

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 28, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0491
3402 CLAWSON ROAD

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, frame house with a partial-width entry hood; single, paired, and triple 1:1 fenestration. The house is situated in an estate-like setting with a stone base and stairs, a stone wall fronting the street, and an electronic metal gate.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1950. There is a water service permit for a house that may be this one dating from 1949 by a Henry Phelps, but Phelps is not listed in any city directories of the period. The first known occupant of the house was Clarence Reilly, who rented the house initially, and then is listed as the owner in the 1953 city directory, when he is also listed as married. The Reillys lived in the house until around 1954, when it was rented to Joseph and Dorothy Wilkes, who lived here for about a year. Joseph Wilkes had a sheet metal business on Alice Avenue. From around 1955 until the late 1970s, the house was owned and occupied by William G. Barnes, Jr. and his wife, Maxine. William G. Barnes, Jr. worked for Walker's Aus-Tex Chili as a book-keeper; he later became the cashier and comptroller of Aus-Tex Foods, which became a subsidiary of Frito-Lay. By the late 1960s, Barnes was working as an accountant for Neelley Vending Company. He died in 1970. Maxine Barnes continued to live in the house for a few years in the early 1970s; the house was then purchased by D.A. Reynolds, who was an agent for Bill Milburn Homes, and by the mid-1980s, the house was owned and occupied by Rodney and Debra Prince; he was a home remodeling contractor.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to reconsider demolition and adaptively re-use the existing house and setting. 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 has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is an example of the country "estates" that once lined Clawson Road and is indicative of the development of this area once known for its large lots and semi-rural atmosphere.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 200'

CASE#: HDP-2014-0491
Address: 3402 CLAWSON ROAD

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3402 Clawson Road
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3402 Clawson Road

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

1992	William R. and Debra R. Prince, owners Remodeling contractor
1985-86	Rodney and Debra R. Prince, owners Construction worker
1981	D.A. Reynolds, owner Agent, Bill Milburn Company, home builders and developers (several locations)
1977	D.A. Reynolds, owner Student NOTE: The directory indicates that D.A. Reynolds was a new resident at this address.
1973	Maxine W. Barnes, owner Widow, William G. Barnes, Jr. No occupation listed
1968	William G. and Maxine W. Barnes, Jr., owners Accountant, Neelley Vending Company, 813 W. North Loop Boulevard.

- 1962 William G. and Maxine W. Barnes, Jr., owners
Cashier, Frito-Lay, Austex Foods Division, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1959 William G. and Maxine W. Barnes, Jr., owners
Comptroller, Austex Foods, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1955 William G. and Maxine W. Barnes, Jr., owners
Cashier, Walker's Aus-Tex Chili Company, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1954 Joseph C. and Dorothy Wilkes, renters
Proprietor, Wilkes Sheet Metal, 4000 Alice Avenue.
NOTE: William G. and Maxine Barnes are listed at 821 Taulbee Lane; he was the assistant cashier at Walker's Aus-Tex Chili Company, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1953 Clarence N. and Frances Reilly, owners
Collector, Calcasieu Lumber Company
- 1952 Clarence M. Reilly (no wife listed), renter
Collector, Calcasieu Lumber Company
- 1949 Clawson Road is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Clarence M. Reilly is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

William G. and Maxine Barnes (ca. 1954 – ca. 1975)

William Barnes appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 16-year old son of Florine Barnes, who owned her home at 206 Park Lane in Austin. Florine Barnes was a 51-year old Missouri-born dental assistant. She had several children living with her, including her Missouri-born daughter, Lorraine, and Lorraine's husband, Buck Hood, a Texas-born managing editor for the newspaper; Lorraine was a reporter for the newspaper. The other children were: Allen Barnes, 26, a Missouri-born fire insurance examiner; Louis Carl Barnes, 25, a Missouri-born bank clerk; Dorothy Barnes, 20, a Missouri-born cashier in a dry goods store; and William, 16, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. In addition, Florine's mother, Jennie King, a 77-year old Minnesota-born widow, lived with them. Jennie King had no occupation listed.

NOTE: There is a water service permit for an un-numbered address on Clawson Road dating to 1949 to a Henry Phelps, who is not listed in any city directory of the period.

WILLIAM GUY BARNES JR.

William Guy Barnes Jr., 46, of 3402 Clawson Rd. died in a local hospital Friday from a sudden illness. He was an accountant for Gibson Products Company, was a veteran of World War II, had been a resident of Austin for 21 years, and attended the Faith United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Maxine Whitley Barnes of Austin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Guy Barnes Sr. of Hutto; one son, W. Gregory Barnes of Austin; one daughter, Miss Julia Ann Barnes of Austin; and four sisters, Mrs. Earl Eastburn, Mrs. George Hawley, Mrs. Leroy Steadman and Mrs. Leroy Blair, all of Austin.

Funeral is pending at Hyattin-Manor Funeral Home.

Obituary of William G. Barnes, Jr.

Austin American-Statesman, March 7, 1970

WILLIAM GUY BARNES JR.

Funeral for William Guy Barnes Jr., 46, of 3402 Clawson Rd. will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Hyllin-Manor Funeral Home, Rev. Paul A. Grout Jr. officiating. Burial will be in the Hutto City Cemetery.

Barnes died in a local hospital Friday evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart Association or to the Faith United Methodist Church.

Pallbearers will be Howard Clark, Albert Kirby, Joe Cline, J. S. Gilfillan, James Burrows and Helmer Dahl.

Funeral notice for William G. Barnes, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, March 8, 1970



Maxine Barnes

Maxine Barnes passed away April 10, 2008, at the age of 78. She was born July 1, 1929 in Weir, Texas to Ira and Grace Whitley.

She is survived by a son; Greg Barnes and his wife Jan of Round Rock, Texas, a daughter; Julie and her husband Don Dean of Bedias, Texas, grandchildren; Stacey Barnes, Billy Barnes, Ashley Crosson, Derrick Crosson, and Meagan Dean. Maxine is also survived by long time friends Tom Ney and Marie Velliquette.

Visitation will be held at The Gabriels Funeral Chapel Georgetown, Texas on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with funeral services at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2008 at the funeral home with Jack Emert officiating. Interment will follow at Weir Cemetery in Weir, Texas.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org

Private condolences can be forwarded to the family at www.gabrielsfuneral.com

Obituary of Maxine Barnes
Austin American-Statesman, April 12, 2008