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

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

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

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 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 his house for an investment, but lived here in the early 1970s and again in the early 1980s. She rented primarily to students.

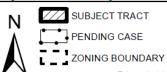
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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.





NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0843 LOCATION: 904 Jessie St

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1"=160'

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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. 19th 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. 37th 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 Volunter Bufeau, and she had been

sited 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

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Building permit to Helen Hampe for a porch roof on the rear of the house (1969)									