

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 19, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0337
1607 SUNSET LANE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1949 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width, inset porch; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1949 by Van Spinks, a local real estate salesman. The first owners and occupants of the house were John Lee and Julia Hitchcock, who lived here for the rest of their lives. John Lee Hitchcock grew up in Austin, the son of a foreman at an auto body shop who later became a superintendent at a furniture factory. John L. Hitchcock was a substitute mail handler at the Post Office at the time that he and Julia bought this house; he was a restaurant manager in the early 1950s while Julia was a clerk typist for the U.S. Army. By the early 1960s, he had opened a used furniture store, located first in the 700 block of Red River Street, an area known for its used furniture stores, and then later, on S. 1st Street. He passed away in 2003; Julia died in January, 2014.

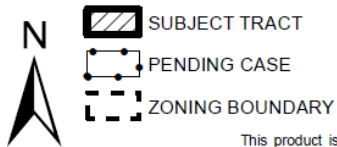
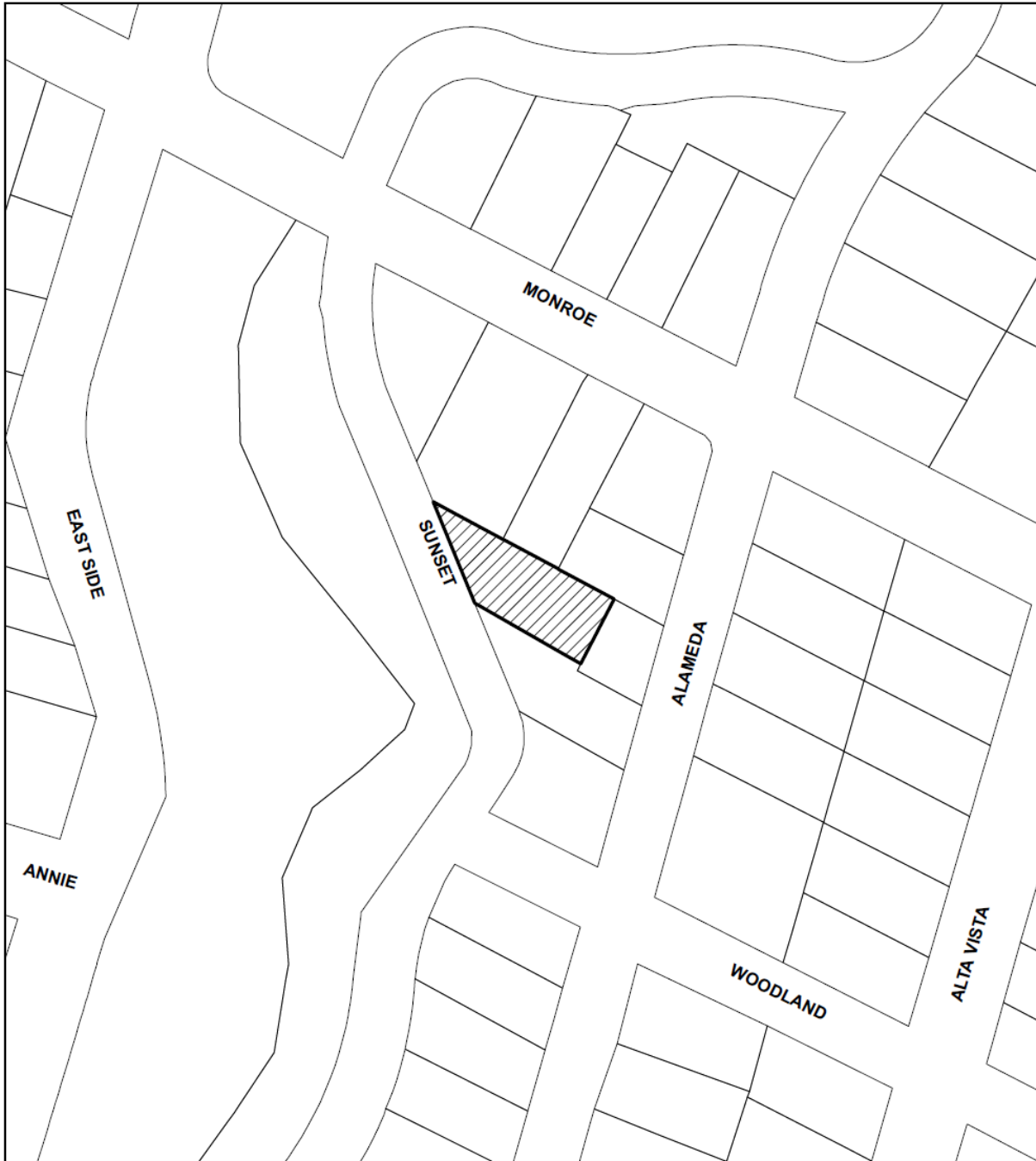
STAFF COMMENTS

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. While the house does not have sufficient architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is a good example of post-World War II middle-class residential design in Austin.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 101'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0337
LOCATION: 1607 Sunset Lane

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1607 Sunset Lane
ca. 1949



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1607 Sunset Lane

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

1992	John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners Retired
1985-86	John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners Retired
1981	John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners No occupation listed
1977	John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners No occupation listed
1973	John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners No occupation listed
1968	John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners Proprietor, J.L. Hitchcock Used Furniture, 2008 S. 1 st Street.

- 1962 John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners
Proprietor, Hitchcock Furniture, used furniture, 707 Red River Street.
- 1959 John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners
John: Mechanic
Julia: Clerk typist, U.S. Army
- 1955 John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners
John: Manager, Somewhere, Inc., No. 4, restaurant (several locations).
Julia: Clerk typist, U.S. Army, Texas Military District.
- 1952 John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners
Mail handler, U.S. Post Office
- 1949 John L. and Julia Hitchcock, owners
Substitute mail handler, U.S. Post Office
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: John L. and Julia Hitchcock are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

John L. and Julia Hitchcock (ca. 1949 –

John Lee Hitchcock appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 12-year old son of Edward and Ruth Hitchcock, who lived on Route 6 in Justice Precinct 6 of Travis County. John Lee Hitchcock had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father, who had also been born in Texas, was a superintendent at a furniture factory. His mother had been born in Oklahoma. He had an older brother, Kenneth, who was 15 at the time of the census report. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Edward and Ruth Hitchcock as the renters of a house at 1709 Canterbury Street in Austin. Edward Hitchcock was a foreman at an auto body shop.

John Lee Hitchcock

John Lee Hitchcock was born October 2, 1927 in Austin, Texas, to Ruth Alice and Edward Monroe Hitchcock. He died peacefully in his sleep on August 25, 2003, at the age of 75 years.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served honorably on the transport ship USS Muir traveling to Italy, France, and England.

He was a longtime member of Grace United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by both parents; a brother, K.E. Hitchcock; and daughter, Marilyn Sue McHenry.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Julia Beth Hendrix Hitchcock; daughter, Linda Kelly; son, John David Hitchcock; six grandsons; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 28, 2003, at Capital Park Cemetery, 14619 North IH 35, Austin, TX, with Reverend Jennie Whitehurst officiating.

Arrangements by Forever All Faiths Funeral Service-South, 512-326-8878.

Obituary of John L. Hitchcock
Austin American-Statesman, August 27, 2003

HITCHCOCK, Julia

Age 85, of Austin, passed away Jan. 27, 2014. Graveside Jan. 31, 11 AM at Capital Parks Cemetery, Pflugerville. Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home, Burnet, TX

Obituary of Julia Hitchcock
Austin American-Statesman, January 30, 2014

Van Spinks 1607 Sunset Lane
 4 and north 10' of 3 8
 124 Travis Heights
 Frame residence and garage attached.
 40293 2-21-49 \$4500.00
 Owner

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Building permit to builder Van Spinks for the construction of this house (1949)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		C	N ^o 3038
Austin, Texas			
Received of	VAN SPINKS	Date	2-25-49
Address	1607 SUNSET LANE		
Amount	NO CHG. (BY ORDER OF ALBERT DAVIS)		XXX
Plumber	P.J. BREWINGTON	Size of Tap	3/4"
Date of Connection	4-27-49		
Size of Tap Made	3/4"		
Size Service Made	2"		
Size Main Tapped	2" H.I.		
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	7.5'		
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	1.5'		
Location of Meter	CURB		
Type of Box	LOCU		
Depth of Main in Street	2.5'		
Depth of Service Line	2.5'		
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	13'		
Checked by Engr. Dept.	2-12-49 WJH		
INDEXED			

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	3/4"
1 Elbow	3/4"
1 Tee	3/4"
1 Reducer	3/4"
1 Pipe	3/4"
1 Lead Comp.	3/4"
1 Nipples	3/4"
1 Union	3/4"
1 Plug	3/4"
1 Tee	3/4"
1 Stop	3/4"
1 Box	3/4"
1 Lid	3/4"
1 Valves	3/4"
Job No.	W-323-502
Req. No.	1-1366

Water service permit to Van Spinks for this address (1949)

J. L. Hitchcock

1607 Sunset Lane

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4 and north 10' of 3

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Travis Heights

Repair fire damages.

46295 9-26-50

\$1200.00

~~H. V. Stevenson~~

H. P. Ross

9-20-72-131931-frn addn to rear of residence 360 sq.ft.

Building permit to John L. Hitchcock to repair fire damage (1950) and to construct a frame rear addition (1972)