

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0415
1301 CEDAR AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1912 house to Peterson Road.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a central, front-gabled, independent porch on turned wood posts; double front doors; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1912. The first occupant was Thomas Shields, an African-American laborer, who lived here until around 1913. The house was then owned and occupied by a German-American couple, August and Hulda Schneider, from around 1913 to around 1925. August Schneider had been born in this country to Prussian-born parents. He worked as a printing press operator for the vast majority of his work life, but also was a partner with his older brother in a grocery store on Red River Street. After moving from this house, it appears that the Schneiders moved out to a more rural area of Travis County, although he continued his employment with Von Boeckmann-Jones, a large printing company on Congress Avenue.

From around 1928 until 1972, when she passed away, the house was owned and occupied by Lula Glenn (sometimes spelled Glynn), an African-American woman who spent her early married life in Jackson County, Texas, where her husband was a brick mason. She was a laundress for a private family, and according to the 1910 U.S. Census, her husband could read and write, but Lula could not. They had two daughters, Alberta and Carrie, who both eventually lived in this house with their mother. Lula Glenn was working as a cook for Adolph Goldmann in 1930, and is listed in the census report as living in their home, although city directories indicate that she also maintained a home in this house. Adolph Goldmann was the general manager of Nelson Davis & Son, one of the city's largest wholesale grocery businesses, with offices on W. 4th Street between Congress Avenue and Colorado Street. The 1940 U.S. Census shows Lula Glynn as the owner of this house. The census report reveals that she was divorced, and worked as a cook as a private family. Her daughter, Carrie, lived with her, and also worked as a cook for a private family. City directories in the late 1920s and early 1930s also show Alberta Glenn, Lula's older daughter, living here at the house. After Lula Glynn's death in 1972, the house became a rental property for many years.

STAFF COMMENTS

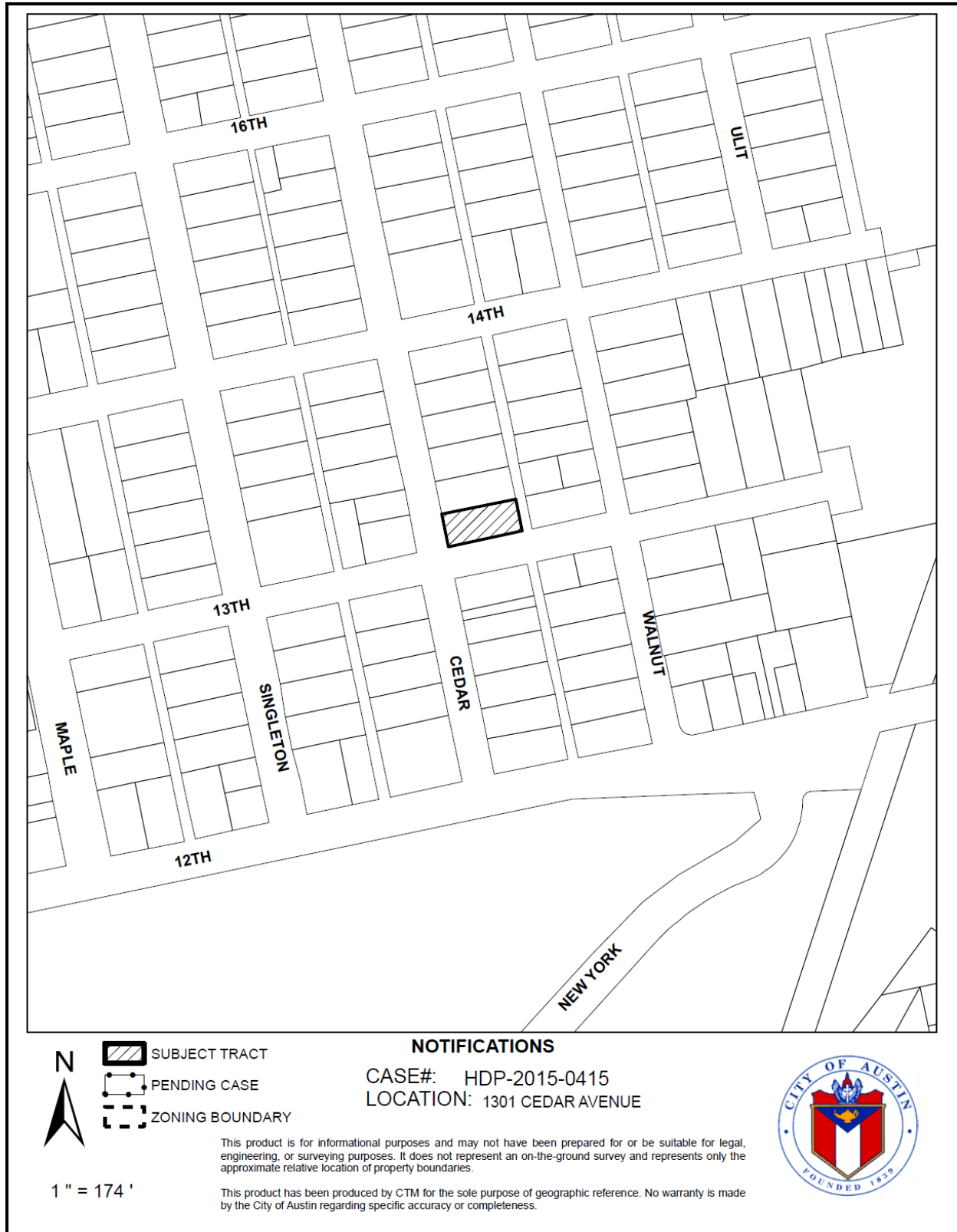
The house is listed as a medium priority for preservation in the Chestnut Neighborhood Historic Resources Survey (2001)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to further consider retaining the house on site, but 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. Rehabilitating the house would mean that this neighborhood does not lose one of its older homes that has a long history with a German-American family and an African-American female-led family, where the members engaged

in occupations typical for African-American women in the early- to mid-20th century. Houses like this, while not especially architecturally significant, are character-defining for the neighborhood and its history, and every consideration should be made to retain this house in its original context. While the applicant proposes relocation over demolition, which staff appreciates, the bottom line is still the loss of this house in the neighborhood, and the construction of a new structure.

LOCATION MAP





OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1301 Cedar Avenue
ca. 1912

1992	William and Marie Robinson, owners Retired
1985-86	Merle Parich, renter Retired
1977	Maude Calhoun, renter Employed by AISD
1973	Mrs. Lula S. Glynn, owner Retired
1968	Mrs. Lula S. Glynn, owner Retired
1962	Mrs. Lula S. Glynn, owner Maid
1959	Mrs. Lula S. Glynn, owner Maid
1955	Vacant
1952	Lula Glynn, owner Cook, Campus Guild co-op

1949	Lula Glynn, owner Cook
1947	Lula Glynn, owner No occupation listed
1944-45	Lula Glynn, owner No occupation listed
1941	Lula Glynn, owner No occupation listed
1939	Alberta Glynn, renter No occupation listed
1935	Alberta Glenn, renter Lula Glenn, renter No occupation listed
1932-33	Lula Glenn, owner No occupation listed
1930-31	Lula Glenn (colored), owner No occupation listed
1929	Lula Glenn (colored), owner Alberta Glenn (colored) No occupation listed
1927	Samuel Jones (colored) No occupation listed
1924	August and Hulda Schneider, owners Pressman, Van Boeckmann-Jones Co., 811 Congress Avenue.
1922	Frank Schneider, owner Grocer NOTE: August and Hulda Schneider are listed at of 1304 Cedar Avenue.
1920	August and Hulda Schneider, owners Grocer
1918	FM Schneider, owner Grocer, 1208 Red River Street. Also listed are August and Hulda Schneider; he was a grocer.
1916	August Schneider Press feeder, Von Boeckmann-Jones, 811 Congress Avenue. NOTE: Frank Schneider is listed at 1208 Red River Street.
1914	August Schneider Press feeder, Von Boeckmann-Jones, 811 Congress Avenue.
1912-13	Thomas Shields (colored)

Laborer

NOTE: August Schneider is listed as a press feeder for Von Boeckmann-Jones; he lived at 403 E. 14th Street. Frank Schneider is listed as a grocer living and having his store at 1208 Red River Street.

1910-11

No houses are listed on Cedar Avenue.

NOTE: Thomas Shields is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: August Schneider is listed at 104 San Antonio Street; he was a pressman for Von Boeckmann-Jones, printers.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

August and Hulda Schneider (ca. 1913 – ca. 1925)

August Schneider appears in the 1900 U.S. Census as the 13-year old son of Guterick and Pauline Schneider, who lived at 106 San Antonio Street. He was the third of the couple's 6 children; his older brother Frank was 2 years older than he. Both of his parents had been born in Prussia; his oldest sister, then 17, had been born in Texas, his brother Frank had been born in Maryland, and August had been born in Texas. August Schneider's father had come to this country in 1875; his mother had come in 1878. His father was a woodchopper. Both August and his older brother Frank are listed as "at school."

The 1910 U.S. Census shows August living in his parents' house at 106 San Antonio Street, but Frank Schneider is not listed with them. August is listed as a pressman for a printing company. His father was an odd jobs laborer.

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows August Schneider at this house, 1301 Cedar Avenue. He was born in Blanco County, Texas on April 8, 18878, and was a press feeder for Von Boeckmann-Jones Printing Company on Congress Avenue. He was married, and suffered from asthma. He was of medium height and had a slender build. He had gray eyes and blond hair.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows August and Hulda Schneider living in Justice Precinct 5 of Travis County, where they owned their home. They had 5 children, ranging in age from 15 to 4. August Schneider was a pressman for a printing shop. No other family member had an occupation listed.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows August and Hulda Schneider living in Justice Precinct 5 of Travis County in a home they owned. They had 4 children, ranking in age from 21 to 6. August Schneider was a pressman for a wholesale printing shop; his oldest son, William, 21, followed in his father's profession. With them lived August's mother, Pauline, an 86-year old widow.

AUGUST SCHNEIDER
 August Schneider, 77, of Route 3, Box 50B, Austin, died at his home early Tuesday morning. He was a retired pressman, a member of the Salvation Army and had been a resident of Austin for 60 years. Survivors include two sons, Francis E. Schneider of Austin and Captain William E. Schneider of Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Breazeale of Little Rock, Ark., Mrs. Emeline Teague of Elgin and Miss Anice Schneider of Austin; two brothers, Frank Schneider of Round Mountain and Miss Lena Schneider of Austin; and 11 grandchildren.
 The body is at the Hyattin Manor Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of August Schneider
 Austin Statesman, December 15, 1964

Lula Glenn (ca. 1928 – ca, 1972)

Lula Glenn appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the servant of Adolph and Melle Goldmann, at 1304 Rio Grande Street. She was 35, had been born in Texas, and was a cook. Her employer was the manager of Nelson Davis & Son, a large wholesale grocery business with offices at 117 W. 4th Street downtown.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Lula Glynn as the owner of this house, which was worth \$1,500. She was 48, was divorced, and had been born in Texas. She was a cook for a private family. With her lived her daughter, Carrie Glynn, 32, who had been born in Texas, was also divorced, and also worked as a cook for a private family.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Bob and Lula Glenn living in Justice Precinct 1 of Jackson County, Texas, with their 2 daughters, Alberta and Carrie. Bob Glenn was then 29, had been born in Texas, and was a brick mason. Lula Glenn was 23, had been born in Texas, and was a laundress for a private family. Their daughter Alberta was 7; their daughter Carrie was 4. According to this census report, Bob Glenn could read and write, but Lula Glenn could not.

TAYLOR ROBBERS MAKE \$900 HAUL

Burglars broke into the Schramm wholesale tobacco company at Taylor Thursday night and stole cigarettes and smoking tobacco valued at approximately \$900. Chief Dillinger of Taylor told Austin police Friday morning in a long distance telephone request that local officers aid in the search for the robbers.

Included in the loot were 12 cases of cigarettes, valued at about \$60 a case, and three cases of pipe and cigaret tobacco.

Meanwhile petty thievery continued in Austin, with a number of automobile owners reporting theft of tires and other accessories from their vehicles.

Tires, tubes and rims were stolen from cars belonging to E. D. Stevens, 309 East 12th street, Clarence Horn of West, R. E. Phillips, 1812 Congress avenue, and Miss Irene Prewitt, 306 West 12th street.

Three car owners reported the thefts of rear-view mirrors and clocks from their automobiles. They were Joe Koen, 105 East Sixth street, Fred Cochran, 1502 Congress avenue, and Mrs. Jim Lanning of Rockdale.

Chickens were stolen from Lola Glyn, 1301 Cedar avenue, and Birdie Hall, 1604 Walnut street, they reported to police headquarters.

News story on the theft of chickens from Lula Glenn
Austin Statesman, May 5, 1933

MRS. LULA GLYNN

Mrs. Lula Glynn, 84, of 1301 Cedar Avenue, died Wednesday in a local nursing home.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Glynn Lemuel and a son-in-law Willard Lemuel, nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church with Rev. Robert R. Williams officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery with Graveside Ceremonies by the American Woodmen Camp No. 3, Mrs. Cora Lee Mack, commander. Arrangements are under the direction of Fuller Sheffield Funeral Service, Inc.

Pallbearers will be the Ushers of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Missionary Society Number One and the Gospel Choir will serve as Honorary Bearers; and Flower Bearers will be Ushers and the American Woodmen.

The body will lie in state at the church from 2 p.m. until time of service.

Obituary of Lula Glynn
Austin Statesman, August 19, 1972

Lula Glynn	1301 Cedar Ave.
38	7-17
Glenwood Addn.	
Fr. Addn. to rear of Res.	
63903	6-6-56 \$1,090.
Roy Potts & Sons	

Building permit to Lula Glynn for the construction of a frame addition (1956)

Lula Glynn 1301 Cedar Ave.

38 7 17

Glenwood

Remodel exterior of residence.

76737 6/28/60 1483.00

U.S. Bldg. Materials Co. -

Apply inco insulated siding on exterior of residence

Building permit to Lula Glynn for new siding (1960)