

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 28, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0743
2205 E. 9TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1938 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame cottage with a central, partial-width, front-gabled entry porch on ornamental metal posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The building permit for this house was issued to an S. Guerra in December, 1937, but the utility permits were issued in January, 1938 to Paul O. Simms, a local real estate investor. The first occupant was Barbara Banks, a maid, who lived here from around 1940 to around 1941; she had lived with her elderly father on Cedar Avenue prior to moving into this house, and returned to his house afterwards. There was a series of renters through the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, until the house was purchased by Arvan and Elizabeth Washington around 1965. Arvan Washington was a janitor for the State Board of Control for many years; after his death in 1975, Elizabeth Washington continued to live in the house until her death in 1990. The 1992 city directory shows Jesse Powell, Elizabeth's son from a prior marriage, as the tenant.

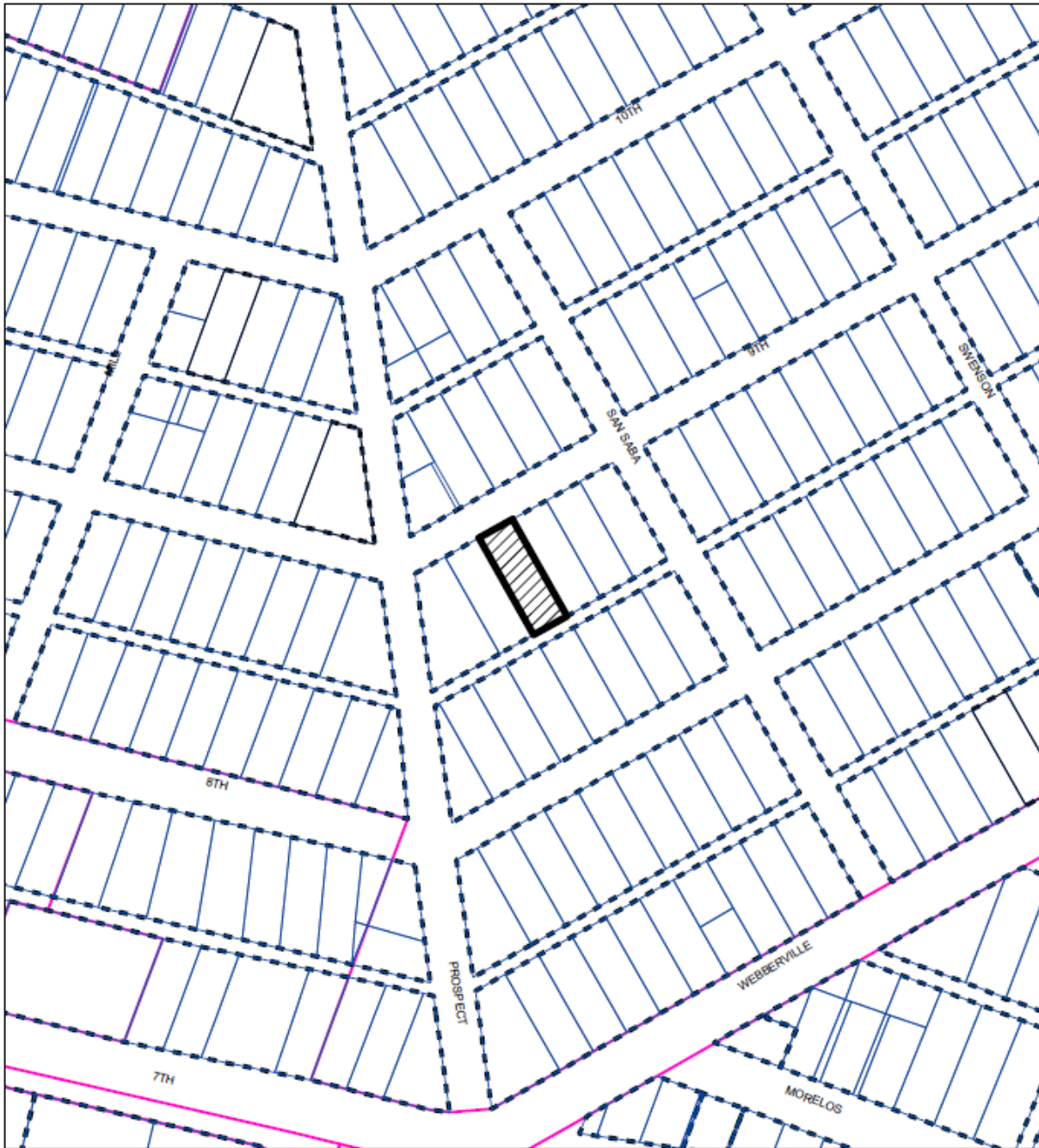
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit after 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 lacks the requisite historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is a good, if common, example of working-class residential rental architecture in East Austin.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0743
LOCATION: 2205 E 9th Street



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2205 E. 9th Street
ca. 1938



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2205 E. 9th Street

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

- 1992 Jesse Powell, renter
Retired
NOTE: The directory indicates that Jesse Powell was a new resident at this address.
NOTE: Jesse Powell was the son of Arvan and Elizabeth Washington.
- 1985-86 Elizabeth E. Washington, owner
Receptionist, Caritas of Austin, social service agency, 308 E. 7th Street.
- 1981 Elizabeth E. Washington, owner
Receptionist, Caritas of Austin, social service agency, 308 E. 7th Street.
- 1977 Elizabeth E. Washington, owner
Widow, Arvan Washington
No occupation listed

- 1973 Arvan and Elizabeth Washington, owners
Janitor, State Board of Control
- 1968 Arvan and Elizabeth Washington, owners
Janitor, State Board of Control
- 1962 Roosevelt and Janis M. Wattlely, renters
Warehouseman, Davidson Sash & Door, 500 San Marcos Street.
NOTE: Arvan and Elizabeth Washington are listed at 1913 E. 17th Street; he was a warehouseman for the Pig Stand Restaurant, 2201 College Avenue and 2801 Guadalupe Street.
- 1959 H.V. and Mary L. Williams, owners
Employed by Gugenheim-Goldsmith, wholesale food products, 410 E. 3rd Street.
- 1954 Joe and Isabel Galvan, renters
Cleaner, Twin Oaks Cleaners, 2315 South Congress Avenue.
- 1952 Louie and Lillie Russell, renters
Driver, Schuhmacher Company, wholesale groceries, 400 San Antonio Street.
- 1949 Charles and Mildred Vinson, owners
Student
- 1947 Charles and Mildred Vinson, owners
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 Arthur and Leona Rigby, renters
Laborer
- 1941 Barbara Banks, renter
Maid
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Barbara Banks is listed at 1196 Chestnut Avenue; she had no occupation listed.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Barbara Banks (ca. 1940 – ca. 1941)

Barbara Banks appears in the 1940 U.S. Census living in the home of her father, Jim Arnold, who owned his house at 1213 Cedar Avenue. Barbara Banks was then 32, had been born in Texas, and was a maid in a private home. She had 2 children: Eula, 15; and Cunningham, 13. Both children were born in Texas; neither had an occupation listed. Barbara's father, Jim Arnold, was 85 and had no occupation listed. Barbara Banks appears in the 1942 city directory at 1213 Cedar Avenue, back with her father. She worked as a maid.

Arvan and Elizabeth Washington (ca. 1965 – ca. 1990)

Arvan Washington appears in the 1940 U.S. Census at 1408 Cedar Avenue in Austin. He was married to a woman named Parnell. Arvan Washington was then 25, had been born in Texas, and was a dishwasher in a café. In 1935, he had lived in rural Travis County. He and Parnell had two children: Arvan, Jr., 5; and Ruthie Mae, 2. Also listed with them was Arvan's brother, James Washington, 23, a yard man for a private family.

WASHINGTON, Arvan, 61, 2205 E. 9th St., died Thursday. Services 3 p.m., Monday at Fuller Sheffield Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Washington of Austin; sons, Arvan Washington Jr., Joe Washington, both of the U.S. Air Force, Andrew Washington of Detroit, Mich., Parnel D. Washington, Willie B. Powell, Jesse Powell, all of Austin, Henry L. Powell of San Diego, Calif., Woodrow Wilson of Houston; daughters, Ruthie M. Mitchell, Bunnie L. Stark, both of Austin; brothers, J.C. Washington, Volley Washington, Frank Washington, all of Austin, Melvin Washington of Lexington; sisters, Mattie Lunsford of Indiana, Lula Bell Stevenson of Austin; aunt, Mrs. Lillie Penson of Elgin.

Obituary of Arvan Washington
Austin American-Statesman, November 30, 1975

WASHINGTON, Elizabeth, 83, of Austin died Thursday. Services 2 p.m. today, Grant Chapel AME Church. Burial Evergreen Cemetery. (Fuller-Sheffield)

Obituary of Elizabeth Washington
Austin American-Statesman, September 10, 1990

S. Guerra

2205 E. 9th. St.

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Grandview Place

Box residence

211n - 12/23/37

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Building permit to S. Guerra for the construction of the house (1937)

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

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PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 6413

M. Paul O. Simms Address 2205 E. 9th

Plumber ? Size of Tap 1/2" Date 1-5-38

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 1/6/38
Size of Tap Made 3/4
Size Service Made 5/8
Size Main Tapped 2"
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7'
From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 37'
Location of Meter AT - CURB
Type of Box 2"
Depth of Main in St. 2'
Depth of Service Line 20"
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 6'6"
Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-14-38

Table with columns for No. Fittings, Size, and various plumbing components like Curb Cock, Elbow, St. Elbow, Bushing, Reducers, Pipe, Lead Comp., Nipples, Union, Plug, Tee, Stop Box, Box, Lid, Valves. Includes handwritten checkmarks and notes.

Foreman's Signature

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Water service permit to Paul O. Simms for this address (1938)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 13935A

Austin, Texas

Received of owner Date 1/5/1938
 Address 2205 E. 9th.
 Amount Twelve Dollars \$ 12.00
 Builder or Owner Paul O. Simms Plumber _____
 Lot 3 Block 23 Subdivision Grandview Plat No. 28

Date of Connection	<u>1/21/1938</u>	
By City	<u>3' E/W PL</u>	
By Plumber	_____	
Checked By	<u>Boatright</u>	
Size Main	<u>6"</u>	Depth <u>5'</u>
Main Assign.	<u>in St. 30' from PL</u>	
Stub Depth	_____	Prop. Line <u>1 1/2'</u>
Stub Location	_____	
Book No.	<u>B-1114</u>	
Paving Cut	_____	No. _____

No. Fittings	Size	Price
32 1/2	Pipe 4"	3.25
	Pipe	
	Wyes	
1	Bends	.40
	Reducers	
	Plugs	
	Sand	
	Gravel	
	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
	Other tap	.15
	laying pipe	.65
	Labor: 1 day	3.28
	1 day	3.00
		total 10.73

Sewer service permit to Paul O. Simms for this address (1938)