

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS  
JANUARY 27, 2014  
NRD-2013-0104  
1719 Palma Plaza  
Old West Austin National Register Historic District**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1935 duplex.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame duplex with a steeply-pitched front-gabled entry hood at each entry door; single and paired 1:1 fenestration. Entry doors to the duplex units are each to the edge of the front elevation.

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**RESEARCH**

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The duplex was built at the end of 1935 by Forrest Morgan, the owner of a local printing company, as an investment property, just as at 1717 Palma Plaza. However, unlike the duplex at 1717 Palma Plaza, this duplex never had prominent, nor long-term tenants. Tenants generally only lived here for a year or two, and included a public school music teacher, clerks, a consultant for the State Health Department, and a vice-president of the Studebaker dealership. Not until the mid-1950s did the duplex have a long-term tenant: Irma Hotman, who was an accounting clerk for the State Employment Commission, and lived here for about 15 years.

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**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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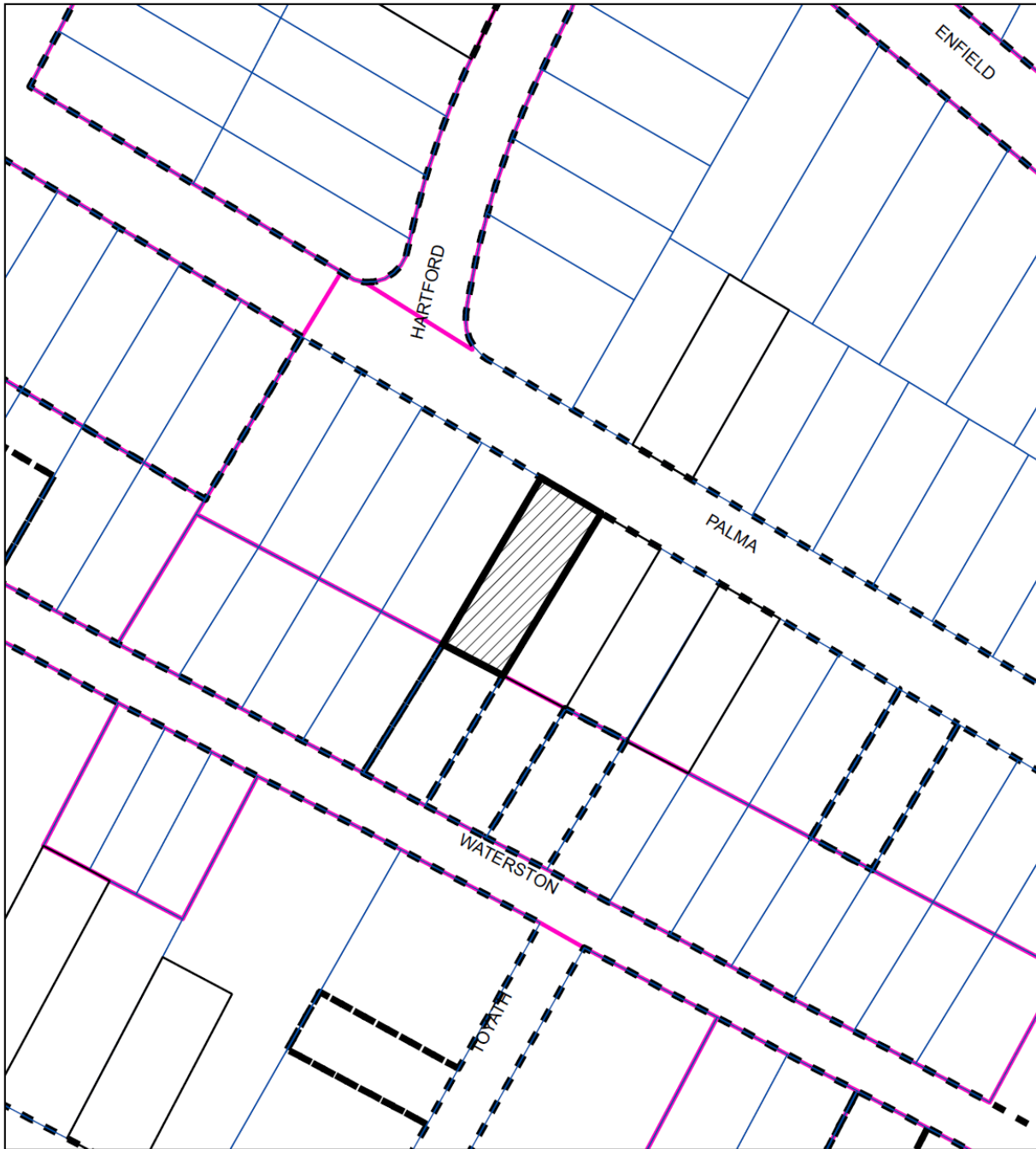
The building is contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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, and after Commission review of the plans for the site. While the duplex is contributing to the National Register District, it does not qualify for individual designation as a historic landmark.



SUBJECT TRACT  
ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: NRD-2013-0104  
LOCATION: 1719 Palma Plaza



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1719 Palma Plaza  
ca. 1935



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1719 Palma Plaza

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

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| 1992    | <p>Debra Sugerman, renter<br/>Artist<br/>½: William Aberdeen, renter<br/>No occupation listed</p>   |
| 1985-86 | <p>Olga V. Stewart, renter<br/>Retired<br/>½: No return</p>   |
| 1981    | <p>Robert R. Hobbs, renter<br/>No occupation listed<br/>NOTE: The directory indicates that Robert R. Hobbs was a new resident at this address.<br/>½: Dana Cody, renter<br/>No occupation listed<br/>NOTE: The directory indicates that Dana Cody was a new resident at this address.</p> |

1977	Robert W. Klassen, renter Architect ½: Michael Abedin, renter Teacher, Ken-Po Karate, 2708-A S. Lamar Boulevard.
1973	Robert W. Klassen, renter Architect ½: No return
1968	Irma K. Hotman, renter Accounting clerk, State Employment Commission ½: Kathleen M. Jordan, renter Manager, Castilian Beauty Salon, 2323 San Antonio Street.
1962	Irma K. Hotman, renter Accounting clerk, State Employment Commission ½: Ora E. Whetstone, renter Widow, Fred Whetstone Teacher, public schools
1959	Irma K. Hotman, renter Clerk, State Employment Commission ½: Ora E. Whetstone, renter Widow, Fred Whetstone Teacher, public schools
1955	Vacant NOTE: Irma K. Hotman is listed at this address. She was a clerk for the State Employment Commission. ½: Erma L. Hunt, renter No occupation listed
1952	Vacant ½: Vacant
1949	Richard H. and June Einck, renters Vice-president, Leo M. Black Motors, Studebaker cars and trucks, 404-06 Brazos Street. ½: F. Marion Johnson, renter Supervisor, State Department of Public Safety
1947	Maurice T. and Pauline Neenan, renters Salesman, Welch & Dill, general insurance and real estate, 303 Brazos Street. ½: J. Watt and Ann Hornberg, renters Consultant, State Health Department
1944-45	James S. and Mary McCrary, renters Assistant, State Auditor's Office ½: Peter and Dorothy Andricas, renters U.S. Army
1941	Mary J. Ridgeway, renter Widow, Thomas J. Ridgeway No occupation listed

- ½: Mary Johnson, renter  
Widow, T.A. Johnson  
No occupation listed
- 1939 Charles Lockhart, renter  
State Treasurer  
½: P.E. and Eva Winston, renters  
Clerk, State Treasurer's Office
- 1937 Mrs. Mary P. Robinson, renter  
No occupation listed  
½: Maurine Owen, renter  
Music teacher, public schools
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Mary Robinson is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Maurine Owen was a teacher at University Junior High School; she lived at 705 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:****Irma Hotman (ca. 1954 – ca. 1970)**

Irma Hotman appears in the 1920 U.S. Census for Fayette County, Texas as the 4-year old daughter of farmer Henry Hotman and his wife, Frieda. Henry Hotman had been born in Texas to German-born parents; Irma had been born in Texas.

**IRMA HOTMAN**

Miss Irma Hotman, 57, of 1719 Palma Plaza, died Wednesday in a local hospital. She was a resident of Austin for 30 years and was a member of the First Methodist Church. She was an accountant for Texas Employment Commission.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hamblen of Edna, and Mrs. Neil Roberts of Alamosa, Colo.; two brothers, Clyde W. Hotman of Ft. Worth, and Milton Hotman of San Antonio.

The body will lie in state at Cook-Walden Funeral Home until Friday morning, when it will be taken to LaGrange for funeral Saturday at 3 p.m. at Koenig Funeral Home. Rev. B. C. Schmidt will officiate and burial will be in the LaGrange City Cemetery.

Obituary of Irma Hotman  
Austin American, October 12, 1972

# PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 3187A

SEC 91

M. Forrest J. Morgan Jr Address 1719 Palma Plaza

Plumber Lanner

Size of Tap 1/2

Date 9-30-31

## Foreman's Report

No. Fittings	Size.	
	Curb Cock	
	Elbow	
	St. Elbow	
	Bushing	
	Reducer	
	Pipe	
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
	Te	
	Stop	
	Box	
	Lid	
	Valves	

ABANDONED

9x1/2" x 1/2" credit given for service on curb for a new 2" meter

1085550000

1 Stop 2" tap for Palma Plaza

Req. No. 3187A

Checked by Engr. Dept. W.P.H. 10-24-35

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Water service permit to Forrest T. Morgan, Jr. for this address (1935)

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 No 12163

**Application for Sewer Connection.**

Austin, Texas, Sept 30, 1935

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Forrest T. Morgan, Jr.  
at 1719 Palma Plaza Street,  
further described as lot 26, block \_\_\_\_\_, outlot \_\_\_\_\_  
subdivision Entfield E, division \_\_\_\_\_, plat 900  
which place is to be used as a duplex

In this place there are to be installed 8 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully, DW. Lanier

Stub Out \_\_\_\_\_

Connected Oct 4 1935 15" E. of W. Pl.

Size of Main 6" inches

Size of Service 4" inches

8' Feet Deep

12' Feet from Property Line

3' Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by A. L. Harrison

Connection made by Trone Hill

A-998

Sewer connection application by Forrest T. Morgan, Jr. for this address (1935)