

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 27, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-0254  
903 S. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1936 duplex.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story, rectangular-plan, stone-veneered frame duplex with a hipped roof; single and double 1:1 fenestration; exterior metal stairway to the second floor apartment on the right side of the house.

**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built in 1936; there was an application for a sewer connection that year, but the record of the application is no longer extant. Isaac B. Felps and his wife, Lois, were the first owners and occupants of the house, and they occupied it as a single family residence until around 1943. Isaac Felps had no occupation listed in the city directories, but his 1963 obituary notes that he was the owner of a garage. Lois Felps was a legal secretary for Coleman Gay, an attorney with offices in the Norwood Building.

After World War II, the house was converted to duplex use with a variety of tenants, including students, a tinner, a hair stylist, a manicurist, and a police officer.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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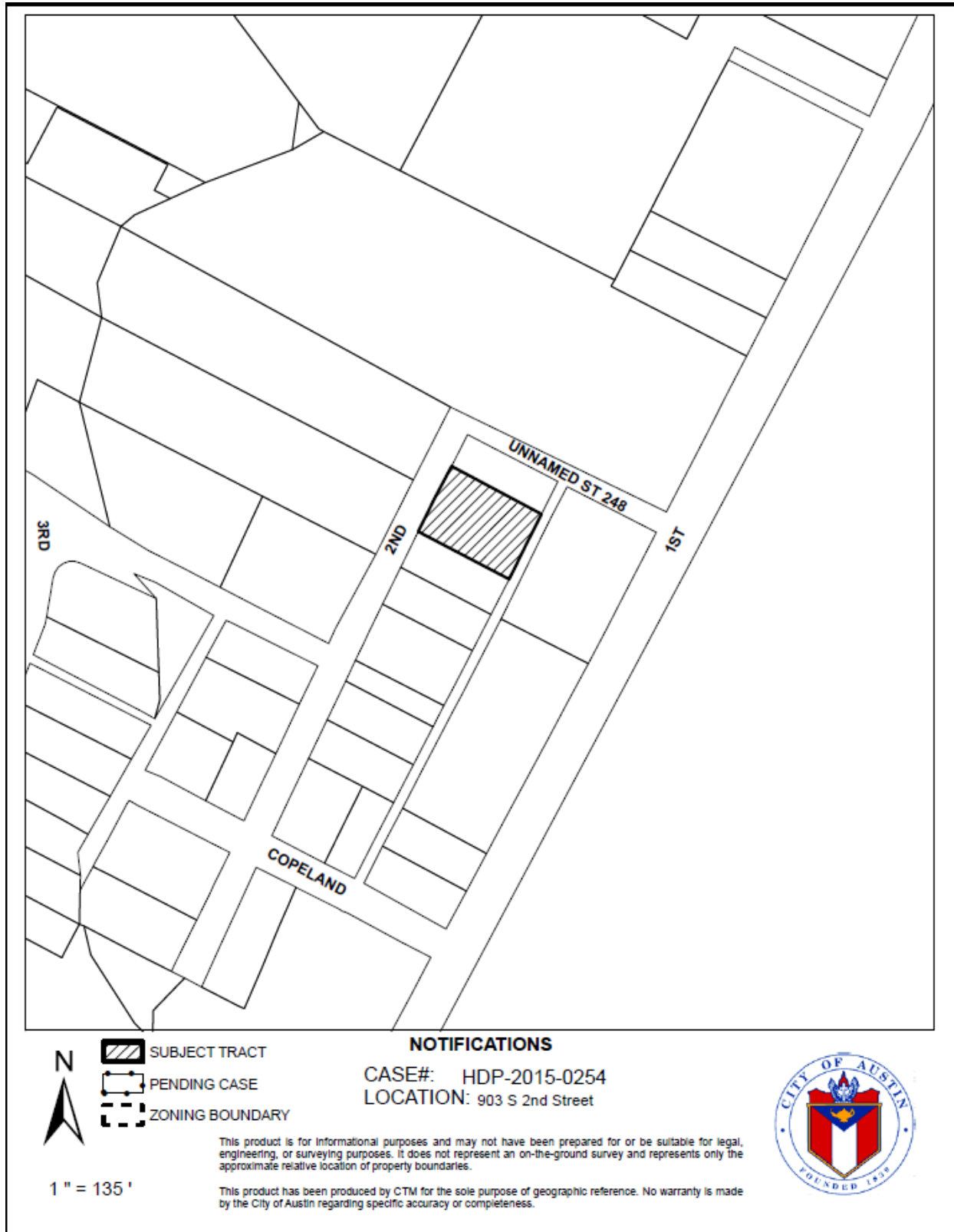
The house is not listed in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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



903 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
ca. 1936



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 903 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
April, 2015

1992	Gary A. Quadlander, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Paul J. Esparza, renter Employed by Austin Specialized Services (not listed in the directory) NOTE: The directory indicates that Paul J. Esparza was a new resident at this address.
1981	Lola M. Beard, owner Retired
1977	Local M. Beard, owner Retired  Barbara Foust, renter Nurse

1973	Lola Beard, renter Retired ½: Vacant
1968	Kittie Contat, renter Widow, Robert L. Contat No occupation listed ½: Billie Beard, renter Manicurist, Commodore Perry Hotel, 812 Brazos Street.
1962	Robert L. and Kitty Contat, renters No occupation listed ½: Frank Chapa, renter City policeman
1959	Robert L. and Kitty Contat, renters Helper, Goodwin Auto Company, used cars, 500-02 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street. ½: Vacant
1955	Billie Beard, owner Hair stylist, Goodfriends', ladies' apparel, 901 Congress Avenue. ½: Joe and Ruby Simmons, renters Employed by Bland Construction Company, 4704 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.
1952	W.J. Rowland, renter No occupation listed
1949	James N. and Doris MacCallay, renters Student  J.E. and Mary A. English, renters Student
1947	James N. and Doris K. MacCallay, renters James: Student, University of Texas Doris: Waitress, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6 <sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.  Irrie A. and Virginia Lindsay, renters Tinner, Gage Brothers, sheet metal, 607 Red River Street.
1944-45	Melvin A. and Ida B. Pannell, renters Driver
1941	Isaac B. and Lois Felps, owners Isaac: No occupation listed Lois: Stenographer
1939	Isaac B. and Lois Felps, owners Isaac: No occupation listed Lois: Secretary, Coleman Gay, lawyer, 1208 Norwood Building.
1937	Isaac B. and Lois Felps, owners

Isaac: Farmer  
 Lois: Secretary, Coleman Gay, lawyer, 1208 Norwood Building.  
 Also listed are Otto F. and Lorene Schlueder; he was a cook.

1935

The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Isaac and Lois Felps are not listed in the directory.

### **ISAAC B. FELPS**

Isaac Benjamin Felps, 52, of 2933 Eckert, died Tuesday morning at his residence. He had been a resident 29 years, was owner of Felps Garage, and a member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church.

He is survived by his widow; parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Felps, Sr., of Manchaca; daughter, Miss Mary Ellen Felps of Austin; 3 sisters, Mrs. Chester Patton, Mrs. A. L. Reither and Mrs. Raymond Ender of Austin; and brother, N. H. Phelps Jr. of Manchaca.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Gordon B. Bays officiating. Burial will be in the Miller Creek Cemetery near Johnson City.

Obituary of Isaac Felps  
 Austin American, October 30, 1963

### **ISAAC B. FELPS**

Funeral services for Isaac Benjamin Felps, 52, of 2933 Eckert were held Wednesday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Gordon B. Bays officiating. Pallbearers were Richard T. Patton, Cecil C. Patton, Charles E. Patton, Jimmy W. Felps, John R. Felps and Sidney E. Brownlee. Burial was in Miller Creek Cemetery near Johnson City.

Funeral story on Isaac Felps  
 Austin American, October 31, 1963

	I. B. Felps		903 S. 2nd St.
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	Abe Williams Sub.		
	add room to present garage apt.		
	150r - 8-28-39		
	None		

Building permit to I.B. Felps to add a room to the garage apartment (1939)