

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MARCH 24, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0149
503 LELAND STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1930 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, pyramidal-roofed frame house with a partial-width partially-inset porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 6:6 fenestration; synthetic siding.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1930 – the first known owners and occupants were Alton and Julia Walker, who lived here until around 1933. Zora Crews, a single woman originally from South Texas, then owned and occupied the house until around 1946. Zora Crews had been a music teacher in South Texas, and worked as a stenographer for the State Health Department while living in Austin. From 1946 to 1980, the house was owned and occupied by Henry and Sadie Needleman, who had moved to Austin from Brooklyn, New York. Henry Needleman was a dry goods store owner – he first managed the Fair Store on E. 6th Street, then opened his own store, the White House on E. 6th Street. After his death in 1960, Sadie Needleman operated Henry's Family Shoe Store on E. 6th Street through the late 1970s. She passed away in 1980. The house has been a rental property since that time.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

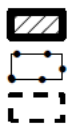
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and re-use of the house. Leland Street is remarkable for its retention of older houses in an area of the city that seems to be changing very rapidly. If the house is structurally sound, encourage the applicant to consider other options to 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.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 165'



SUBJECT TRACT
PENDING CASE
ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0149
LOCATION: 503 Leland Street

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503 Leland Street
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
503 Leland Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
July, 2012

1992	John H. Nichols, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	John Nicoles, renter No occupation listed
1981	John Henry Nichols, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that John Henry Nichols was a new resident at this address.
1977	Sadie Needleman, owner Widow, Henry Needleman Proprietor, Henry's Family Shoe Store, 423 E. 6 th Street.
1973	Sadie Needleman, owner Widow, Henry Needleman Proprietor, Henry's Family Shoe Store, 423 E. 6 th Street.

1969	Sadie Needleman, owner Widow, Henry Needleman Proprietor, Henry's Family Shoe Store, 423 E. 6 TH Street.
1965	Sadie Needleman, owner Widow, Henry Needleman Proprietor, Henry's Family Shoe Store, 423 E. 6 th Street.
1962	Sadie Needleman (not listed as owner) Widow, Henry Needleman Proprietor, Henry's Family Shoe Store, 423 E. 6 th Street.
1958	Henry and Sadie Needleman, owners Proprietor, The White House, dry goods, 309 E. 6 th Street.
1953	Henry and Roslyn S. Needleman, owners Proprietor, The White House, dry goods, 309 E. 6 th Street.
1949	Henry and Sadie Needleman, owners Proprietor, The White House, dry goods, 309 E. 6 th Street.
1947	Henry and Sadie Needleman, renters Manager, Fair Store, department store, 321 E. 6 th Street. Also listed is Gertrude Needleman, no occupation stated.
1944-45	Zora Crews, owner Stenographer
1941	Zora Crews, owner No occupation listed
1939	Zora Crews, owner Stenographer, State Department of Health
1937	Zora Crews, owner Stenographer, State Department of Health
1935	Zora Crews, owner Stenographer, State Health Department
1932-33	Alton P. and Julia Walker, owners Solicitor, Driskill Hotel Laundry
1930-31	Alton P. and Julia Walker, owners Driver, Driskill Hotel Laundry
1929	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Alton P. Walker (no wife listed) was a driver for the Driskill Hotel Laundry; he lived at 1905 Newton Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Zora Crews (ca. 1934 – ca 1946)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Zora Crews as the owner of this house, which was worth \$2,000. She was then 47, single, had been born in Texas, and was a stenographer for the State Health

Department. The 1930 U.S. Census shows her renting a house at 2620 Wichita Street near the University of Texas campus. She was a secretary for the Public Health Department. The 1920 U.S. Census shows her as the 27-year old daughter of William and Carra Crews of Uvalde County, Texas. Her father was a farmer; Zora was a music teacher. The 1910 U.S. Census shows the Crews family in Bexar County, Texas, where William Crews was a real estate dealer. 17-year old Zora had no occupation listed. In 1900, the family was farming in Karnes County, Texas.

MRS. ZORA CREWS

UVALDE Zora Crews, 81, of Sabinal, died Wednesday in a San Antonio hospital. She had been a music instructor in public schools.

Funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Central Christian Church in Sabinal, Rev. Ray Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Sabinal Cemetery.

Survivors include a brother, E. H. Crews of San Antonio; five sisters, Mrs. Ethel Ketler of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Willie Pressley and Mrs. Ola Upson, both of San Antonio, and Mrs. Margaret Hess and Mrs. Gladys Hare, both of Uvalde; three nephews, five nieces; and several great and great-great nephews and nieces.

Obituary of Zora Crews
Austin American-Statesman, February 28, 1974

Henry and Sadie Needleman (ca. 1946 – ca. 1980)

Henry and Sadie Needleman appear in the 1940 U.S. Census of Brooklyn, New York with their two daughters and a son. Both Henry and Sadie were then 39. Henry had been born in Romania; Sadie in New York. Henry worked as a confectionary storekeeper. Sadie had no occupation listed.

HENRY NEEDLEMAN

Henry Needleman of 503 Leland Street died in a local hospital Thursday. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sadie Jacobson Needleman of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Sam Novy of Austin and Mrs. Stanley Schindler of New York City; one son, Martin Needleman of Buffalo, N. Y.; one sister, Mrs. Schprinha Simon of New York; one brother, Hymie Needleman of New York, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home, with Rabbi Samuel I. Zacuto officiating.

Pallbearers will be Max Roberts, Jim Novy, Louie Hirsch, John Harwitz, Sol Ginsburg and Hyman Samuelson.

Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Henry Needleman
Austin American, September 9, 1960

NEEDLEMAN, Sadie, 79, 7004 Shoal Creek Blvd., died Thursday. Graveside services 3 p.m. Sunday at Agudas Achim Cemetery. Survivors: daughters, Gertrude Novy of Austin, Rosalyn Shinlar of Connecticut; son, Morton Needleman of Austin. (Cook-Walden)

Obituary of Sadie Needleman
Austin American-Statesman, November 8, 1980

✓ Henry Needleman 503 Leland Street
124 52x205' - - -
Swisher Addition
Repair and remodel residence and erect
carport.
50570 4-4-52 \$1700.00
Jim Ragland

Building permit to Henry Needleman to repair and remodel the house and build a carport (1952)