

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 27, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0894
4504 DEPEW AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Relocate a house that was moved onto this site in 1948.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch to the right of the projecting front gable; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was originally located in the 3800 block of East Avenue, according to city building permits, which reference the move from there to the current site in 1948. The applicant for the relocation permit was Albert Dearing, the father of the first owner and occupant of the house, Howard L. Dearing, and his wife, Jayne. Albert Dearing was a building contractor. There is no other specific information about the original location of this house outside of the reference to the 3800 block of East Avenue, but the house appears to be a product of 1940s construction, so it was not very old at the time Albert Dearing moved it to this site for his son and his daughter-in-law. Howard L. Dearing was a teller and assistant cashier at the Fidelity State Bank at 823 Congress. He and Jayne lived here until around 1953, when they moved to 1804 E. 38½ Street; he was an assistant vice-president of the bank at the time they moved. The house was then a rental property for the next several years through the early 1960s. A widow, Priscilla Jones, is listed as the owner and occupant of the house in the mid-1960s, and the house was then owned and occupied by Larry and Quita Franke in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Larry Franke has a 1970 building permit to remodel the house. The house has had a series of owners and renters since the 1970s.

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 designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0894

LOCATION: 4504 Depew Avenue

1" = 159'

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4504 Depew Avenue
Moved onto this site in 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
4504 Depew Avenue

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

1992	Shawn K. Ellison, renter Musician
	Wayne Decker, renter Employed by the State of Texas
1985-86	Claudia Martins, owner No occupation listed
1981	Alfred J. Watkins, owner Assistant professor, University of Texas NOTE: The directory indicates that Alfred J. Watkins was a new resident at this address.
1977	Joe M. Riddell, renter Employed by the Texas House of Representatives NOTE: The directory indicates that Joe M. Riddell was a new resident at this address.

1973 No return

1968 Larry K. and Quita Franke, owners
Plumber

1962 Priscilla Jones, owner
Widow, Sidney M. Jones
No occupation listed

1959 Priscilla Jones (not listed as owner)
Widow, Sidney M. Jones
No occupation listed

1955 Milford F. and Wanda Allen, renters
Assistant teacher, University of Texas

1954 Charles E. and Marjorie L. Frances, renters
Charles: Student
Marjorie: Teacher, public schools
NOTE: Howard L. and Jayne R. Dearing are listed at 1804 E. 38½ Street; he was an assistant vice-president of the Fidelity State Bank.

1952 Howard L. and Jayne Dearing, owners
Assistant cashier, Fidelity State Bank, 823 Congress Avenue.

1949 Howard L. and Jane Dearing, owners
Teller, Fidelity State Bank, 823 Congress Avenue.

1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Howard L. and Jane Dearing are listed at 201 E. Live Oak Street; he was a teller for Fidelity State Bank, 823 Congress Avenue.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Howard L. and Jane Dearing (ca. 1948 – ca. 1953)

Howard L. Dearing appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 20-year old son of A. and Ethel Dearing, who owned their home at 1404 W. 9th Street in Austin. Howard L. Dearing had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father was a Texas-born building contractor.

Albert Dearing	4504 Depew Avenue
So. 10' of 23 & all of	
214 24 15	- -
Ridgetop Annex	
Moved from 3800 Blk. East Avenue.	
Move res. onto lot and repair and build	
39639	garage.
11-29-48	\$1000.00
Owner	

Building permit to Albert Dearing (Howard Dearing's father) to move the house from the 3800 block of East Avenue onto this site (1948)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas.

C No 2542

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Received of HOWARD L. DEARING Date 12-17-48

Address 4504 DEFEW AVE.

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 \$ 20

Plumber 2 Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 12-21-48

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2" 6" CI

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From N- Prop. Line to Curb Cock 21'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2.5'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 3'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-10-49 AS

No. Fittings	Size	Material
1	Curb Cock	3/4" COP-1
1	Elbow	3/4" COP-1
1	Stop	3/4" COP-1
1	Bushing	3/4" COP-1
1	Reducer	3/4" COP-1
1	Pipe	3/4" COP-1
1	Lead Comp.	
1	Nipples	
1	Union	
1	Plug	
1	Tap	
1	Stop	
1	Box	
1	Lid	
1	Valves	
1	Job No.	W-323-502
1	Req. No.	V-1788

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Water service permit to Howard L. Dearing for this address (1948)

Receipt No. 11172

Application for Sewer Connection

No. 25729Austin, Texas, 12-8-48

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Howard L. Dearing at 4504 Defew Street,

further described as Lot 50 of 23rd Block 15 Outlot 15 Division 15

subdivision Ridgely Plat 214, which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 1 Plumbing Permit No. 32741

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 12-17-48

Depth at Prop. Line 3'-6" at mainConnected 54 X 9 S.L.

(Location)

Date 12-22-48

Respectfully,

Howard L. DearingBy Williams

NOTE: Connection Instruction 8" San. in 100' ± 6' man on

6" San. in 5' ± 11' San. man on 40' St. A-101

Sewer connection application by Howard L. Dearing for this house (1948)

OWNER Larry Franke ADDRESS 4504 Depew Avenue
PLAT 214 LOT S 10' of 23 & all of 24 BLK 15
SUBDIVISION Ridgetop Annex
OCCUPANCY Residence
BLD PERMIT # 117243 DATE 5-21-70 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$1,600.00
CONTRACTOR Bill Jones NO. OF FIXTURES
WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist
Remodel exist residence

Building permit to Larry Franke to remodel the house (1970)