

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 14, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0339
2100 E. 14TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1906 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, front gablet with fish-scale imbrication in the tympanum; partial-width, hipped-roof, independent porch on ornamental metal posts; single 1:1 fenestration; metal roof.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1906 in a historically African-American neighborhood. It is not entirely clear who the first occupant of the house was – city directories show a John Washington as the resident of a house listed as 2008 E. 14th Street in 1906; he worked for William Tears, the city's leading African-American undertaker. By 1909, Walter Smith, a hostler for a livery, boarding, and sale stable, was living in this house, and the city directories show the address as 2100 E. 14th Street. Lillie Washington is listed as the occupant of the house by 1911, and the 1910 U.S. Census shows her as the owner of the house. Lillie Washington was listed as a mulatto in the census report; she lived here with her 9-year old daughter, Leary, and was a washer-woman for a private family. There is no mention of a husband in the census report – it could have been John Washington, but Lillie had been married for 10 years. After Lillie Washington is listed in the city directories, the next occupant listed is John Scott, who lived here until around 1915. John Scott was a driver for Merchants Transfer, a warehousing company that stored goods hauled to the city by rail. City directories of that era do not list the name of a man's wife, so it is not clear whether the former Lillie Washington married John Scott, and changed her name to Lillie Scott, but by 1915, the house was owned and occupied by a woman named Lillie Scott, who lived here for the rest of her life. Lillie Scott had occupations typical for African-American women in the early- to mid-20th century – she worked as a laundress, a seamstress, a cook, and a maid, all the while owning this house. After her death in 1958, the house was purchased by a Joel Manning, who rehabilitated the house (apparently installing a bathroom), then sold it to James W. and Mabel Clemons, who lived here until around 1970. James Clemons was a laborer and clerk at the University of Texas. Through the 1970s and early 1980s, the house was rented by Ira S. and Helen Marshall; Ira S. Marshall was also a clerk at the University of Texas and later employed by an institutional foods company.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was rated as a Medium Priority for preservation in the Chestnut Neighborhood Historic Structures Survey (2002), but had its windows boarded over and was apparently abandoned at the time of the survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Initiate historic zoning. This house is a very good example of a vernacular Victorian housing type that is rare for East Austin. The house appears to have significant associations with a long-standing African-American resident in the person of Lillie Scott, who represents African-American working women in the early and mid-20th century, as well

as an exceptional example of an African-American woman owning a relatively substantial house in East Austin.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 100'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0339

LOCATION: 2100 E 14TH Street

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2100 E. 14th Street
ca. 1906



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

2100 E. 14th Street

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

1992	Chester B. Crenshaw, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Chester B. Crenshaw was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Bobby and Mollie Reese, renters Maintenance man, University of Texas
1981	Ira S. and Helen Marshall, renters Employed by White Swan Institutional Foods (not listed in the directory)
1977	Ira S. and Helen Marshall, renters Employed by White Swan Institutional Foods (not listed in the directory)
1973	Ira S. Marshall, renter Stores clerk, University of Texas
1968	James W. and Mabel L. Clemons, owners Stores clerk, University of Texas
1962	James W. and Mabel L. Clemons, owners Clerk, University of Texas
1959	James W. and Mabel L. Clemons, owners Laborer NOTE: The 1958 city directory shows James W. and Mabel Clemons at 1607 Alamo Street; he was a laborer for the University of Texas.
1955	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed
1952	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed
1949	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed
1947	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed
1944-45	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed
1941	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed

1939	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed
1937	Lillie Scott, owner No occupation listed
1935	Lillie Scott (not listed as owner) No occupation listed
1932-33	Lillie Scott, renter No occupation listed
1930-31	Lillie Scott (colored), renter Cook, Shilds and Corinne Norwood, 604½ W. 19 th Street. NOTE: Shilds Norwood was an advertising agent.
1929	Lillie Scott (colored), renter No occupation listed
1927	Lillie Scott (colored), renter Maid
1924	Lillie Scott (colored), owner Cook
1922	Lillie Scott (colored), owner No occupation listed
1920	Lillie Scott (colored), owner Laundress
1918	Lillie Scott (colored), owner Seamstress
1916	Lillie Scott (colored), owner Laundress NOTE: John Scott is not listed in the directory.
1914	John Scott (colored) Driver, Merchants Transfer, 400 Colorado Street. NOTE: Lillie Scott is not listed in the directory.
1912-13	John Scott (colored) Driver, Merchants Transfer, 400 Colorado Street. NOTE: Lillie Washington does not appear in the directory.
1910-11	Lillie Washington (colored) No occupation listed NOTE: John Scott is listed as a driver for Merchants Transfer; he had no residential address listed.
1909-10	Walter Smith (colored) Hostler, George Miller, livery, boarding, and sale stable, 210 E. 5 th Street. NOTE: Lillie Washington does not appear in the directory.

- 1906-07 John Washington (colored)
 Employed by William Tears (colored), undertaker, 614 E. 6th Street.
 NOTE: The house is listed as 2008 E. 14th Street.
 NOTE: Walter Smith does not appear in the directory.
- 1905 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: There are two listings for John Washington in the directory – a porter on E. 3rd Street and a yardboy with no residential listing.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Lillie Scott (ca. 1911 – ca. 1958)

Lillie Scott appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owner of this house, which was worth \$600. Lillie Scott was then a 56-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. She had 2 lodgers: Mozelle and Ruby Steward. Mozelle Steward was 43, had been born in Texas, and was a stone mason for house construction. Ruby Steward was 37, had been born in Texas, and was a cook for a fraternity house. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Lillie Scott as a cook and maid living in the home of Shields and Corinne Norwood at 604 W. 19th Street in Austin. She is shown as being a 40 year old widow.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Lillie Scott as the owner of this house. She is listed as a 36-year old widow who was a laundress at home.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Lillie Washington as the owner of this house. She was a 32-year old Texas-born mulatto, who had been married for 10 years, although her husband is not listed in the census report. She was a washer-woman for a private family. She had a daughter, Leary, 9, who was also listed as a mulatto.

According to her 1958 death certificate, Lillie Scott was 73 when she died, was the daughter of Silas and Mollie Smith, and was a housekeeper.

There is a John Washington listed in the 1910 U.S. Census; he lived with Columbus Washington and George B. Brooks at 300 E. 6th Street in Austin. He was 19 years old, had been born in Texas, and was a porter in a hotel. Columbus Washington was a hotel waiter; George B. Brooks was a band leader. This may be the John Washington listed in the city directories; Lillie Scott's death certificate notes that the person who had given the information for the death certificate was James Brooks, Jr., who may have been a relative of George B. Brooks.

Lula Arnold 2100 East 14th. St.

39 34 11 1

Box add'n. to a residence

26987 - 4/18/45 \$73.00

Geo. Banton

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Building permit to Lula Arnold for an addition (1945)

RTMS 5-16-84

Joel Manning 2100 East 14th St.

39 1 11

Re sub of O.L. 34

Rehabilitate Residence

68613 3/5/58 1000.00

Owner

Remodel interior to create bath install interior
partitions sheet rock repaint interior & exterior &
install kitchen sink repair roof.

Building permit to Joel Manning to remodel the interior and rehabilitate the house (1958)