Genary's parents, Molly and Robert Collins. Henry is listed as an electrician in the city power plant. Neither of Genary's parents had an occupation listed.

Water, Light Plant Head Dies

Funeral Set Friday For Henry L. Newton

Henry Lee Newton, 78, died at his home, 1701 South Third street, late Wednesday. He was chief engineer at the city water and light plant, succeeding Walter Johnson. He was with the plant 50 years and helped plow the first furrow for the building of the old dam.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Genary Newton of Austin; one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Loya of Austin; one son, Henry Lee Newton of San Antonio; three sisters, Mrs. Julia Price, Mrs. Clara Jackson and Mrs. Bessie Springall, all of San Antonio, and two brothers, Joe S. Newton and Frank R. Newton of San Antonio.

Rosary services will be held at the Cook Funeral home Thursday at 8 p. m. Funeral services will be held Friday at 9 a. m., with Father Francis Sullivan officiating at St. Ignatius church. Pallbearers will be Col. Thomas Green, Walter Seaholm, Charles Casey, C. N. Avery, Victor H. Pannell and James C. Bryant. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Obituary of Henry L. Newton
Austin American, January 24, 1946

HENRY LEE NEWTON

Rosary services for Henry Lee Newton were held at the Cook Funeral home Thursday evening. Funeral services will be held at St. Ignatius church Friday at 9 a. m. with the Rev. Francis Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Funeral notice for Henry L. Newton
Austin American, January 25, 1946

HENRY L. NEWTON

Funeral services for Henry L. Newton, 78, were held at St. Ignatius church Friday with the Rev. Francis Sullivan officiating. Pallbearers were Tom Green, Walter Seaholm, Charles Casey, Victor H. Pannell, C. N. Avery and James C. Bryant. Burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Funeral story for Henry L. Newton
Austin American, January 26, 1946

Carl G. and Genary Wagner (ca. 1946 – ca. 1960)

After Henry L. Newton's death in 1946, Genary Newton married Carl G. Wagner, a millman at the Calcasieu Lumber Company. Carl Wagner had previously been married; his wife Nettie died in 1945. Carl G. and Nettie Wagner appear in the 1940 U.S. Census at 1504 Brackenridge Street, a house they owned. Carl G. Wagner was then 57, had been born in Germany, and was a cabinet-maker. Nettie Wagner was then 54 and had been born in Texas. They had 7 children; the two oldest boys were both employed in a cabinet shop.

CARL G. WAGNER

Carl G. Wagner, 77, died Wednesday in a local hospital.

Wagner was a lifetime resident of Austin, and a millman at Calcasieu Lumber Company. He is survived by his wife; five daughters, Mrs. George Rogers, Miss Ethel Wagner and Mrs. Irma Dahlin, all of Austin, Mrs. Florence Winterbury of Houston and Mrs. Clara Ward of Dunn, N. C.; four sons, Leslie Wagner, Walter A. Wagner, Carl F. (Billy) Wagner and Eugene Wagner, all of Austin; a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A rosary will be said Sunday at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. John Payne at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a. m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Burial will be in Capitol Memorial Gardens.

Obituary of Carl G. Wagner

Austin American-Statesman, December 25, 1959

MRS. GENARY G. WAGNER

Mrs. Genary G. Wagner, 84, of 1811 Holly Street, died at her home Saturday.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mable Loya of Austin; son, H. L. Newton of Laredo; two sisters, Mrs. R. B. Anderson of Austin and Mrs. Cora Hartley of Paris Ill.; and four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The body is at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home pending completion of arrangements.

Obituary of Genary Newton Wagner

Austin American-Statesman, August 27, 1961

MRS. GENARY G. WAGNER

Mrs. Genary G. Wagner, 84, of 1811 Holly Street, died at her home Saturday evening following and extended illness. She was a resident of Austin for the past 60 years and was a native of Blanco County. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Funeral mass will be read Monday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Maurice Powers, CSC, officiating.

Pallbearers will be Charles Dunn, Charles Rieg, George Haberer, Thomas Boyd Jr. and Sam Hill.

Burial will be in the Capital Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Genary Newton Wagner
Austin American, August 28, 1961

Joe L. and Flora Arismendez (ca. 1975 – ca. 2002)

**In Loving Memory of
Mr. Joe "LoLo" Arismendez
November 16, 1932 - July 6, 2002**

I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept my Faith. Timothy II 4: 6-7

On Saturday, July 6, 2002, Joe took his savior Jesus Christ's hand to walk peacefully into the Kingdom of God at the age of 69, surrounded by all his loving family at home after a short battle with cancer.

Joe was preceded in death by his infant sons, Johnny and Lenell Arismendez; parents, Isidro and Cruz Arismendez; sister, Victoria Pantaleon; brothers, Pablo, Isidro Jr., and Ben Arismendez.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Flora Arismendez; daughter, Diana Arismendez and husband, Joe Ramirez; sons, Jesse Joe Arismendez, Fred Arismendez and wife, Jeanette; five grandchildren, Andriana M. Ramirez, Sara K. Ramirez, Joe Anthony Ramirez, Leanne Arismendez, Brandon Arismendez; sisters, Mary Loera, Carolina Torres; and brother, Antonio Arismendez.

Serving as pallbearers will be Brandon Arismendez, David Almaguer, Victor Suniga, Sr., Casimiro Granada, Pete Hernandez, and John Arismendez.

Honorary pallbearers will be sons, Jesse Joe Arismendez, Fred Arismendez, and daughter, Diana Arismendez; grandchildren, Leanne Arismendez, Andriana M. Ramirez, Sara K. Ramirez, and Joe Anthony Ramirez.

Recitation of the rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Angel Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at San Jose Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Joe will be deeply missed by his family until we meet again. Papy.

If you could see me now I'm walking streets of gold. If you could see me now I'm standing tall and whole and you'd know I'd seen his face. If you could see me now you'd know the pain is erased. You wouldn't want me to leave this perfect place.

A very special thanks to South Austin Hospital and Hospice.

Donations may be made to the American National Cancer Society in honor of Joe L. Arismendez.

Obituary of Joe L. Arismendez
 Austin American-Statesman, July 8, 2002

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 5413

M. Sam T. Hill Address 1701 So. 3rd

Plumber Deef Size of Tap 1/2" Date 5-4-37

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection.....	<u>5/9/37</u>	
Size of Tap Made.....	<u>1/2"</u>	
Size Service Made.....	<u>3/4"</u>	
Size Main Tapped.....	<u>2"</u>	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock.....	<u>9'</u>	
From W. Prop. Line to Curb Cock.....	<u>57'</u>	
Location of Meter.....	<u>AT-CURB</u>	
Type of Box.....	<u>LOCK</u>	
Depth of Main in St.....	<u>20"</u>	
Depth of Service Line.....	<u>20"</u>	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main.....	<u>11"</u>	
Checked by Engr. Dept.....	<u>6-10-37</u>	

No. Fittings	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop Box	Lid	Valves	Req. No.
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>1</u>				<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16604</u>

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Water service permit to Sam T. Hill for this address (1937)

OWNER Joe Arismendez ADDRESS 1701 S. 3rd. St.
PLAT 116 LOT 6 BLK. 5
SUBDIVISION Bouldin Asts.
OCCUPANCY Res. Storage bldg.
BLDG. PERMIT # 162243 DATE 2-16-77 OWNERS ESTIMATE 200.00
CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES
WATER TAP REC# SEWER TAP REC#
~~Addn to acc. bldg.~~

Building permit to Joe Arismendez for the construction of an addition to a storage building
(1977)