

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 27, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0301
3213 HARRIS PARK AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1933 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame cottage with a partial-width, front-gabled, independent porch on ornamental metal posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration with 6:1 screens.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1933 by Paul Kirschner, a local developer. The first owners and occupants of the house were Alvah and Golda Zinser, who lived here until around 1936. Alvah Zinser was a native of Arkansas, who had previously lived in Denver, Colorado where he was in the house decorating business with his father; he then moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was an industrial chemist. When he and his wife, Golda, moved to Austin, he was working as a chemist for the State Highway Department. From the late 1930s to the mid-1940s, the house was a rental unit, with tenants including an agent for the Magnolia Petroleum Company, the proprietor of a plumbing contracting business, and a supervisor for the State Board for Vocational Education. The house was purchased around 1946 by Neal and Anna Randolph while Neal was a student at the University of Texas. They lived here until around 1948, when the house was purchased by Theophilus and Leon Bounds, who lived here the rest of their lives. Theophilus Bounds was a painter, who later worked as a clerk at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel. His wife, Leon, was a telephone operator and supervisor for the telephone company, and later worked as a telephone operator at the University of Texas. She passed away in 1990.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house appears in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and re-use 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. While the house does not meet the criteria for designation as a historic landmark, it is an integral part of the architectural fabric of this neighborhood, and every consideration should be given towards preservation and re-use.

LOCATION MAP



3213 Harris Park Avenue
ca. 1933



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3213 Harris Park Avenue

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner Retired
1981	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner Retired
1977	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner Retired
1973	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner Widow, T.M. Bounds Retired
1968	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner Retired
1962	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner No occupation listed
1959	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner No occupation listed
1955	Mrs. Leon W. Bounds, owner Telephone operator, University of Texas
1952	Theophilus M. and Leon Bounds, owners Clerk, Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 7 th Street and Congress Avenue.
1949	Theophilus M. and Leon Bounds, owners Theophilus: Painter Leon: Service assistant, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
1947	Neal and Anna Randolph, owners Student, University of Texas NOTE: Theophilus and Leon Bounds are listed at 1409 Brazos Street. He was a painter; she was a supervisor at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.
1944-45	Leonard O. and Gladys Killion, renters Supervisor, State Board for Vocational Education
1941	John D. and Lenna Young, renters Proprietor, Young and Pratt, plumbers, 1818 Fredericksburg Road. NOTE: The 1942 city directory shows John D. and Lena Young at 1206 Garner Avenue; he was the proprietor of Young and Pratt, plumbers, 1818 Fredericksburg Road.

- 1939 J.D. and Lenna Young, renters
Proprietor (with Frank M. Pratt), Young & Pratt, plumbers, 302-04 Barton Springs Road.
- 1937 John L. Dunn, renter
Agent, Magnolia Petroleum Company, 501 Pedernales Street.
- 1935 Alvah L. and Golda Zinser, owners
Chemist, State Highway Department
- 1932-33 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Alvah L. and Golda Zinser are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Alvah and Golda Zinser (ca. 1933 – ca. 1936)

Alvah and Golda Zinser appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 2827 Shoal Crest Avenue in Austin. Alvah Zinser was 45, had been born in Arkansas, and was a chemist for the State Highway Department. Golda Zinser was 45, had been born in Nebraska, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alvah and Golda Zinser renting a house in St. Louis, Missouri, where Alvah was an industrial chemist. They had no children listed with them. In 1920, Alvah and Golda Zinser were living in Denver, Colorado with Alvah's father Emil. Both Emil and Alvah Zinser were listed as house decorators.

Alvah Zinser died in July, 1983 in Downey, California.

John D. and Lenna Young (ca. 1938 – ca. 1943)

John D. and Lenna Young appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. John D. Young was 46, had been born in Texas, and was a plumbing contractor. Lenna Young was 43, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. They had a 16-year old son, Earl, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

According to this World War I draft registration form, John D. Young was born in Independence Texas in 1894 and was living in Big Spring, Texas where he was a sheet metal and plumbing contractor. He was 23, tall with a medium build, had dark brown hair and blue eyes.

Longtime Austinite Succumbs

Funeral for John D. Young, 76, of 1206 Garner will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, Rev. Charles Stewart, pastor of Kinney Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Garden.

A resident of Austin for 38 years, Young died in a local hospital Tuesday night.

He was the owner of Young and Pratt, heating and air conditioning contractors. Young was a member of the Association of General Contractors of America and of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Austin. He was named Mechanical Contractor of the year in 1957 by the American Institute of Architects. He was a member of the Kinney Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lenna Young of Austin; ~~four daughters.~~ Mrs. Dixie Wheelock of Houston, Mrs. B. F. Davidson of San Marcos, Mrs. Gus Morriss and Mrs. Helen M. Cochran, both of Austin; three sons, Paul Evans of Houston, Louise Evans of Corpus Christi and Earl Evans of Austin; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be R. W. Rutian, McCoy Moore, Bobby Stringer, Glenn Randle, William S. Winn, Joe Zern, Wayne Boyd and Russell Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers will be William L. Wheelock, Gus Morriss, B. Franklin Davidson, Paul J. Evans, Earl F. Evans, Louise R. Evans, Dr. Robert R. Anderson, Harry S. Williams, Rev. Ben F. Davidson, Harold Finley, Milton Sunvison, Oscar Burton and M. L. Walker.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Austin-Travis County Heart Association, P.O. Box 385, Austin.

Obituary of John D. Young
Austin American, February 5, 1970

Leon Bounds (ca. 1948 – ca. 1990)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Leon Webb (later Bounds) as a lodger in a boarding house in Hubbard, Texas, where she worked as the chief operator of the telephone company. She was 39 and had been born in Texas.

Leon Webb Bounds

Leon Webb Bounds, age 100, of Austin, died Sunday, September 30, 1990.

She retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1950 and was the oldest living member in the State of Texas of the Telephone Pioneer Club of America. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Capital City Post #8787 and a member of the T.E.L. class of the Hyde Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include one niece, Mrs., Jessie Erb; three great-nieces; two great-nephews; nine great-great-nieces; six great-great-nephews; and four great-great-great-nieces.

Graveside services 2:00 PM, Tuesday, ~~Austin Memorial Park.~~

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-8811.

Obituary of Leon Bounds
Austin American-Statesman, October 1, 1990

Connecting Charge \$ 12.00 Duplicate ☒

Application for Sewer Connection. No. **11362A**

Austin, Texas, Sept. 22, 1933

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Paul Kirschner

at 3213 Harris Park Ave. Street

which place is to be used as a Lot 7 residence

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully, Wm. Harton.

Location of Public Sewer _____

Stub Out _____

Connected 9-26 1933

Size of Main 6 inches

Size of Service 4 inches

3 1/2 Feet Deep in Basement

Feet from Property Line at S. E. corner of

Feet from Curb Line lot

Inspected by M. F. Bates

Connection made by Frank Robinson

RIGHTERS-AUSTIN B-217 V

Sewer connection application by Paul Kirschner, contractor, for this address (1933)