

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 28, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0248  
1120 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled, concrete block house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch on ornamental metal posts; metal-framed multi-light casement windows; vertical board veneer at the tympanum of the front gable.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1948 for Isaac N. and Margaret Mayfield. Isaac Mayfield was an engineer for the Portland Cement Association; he was the son of an attorney in Giddings, Texas, and had spent time in the CCC Camp in Yoakum in the early 1940s. He and Margaret lived here until around 1953. At the time of Margaret's death in 2006, she was living in Plano. Both Isaac and Margaret are buried in Giddings. The house was then rented for many years by Ernest and Ruby R. Christian. Ernest Christian was a cattle rancher from DeWitt County; Ruby Christian had been a school teacher in DeWitt County before moving to Austin. While renting this house, Ernest Christian listed himself either as a rancher or as a livestock dealer in the city directories. They lived here until Ernest's death in 1986. The house has continued to be a rental unit since that time.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

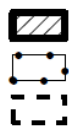
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Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## Location Map



1" = 200'



SUBJECT TRACT

PENDING CASE

ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2014-0248

LOCATION: 1120 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

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1120 Fairmount Avenue  
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1120 Fairmount Avenue

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

1992	Robin Melanson, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Robin Melanson was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters Retired
1981	Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters Livestock dealer
1977	Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters Livestock dealer
1973	Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters Livestock dealer
1968	Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters Livestock dealer

- 1962 Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters  
Rancher
- 1959 Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters  
Rancher
- 1955 Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian, renters  
Cattleman  
Also listed is Ernest S. Christian, Jr., a student.
- 1952 Isaac N. and Margaret Mayfield, owners  
Engineer, Portland Cement Association, 114 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: Ernest S. and Ruby Christian are listed at 1707 Newning Avenue; he was a cattleman.
- 1949 Isaac N. and Margaret Mayfield, owners  
Engineer, Portland Cement Association, 1301 Capital National Bank Building,  
114 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Isaac and Margaret Mayfield do not appear in the directory. There is an Isaac Mayfield, but he was married to a woman named Ella and is not the same person. He worked for the HEB Grocery Store and lived at 2310 East Avenue.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Isaac N. and Margaret Mayfield (ca. 1948 – ca. 1953)**

Isaac N. Mayfield appears in the 1940 U.S. Census of the CCC Camp in Yoakum, Texas. He was 27, had been born in Texas, and was an engineer. He had lived in Austin in 1935. The 1930 U.S. Census shows him as the 16-year old son of Richard and Barbara Mayfield of Giddings, Texas. His father, Richard Mayfield, was a lawyer in Giddings. Neither Isaac nor his mother had an occupation listed. Isaac was the only child listed in the census report.

Isaac Mayfield died May 11, 2005 and was buried in Giddings, Texas. There was no obituary in the Austin newspaper.

**MAYFIELD, Margaret Louise**, 92, retired licensed vocational nurse, of Plano died Sunday. Services 1:30 p.m. today, Giddings Memorial Park, Giddings. Arrangements by Phillips & Luckey, Giddings.

Death notice for Margaret Mayfield  
Austin American-Statesman, October 5, 2006

#### **Ernest S. and Ruby R. Christian (ca. 1953 – ca. 1986)**

Ernest S. and Ruby Ruth Christian appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for rural Yorktown, DeWitt County, Texas. They lived in a rented house on the Davey-Nopal Road. Ernest S. Christian was then 27, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman for a Watkins dealer. Ruby Ruth Christian was then 30, had been born in Texas, and was a public school teacher. They had lived in Gonzales, Texas in 1935. They had 2 children: Silabee Ann, 4; and Ernest, Jr., 3, as well as a housekeeper, Hedwig Biemer, 17, who had been born in Texas and had lived in rural DeWitt County in 1935.

Obituary of Ernest Christian  
Austin American-Statesman, September 18, 1986

I. N. Mayfield	1120 Fairmount Avenue
<del>135</del>	14 and 15
132	42 - -
Travis Heights	
Masonry residence and garage.	
39490 11-5-48	\$9000.00

Owner

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Building permit to Isaac N. Mayfield for the construction of this house (1948)

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**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**

Austin, Texas

**INDEXED**

No. 2451

Date 11-10-48

S.W.  
H.

#  
700-448

Received of THE BAKER CO

Address 1120 FAIRMONT AVE

Amount TWENTY AND NO/100 \$20.00

Plumber SAME

Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 11-23-48

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 5'

From W. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 15.5'

Location of Meter at curb.

Type of Box Lock

Depth of Main in St 3 1/2'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 24'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 12-30-48 H.S.

No.	Fittings	Size
/	Curb Cock	3/4" x 3/4"
/	Elbow	3/4" Copper Fill
	St. Elbow	
	Bushing	
	Reducer	
2.5"	Pipe	3/4" copper pipe
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
/	Union	3/4" Compression
	Plug	
	Tee	
/	Stop	3/4"
/	Box	Lockett
/	Lid	
/	Valves Drain Inlet cover	
	Job No.	1266
	Req. No.	9-6-66 H.H. Brown

Water service permit to the Basey Company for this address (1948)

Receipt No. 11078 Application for Sewer Connection No. 25567

Austin, Texas, 11-10 1948

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by I.N. Mayfield at 1120 Street,

further described as Lot 10 & 15 Block 42 Outlot          Division         

subdivision          Plat 33, which is to be used as a         

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 32766

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. OK 11-19-48

Depth at Prop. Line 2 ft Respectfully,

Stub Out } 18 ft W of E PL (Location)

Connected }         

Date 12-8-48

By Searey

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6' horizontal to E of 1120 St

1120 St & 8th St Rock 13-15-82

Sewer connection application by I.N. Mayfield for this address (1948)