

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 24, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0068
1002 S. 3RD STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 duplex.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof, frame garage apartment-style duplex with single and paired 1:1 fenestration on the ground floor and paired 1:1 fenestration on the second floor; all windows have 3:1 wood-frame screens. Central entry has a front-gabled hood on knee braces.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1936 by Ben and Lillie Mae Mewis. Ben Mewis was a salesman for Kelly Smith Cleaners; Lillie had no occupation listed in census reports or city directories. The 1940 U.S. Census shows that Ben and Lillie Mewis shared this house with their daughter, Lillie's mother, and Lillie's nephew and niece, along with their young daughter. Lillie Mewis passed away in 1941; Ben Mewis then married a woman named Marguerite. He opened his own business, No Delay Cleaners, at 1117 S. Congress Avenue in the early 1940s; he and Marguerite lived here until around 1945. The house was rented to John E. and Virginia Schneider in the late 1940s; he was in the U.S. Army. Howard D. Tomerlin, and his wife, Marie, are listed as the owners of the house in the early- to mid-1950s; he was in the Air Force. By the late 1950s, it appears that the house was already being used by two families: Air Force couples rented the house in 1959, when the house had two addresses, 1002 and 1002½ S. 3rd Street. A real estate man, Henry Antoine, is listed as the owner in the 1960s; the house has since been used as a rental, with tenants including a public school teacher, and an employee of the Texas Tennis Association.

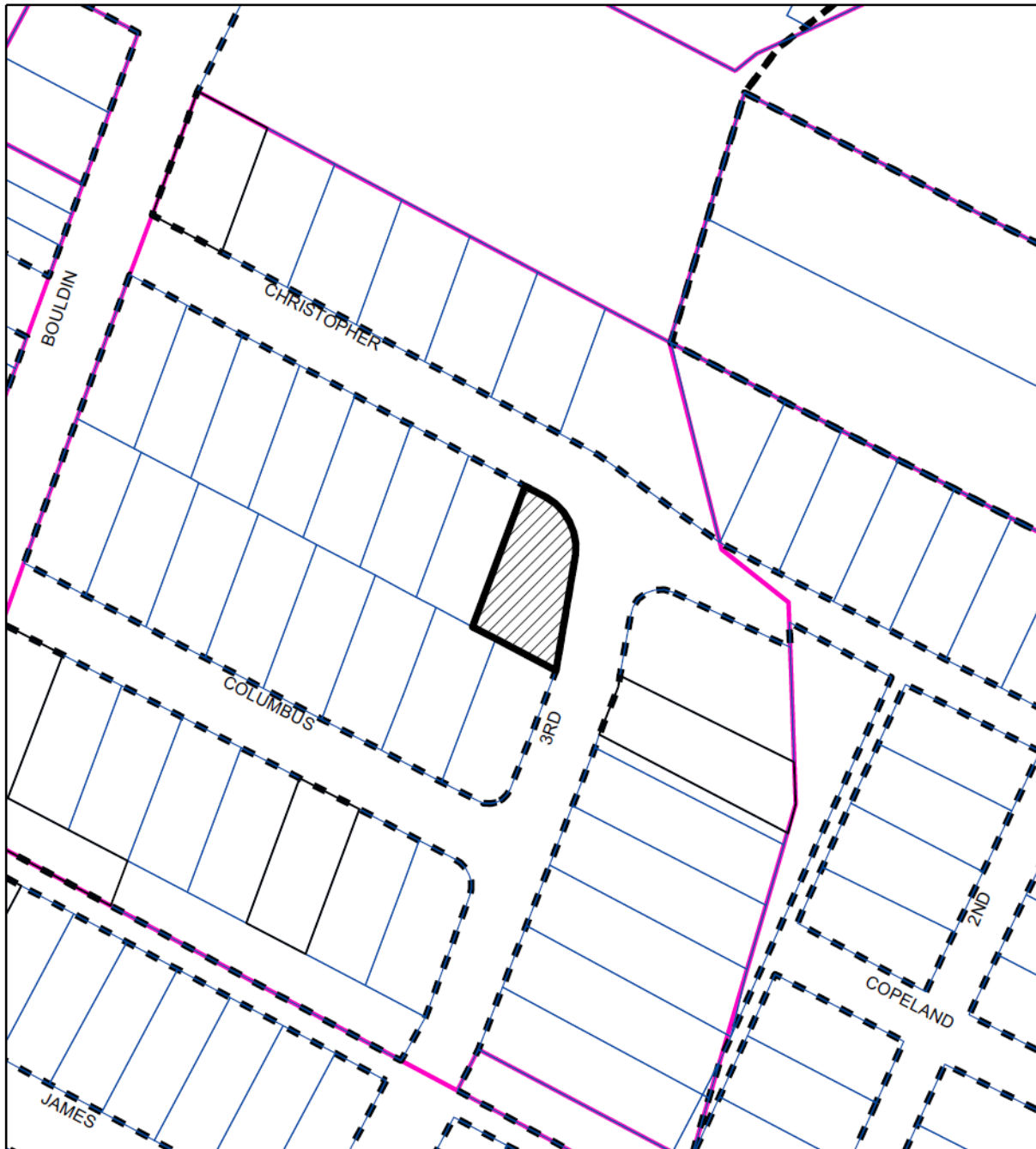
STAFF COMMENTS

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. 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-2014-0068
LOCATION: 1002 S 3RD STREET



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1002 S. 3rd Street
ca. 1936



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1002 S. 3rd Street

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

1992	Don Bruce, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Don Bruce was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Vacant ½: Vacant
1981	Ken and Lisa Lawrence, renters No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Ken and Lisa Lawrence were new residents at this address. ½: Anne Whittington, renter Employed by the Texas Tennis Association, 1200 Barton Hills Drive. NOTE: The directory indicates that Anne Whittington was a new resident at this address.
1977	Sue Schlichenmaier, renter Public school teacher

- 1973 Mike Dunn, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Mike Dunn was a new resident at this address.
- 1968 Herbert J. Antoine, owner
Real estate salesman
- 1962 Henry Antoine, owner
Real estate
NOTE: Herbert J. Antoine is not listed in the directory.
½: Robert L. and Nancy Stockton, renters
Salesman, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company (not listed in the main directory).
- 1959 Harold D. and Nancy Kruse, renters
U.S. Air Force
½: Billy and Mary Christley, renters
U.S. Air Force
- 1955 Howard D. and Marie Tomerlin, owners
U.S. Air Force
- 1952 Howard D. and Marie Tomerlin, owners
U.S. Air Force
- 1949 John E. and Virginia Schneider, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: The main directory lists John E. and Virginia Schneider at 1515 Koenig Lane.
- 1947 John E. and Virginia Schneider, renters
U.S. Army
- 1944-45 Benjamin F. and Marguerite Mewis, renters
Proprietor, No Delay Cleaners, 1117 S. Congress Avenue.
- 1941 Benjamin F. and Lillie Mewis, owners
Salesman, Kelly Smith, cleaner, dyer, hatter, furrier and storage, 209-13 W. 6th Street.
- 1939 Benjamin F. and Lillie Mewis, owners
Salesman, Kelly Smith, cleaner, dyer, hatter, furrier and storage, 209-W. 6th Street.
- 1937 Benjamin F. and Lillie Mewis, owners
Salesman, Kelly Smith, cleaner, dyer, hatter, furrier and storage, 209 W. 6th Street.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Benjamin F. and Lillie Mewis are listed at 1204 E. 1st Street. He was a driver for Kelly Smith, cleaner, 209 W. 6th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Benjamin F. and Lillie Mewis (ca. 1936 – ca. 1941)****Benjamin F. and Marguerite Mewis (ca. 1941 – ca. 1945)**

Ben and Lillie Mae Mewis appear as the owners of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census report. The house was worth \$1,400. Both Ben and Lillie Mae were then 39, both had been born in Texas. Ben was a salesman for a cleaner and presser; Lillie Mae had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter, Charlotte Maxine, 13, Lillie's mother, Mary E. Newton, a 63-year old Alabama widow, and a couple, Brian and F. Estelle Fraser, with their daughter Sharon. Brian and F. Estelle Fraser are listed as the nephew and niece-in-law of Ben Mewis. Brian Fraser was 23, had been born in Canada, and was a butcher in a retail grocery store. F. Estelle Fraser was 24, had been born in Oklahoma, and had no occupation listed. Their daughter Sharon, 1, had been born in Detroit, Michigan, where the Frasers had lived in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ben and Lillie Mewis as the owners of a house in Wichita County, Texas, which was worth \$800. Ben was an insurance agent. Lillie had no occupation listed. Their daughter, Maxine, was 3. Lillie's mother, Mary Newton, was a practical nurse; she lived with Ben and Lillie.

MRS. LILLIE MAE MEWIS

Mrs. Lillie Mae Mewis, 41, died at her home, 1002 South Third street, Wednesday. Surviving are her husband, Ben F. Mewis; one daughter, Maxine; her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Lewis; one sister, Mrs. J. C. Douglas, all of Austin; and two brothers, Arthur Lewis of Dillard, Okla., and Claude Lewis of Kansas.

The body will be taken from the Wilke-Manor Funeral home at 4 p. m. Thursday and lie in state until 5 p. m. at the Grace Methodist church, when services will be conducted by Rev. C. C. Crow. Burial will be in Austin Memorial park.

Pallbearers will be Dave Elliott, Herbert Grumbles, Johnnie Carpenter, Jess Allman, Fred Fuerbacker and Johnnie Wofford.

Obituary of Lillie Mae Mewis
Austin American, April 3, 1941

MEWIS, Ben F., Sr., 79, 2607-H River Hills Road, died Wednesday. Graveside services 10 a.m. Friday at Austin Memorial Park. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Marguerite (Peggy) Mewis of Austin; son, Ben F. Mewis Jr. of Washington, D.C.; stepdaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Lacey of Austin; foster daughter, Mrs. Maxine Ebell Purcell of Austin; sisters, Mrs. Marvin Wilt, Mrs. Lee Hull, both of

Austin; two grandchildren. (Hyltin-Manor)

Obituary of Ben Mewis
Austin American-Statesman, July 26, 1979

Marguerite Peggy Mewis

Marguerite Peggy Mewis, 82, of Austin died Monday, February 1, 1993.

Mrs. Mewis was very active in the Rebekah Lodge #1003 and other civic organizations.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday at St. Michaels Episcopal Church, 6317 W. Bee Caves Road with Reverend Frank Doremus officiating.

Mrs. Mewis is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Jamie Mewis of Austin; daughter, Elizabeth Lacy of Monterey, California; two grandchildren, Jim Mewis of Sawyer Air Force Base and Laura Coffey of Yorkville, Illinois; two brothers, Donald MacDonald of Acton and David MacDonald of Austin; and sisters, Viola Bowen of Waco, Ruth Piper of Austin, Jo Ella Stanley of Aurora, Colorado, and June Mitchell of California.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice-Austin.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Lamar location.

Obituary of Marguerite Mewis
Austin American-Statesman, February 2, 1993

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 12945

Austin, Texas

Received of Shubert Date Nov. 5, 1936
 Address 1002 S. 3rd.
 Amount Twelve Dollars \$ 12.00
 Builder or Owner B.F. Mevis Plumber _____
 Lot 8 Block 2 Subdivision Linscomb & Linscomb Plat No. 118
 res.

Date of Connection 11/14/1936 located 2/18/1960
 By City 47' S/S. E. of E. 2nd St.
 By Plumber _____
 Checked By Boatright
 Size Main 6" Depth 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
 Main Assign. in S. 3rd
 Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line 2'
 Stub Location _____
 Book No. B-1068
 Paving Cut _____ No. _____

No. Fittings	Size	Price
32' Pipe	4"	3.20
Pipe		
Wyes		
1 Bends	4" 1/8	.40
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other laying pipe		.64
Labor:	4 days	12.00
		total 16.24

Sewer service permit for this address (1936) showing B.F. Mewis as the owner.

The house was remodeled for duplex use in 1985.