## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JULY 28, 2014 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2014-0495 1109 ANGELINA STREET

## PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1950 out of the city.

### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled, frame bungalow-style house with an almost-fullwidth front-gabled independent porch; single and paired modern replacement windows.

#### RESEARCH

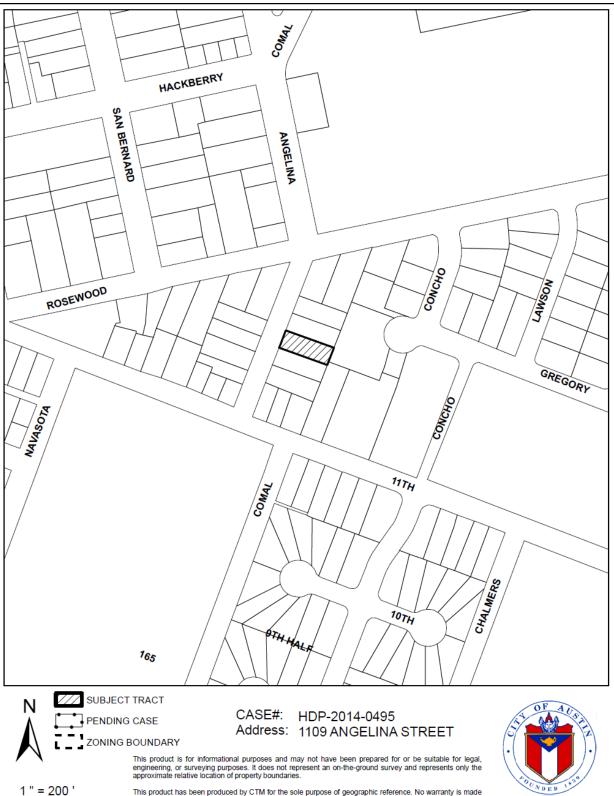
The house was built in 1950 by Frank Sessions, who was a carpenter who eventually went to work for the City Sanitation Division. Sessions built this house on the site of an earlier (ca. 1918) house that had been owned by his wife, Georgia's, parents, George W. and Sarah Bell.

#### 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. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual landmark designation.



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## 1109 Angelina Street ca. 1950



# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1109 Angelina Street

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

1992 Erma L. McArthur, renter Retired 1985-86 Erma L. McArthur, renter No occupation listed 1981 Joyce Jackson, renter Supervisor, AISD NOTE: The directory indicates that Joyce Jackson was a new resident at this address. 1977 No return 1973 Frank Sessions, owner Truck driver, City Sanitation Division 1968 Frank and Georgia Sessions, owners Helper, City Sanitation Department 1962 Frank and Georgia Sessions, owners

Helper, City Sanitation Department

- 1959 Frank and Georgia Sessions, owners Helper, City Sanitation Department
- 1955 Frank and Georgia Sessions, owners Carpenter
- 1952 Frank and Georgia Sessions, owners Cabinetmaker

NOTE: City building permit records and Sanborn maps evidence that the current house was built in 1950 on the site of an earlier house owned and occupied by George W. and Sarah Bell, the parents of Georgia Sessions. That house dated from around 1918. Frank and Georgia Sessions are listed as the owners and occupants of that earlier house as far back as the 1947 city directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

#### George W. and Sarah Bell (lived in a house formerly on this site) Frank and Georgia Sessions (ca. 1950 – ca. 1975)

George W. and Sarah Bell appear in the 1920 U.S. Census on a rented farm in Travis County. George W. Bell was a 41-year old, Texas-born, African-American farm hand. Sarah Bell was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their daughter, Georgia, was 10, and had been born in Texas. The 1940 U.S. Census shows George and Sara Bell as the owners of the former home on this site, which was worth \$600. George Bell was 61, and a laborer in building construction. Sara Bell had no occupation listed. Georgia Bell was 27, and a county school teacher. Sarah Bell had been born December 15, 1892, and died January 10, 1949. Her death certificate indicates that she was the daughter of Tom and America Jackson, and that she had been born in Austin. Mrs. Georgia Sessions is listed as her daughter. Georgia Mae Sessions died July 5, 1973 from diabetes. Her death certificate indicated that she was a retired teacher.

Frank Sessions appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 27-year old son of Amanda Sessions, a 59-year old widow who lived in Cherokee County, Texas. Frank Sessions had been born in Texas, and was listed as a farmer. Amanda Sessions, his mother, was also listed as a farmer. They owned their own farm. Frank was the oldest of the 5 children listed in the census report. Frank Sessions died in November, 1981 in Houston, Texas. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

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Building permit to Frank Sessions for the construction of	this house (1950)

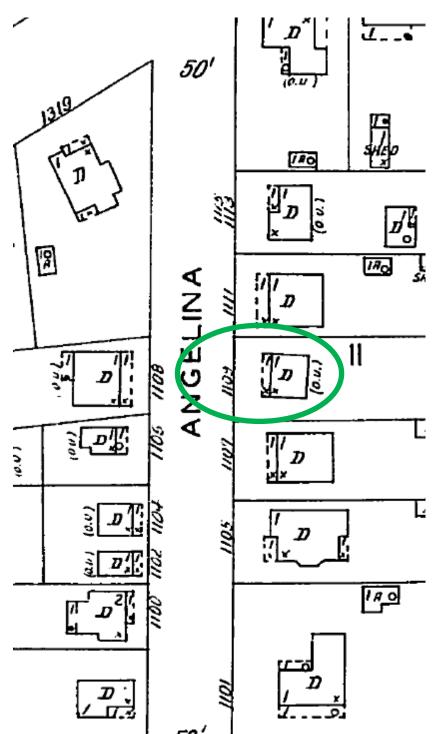
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Sewer service permit to Frank Sessions for this house (1950)

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The 1935 Sanborn map shows a more square house on this site. This was the home of George W., Sarah, and Georgia Bell, and dated from around 1918. Georgia Bell married Frank Sessions, who built the current house in 1950.

