

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0684
2109 ASHBY AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 garage apartment.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame garage apartment with two single-bay garage doors on the ground level; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; screened, one-story, shed-roofed, independent porch to the left side of the main block.

RESEARCH

The garage apartment was built in 1950 by John S. and Geraldine Moursund, who lived here until around 1960. There has never been a principal house at the front of the lot. John S. Moursund was a native of Blanco County, and was a school teacher and school principal in various cities in Texas before settling in Austin, where he taught at Austin High School. He later moved back to the Round Mountain area of Blanco County, where he had an insurance business. He wrote several books on the history of Blanco County. After 1960, the garage apartment has been a rental property with a variety of tenants – a librarian at the University of Texas, a writer for Columbia Records, and State office workers.

STAFF COMMENTS

The garage apartment 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.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 102'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0684
LOCATION: 2109 Ashby Avenue

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2109 Ashby Avenue
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2109 Ashby Avenue

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

1992	Jana Melville, renter Assistant, legal services, State of Texas
1985-86	Steve and Ruth Grasich, renters No occupation listed Also listed is David Grasih, a student.
1981	No return
1977	Milton and Sherry Carroll, renters Writer, Columbia Records
1973	Mireille Taar, renter Administrative tech, State Department of Public Welfare
1968	Joseph C. Cunningham, renter Librarian, University of Texas
1962	Joseph C. Cunningham, renter Librarian, University of Texas

- 1959 John S. and Geraldine Moursund, owners
 Writer
- 1955 John S. and Geraldine Moursund, owners
 John: Teacher, Austin High School
 Geraldine: Librarian, State School for the Deaf
- 1952 John S. and Geraldine Moursund, owners
 John: Representation, Sate Youth Development Council
 Geraldine: Librarian, State School for the Deaf
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: John S. and Geraldine Moursund are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

John S. and Geraldine Moursund (ca. 1950 – ca. 1960)

John Moursund appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 27-year old unmarried son of Mary Moursund, a 53-year old widow who rented a house at 404 W. 27th Street in Austin. John Moursund had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His mother was a housemother for a home for boys. His younger brother, A.W., 21, was an elevator operator in the State Highway Building. The family had lived in Johnson City, Texas in 1935.

John Stribling Moursund

John Stribling Moursund, age 72, of Austin died at his home on March 1, 1984 after a long illness.

He was born on December 2, 1911 in Austin to Albert Wadel and Mary Stribling Moursund, who were pioneer residents of Blanco County. He attended the University of Texas and graduated in 1935. He taught school in Goliad, Texas, and was the principal of Granger Public School and Johnson City High School. He was with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Nogales, Arizona, and with the War Relocation Authority in Tule Lake, California during World War I. Most recently he managed Moursund Insurance & Abstract Company in Johnson City. He was the author of *Blanco County Families for 100 Years*, *A Blanco County History*, and the editor of *Stribling and Related Families*, and *A Family Album* by Rebekah Baines Johnson. He was a recipient of an award from the Texas State Historical Association for his work in historical research and preservation.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Moursund; a sister, Mrs. Robert L. Pinion of Houston; a brother, A.W. Moursund of Round Mountain, Texas.

Services will be Friday, March 2nd, at 3:00 PM at Crofts Funeral Home in Johnson City. Burial will be in the Round Mountain Cemetery.

Obituary of John S. Moursund
Austin American-Statesman, March 2, 1984

SW # 202

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 7019

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Received of JOHN S. MOURSUND Date 11-20-50

Address 2109 ASHBY AVE LOT J

Amount TWENTY DOLLARS \$ 20.00

Plumber THE BASTY CO Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection 10-20-50

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 2" .05

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6'

From EAST Prop. Line to Curb Cock 1'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK BOX

Depth of Main in St. 30"

Depth of Service Line 20"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 1' 6"

Checked by Engr. Dept. 11-20-50 RW

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No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 5/8
1	Elbow 3/4 CO. ELL
1	Shoulder 3/4 CO. RP
1	Bushing 3/4 CO. PLING
1	Reducer 2 X 3/4 TAPS
3	Pipe 3/4 CO. PIPE
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
1	Tee D.T.L.K
1	Stop 1" Lid
1	Box
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>W 323-502</u>
	Per. No. <u>Wickham</u>

CHANGED TO MAIN AND RENEWED
SERVICE WITH 3/4" CO. PIPE

Water service permit to John S. Moursund for this house (1950)