

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 27, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0969
2203 E. 14TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1933 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled, board-and-batten frame house with a partial-width inset porch; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1933; the first residents were Frank and Hattie Fowler, who lived here until around 1936. Frank Fowler was an African-American cook for Alfred and Florence Robinson at 404 W. 7th Street, where he lived before he and Hattie moved into this house. Ananias and Mollie (or Mary) Strong rented the house from the mid-1930s through the early 1940s; he was a truck driver for Dittlinger Roller Mills, which manufactured flour. Around 1946, the house was rented by Marcellus “Andy” Anderson, and his wife, Ada, while he was teaching at Samuel Huston College. Andy Anderson was a pioneer in civil rights and obtaining career equality in Austin – he was the first African-American to receive a Texas real estate license, the first African-American to serve on the City of Austin’s Planning Commission, and the first African-American bank director in the city. He was a generous and philanthropic man, serving on various boards and committees, including the Austin Chamber of Commerce, St. Edward’s University, and the Austin Symphony. However, he and Ada only lived in this house for a very short time.

John McKinley, and his wife, Ida, rented the house in the late 1940s and early 1950s – he was a porter, first for a service station, then for Nau’s Pharmacy Prescription Department. He apparently died in the mid-1950s, and Ida McKinley is listed as the owner of the house in the 1955 city directory. Ida McKinley worked as a maid. By the late 1950s, the house was occupied by Arthur and Ida Durst – it is not clear if the widow Ida McKinley then married Arthur Durst, or whether Ida Durst was a different person altogether. Arthur Durst was a porter for the Steck Company through the 1960s; Ida was a cook for The Cellar restaurant in the 200 block of W. 10th Street. They lived here until around 1970. The house was a rental with a high turnover of tenants in the 1970s, and purchased by Lizabeth Brown, a former employee of the State School, in the 1980s.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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, for archiving at the Austin History Center. Although the house does have a connection with Andy Anderson, it is a very brief connection, and would not necessarily qualify the house for landmark designation.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0969
LOCATION: 2203 E 14th Street



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2203 E. 14th Street
ca. 1933



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2203 E. 14th Street

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

1992	Lizabeth Brown, owner Retired
1985-86	Lizabeth Brown, owner Retired
1981	Lizabeth Brown, owner, renter Employed at the State School NOTE: The directory indicates that Lizabeth Brown was a new resident at this address.
1977	Eddie and Elizabeth B. Jail, renters Yard work NOTE: The directory indicates that Eddie and Elizabeth B. Jail were new residents at this address.
1973	Sarah Brown, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Sarah Brown was a new resident at this address.

1968	Arthur and Ida M. Durst, renters Porter, Steck Company, office supplies and furniture, 9 th and Lavaca Streets.
1962	Arthur and Ida M. Durst, renters Porter, Steck Company, printers, publishers, office supplies and equipment, 9 th and Lavaca Streets.
1959	Ida McKinley, renter No occupation listed Arthur and Ida M. Durst, renters Porter, Steck Company, printers, publishers, office supplies and equipment, 9 th and Lavaca Streets.
1955	Ida McKinley, owner Widow, John D. McKinley Maid
1952	John D. and Ida M. McKinley, renters Porter, Nau's Prescription Department, 1819 San Jacinto Boulevard.
1949	W. Joseph and Elma Owens, renters Baker, Cuneo's Quality Baking Company, 4225 Guadalupe Street.
1947	Marcellus and Ada Anderson, renters Teacher, Samuel Huston College
1944-45	Leander and Georgia Young, renters U.S. Army NOTE: Ananias and Mary V. Strong are listed at 1203 Leona Street; he was a truck driver.
1941	Ananias and Mollie V. Strong, renters Driver, Dittlinger Roller Mills, flour, 915 E. 4 th Street.
1939	Ananias and Mollie V. Strong, renters Driver (no place of employment listed)
1937	Isaac and Beulah Smith, renters Truck driver, City Water, Light and Power Department NOTE: Ananias and Mary V. Strong are listed at 2106 E. 16 th Street; he was a truck driver for Dittlinger Roller Mills, flour, 915 E. 4 th Street.
1935	Frank and Hattie B. Fowler, renters No occupation listed
1932-33	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Frank and Hattie B. Fowler are listed at 1120 Chicon Street; he had no occupation listed. The 1930-31 city directory shows him (unmarried) as a cook at 404 W. 7 th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**Frank and Hattie B. Fowler (ca. 1933 – ca. 1936)**

Frank Fowler appears in the 1930 U.S. Census report as a 27-year old African-American servant in the home of Alfred and Florence Robinson at 404 W. 7th Street in Austin. Frank Fowler had been born in Texas.

POWLER, Frank Artie, 93, of Austin died Monday. Services 2 p.m. Friday, Simpson United Methodist Church. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery. (King-Tears)

Obituary of Frank Fowler
Austin American-Statesman, January 17, 1996

Ananias and Mary V. Strong (ca. 1938 – ca. 1943)

Ananias and M.V. Strong appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Ananias Strong was then 34, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for a wholesale flour mill. M.V. Strong was then 33, had been born in Texas, and was a maid in a private home. With them lived his nephew, Arthur Strong, 25, a chauffeur in a private home, who had lived in rural Travis County in 1935, Arthur's wife, Verna, 21, a Texas-born maid in a private home, and Ananias' mother, Mary Strong, a 69-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

MEMORIAL -- --

STRONG, Annias, 73, 1006 E. 13th St., died Wednesday. Services 11 a.m. today at King-Tears Mortuary. Burial, Evergreen Cemetery.

Obituary of Annias Strong
Austin American-Statesman, June 16, 1979

Marcellus "Andy" and Ada Anderson (ca. 1946 – ca. 1948)**Marcellus Jack Anderson Sr.****Obituary**

Marcus Aurelius defined a gentleman as one who leaves "the world untainted with falsehood, or dissimulation, or wantonness, or deceit." Such a man was Andy Anderson. Kind. Genteel. Noble. Generous. Gentle. Free. Andy was a scholar and a teacher, and a businessman of note. He was a peacemaker in his community and in the world. Among his many recognitions and contributions are these: He was the first African-American admitted to membership in the Board of Realtors in Texas and in the 17 Southern States and The District of Columbia. He was the first African-American in Texas to receive a real estate license from the Texas Real Estate Commission, and he served as President and Co-Founder of the Texas Association of Real Estate Brokers. He was the National Coordinator for the Johnson-Humphrey presidential election campaign; Founder and President of the 5,000 member United Political Organization of Texas; a United States Department of State Representative to Angola, Africa, and a U.S. Department of State Representative to the Independence Celebration of Guyana. He served as a Trustee of St. Edward's University, Texas Southern University and the American Institute for Learning. He was founder of Anderson Wormley Real Estate and Insurance Company, Founder and President of National Protestant Brotherhood Life Insurance Company, he was the first African-American to become bank director in Austin, being selected by Community National Bank; he was the first African-American to serve on the Austin Planning Commission, and the first African-American to serve as a Board Member on the Chamber of Commerce. He was an Austin Symphony Trustee, and founding member of the Board of Austin Crime Stoppers. A broad range of community interests captured his heart. From the Boy Scouts of America where he served as district chair, to the 300,000 member Federation of Masons of the World, where he was president, Andy gave generously to civic organizations. He was Grand

Master of the St. Joseph Grand Lodge and the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. He was also a founding member of the Austin Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The honorable Gus Garcia, former mayor of Austin says: ``Young African-Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to Andy Anderson.' Willie Mae Kirk, retired teacher and community leader, reminisces that her appreciation for Andy began when he was her economics teacher at Samuel Huston College in 1941. ``Andy had a knack for working with students, he was a compassionate listener who was truly interested in people.' Attorney Larry E. Temple, Special Counsel to President Lyndon B. Johnson, referred to Andy as a ``Hero' saying: ``Generations of Texans will be beneficiaries of changes that resulted from the quiet, insistent, counsel of Andy Anderson.' Former Texas Lieutenant Governor, Ben Barnes, sums up Andy's wonderful life: `Andy Anderson was one of the early pioneers for equal justice, equal opportunity, and equal rights for all Texans. Few had a greater impact on National and State policies when the government began to pass and sign legislation for equal opportunity.` Many mourn Andy's death and celebrate his life. Andy was predeceased by his son, Marcellus Jack Anderson, Jr. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Ada; his daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Joy Anderson Baccus and Lloyd of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren, Lauren Baccus and Christopher Baccus; great-nieces, Denise Hopewell, Jacqui Cross, and Ronnye Hopewell; great-nephew, Drake Hopewell; cousins, Charles and Colleen McMurray. Andy Anderson leaves the world in debt to him. Friends are invited to a celebration of Andy's life beginning at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2004, at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 14, 2004, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1010 E. 10th Street. Arrangements by Weed-Corley- Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78705 - (512) 452-8811. You may view memorials online at wcfish.com.

Obituary of Marcellus J. Anderson
Austin American-Statesman, October 13, 2004

Arthur and Ida Mae Durst (ca. 1957 – ca. 1970)

Arthur Durst appears in the 1920 U.S. Census as the 12-year old son of Wash and Minnie Durst, who owned their house at 1908 Hamilton Street in Austin. Arthur, like his parents and siblings, had been born in Texas. His father, Wash, was a machinist in the railroad shops. By 1930, the family was renting a house for \$10 a month at 2202 New York Avenue. Wash Durst was working as a yardman for a private club, Minnie Durst was a laundress at the house. Arthur does not appear to be listed with the rest of his family, although the rest of his siblings are.

DURST, Ida Mae, 76, of Austin died Sunday. Visitation noon Friday, Phillips-Upshaw & Richard Funeral Home. Services 11 a.m. Saturday, Phillips-Upshaw & Richard. Burial Capital Memorial Park.

Obituary of Ida Durst
Austin American-Statesman, July 20, 2000