

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 28, 2014
NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT PERMITS
NRD-2014-0064
2702 JEFFERSON STREET
OLD WEST AUSTIN**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1942 house that is contributing to the Historic District.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, irregular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a projecting central front gabled bay containing the front entry; single 8:8 Colonial Revival-styled windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1942 by Robert W. Brydson, the head of the Brydson Lumber Company, a well-known lumber company and house contracting firm in Austin. The first owner and occupant was Jo Buck Jones, who moved with his family into this house from Alamo Heights, a suburb of San Antonio, Texas. Jo Buck Jones was a civil engineer for the WPA in San Antonio, and had lived in Austin in 1935. He had been a civil engineer for the Southern Railway in Charlotte, NC in 1930. Through the 1940s, J.B. Jones listed his occupation as a civil engineer; in the late 1940s, he was the secretary and treasurer of Formica Fabricators, a furniture manufacturer. In the early to mid-1950s, he was a general contractor. He then went to work as a civil engineer for the FAA, and around 1960, he and his wife, Dora, moved to Fort Worth, where J.B. continued his career as a civil engineer for the FAA. He died in Fort Worth in 1971. After J.B. and Dora moved to Fort Worth, their son, Richard D. Jones, a music teacher, lived here with his wife, Marjorie, in the early 1960s. The house was then purchased by Jack H. and Janelle R. Hadsell, who lived here until recently. Jack Hadsell grew up in Denton, Texas, where he graduated from North Texas State University, and taught in the Austin public school system for 30 years. He died in 2013.

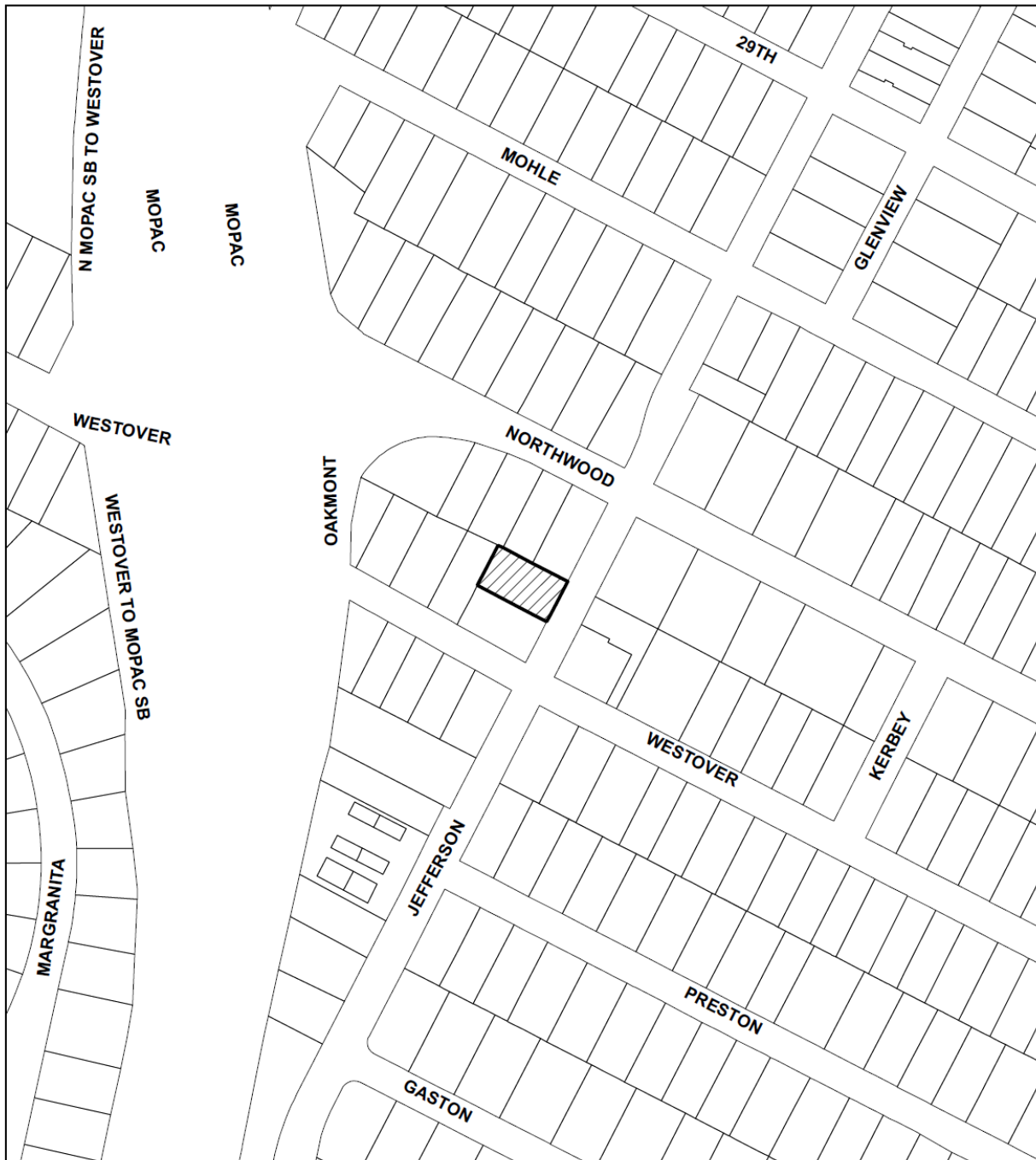
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage adaptive re-use or relocation over 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, and upon the Commission's review of the plans for the replacement structure for this site. This house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 200'

CASE#: NRD-2014-0064
Address: 2702 JEFFERSON STREET

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2702 Jefferson Street
ca. 1942



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2702 Jefferson Street

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

1992	Jack H. and Janelle Hadsell, owners Retired
1985-86	Jack H. and Janelle R. Hadsell, owners Retired
1981	Jack H. and Janelle R. Hadsell, owners Retired
1977	Jack H. and Janelle R. Hadsell, owners Teacher, public schools
1973	Jack H. and Janelle R. Hadsell, owners Teacher, public schools
1968	Jack H. and Janelle R. Hadsell, owners Teacher, public schools Also listed is Becky Hadsell, a student.
1962	Richard D. and Marjorie Jones, owners

Music teacher (at the house)

NOTE: Jack and Janelle Hadsell are listed at 1604 Redd Road; he was an instructor at Austin High School.

- 1959 Jo B. and Dora D. Jones, owners
Engineer, FAA

- 1955 Jo B. and Dora D. Jones, owners
Proprietor, Jo B. Jones Company, general contractors, 2501 E. 5th Street.

- 1952 Jo Buck and Dora D. Jones, owners
Proprietor, Jo B. Jones Company, general contractors, 2501 E. 5th Street.

- 1949 Jo Buck and Dora D. Jones, owners
Secretary/treasurer, Formica Fabricators, furniture manufactures, rear 4710 E. 5th Street.

- 1947 Jo Buck and Dora D. Jones, owners
Civil engineer

- 1944-45 Jo Buck and Dora D. Jones, owners
Civil engineer

- 1942 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Joe Buck and Dora D. Jones are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Jo Buck and Dora D. Jones (ca. 1942 – ca. 1961)

J.B. and Dora Jones appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for Alamo Heights, a suburb of San Antonio, Texas, where J.B. Jones was a 42-year old, Texas-born civil engineer in the WPA State Office. Dora Jones was 36, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Richard D. Jones, whose age is illegible. He had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. They had lived in Austin in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows J.B. and Dora Jones as the renters of an apartment in Charlotte, N.C. J.B. Jones was a civil engineer for the Southern Railway; Dora had no occupation listed. Richard D. Jones is not listed in the census report.

JO BUCK JONES

FORT WORTH — Jo Buck Jones, 73, former Austin resident, died Wednesday morning in a Fort Worth hospital after an illness of about two years.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Greenwood Funeral Home of Fort Worth, with Rev. James E. Bass, pastor of Richland Hills Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Jones was retired and had been a civil engineer for the Federal Aviation agency in Fort Worth, where he served as regional construction supervisor.

Jones had lived in Fort Worth 11 years and was a member of the Richland Hills Baptist Church. While in Austin he was a member of Allandale Baptist Church.

He was a member of a Fort Worth Masonic lodge and was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He also was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He

was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the Veterans of World War I Barracks 115.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dora Davenport Jones of Fort Worth; a son, Richard D. Jones of Hammond, La.; and a brother, W. T. Jones of Dallas.

Obituary of Jo Buck Jones
Austin American, May 6, 1971

Jack and Janelle Hadsell (ca. 1965 - 2013)

Jack Hadsell appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 15-year old son of Vincent P. and Mrs. Vincent P. Hadsell of Denton, Texas. His father was a Nebraska-born gravel hauler. Jack was the youngest of the 3 children listed in the census report. His birth certificate shows that he was born in Lubbock in 1925; his father was a lumberman at that time.

Jack HADSELL

Jack Hadsell (88) lost his long battle with cancer, Oct. 14, 2013, under the loving care of Christopher House. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Janelle, two daughters Becky Hadsell and Sheila Webb, son-in-law Jesse Webb, and two sisters Margaret

Building permit to Jo Buck Jones for excavating under the house for an underground room
(1945)