

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 28, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0567
1901 WILLOW STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1922 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, pyramidal hipped-roof frame house with a partial-width inset porch; single and paired modern replacement windows with a 6:6 pane configuration.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1922; Richard H. Ebner was the first owner and occupant. Ebner was a widower when he moved into this house; he lived here with his widowed mother, Agnes, and his son, Gerhard [Monroe] until around 1934. Richard Ebner was a fireman for the Southern Pacific Lines. His son, Monroe Ebner and Monroe's wife, Olivia, are then listed as the owners and occupants in the 1935 city directory. They lived there until around 1936, when the house became a rental unit until the mid-1940s. Among the tenants were a taxi driver and a plasterer. Mrs. Bertie Richey, a widow, owned and occupied the house from the mid-1940s until the early 1950s. She and her carpenter husband had lived on Willow Street in 1920, but had moved to Fort Worth by 1930, where they continued to live until Joseph's death and Bertie's return to Austin. In the early 1950s, the house was purchased by Jose [Joe] and Vicky Rios, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Joe Rios was a laborer at Austin Metal and Iron before he moved into this house; he then worked for the City parks and Recreation Department, and later as a janitor at Camp Craft. He retired around 1970. After his death in 1983, Vicky Rios continued to live in the house until her death in 1992.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and re-use of the house to the greatest extent possible. The house has been modified with the replacement of the original windows, but still maintains its basic form and an integral part of the historical context and integrity of East Austin. While the house may not qualify as an individually-designated historic landmark, if the modern modifications were reversed by installing more appropriate windows, this house would definitely be contributing to a potential historic district in the neighborhood. If rehabilitation and re-use is not feasible, then encourage 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.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 200'

CASE#: HDP-2014-0567
Address: 1901 WILLOW STREET

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1901 Willow Street
ca. 1922



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1901 Willow Street

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

1992	Vicky Rios, owner Retired
1985-86	Becky Rios, owner Retired
1981	Joe and Becky Rios, owners Retired
1977	Joe and Becky Rios, owners Retired
1973	Joe and Becky Rios, owners Retired
1968	Joe S. and Victoria M. Rios, owners No occupation listed
1962	Joe S. and Victoria M. Rios, owners Janitor, Camp Craft

- 1959 Joe S. and Victoria M. Rios, owners
Janitor, Camp Craft
- 1955 Joe S. and Vicy Rios, owners
Employed by the City Parks and Recreation Department
- 1952 Mrs. Bertie Richey, owner
No occupation listed
NOTE: Jose and Victoria Rios are listed at 1702 E. 6th Street; he was a laborer at Austin Metal and Iron Company.
- 1949 Mrs. Bertie Richey, owner
Widow, Joseph Richey
No occupation listed
- 1947 Mrs. Bertie Richey, owner
Widow, Joseph Richey
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 Ethel Bradshaw, renter
Widow, Albert Bradshaw
Cashier, Schneider's Food Store, 1200 S. Congress Avenue and 2900 Guadalupe Street.
NOTE: Bertie Richey is not listed in the directory.
- 1941 Oscar and Ethel Overstreet, renters
Plasterer
- 1939 Jacob P. and Delta Heath, renters
Driver, Longhorn Taxi, 217 W. 6th Street.
- 1937 Mrs. Edith M. Petty, renter
No occupation listed
- 1935 Monroe and Olivia Ebner, owners
Mechanic, Austin Municipal Airport
- 1932-33 Richard H. Ebner, owner
Fireman, Southern Pacific Lines
Also listed is Monroe Ebner, no occupation stated.
- 1930-31 Richard H. Ebner, owner
Fireman, Southern Pacific Lines
Also listed is Monroe Ebner, no occupation stated.
- 1929 Richard H. Ebner, owner
Fireman, Southern Pacific Lines
Also listed is Monroe Ebner, no occupation stated.
- 1927 Richard H. Ebner, owner
Fireman, Southern Pacific Lines
Also listed is Agnes Ebner, the widow of Otto Ebner, no occupation stated.

- 1924 Richard H. Ebner, owner
Fireman, Southern Pacific Lines
Also listed is Agnes Ebner, the widow of Otto Ebner, no occupation stated.
- 1922 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Richard and Hulda Ebner are listed at 1802 E. 1st Street, the home of his mother, Agnes. Richard Ebner was a fireman for the Southern Pacific Lines.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Richard H. Ebner (ca. 1923 – ca. 1933)

Monroe Ebner (ca. 1928 – ca. 1936)

Richard and Hulda Ebner are listed in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 104 Concho Street in Austin. Richard Ebner was 36, had been born in Texas, and was a fireman for the railroad. Hulda Ebner was 30, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Gerhard [Monroe], 9. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Richard Ebner as a widower, and the owner of this house, which was worth \$1,500. He was a locomotive fireman. With him lived his son, Monroe, 18, who had no occupation listed; and his mother, Agnes, a 68-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. By 1940, according to the census report of that year, Richard Ebner was living alone in an apartment at 2005 E. 1st Street. He was a locomotive fireman.

By 1940, Monroe and Olivia Ebner were living in Clay City, Illinois in a rented house. Monroe Ebner was a 28-year old mechanic in an oil field. Olivia Ebner was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

RICHARD H. EBNER

SEGUIN — Graveside services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery at Paige for Richard H. Ebner, 79, father of Mrs. Nadine Glass of Austin, who died here Thursday. He was a resident of Oklahoma City.

Besides his daughter, he is survived by a son, Monroe Ebner

of Oklahoma City, and a sister, Mrs. Clay Kunkel of Paige.

Services are under direction of Phillips-Luckey Funeral Home of Giddings. Rev. Fred Mgebhoff will officiate.

Obituary of Richard H. Ebner
Austin American-Statesman, July 28, 1963

Monroe F. "Pete" Ebner

Monroe F. "Pete" Ebner, 83, of Georgetown, died Monday.

He was a long time member of the Onion Creek Lodge #220, the Ben Hur Shrine, and Scottish Rite Bodies. Also, he was a member of the Drum & Bugle Corps. He was employed with the City of Austin until his retirement.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 PM, Wednesday in the Colonial Chapel of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with Reverend William McDonald officiating. Interment will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Mr. Ebner was the husband of Mabelle Ebner of Georgetown; father of Fred Ebner of Georgetown; brother of Addie Patterson of Kennett, Missouri; and grandfather of three, Alan, Terry, and Lance Ebner.

Pallbearers will include Alan Ebner, Terry Ebner, Lance Ebner, Joe Wayne Pearson, Fred Hite, and Bill Hite.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in memorials to the American Diabetes Association or the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Monroe Ebner

Austin American-Statesman, November 19, 1986

Jacob P. and Delta Heath (ca. 1938 - ca. 1940)

J. Pinkney and Delta Heath appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of an apartment at 1510 W. 9th Street in Austin. J. Pinkney Heath was 52, had been born in Texas, and was a taxi driver. Delta Heath was 51, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Lois, 16; and John, 14. Both had been born in Texas and neither had an occupation listed.

Oscar and Ethel Overstreet (ca. 1940 - ca. 1943)

Oscar and Ethel Overstreet appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 2010 Willow Street in Austin. Oscar Overstreet was 38, had been born in Texas, and was a plasterer. Ethel Overstreet was 39, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, LaNelle, 10.

Bertie Richey (ca. 1946 – ca. 1954)

Bertie and Joseph Richey appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the tenants of the house at 1411 Willow Street in Austin. Joseph Richey was a 43-year old Kentucky-born house carpenter; Bertie Richey was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Evelyn, 9; and William, 6. Both children had been born in Texas. With them lived Joseph's father, Columbus Richey, 75, who had been born in Kentucky and had no occupation listed. By 1930, the family had moved to Fort Worth, where they rented a house. Joseph Richey was a carpenter in general construction. Their oldest daughter, here listed as Adine, now 19, was a clerk in a dry goods store. William had no occupation listed. The 1940 U.S. Census shows Joseph and Bertie Richey renting a house in Fort Worth, where Joseph had a general repair shop. None of their children were listed as living with them.

Jose (Joe) and Victoria (Vicky) Rios (ca. 1954 – ca. 1992)**Jose Rios, Sr.**

Jose Rios, Sr., 76, of Austin died Wednesday evening.

Rosary will be recited Friday evening, 7:30 PM at the Mission Funeral Home

Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, 10:00 AM, Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Officiating, Father Kirby Garner. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Survivors: his wife, Mrs. Victoriana (Vicky) Rios of Austin; four sons, Gabriel Rios, Jose Rios, Jr., Alejandro Rios, Phillip Rios, all of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Eloisa Barrera of Houston, Elisa (Alice) Limon of Austin; two brothers, Catarino Rios, Raphael Rios, both of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. Maximina Mendez of Austin, Mrs. Anselma Arizmendez, Mrs. Juanita Medina, all of Austin, Mrs. Maria Inez Castillo of Kyle, Texas; 29 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren.

Vicky M. Rios

Vicky M. Rios, age 80, of Austin, passed away Sunday.

Survivors include sons, Joe Rios, and wife Beatrice, Gabriel Rios and wife Lilly, Alex Rios and wife Mary, Phillip Rios and wife Vera, all of Austin; daughters, Eloisa Berrara and husband, Sefrino, Sr. of Houston, Alice Limon and husband, Mike of Austin; 27 grandchildren; and 52 great-grandchildren.

A rosary service will be held 7:00 PM, Monday, at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be 1:30 PM, Tuesday, at Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Assumption Cemetery.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay, 2620 South Congress.

Obituary of Vicky Rios
Austin American-Statesman, June 22, 1992