

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0054  
805 COLUMBUS STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1934 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a front-gabled hood over the entry; 1:1 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1934 by Olin G. Humphries and his wife, Bess. Olin Humphries was a linotype operator and worked in printing shops for most of his career. The Humphries family lived here until around 1938. The house was then a rental property until the mid-1940s. Among the renters was DeWitt C. Reddick, an associate professor at the University of Texas, who lived here from around 1940 to around 1942; his later home in Pemberton Heights is now a designated City historic landmark. Mary Winton, a Missouri-born widow who had lived in Waco for most of her life owned the house through the early 1950s. The house then had a series of short-term owners and renters, and has been a rental property since the 1980s.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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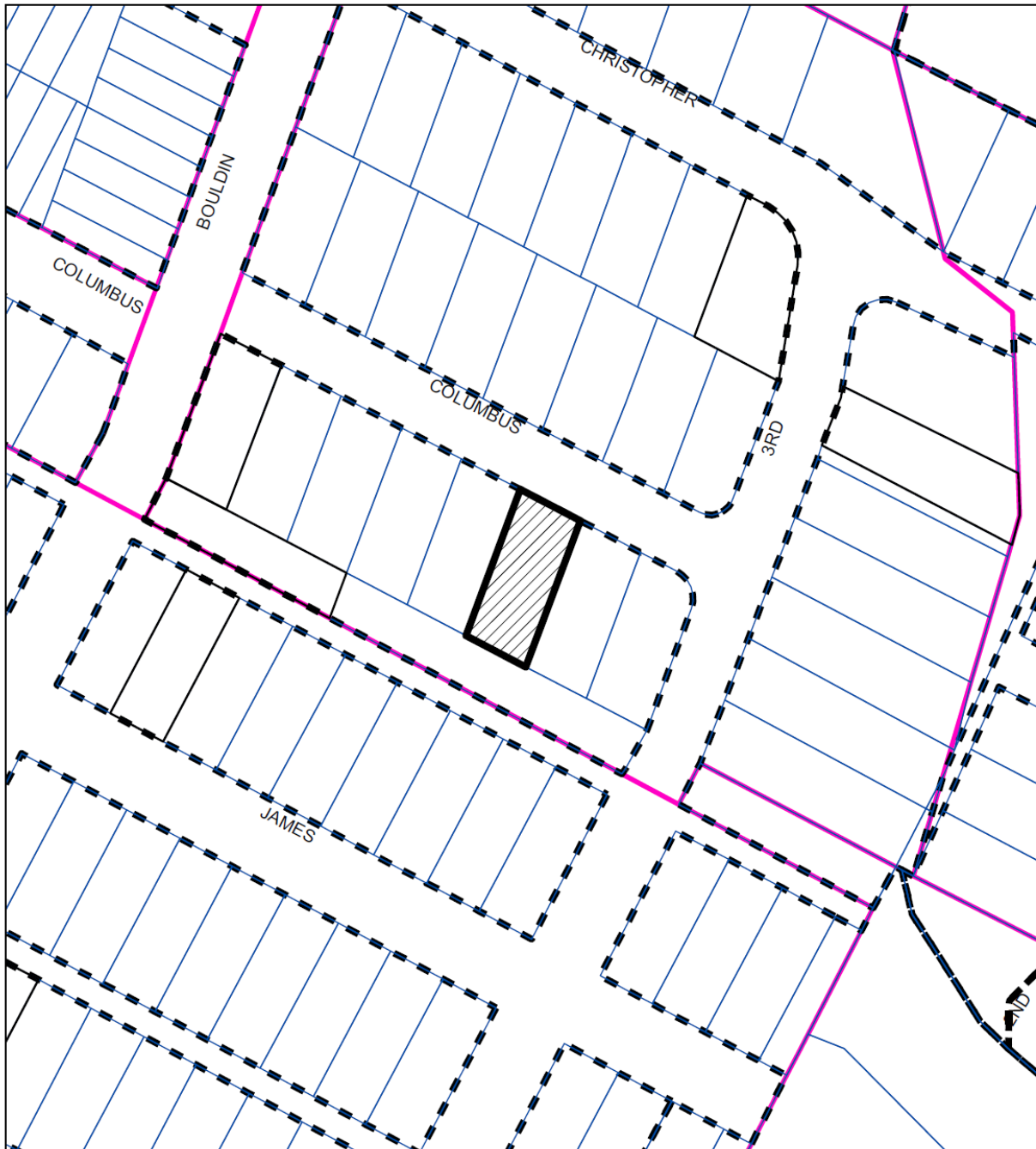
The house does not appear in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage relocation over demolition, 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, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2014-0054  
LOCATION: 805 COLUMBUS STREET



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805 Columbus Street  
ca. 1934



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 805 Columbus Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2014

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| 1992    | Bruce J. Hunt, renter<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Bruce J. Hunt was a new resident at this address.  |
| 1985-86 | Thomas L. and Virginia Kolker, renters<br>Thomas: Lawyer, 1006 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street<br>Virginia: Lawyer                           |
| 1981    | Michael R. Henderson, renter<br>Student<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Michael R. Henderson was a new resident at this address. |
| 1977    | Charles B. Mathis, owner<br>Retired  |
| 1973    | Charles B. Mathis, renter<br>Salesman, Lone Star Mobile Homes, 8132 N. Lamar Boulevard.  |

1968	John Boyles, renter Student
1962	Vacant
1959	Vernon W. and Hattie Barker, owners Vernon: No occupation listed Hattie: Cashier, Winn's Stores No. 39 (no store numbers are listed with the several locations).
1955	Vernon W. and Hattie Barker, owners No occupation listed
1952	Mary Winton, owner Widow, R.W. Winton No occupation listed
1949	Mary Winton, owner Widow, R.W. Winton No occupation listed
1947	Mary Winton, owner Widow, R.W. Winton Music teacher
1944-45	Alvin H. and Helen George, owners Helper, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 505 San Jacinto Boulevard. NOTE: Mary Winton is not listed in the directory.
1941	DeWitt C. and Marjorie Reddick, renters Associate professor, University of Texas
1939	Nolan and Margaret Schulze, renters Clerk, Works Progress Administration
1937	Olin G. and Bess Humphries, owners Linotype operator, Elliott Printing Company, 301 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1935	Olin G. and Bess Humphries, owners Linotype operator, Elliott Printing Company, 301 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1932-33	No houses are listed on Columbus Street. NOTE: Olin G. and Bess Humphries are listed at 622 W. Gibson Street; he was a printer.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:****Olin G. and Bess Humphries (ca. 1934 – ca. 1938)**

Olin G. and Bess Humphries appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 813 W. James Street in Austin; the house was worth \$2,100. Olin G. Humphries was then 46, had been born in Texas, and was a printer at a printing company. Bess Humphries was then 39, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had two children: Olin, Jr., 14; and Bob Gregg, 9. Both boys had been born in Texas and neither had an occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Olin G. and Bessie Humphries as the renters of 909 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Olin Humphries was a linotype operator for a printing company.

## **OLIN G. HUMPHRIES**

**Funeral for Olin G. Humphries, 1403 Romeria Drive, will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home with Rev. Bob J. Teddlie officiating. Burial will be in the Liberty Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Arthur Rinn, Douglas Deison, B. L. Cox, James Chandler, Charles Ramsey and Nolan House.**

Humphries died in a local hospital Wednesday. He was a retired printer for the Nelson Type-setting Service and had been a printer for over 50 years. He was a member of the Northwest Baptist Church, the Austin Typographical Union and Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A.M.; a veteran of World War I and a resident of Austin for 53 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bess Humphries of Austin; two sons, Olin G. Humphries Jr. of Houston and Bob Humphries of Austin; four brothers, John Humphries and Charles Humphries, both of Houston, Jess Humphries of Liberty Hill and Benny Humphries of Aransas Pass; two sisters, Mrs. Velma Whited of Liberty Hill and Mrs. Agnes Allgood of Port Arthur; and

two grandsons, Sandy  
Humphries and Bobby  
Humphries.

Obituary of Olin G. Humphries  
Austin American-Statesman, December 6, 1973

**OLIN G. HUMPHRIES SR.**

Funeral for Olin G. Humphries Sr., 79, of 1403 Romeria Dr., was Thursday at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home, Rev. Bob J. Teddlie officiating. Burial was in the Liberty Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cecil Elwell, Douglas Delson, B. L. Cox, James Chandler, Charles Ramsey and Nolan House.

Humphries died in a local hospital Wednesday morning.

Funeral story on Olin G. Humphries  
Austin American, December 7, 1973

**HUMPHRIES, Bess Inman, 90, of Austin died Thursday. Services were Wednesday, Liberty Hill Cemetery. (Cook-Walden, Lamar location)**

Obituary of Bess Humphries  
Austin American-Statesman, December 4, 1991

**Mary L. Winton (ca. 1946 – ca. 1953)**

Mary L. Winton appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for Waco, Texas, where she rented a house. She was then a 64-year old Missouri-born widow with no occupation listed.

**MRS. MARY L. WINTON**

Mrs. Mary L. Winton, 77, died in a local hospital Friday morning. She was born in Springfield, Mo., and moved to Waco in early 1900. She was a member of the Austin Avenue Methodist Church of Waco for many years. She was a piano instructor in Waco and also in Austin. She moved to Austin in 1944.

Survivors include three sons, Charley R. Winton of Austin, Ralph H. Winton of San Antonio and Carl S. Williams of Waco; three daughters, Mrs. Effie M. Sheeler of Dallas, Mrs. Eleanor Lebrecht of San Antonio and Mrs. Phoebe Latta of Austin; also seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Chapel Saturday at 4 p. m., with the Rev. O. C. Crow officiating. Burial will be in the Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Mary Winton  
Austin American, February 7, 1953

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE		AUSTIN, TEXAS	No. 2099
M. <u>O. G. Humphries</u>	Address <u>805 Columbus</u>		
Plumber <u>Harper + Linscomb</u>	Size of Tap <u>1/2</u>	Date <u>4-9-34</u>	
Foreman's Report			
Date of Connection <u>4/17/34</u>	Size of Tap Made <u>1/2"</u>	Size Service Made <u>3/4"</u>	
Size Main Tapped <u>2"</u>	From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>4'</u>	From <u>W</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>25'</u>	
Location of Meter <u>at curb</u>	Type of Box <u>lock</u>	Depth of Main in St. <u>20"</u>	
Depth of Service Line <u>20"</u>	From Curb Cock to Tap on Main <u>10'</u>	Checked by Engr. Dept. <u>4-25-34</u>	
INDEXED		11-8-61 SNP	
Foreman's Signature <u>Bowman</u>		Req. No. <u>14358</u>	

Water service permit to Olin G. Humphries for this house (1934)



Connection Charge \$ 12.00

Application for Sewer Connection. N<sup>o</sup> 13515

80/11 Austin, Texas, June 18 193 7

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 O. G. Humphries  
at 805 Columbus Street,  
further described as lot 6, block 340, outlot 118,  
subdivision Linscomb & Linscomb, division 118, plat H-8,  
which is to be used as a residence  
In this place there are to be installed 3 fixtures.

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

22" DEEP Respectfully, North 9 Rush  
AT PL

Stub Out

Connected 6-22 193 7 Q. 4. 6-1937

Size of Main 6 inches. L.P.

Size of Service 4 inches.

4 Feet Deep in ST

Feet from Property Line

Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by Bontight

Connection made by W. Linscomb

AB-1061

Sewer connection application by Olin G. Humphries for this house (1937)

117  
118

O. G. Humphries Columbus  
805 ~~Columbia~~ St.

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Linscomb & Linscomb

Glassed-in sleeping porch & bath addn,

193 - June 15, 1937

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Building permit to Olin G. Humphries for a glassed-in sleeping porch and bath addition (1937)