

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0870
1703 NEWTON STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, partial-width, front-gabled independent entry hood; single and paired, non-historic, 6:6 windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1948 by C.L. Flournoy, a local builder and developer. The first owners and occupants of the house were Jim H. Garcia, and his son, Benjamin (“Benny”). Jim H. Garcia was a widower who had raised 8 children, and had rented a house on E. 2½ Court before moving to this house, which he owned. Jim Garcia was a porter for Swearingen-Armstrong, the local Ford dealership, which then became Armstrong-Johnson, and finally, Leif Johnson Ford. After he passed away in 1961, his son, Benny, a receiving clerk for a men’s store on Burnet Road, lived here until around 1975. The house has been a rental unit since then.

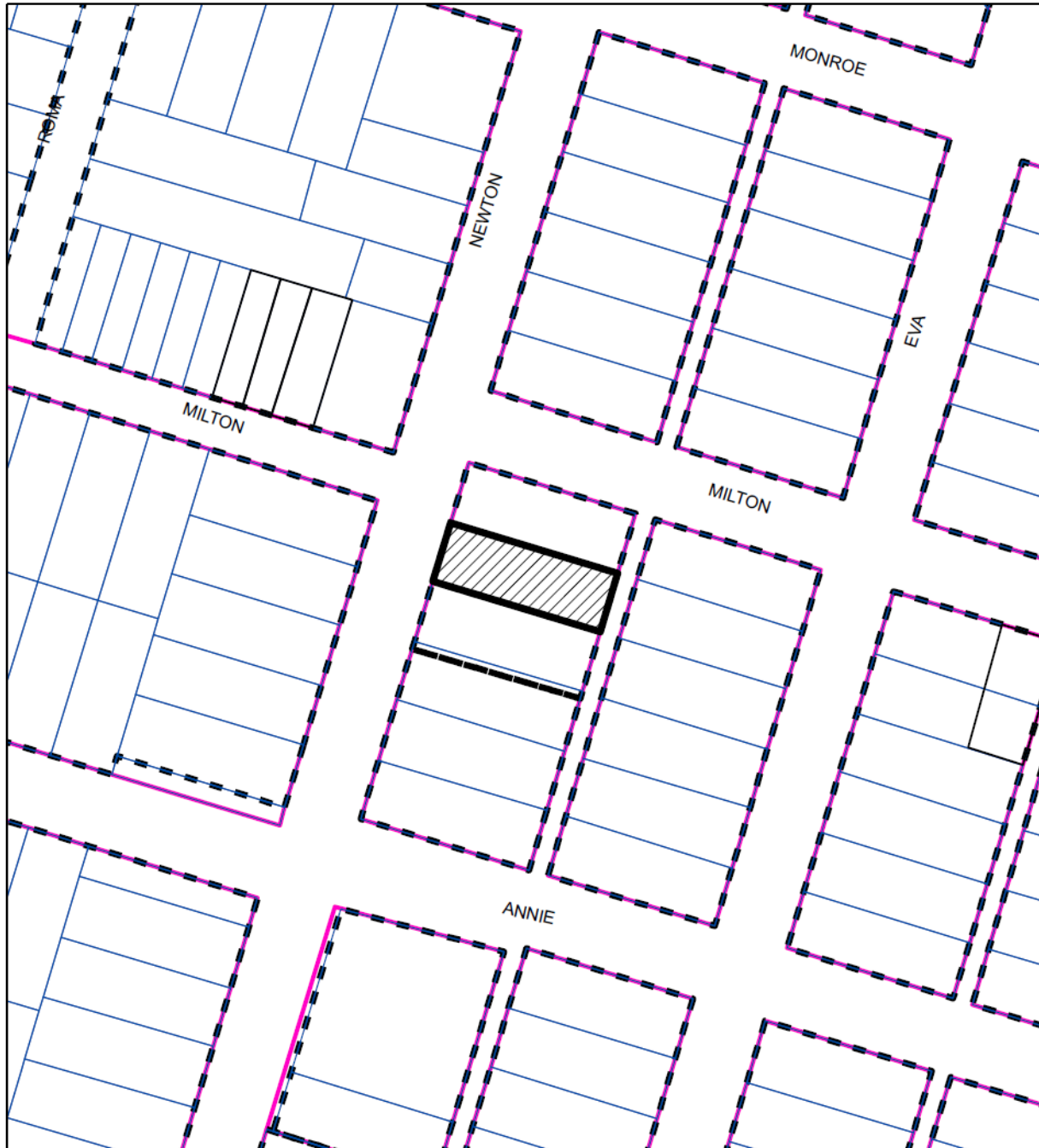
STAFF COMMENTS



The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, if feasible, 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 house, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



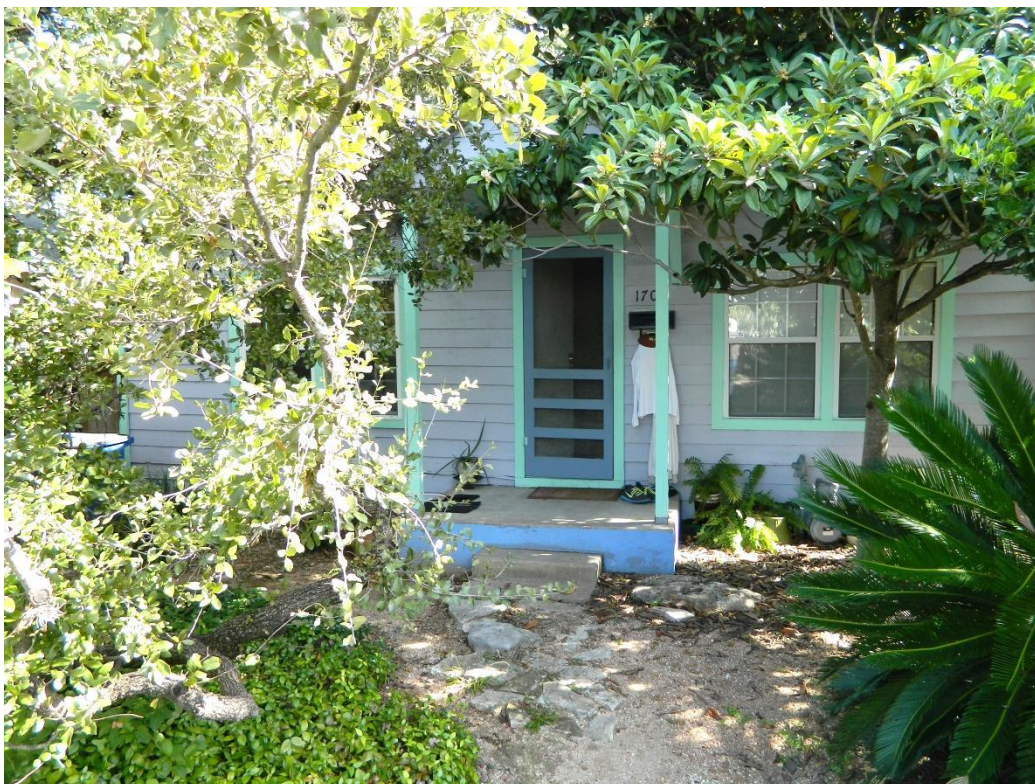
 SUBJECT TRACT
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0870
LOCATION: 1703 Newton Street



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1703 Newton Street
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1703 Newton Street

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

1992	R. Michael Garcia, owner No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that R. Michael Garcia was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Guadalupe and Amparo Sarate, renters Construction laborer
1981	Vacant
1977	Anthony Iarrobino, renter Employed by the University of Texas
1973	Benjamin R. Garcia, owner Receiving clerk, Jack Morton (not listed in the directory)
1968	Benjamin R. Garcia, owner Receiving clerk, Jack Morton (not listed in the directory)

- 1962 Benjamin R. Garcia, owner
Receiving clerk, Jack Morton's, men's wear, 5724 Burnet Road.
- 1959 Jim H. Garcia, owner
Porter, Armstrong-Johnson, Ford cars and trucks, 202 W. 1st Street.
Also listed is Benjamin R. Garcia, a clerk.
- 1955 Jim H. Garcia, owner
Porter, Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford cars and trucks, 202 W. 1st Street.
Also listed is Benny Garcia, a receiving clerk
- 1952 Jim H. Garcia, owner
Porter, Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford cars and trucks, 202 W. 1st Street.
NOTE: Benny Garcia is not listed in the directory.
- 1949 Jim H. Garcia, owner
Porter, Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford cars and trucks, 202 W. 1st Street.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Jim H. Garcia is listed at an unknown address on E. 2½ Court in Austin.
He was a porter for Swearingen-Armstrong, Ford cars and trucks, 202 W. 1st Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Jim H. Garcia and Benjamin R. Garcia (ca. 1948 – ca. 1975)

Jim Garcia appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renter of a house at 1205 Sabine Street in Austin. Jim Garcia was then a 59-year old, Texas-born widower, who worked as an attendant at a retail automobile company. He had 7 children living with him, ranging in age from 13 to 30, with the 30-year old son married and with two children of his own. Benjamin Garcia was then 8 years old, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Jim's oldest son, Julius, 30, was a painter for a retail automobile company; the next youngest, Ed, 29 (who was married and had 2 children of his own), was a porter for a retail automobile company.

JIM GARCIA

Mass will be held Friday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Jose Catholic Church for Jim Garcia, 69, of 1701 Newton Street, who died in a local hospital Thursday. Burial will be in the Assumption Cemetery under the direction of the Mission Funeral Home.

Rosary was held Thursday night with the Rev. H. J. Hughes officiating.

He is survived by five sons, Eddie Garcia, Julius Garcia, Benny Garcia, Ted Garcia and Charles Hernandez, all of Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Dora Guerrero of Austin Mrs. Irene Nieves of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Antonia Ruiz of Oklahoma, and a brother, Seferina Garcia of Austin.

Obituary of Jim H. Garcia
Austin American, August 18, 1961

Benjamin "Benny" Garcia

Benjamin "Benny" Garcia, age 76, of Austin passed away on January 8, 2008.

He is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Antonia Ruiz and husband Dan Ruiz Sr., Mrs. Irene Nieves and husband Joseph Nieves, Mrs. Dora Guerrero; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2007 at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 S. Congress Avenue, Austin.

The family has requested no flowers.

Memorials and guestbook online at wcfish.com



WILKE-CLAY-FISH
FUNERAL HOME
2620 S. Congress, 512/442-1446

Obituary of Benny Garcia
Austin American-Statesman, January 12, 2008

C. R. Flournoy	1703 Newton Street
123 11	28 - -
Swisher Addition	
Frame residence.	
39291 10-13-48	\$3000.00
Owner	

#146544 12-2-74 Repair & Remodel Exist. Res.
& Bring to Min. Stdrs. 1000.00
Erasmus Rodriguez

Building permit to C.R. Flournoy for the construction of this house (1948)

CHANGED TO G MAIN & BEEN W/COF ON E-23469

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 2501

Received of C.L. FLOURNOY Date 11-16-48
 Address 1702 NEWTON ST.
 Amount TWENTY AND 00/100 \$ 20.00
 Plumber A.L. DERDEN Size of Tap 3/4"
 Date of Connection 12-10-48
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"
 Size Service Made 3/4"
 Size Main Tapped 2" 6" 8"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2.5'
 From N Prop. Line to Curb Cock 4'
 Location of Meter EVER
 Type of Box LOCK
 Depth of Main in St. 2'
 Depth of Service Line 2'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-5-49 H.S.

No. Fittings	Size	Description
1		Curb Cock
1	3/4" COP	Elbow
1	3/4" COP	St-Elbow
1	3/4" COP	Brushing
1	2" x 3/4" TAP	Reducer
		Pipe
		Lead Comp.
		Nipples
		Union
		Plug
		Tile
		Start
		Box
		Lid
		Valves
		Job No. <u>11-323-502</u>
		Req. No. <u>11-11-01</u>

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Water service permit to C.L. Flournoy for this address (1948)

Receipt No. 11102 Application for Sewer Connection No. 25596

Rack

Austin, Texas, 11-16 1948

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
C.L. FLOURNOY at 1703 NEWTON Street,
 further described as Lot 11 Block 2 Outlot 1 Division
 subdivision Swedish add Plat. 123 which is to be used as a Res
 In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 32309
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 11-16-48

Depth at Prop. Line 3ft.
 Connected 15ft S of NLL
 (Location)

Respectfully,
A.L. Darden
 Ed. awm

Date 12-2-48
 By Searey

NOTE: Connection Instruction 3" sewer in main to south end
of sewer in at 4' deep - main 27 ft
1702 R. Rack B-428
A-206

Sewer connection application by C.L. Flournoy for this address (1948)