

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JANUARY 27, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0959  
406 W. 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1928 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with a full-width, shed-roofed, independent porch on plain, square, wood posts and a non-historic railing; non-historic replacement windows with a 1:1 configuration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built around 1928 as a duplex. The first tenants were John H. Chiles, Jr., an insurance agent; and Clifford W. Rhoads, a salesman. Both John Chiles and Clifford Rhoads only lived here until 1930. Earle P. Adams, and his wife, Yolo, rented half of this house in the early 1930s; he was the chairman of the Industrial Accident Board of Texas, and a lawyer in private practice. Bruce W. Bryant, and his wife, Ivy, rented an apartment here in the mid-1930s. He had been a district judge in Haskell County, Texas before moving to Austin to open a private law practice. A Kansas-born auctioneer, Millard M. Mullins, and his wife, Georgia, rented half the house in the late 1930s; Sam Hancock, and his wife, Dolly, rented the other half from the late 1930s through the mid-1940s. Later tenants were not as long-term, but included Churchill and Lillian Deason from the early 1950s to the early 1960s. Deason was a clerk and statistician at the State Railroad Commission; Lillian was a supervisor at the State Board of Control.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house appears in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, and has been modified so that its integrity of materials has been greatly compromised; documentation is not justified.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0959  
LOCATION: 406 W 13th Street



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406 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1928



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 406 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Vacant ½: Vacant
1981	Styling Parlour (Cara Kanak, proprietor) ½: Jeffrey Rosen, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Jeffrey Rosen was a new resident at this address.
1977	Dana Ellinger, renter Employed by State Printing (not listed in the directory). ½: No return
1973	No return ½: Willis C. Hollis, Jr., renter Clerk, University of Texas NOTE: The directory indicates that Willis C. Hollis, Jr. was a new resident at this address.
1968	Marie Conrey, renter Clerical supervisor, State Motor Vehicle Division ½: Ursula Pavlicka, renter Clerical supervisor, State Motor Vehicle Division Also listed is Teresa Pavlicka, a clerk at the State Real Estate Commission.
1962	Churchill C. and Lillian Deason, renters Churchill: Statistician, Texas Railroad Commission Lillian: Supervisor, State Board of Control ½: Teresa J. Pavlica, renter Clerk, Texas Education Agency Also listed are Jude M. Pavlica, a clerk at Security National Life Insurance, 800 Lavaca Street; and Ursula Pavlica, a stenographer for the State Highway Department.
1959	Clara B. Randolph, renter Widow, R.C. Randolph No occupation listed ½: Talbert E. and Doris C. Meredith, renters Contractor (office at the house)
1955	Alma L. Kiesling, renter Dressmaker ½: Churchill C. and Lillian Deason renters Clerk, State Railroad Commission

- 1952 Juanita Reavis, renter  
Hostess, Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.  
½: Churchill C. and Lillian Deason, renters  
Manager, C. Mel Miller
- 1949 Clemmie Burnes, renter  
Widow, Burt O. Burnes  
No occupation listed  
½: Norman and Dorothy V. Barr, renters  
Student, University of Texas
- 1947 Burt D. Burnes, renter  
Counselor, Austin High School  
Also listed is Clemmie Burnes, the widow of R.L. Burnes, no occupation stated.  
½: Timothy and Dorothy Cantrell, renters  
Timothy: Student  
Dorothy: Teacher, Wooldridge School, 600 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1944-45 Samuel and Dolly Hancock, renters  
Accountant, State Liquor Control Board  
½: Emory and Irene Byrd, renters  
U.S. Army
- 1941 Samuel H. and Dolly Hancock, renters  
Accountant  
½: Margaret Baugh, renter  
Stenographer
- 1939 Samuel H. and Dolly Hancock, renters  
Accountant  
½: Frances Fleming, renter  
Widow, John P. Fleming  
Clerk, State Highway Department  
  
Millard M. and Georgia Mullins, renters  
Auctioneer  
NOTE: The directory shows the Mullins' address as 1108 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1937 James L. and Marion Darnell, Jr., renters  
Associate geologist, U.S. Department of Reclamation  
½: Millard M. and Georgia Mullins, renters  
Auctioneer
- 1935 Bruce W. and Ivy Bryant, renters  
Lawyer  
½: Thomas G. and Georgia Shepherd, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1932-33 Bruce W. and Ivy M. Bryant, renters  
Assistant Attorney General, State Attorney General's Office  
½: Herbert L. and Gladys Smith, renters  
Lawyer

- 1930-31 Earle P. and Yolo K. Adams, renters  
Chairman, Industrial Accident Board of Texas  
½: Robert I. and Rebecca Wells, renters  
Assistant rate clerk, Railroad Commission of Texas
- 1929 John H. and Jim Chiles, Jr., renters  
General insurance, district agent for Aetna Life Insurance Company, 706-07  
Scarborough Building.  
½: Clifford W. and Katherine Rhoads, renters  
Salesman
- 1927 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: John H. Chiles, Jr. (no wife listed), was a teller at Austin National Bank;  
he lived at his parents' home at 1606 West Avenue – John H. Chiles, Sr. was the  
president of Austin White Lime and the vice-president of Austin National Bank.  
  
NOTE: Clifford W. Rhoads was not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

#### **John H. and Jim Chiles, Jr. (ca. 1928 – ca. 1930)**

John H. and Jim Chiles, Jr. appear in the 1930 Census as the renters of 1304 Guadalupe Street. John H. Chiles, Jr. was then 28, had been born in Texas, and was an insurance agent. Jim Chiles was then 23, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had an African-American servant, Alex Phillips. By 1940, John H. Chiles, Jr. was divorced, and living next to his parents at 1606 ½ West Avenue. He was the proprietor of the Old Line Life Insurance Company.

#### **Earle P. and Yolo Adams (ca. 1930 – ca. 1932)**

Earle P. and Yolo Adams appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of this house (no other tenant is shown). Earle Adams was then 37, had been born in Texas, and was a lawyer in general practice. Yolo Adams was then 36, had been born in Arkansas, and had no occupation listed. They had two children: June, 11; and Joe, 9. Both children had been born in Texas.

NOTE: Robert and Rebecca Wells, who are listed at this address in the city directory, are listed as renters of an apartment at 208 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the 1930 U.S. Census report. Robert Wells was the clerk for the Railroad Commission.

#### **Bruce and Ivy Bryant (ca. 1932 – ca. 1936)**

Bruce W. and Ivy Bryant appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Haskell, Texas, where Bruce was a 52-year old Kentucky-born district judge. Ivy Bryant was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had four children: daughter Brucile, 19, and sons, Joe, 17, Frank, 123, and Billie, 3. By 1940, Bruce and Ivy Bryant were renting an apartment at 909 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. He was an assistant State Attorney General.

#### **Millard and Georgia Mullins (ca. 1936 – ca. 1938)**

Millard and Georgia Mullins appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for Houston, Texas, where they rented a house. Millard Mullins was then 56, had been born in Kansas, and was an auctioneer. Georgia Mullins was then 49, had been born in Nebraska, and had no occupation listed. The census report shows that they had lived in Austin in 1935. The 1930 U.S. Census shows them in San Angelo, Texas, where Millard ran a retail grocery store and Georgia was a saleslady in the store. Their daughter, Alma, was a stenographer for an oil operator.

**Sam and Dolly Hancock (ca. 1938 – ca.1946)**

Sam and Dolly Hancock appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of an apartment at 703 Lavaca Street, although from city directory listings, it appears that they were living in this house at the same time. Sam Hancock was a 54 year old, Texas-born accountant for the Texas Railroad Commission; Dolly Hancock was 50, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter, Elyse Vernon, a 27-year old divorcee, and her two young daughters, Dixie and Elizabeth. Elyse worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and had lived in Houston, Texas in 1935. Sam, Dolly, and Elyse were living in Houston in 1930, where Sam was a cotton buyer; they had five roomers in their house there.

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

No. A 1823

**PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE** Austin, Texas

M. E. B. Yenser Address 406 W 12

Plumber Harper & Hunsicker Size of Tap 1/2 Date 7/2/28

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection	<u>7/16/28</u>	No. Fittings	1	Size	<u>3/4"</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>	1 Curb Cock	1		<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>	1 Elbow	1		<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>	1 St. Elbow	1		<u>3/4"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>18'</u>	1 Bushing	1		<u>3/4"</u>
" " " " "	<u>9'</u>	1 Reducer	1		<u>3/4"</u>
Location of Meter	<u>at curb</u>	2 Pipe	2		<u>3/4"</u>
Type of Box	<u>Arch</u>	1 Comp	1		<u>3/4"</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>18"</u>	Nipples			
" " Service Line	<u>10"</u>	Union			
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>8.6"</u>	Plug			
Checked by Engr. Dept.		Tee			
		1 Stop			
		1 Box			
		1 Lid			
		Valves			
		Req. No.			<u>4408</u>

Foreman's Signature B. Vernon

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Permit for water service at this address (1928)