

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 14, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0408
1612 WILLOW STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1906 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, frame house with board-and-batten siding, fishscale imbrication in the tympanum of the gable, and an in-filled front porch; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1906; the first occupant of the house was Charles M. Willis, who had lived down the street on Willow prior to moving into this house, and who, after living here, moved across the street. Willis was a watchmaker who worked for John A. Jackson, a pawn broker, jeweler, and diamond merchant on Congress Avenue, and when he moved across the street to 1613 Willow Street, he had opened his own watchmaking and jewelry business at 109 W. 6th Street. Willis lived here until around 1912. A carpenter, J. Ira Pearce, is listed as the occupant in the 1912-13 city directory. Beginning around 1914, the Hinojosa (or de Hinojosa) family rented the house. Jose Hinojosa was listed as a bartender living at 909 Comal Street in the 1912-13 city directory. By 1914, he and his family, which included his mother, Francisca R. Hinojosa, a widow, several brothers: Entimio, a laborer, Isaac, a laborer, and Florencio, who was a confectioner and fruit seller, as well as a sister, Virginia, who never had an occupation listed in the city directories. The Hinojosa family lived here until around 1934.

The house was rented to Anglo families through the mid-1950s; the tenants included a laborer for International Harvester, a laborer, and a painter. From the mid-1950s, the house was occupied by Pascual G. and Guadalupe Beza, who initially rented the house, and purchased it around 1970. Pascual Beza was a clerk at the State Department of Parks and Wildlife; Guadalupe Beza worked as a nursery school teacher and as a homemaker for the State Department of Public Welfare.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is in the East Austin Survey of Cultural Resources (1980) and shows the open porch.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Initiate a historic zoning case to investigate and evaluate alternatives to demolition. This is a relatively intact house in a historic area of East Austin, and every effort should be made to preserve the house if possible.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0408

LOCATION: 1612 Willow Street

1" = 166'

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1612 Willow Street
ca. 1906



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1612 Willow Street

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

1992	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza, owners Retired
1985-86	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza, owners Retired
1981	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza, owners Retired
1977	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza, owners Pascual: Retired Guadalupe: Homemaker, State Department of Public Welfare
1973	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza, Jr., owners Clerk, State Department of Parks and Wildlife
1968	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza (not listed as owners) Pascual: Clerk, State Department of Parks and Wildlife Guadalupe: Teacher, Chip-N-Dale Nursery, 800 W. 26 th Street.

1962	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza, Jr., renters Porter, State Game and Fish Division
1959	Pascual G. and Guadalupe C. Beza, renters Porter, State Game and Fish Division
1955	David M. and Trini Gamboa, renters Employed by Austin Engineering Company, construction engineers, 503 Riverside Drive. NOTE: Pascual and Lupe Beza re listed at 906 E. 7 th Street; he was a porter for C.B. Smith Motors, 501 W. 5 th Street; she was a helper at the Lily Baking Company, 1708 E. 2 nd Street.
1952	Loran G. and Kathryn Johnsey, owners No occupation listed
1949	D.C. and Vernell Hicks, renters Painter
1947	D.C. and Vernell Hicks, renters Painter
1944-45	D.C. and Vernell Hicks, renters No occupation listed
1941	Herman J. and Esther Fuchs, renters Laborer NOTE: D.C. and Vernell Hicks are not listed in the directory.
1939	John L. and Ida Beaty, renters No occupation listed
1937	Henry and Eula Kramer, renters Laborer, International Harvester, manufacturers of agricultural implements, 305- 07 W. 5 th Street.
1935	Vacant
1932-33	Florencio Hinojosa, renter No occupation listed Also listed is Virginia Hinojosa, no occupation stated.
1930-31	Florencio Hinojosa, renter Fruits, 1100 E. 6 th Street. Also listed are Isaac Hinojosa, Jose Hinojosa, and Virginia Hinojosa; none had an occupation stated.
1929	Mrs. Frances R. Hinojosa, renter No occupation listed Also listed are Florencio Hinojosa, fruits, 1100 E. 6 th Street; Isaac Hinojosa, no occupation stated; Jose Hinojosa, no occupation stated; and Virginia Hinojosa, no occupation stated.
1927	Mrs. Frances R. Hinojosa, renter

- Widow, Nicholas Hinojosa
No occupation listed
Also listed are Florencio Hinojosa, fruits, 1100 E. 6th Street; Isaac Hinojosa, no occupation stated; Jose Hinojosa, a clerk for Florencio Hinojosa; and Virginia, no occupation stated.
- 1924 Mrs. Frances R. Hinojosa, renter
Widow, Nicholas Hinojosa
No occupation listed
Also listed are Eutimo Hinojosa, no occupation stated; and Florencio Hinojosa, a confectioner at 1209 E. 6th Street.
- 1922 Mrs. Frances R. Hinojosa, renter
Widow, Nicholas Hinojosa
No occupation listed
Also listed are Florencio Hinojosa, a confectioner at 1209 E. 6th Street; and Eutimo Hinojosa, fruits
- 1920 Mrs. Frances R. Hinojosa, renter
Widow, Nicholas Hinojosa
No occupation listed
Also listed are Florencio Hinojosa, fruits, 2203½ E. 6th Street; and Virginia Hinojosa, no occupation stated.
- 1918 Mrs. Frances R. Hinojosa
Widow, Nicholas Hinojosa
No occupation listed
Also listed are Florencio Hinojosa, a laborer; and Virginia Hinojosa, no occupation stated.
- 1916 Mrs. Frances R. de Hinojosa
Widow, Nicholas Hinojosa
No occupation listed
Also listed are Entinrio de Hinojosa, a laborer for the City Water, Light and Power Department; Florencio de Hinojosa, a laborer; Jose de Hinojosa, an auto mechanic; and Virginia de Hinojosa, no occupation stated.
- 1914 Mrs. Francisca R. de Hinojosa
Widow, Nicholas deHinojosa
No occupation listed
Also listed are Entimio de Hinojosa, a laborer; Florencio de Hinojosa, a laborer; Jose de Hinojosa, a clerk; and Virginia de Hinojosa, no occupation stated.
- 1912-13 J. Ira Pearce
Carpenter
NOTE: The only member of the Hinojosa family listed in the directory is Jose Hinojosa, a bartender, who lived at 909 Comal Street.
NOTE: Charles M. Willis is listed at 1613 Willow Street; he was a watchmaker and jeweler at 109 W. 6th Street.
- 1910-11 Charles M Willis
Watchmaker, John A. Jackson, collateral broker, jeweler, dealer in diamonds, silverware, and musical instruments, 617 Congress Avenue.

- 1909-10 Charles M. Willis
Watchmaker, John A. Jackson, collateral broker, jeweler, dealer in diamonds, silverware, and musical instruments, 617 Congress Avenue.
- 1907-08 Charles M. Willis
Watchmaker, John A. Jackson, collateral broker, jeweler, dealer in diamonds, silverware,, and musical instruments, 617 Congress Avenue.
- Samuel T. Hamby
Fireman, Austin Canning Factory, fruits and vegetables, 405-07 W. 4th Street.
- 1906-07 Charles M. Willis
Watchmaker, John A. Jackson, broker, watchmaker, jeweler, repairs, 617 Congress Avenue.
- Samuel Hamby
Fireman, Austin Canning Factory, fruits and vegetables, 405-07 W. 4th Street.
- 1905 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Charles M. Willis is listed at 1621 Willow Street. He was a watchmaker for John A. Jackson.
NOTE: Samuel T. Hamby is not listed in the directory.
- 1903-04 Charles M. Willis is listed at 1611 Willow Street. He was a watchmaker for John A. Jackson.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Charles M. Willis (ca. 1906 – ca. 1912)

Samuel T. Hamby (ca. 1906 – ca. 1909)

Very little is currently known about Charles M. Willis at this point, except that he was the first resident of this house, had live on Willow Street before moving in here, and moved across the street to another house on Willow Street around 1912. He shared this house with Samuel Hamby from 1906 to around 1909.

Samuel Hamby appears in the 1900 U.S. Census for Webb County, Texas as the 24-year old son of Charles and Sarah Hamby. Charles Hamby was a dairy man; Samuel Hamby is also listed as a dairyman. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Sam and Estelle Hamby living in San Antonio where Sam was a stationery engineer. By 1920, Sam and Estelle Hamby were living in Houston with Estelle's brother; Sam was a stationery engineer for an oil company. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Sam and Estelle as farmers in rural Travis County. They had no children.

SAMUEL T. HAMBY

Samuel Thomas Hamby, 76, long-time Austin resident, died in a local hospital Saturday. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Cade-Rothwell Masonic Lodge 1151 at Houston and Woodmen of the World. Mrs. Hamby died in 1944. Funeral services will be held at Wood-Corley Funeral Home Monday at 10 a. m. with Rev. J. Leonard Rea officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery under auspices of Austin Lodge 12, A. F. & A. M.

Obituary of Samuel Hamby
 Austin American-Statesman, July 8, 1956

Frances, Florencio, and Virginia Hinojosa (ca. 1913 – ca. 1934)

Frances Hinojosa appears as the renter of this house in the 1920 U.S. Census. She was a 61-year old Mexican-born widow with no occupation listed. With her lived three of her children: Entimio, 40, a Mexican-born proprietor of a fruit stand; Florencio, 37, a Mexican-born proprietor of a fruit stand; and Virginia, 28, who had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. Frances Hinojosa died in 1929; there was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Florencio Hinojosa as the renter of this house. He was the proprietor of a fruit and cold drink stand. With him lived a sister [?], Isaac, 49, who had been born in Mexico and had no occupation listed; a brother, Jose, 41, a self-employed truck driver; and a sister, Virginia, 37, who had no occupation listed. By 1940, according to the U.S. Census, the Hinojosas were living down the street at 1608 Willow Street. Both Florencio and Jose were laborers for the a construction company. Neither Virginia nor Isaac had an occupation listed.

Herman J. and Esther Fuchs (ca. 1940 – ca. 1942)

Herman and Ester Fuchs appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Herman Fuchs was a 32-year old Texas-born laborer at Marshall Ford Dam, who had lived in rural Washington County, Texas in 1935. Ester Fuchs was also 32, had been born in Texas, and had lived in rural Fayette County, Texas in 1935. They had 2 daughters: Delores, 6, and Clarice, 4.

Pascual and Guadalupe Beza, Jr. (ca. 1957 -)

BEZA, Pascual Jr., 90, of Austin died Tuesday. Rosary 7 p.m. today, Mission Funeral Home. Services 10 a.m. Friday, Mission. Burial Assumption Cemetery.

Obituary of Pascual Beza, Jr.
 Austin American-Statesman,