

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 27, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0843  
904 JESSIE STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, front-gabled projecting entryway containing a pair of multi-lite French doors; single 8:8 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1946; the first occupants were Donald S. and Jane Thomas, who rented the house until around 1948. Donald S. Thomas was an associate in the lawfirm of Looney & Clark. The house remained a rental until the early 1970s, when Helen Hampe moved in. Helen Hampe was the niece of Pauline Leser, of an old Austin family, and had lived with Mrs. Leser at her house on West Avenue for many years. Helen worked as a clerk, a typist for the IRS, a receptionist for a doctor, and an optometry technician over the years. She had been divorced, and built a house next door to this one at 906 Jessie Street, where she had her primary residence. She owned this house for an investment, but lived here in the early 1970s and again in the early 1980s. She rented primarily to students.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and re-use if possible; then relocation over demolition, but in any case of removal, 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" = 160'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0843

LOCATION: 904 Jessie St

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904 Jessie Street  
ca. 1946



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 904 Jessie Street

From City Directories, Austin History Center  
Prepared by the City Historic Preservation Office  
October, 2014

1992	Vincent B. River, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Vincent B. River was a new resident at this address.
1985-85	Robert F. Delph, renter No occupation listed
1981	Helen E. Hampe, owner No occupation listed
1977	Cathy Copeland, renter Office secretary, University of Texas NOTE: The directory indicates that Cathy Copeland was a new resident at this address.
1973	Helen E. Hampe, owner

## Retired

- 1968 Jeanette Anderson, renter  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: Helen Hampe lived at 906 Jessie Street, a house she owned. She was a technician for Dallas H. Holford, optometrist, 706 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1962 Philip G. and Kathryn Young, renters  
Student
- 1959 Vacant
- 1955 Roy C. and Margaret G. Schmidt, renters  
Roy: Student  
Margaret: Clerk, State Employment Commission
- 1952 James D. and Helen L. Menefee, renters  
Student
- 1949 Wray R. and O. Lea Weddell, renters  
News writer, KTBC, Brown Building.  
NOTE: Donald S. and Jane H. Thomas are listed at 3506 Cherry lane; he was an associate with Looney, Clark & Moorhead, attorneys; Jane was a music librarian.
- 1947 Donald S. and Jane Thomas, renters  
Associate lawyer, Looney & Clark, 710-13 Brown Building.
- 1944-45 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Donald S. and Jane H. Thomas are listed at 913½ E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street; he was a lawyer at 710-12 Brown Building.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES****Helen Hampe (owner of the house and resident ca. 1970 – ca. 1975 and ca. 1980 – ca. 1983)**

Helen Hampe appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the daughter of Henrietta Hampe, who was the sister of Pauline Leser. Both Henrietta and Helen lived with Pauline Leser at 3506 West Avenue, a city historic landmark. Helen Hampe was a 33-year old divorcee who had been born in Texas, and worked as a clerk in the Tax Collector's Office. Henrietta Hampe was a 58-year old widow with no occupation listed. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Henrietta and Helen Hampe living with Pauline Leser on West Avenue. Helen is listed as single, and the book-keeper for a garage. Her mother, Henrietta, was a saleslady for a furniture store.

## Helen E. Hampe

Helen E. Hampe, 76, of Austin, died Monday in an Austin hospital.

She was a member of University Methodist Church; the American Businesswomen's Association, Austin Star Chapter; and of the Austin Volunteer Bureau, and she had been cited on numerous occasions for her outstanding volunteer work in and around the Austin area.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:00 AM from the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Chapel with the Reverend A.D. Eberhart officiating. Burial will follow in Austin Memorial Park.

She is survived by a nephew, Al Hampe, Jr. of Austin; numerous cousins.

Obituary of Helen Hampe  
Austin American-Statesman, June 14, 1983

D. H. Morris	904 Jessie Street
110	44

### Oakie Heights

Frame residence and frame garage

28979	2-4-46	\$4,250.00
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Owner

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. B-169

Austin, Texas

Received of DAVID H. MORRIS Date 2-4-46  
 Address 904 JESSIE ST.  
 Amount TWO AND 50/100  
 Plumber ? Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 2-21-46  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4  
 Size Service Made 3/4  
 Size Main Tapped 6"  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6'6"  
 From ~~South~~ Prop. Line to Curb Cock 11'4"  
 Location of Meter AT FRONT  
 Type of Box LOCK BOX  
 Depth of Main in St. 30"  
 Depth of Service Line 20"  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 6"  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. M.B. 9-30-46

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No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock <u>5/8</u>
1	Elbow <u>3/4 CORP</u>
1	St. Elbow <u>3/4 CO TO IRON</u>
1	Beading <u>3/4 COUPLING</u>
4	Reducer
	Pipe
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
1	Plug
1	Tee <u>DRAIN TILE</u>
1	Stop <u>" LID</u>
1	Box
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>W. 323-502</u>
	Req. No.

Water service permit to David H. Morris for this address (1946)

Receipt No. 5457

## Application for Sewer Connection

No. 19997

Austin, Texas, 2-6- 19 46

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

D. H. Morris at 904 Jessie Street,  
 further described as Lot 44 Block 44 Outlot 110 Division Real.  
 subdivision Oak Hill Heights Plat 110, which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 21768  
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 4'-7 1/2' at Main Respectfully, M. B. MorrisStub Out } 14'-N of SLLDate 3-8-46 (Location)By Blaney

NOTE: Connection Instructions

6" Sanitary in Jessie St. 7 ft deep  
Main 12.5' E of W. H.  
aw. A-1297

Sewer connection application by D.H. Morris for this address (1946)

OWNER	Helen Hampie	ADDRESS	904 Jessie Street
PLAT	110	LOT	44
		BLK	--
SUBDIVISION	Okie Hts.		
OCCUPANCY	Roof on porch		
BLD PERMIT #	112465	DATE	4-17-69
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$100.00
CONTRACTOR	Ben Arnold	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
Frm addn to rear of residence			
80 sq. ft.			
Building permit to Helen Hampe for a porch roof on the rear of the house (1969)			