

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 17, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0842  
3900 CHERRYWOOD ROAD**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, wing-and-gable plan, brick-veneered minimal traditional frame house with a partial-width shed-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal supports; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1950 by Hickman T. Baker, a local carpenter, who lived on Breeze Terrace. The first owners and occupants of the house were Bruce and Rhudell Allen, who lived here until around 1953. Bruce Allen was an assistant State Attorney General. Annie Giles owned and occupied the house from the mid-1950s until the early 1970s. She was a single woman whose family had been in the wallpaper business for many years in Austin. During the time she lived here, she was either listed as retired or with no occupation. Lee E. Thompson, a technician for IBM who then worked as an engineering aide at the State Highway Department, was the owner and occupant of the house with his wife, Bessie, through the 1990s.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage adaptive re-use and retention of the house if feasible; otherwise, 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 historical nor the architectural significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

Steve:

The neighborhood is still in favor of reuse when possible. The builder met with some of the adjacent neighbors and said they would incorporate what was suggested if they can into the design.

I have asked for a red line version of these suggestions to at least have something on paper.

Is there anything else we can do to help insure these get implemented? My understanding is that issuance of the demolition permit is more or less automatic at this phase, with maybe some comments or special conditions from the Historical Landmark Commission. Is this correct?

Thank you for your assistance.

David Boston  
Chair Schieffer-Willowbrook NA

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0842

LOCATION: 3900 Cherrywood Dr

1" = 161'

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3900 Cherrywood Road  
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
3900 Cherrywood Road

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

1992	Lee E. and Bessie L. Thompson, owners Retired
1985-86	Lee E. and Bessie L. Thompson, owners Retired
1981	Lee E. and Bessie L. Thompson, owners Engineering aide, State Highway Department
1977	Lee E. and Bessie L. Thompson (not listed as owners) Technician, IBM
1973	Lee E. Thompson, renter Technician, IBM NOTE: Lee E. and Bessie L. Thompson appear in the 1959 city directory; they lived at 2211 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street. He was a porter for the State Highway Department. The 1957 directory shows him as a laborer for the State Highway Department.
1968	Annie T. Giles, owner Retired

- 1962 Annie T. Giles, owner  
No occupation listed
- 1959 Annie T. Giles, owner  
No occupation listed
- 1955 Annie T. Giles, owner  
No occupation listed
- 1952 Bruce and Rhudell Allen, owners  
Assistant, State Attorney General's Office  
NOTE: Annie Giles is listed at 706 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street; she had no occupation listed.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Bruce and Rhudelle Allen are listed at 1608 Wilshire Boulevard; he was an assistant in the State Attorney General's Office.

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

#### Annie Giles (ca. 1953 – ca. 1970)

Annie Giles appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owner of the house at 706 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, which was worth \$3,500. She was 58, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. She lived alone. The 1930 U.S. Census shows her as the daughter of Mrs. Val Giles, at 710 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Annie's mother was a 79-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. Annie Giles had a wallpaper business from the house. The family had a housekeeper who lived in the house with them. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Val Giles and Annie B. Giles at 710 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Val Giles was a wallpaper merchant. Annie had an indecipherable occupation. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Val and Lou Giles at 710 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Val was in the wallpaper business. Annie lived with them and had no occupation listed. With them also lived Val and Lou's son, Val, Jr., who was also in the wallpaper business, and Val, Jr.'s wife, Mamie, who had no occupation listed.

**~~GILES, Annie Barnhart, 96, 706 W.  
22nd St., died Tuesday. Graveside servi-  
ces 2:30 p.m. today at Oakwood Ceme-  
tery. (Weed-Corley)~~**

Obituary of Annie Giles  
Austin American-Statesman, May 3, 1978

H. T. Baker  
236 21

3900 Cherrywood Rd.

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Willowbrook

Brick veneer residence with carport att  
44524 5-11-50 \$8500.00

Owner

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Building permit to H.T. Baker for the construction of this house (1950)

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### WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. 236 6207

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Received of H. T. BAKER Date 5-18-50

Address 3900 CHERRYWOOD RD

Amount TWENTY + NO. 1.00 \$ 20.00

Plumber BASEY Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 6-30-50

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 8"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From S - Prop. Line to Curb Cock 4.9'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOC. 2

Depth of Main in St. 3

Depth of Service Line 2

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main Curb main

Checked by Engr. Dept. 8-7-50 R.A.H.

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	5/8"
1 Elbow	3/4" Curb
1 St. Elbow	3/4" Success
1 Basting	3/4" Curb
1 Reducer	3/4" Curb
4 Pipe	3/4" Curb
Lead Comp.	
Nipples	
Union	
Plug	1 1/2"
1 Tee	1 1/2"
1 Stop	1 1/2"
Box	20" x 20"
Lid	
Valves	
Job No.	W-323-502
Per. No.	W-15-1000

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Water service permit for this address (1950)

Receipt No. 14456

Application for Sewer Connection

N<sup>o</sup> 43044Austin, Texas, 5-18- 1950

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 H. T. Baker at 3900 Cherrywood Street, further described as Lot 21 Block A Outlot — Division — subdivision Willowbrook Plat 236, which is to be used as a Res In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 39343 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. OK 7-11-50

Depth at Prop. Line 2'

Respectfully,

Stub ~~Out~~ Connected } 3' N of S L LDate 7-19-50 (Location)By Joe PerezNOTE: Connection Instruction 6" Stub at HLL 47056""at HLL 4775

Sewer connection application for this address (1950)