# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION OCTOBER 28, 2013 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2013-0746 3019 E. 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET

### PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1952 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed, frame and stone American International-styled house with a partial-width, flat-roofed entry porch on ornamental metal posts; paired 1:1 fenestration.

### RESEARCH

The house was built in 1952 for Rev. David L. and Magnolia Smith, who lived here until the mid-1970s. Rev. David L. Smith was the pastor at the Church of God in Christ, which was located on Oak Springs Drive; he later moved to the Church of God in Christ on Sol Wilson Avenue. After Magnolia Smith's death in 1976, the house became a rental unit.

### 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. While the house does not have the requisite architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is an interesting example of the influence of the American International style in Austin, particularly in lower middle class residential design, and especially in traditionally African-American neighborhoods.



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# 3019 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street ca. 1952



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3019 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992 Gracie M. Mackey, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Gracie M. Mackie was a new resident at this

address.

1985-86 Ruby T. Collins, renter

Dental assistant, City and County Health Department

NOTE: The directory indicates that Ruby T. Collins was a new resident at this

address.

1981 Vacant

1977 Yvonne Causey, owner

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Yvonne Causey was a new resident at this

address.

1973	Rev. David and Magnolia J. Smith, owners Pastor, Church of God in Christ, 2602 Sol Wilson Avenue.
1968	Rev. David L. and Magnolia J. Smith, owners No occupation listed
1962	Rev. David L. and Magnolia J. Smith, owners Pastor, Smith's Chapel, 2716 Oak Springs Drive.
1959	Rev. David L. and Magnolia J. Smith, owners Pastor, Smith's Chapel, 2716 Oak Springs Drive.
1954	Rev. David L. and Magnolia J. Smith, owners Pastor, Church of God in Christ, 2716 Oak Springs Drive.
1952	The address is not listed in the directory.  NOTE: Rev. David L. and Magnolia J. Smith are not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

### Rev. David L. and Magnolia Smith (ca. 1952 - ca. 1975)

David L. and Magnolia Smith appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of a house worth \$600 at 1903 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. David L. Smith was then 39, had been born in Texas, and was pastor of the Church of God in Christ. Magnolia Smith was then 38, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a natural-born daughter, Dolores, 8; and an adopted daughter, Pearline Williams, 14. The family had lived in Gonzales, Texas in 1935.

## SMITH, Mrs. Magnolia, 76, 2602 Sol Wilson, died Saturday. Services pending at King-Tears Mortuary.

Obituary of Magnolia Smith Austin American-Statesman, December 12, 1976

SMITH, Elder David L., 81, 2602 Sol Wilson, died Friday. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Woods Chapel No. 1 Church of God and Christ. Burial, Burditts Prairie Cemetery. Survivors: wife, Ada Nel Smith of Austin; daughters, Delores Smith of Kansas City, Mo., Anita Nichols of Bryant; sister, Cora Smith of Houston; brother, T.J. Smith of San Antonio; stepsons, George Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Bryant Johnson, Charles Banks, all of Austin. (Jones and Jones)

Obituary of David L. Smith Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, November 2, 1980

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Building permit to David L. Smith for a frame addition (1965)