

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0874
1807 CLIFFORD AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with synthetic (vinyl) siding; single and paired 2:2 horizontally-divided windows, some with diamond-paned metal screens; partial-width, independent entry porch on plain, square, wood posts.

RESEARCH

The house was built ca. 1950-51 by Harvey and Maggie Crayton, who lived at 1806 Sanchez Street, immediately behind this house. Harvey Crayton had been a railroad laborer; Maggie Crayton was a nurse for a private family. Harvey and Maggie Crayton built houses for two of their sons on Clifford Avenue: this house was for their oldest son, Nathan, and his wife, Ruth. The house next door, at 1805 Clifford Avenue, was for a younger son, Raymond Crayton.

Nathan and Ruth Crayton lived here from the time of construction of the house in 1951 until around 1954. Nathan Crayton was a yard man for the Comal Lumber Company; he then worked as a poultry dresser for Massengale's, a wholesale meat, poultry, and egg business. Around 1954, the house was rented to Rev. George Stevenson and his wife, Lucille, who lived here for a short time in the mid-1950s. No other information is available about Rev. Stevenson; his church affiliation is not listed in the city directories. Willie Lee and Annie L. Jones owned and occupied the house through the 1960s. Willie Jones was a driver and maintenance man for the University of Texas. Alzie and Geneva Fisher are listed as the owners and occupants of the house from around 1970 through the 1990s. The Fishers had lived on rented farms in Williamson County at least through the time of the 1940 U.S. Census, when both Alzie and Geneva were listed as farm laborers. By the time they purchased this house, Alzie was employed by Capital National Bank at 7th and Colorado Streets; he retired in the late 1970s and lived out the rest of his life in this house.

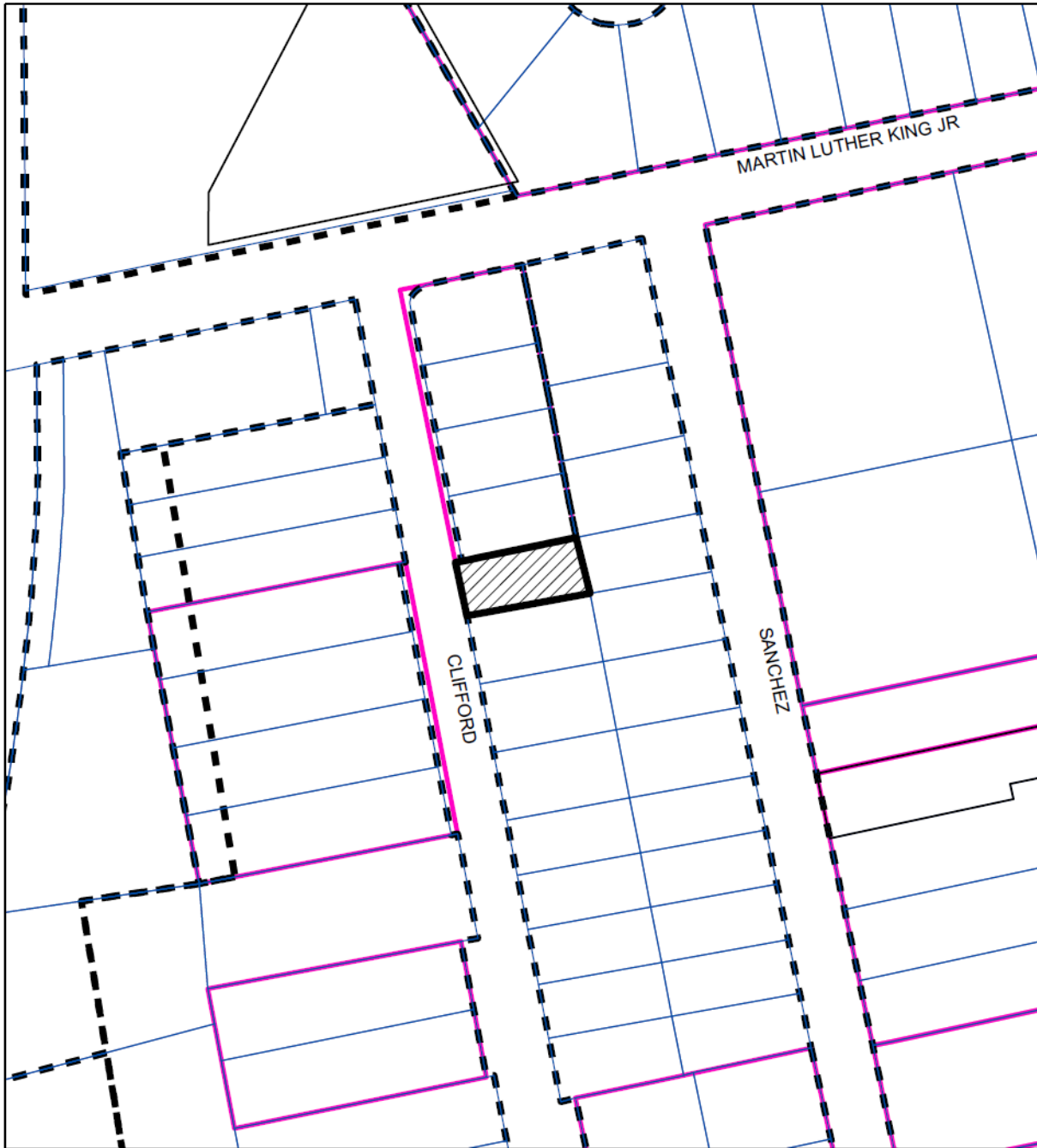
STAFF COMMENTS



The house is not listed in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit; the house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, and has been modified to the extent that documentation of the house is not justified.

LOCATION MAP



 SUBJECT TRACT
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0874
LOCATION: 1807 Clifford Avenue



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1807 Clifford Avenue
ca. 1951



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1807 Clifford Avenue

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

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| 1992 | Alzie E. and Geneva Fisher, owners
Retired |
| 1985-86 | Alzie E. and Geneva Fisher, owners
Retired |
| 1981 | Alzie E. and Geneva Fisher, owners
Retired |
| 1977 | Alzie E. and Geneva Fisher, owners
Employed by Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7 th Street. |
| 1973 | Alzie E. and Mabel Fisher, owners
Employed by the American Inn, 3506 N. Interregional Highway.
NOTE: The directory indicates that Alzie and Mabel Fisher were new residents at this address. |
| 1968 | Willie L. and Annie L. Jones, owners
Maintenance man, University of Texas |

NOTE: Alzie and Geneva Fisher are listed at 3044 E. 14th Street; he was a delivery man for Bray and Jordan Pharmacy, 4027 Guadalupe Street.

- 1962 Willie L. and Annie L. Jones, owners
Driver, University of Texas
- 1959 Vacant
- 1955 Rev. George and Lucille Stevenson, renters
Pastor (no church listed)
NOTE: Nathan Crayton (Ruth is not listed) was a packer at Massengale's, wholesale meats, poultry, and eggs, 80 Red River Street; he is listed at this address.
- 1954 Nathan and Ruth Crayton, renters
Poultry dresser, Massengale's, wholesale meats, poultry, and eggs, 80 Red River Street.
- 1953 Nathan and Ruth Crayton, renters
Yardman, Comal Lumber Company, 701 E. 5th Street.
NOTE: Raymond Crayton owned the house next door at 1805 Clifford Avenue; Harvey and Maggie Crayton are listed as the owners of this property on the 1950 building permit. They lived at 1806 Sanchez Street, immediately to the rear of this house.
- 1952 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Nathan Crayton (no wife listed) was a driver for Comal Lumber Company; he lived with his parents at 1806 Sanchez Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Nathan and Ruth Crayton (ca. 1951 – ca. 1954)

Nathan Crayton appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the 8-year old son of Harvey and Maggie Crayton, who lived at 1903 E. 8th Street. Harvey Crayton was then a 31-year old Texas-born railroad laborer; Maggie Crayton was a 28-year old, Texas-born nurse for a private family. Nathan was the oldest of their children listed in the census report. Raymond Crayton, who lived at 1805 Clifford Avenue when Nathan and Ruth Crayton lived in this house, was Nathan's younger brother, by 5 years.

NATHAN B. CRAYTON

Nathan B. Crayton was dead on arrival at a local hospital Tuesday. Funeral will be Saturday at noon in King Tears Mortuary chapel.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. & Mrs Harvey Crayton; one daughter, Miss Malinda Faye Crayton, two sons, Charles Thomas Crayton and Floyd Crayton; three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Lee, Mrs. Ola Mae Smith and Miss Mary Lena Crayton; and one brother, Raymond Crayton, all of Austin.

Obituary of Nathan Crayton
Austin American, June 21, 1968

Alzie and Geneva Fisher (ca. 1970 – 1993)

Alzie and Geneva Fisher appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Williamson County, Texas, where they rented a farm. Alzie Fisher was then 23, and had been born in Texas. He is listed as a farmer. Geneva Fisher was then 19, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed in the census report.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alzie and Geneva Fisher living in a rented farm house in Williamson County, Texas; both Alzie and Geneva Fisher are listed as farm laborers. They had two children: Melba, 8; and Billie, 4.

FISHER, Alzie, 85, of Austin died Monday. Services 3 p.m. Saturday, Fuller-Sheffield Funeral Home. Burial Evergreen Cemetery.

Death notice for Alzie Fisher
Austin American-Statesman, October 8, 1993

FISHER, Geneva Francis, 99, of Austin died Sunday. Visitation 1 p.m. today, Fuller-Sheffield Funeral Services. Services 11 a.m. Saturday, Fuller-Sheffield. Burial Evergreen Cemetery.

Funeral notice for Geneva Fisher
Austin American-Statesman, April 22, 2011

Harvey & Maggie Crayton 1807 Clifford Ave.
N.W. 52.25x104.5' of Harvey
249 Crayton .5 Ac. - 28 B

Box residence.

44520 5-11-50

\$2900.00

Jasper Glover

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Building permit for the construction of this house (1950)

Receipt No. 14933 Application for Sewer Connection Duplicate No. 26499A
RUSH Austin, Texas 7-26-50

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Jasper Glover at 1807 Clifford Ave. Street,
further described as Lot NW. 52.25x104.5' of Harvey Crayton Block 249 Outlot — Division —
subdivision — Plat 249, which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 38934
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. Call 7-31-50

Depth at Prop. Line 1'
Stub 4' S OF N LL
Connected (Location)

Respectfully,
Klaus

Date 8-3-50
By James Golden

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6" Sewer in St 4' dia
man 10' E of N.R. A-1477

Sewer connection application by Jasper Glover for this address (1950)

Willie Lee Jones 1807 Clifford Ave.
 249 52.25' X 104.5' -
 Harvey Crayton Et Ux
 Frame Addn. to Residence
 80943 8-17-61 1,200.00
 H.J. Price -

2 BEDROOMS

Building permit to Willie Lee Jones for the construction of a frame addition (1961)

OWNER	Willie Lee Jones	ADDRESS	1807 Clifford Ave.
PLAT	249	LOT /	NW 52.25 x 104.5
		BLK.	DIV
SUBDIVISION	Harvey Crayton & Ux Lot		
OCCUPANCY	Carport & Storage attached to rear of residence		
BLD PERMIT #	88692	DATE	7-15-63
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	75.00
CONTRACTOR	Owner	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
CARPORT & STORAGE			

Building permit to Willie Lee Jones for the construction of a carport and storage area (1963)