

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 22, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0041  
3214 STEVENSON AVENUE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, stone-veneered frame house with a prominent stone-encased chimney on the front of the house; single and triple 1:1 windows; the original attached garage has been converted to a room with sliding glass doors facing the street.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1947 by a local builder. The first owners and occupants were Reynolds P. and Faye Black, who lived here until around 1953. Reynolds Black was born on a farm in Hays County, Texas, and had lived in Brownwood, Texas prior to moving to Austin. He had been a book-keeper for a retail drug store in Brownwood and became the accountant and office manager for Renfro Drug Company in Austin. The Blacks later moved to Buda, and Reynolds Black worked as an accountant for a pipeline company.

The house was owned for a short period in the mid-1950s by a student, John Perkins. Around 1957, the house was purchased by Beulah Temple Wild, a former teacher from Ohio who had taught in Houston prior to moving to Austin. She was the director of social services at Brackenridge Hospital, and lived here until around 1980. The house was a rental property after that time.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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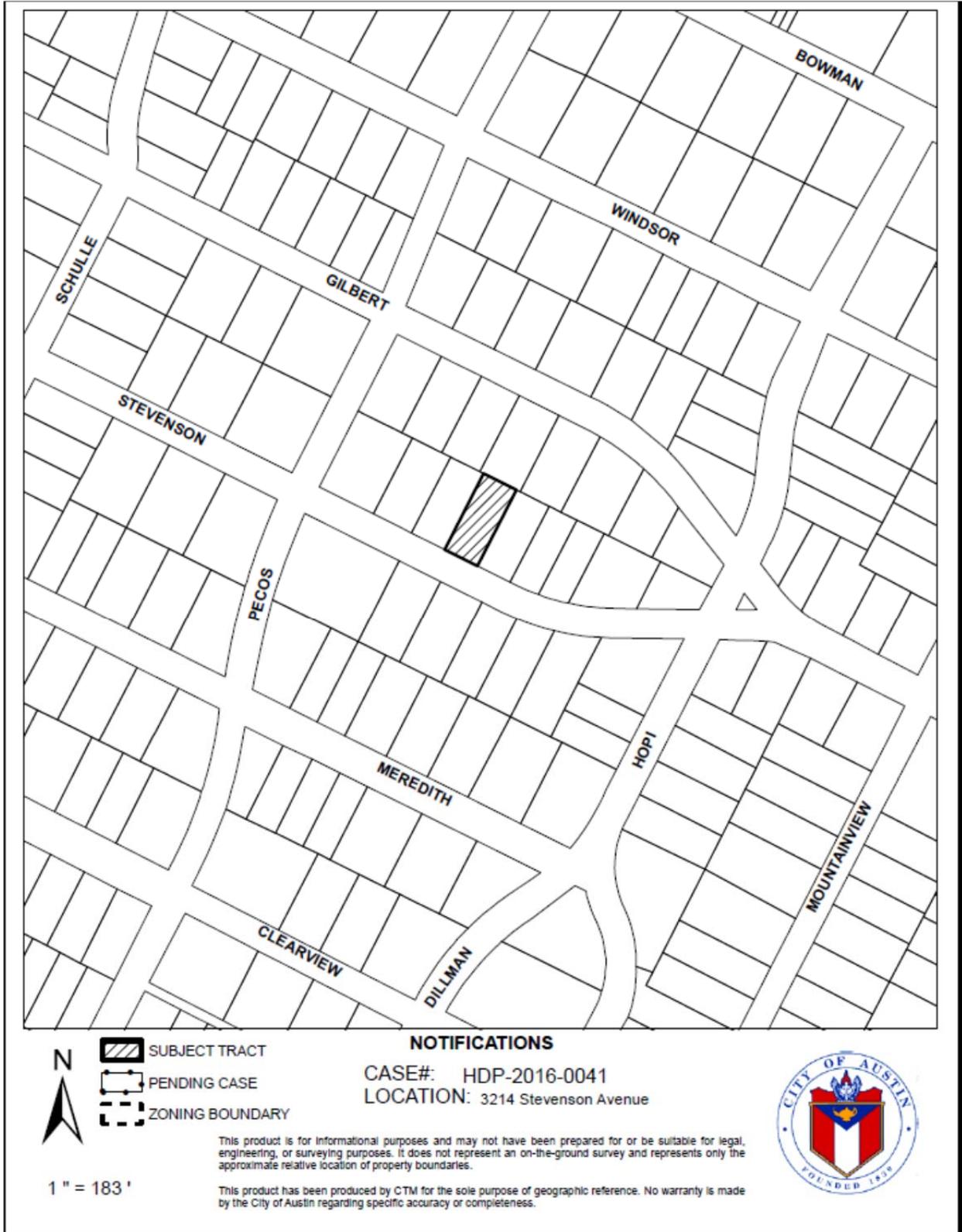
The house is not listed in any City survey.

**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, but represents typical late 1940s residential development in Tarrytown.

LOCATION MAP



3214 Stevenson Avenue  
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
3214 Stevenson Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2016

1992	No return
1985-86	Vacant
1981	John W. and Theresa Adams, renters No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that John W. and Theresa Adams were new residents at this address.
1977	Mrs. Beulah Temple Wild, owner Retired
1973	Mrs. Beulah Temple Wild, owner Retired
1968	Mrs. Beulah Temple Wild, owner Retired
1962	Mrs. Beulah Temple Wild, owner Director, Brackenridge Hospital

- 1959 Mrs. Beulah Temple Wild, owner  
Director of social services, Brackenridge Hospital
- 1955 John and Georgia Perkins, owners  
Student  
NOTE: Mrs. Beulah Temple Wild is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Reynolds P. and Faye Black are listed at Buda, Texas; he was the office manager for Renfro Drug Company, offices, 412 Congress Avenue.
- 1952 Reynolds P. and Faye Black, owners  
Office manager, Renfro Drug Company, offices, 412 Congress Avenue.
- 1949 Reynolds P. and Faye Black, owners  
Accountant, Renfro Drug Company, offices, 412 Congress Avenue.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Reynolds P. and Faye Black are not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Reynolds P. and Fay Black (ca. 1947 – ca. 1953)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Reynolds P. and Gladys V. Black as the owners of a house worth \$2,000 in Brownwood, Texas. Reynolds P. Black was 39, had been born in Georgia, and was the book-keeper for a retail drug store. Gladys V. Black was also 39, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Reynolds P. Black as the 19-year old son of William and Ora E. Black of Hays County, Texas, where they rented their farm. Reynolds was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the couple's 4 children listed in the census report. All the family save the two youngest children, had been born in Georgia. The two youngest children had been born in Texas. Reynolds Black is listed as a farm laborer on the home farm, as were his siblings. His father was a farmer.

According to his 1959 death certificate, Reynolds P. Black was an accountant for the Western Pipeline Company. He had been born in Georgia in 1900, and was living in Buda, Texas at the time of his death.

**REYNOLDS P. BLACK**

Reynolds P. Black of Route 1, Buda, died in a local hospital Friday morning. He was employed as accountant for Renfro Drug Companies for a number of years and for the past three years was with the Western Pipeline Company. He was a member of the Manchaca Methodist Church. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Fay Black; one sister, Mrs. N. E. Holland of Robstown; and two brothers, Vernon Black of Donna, and Henry Black of McAllen.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Neal officiating. Active pallbearers will be Oscar Stease, C. G. Conner, Noel Burton, A. P. Simpson, Dr. Elwood Brewer, and Glenn Pope. Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Carpenter, Allan Shivers, Gary Morrison, Joe Renfro, Clem Fain, H. E. Jacobsen, R. C. Ammann, George H. Marsh, Charles Ferguson, Leonard A. Smith, and the Board of Stewards of the Manchaca Methodist Church.

Those desiring to do so may send memorials to the Manchaca Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Reynolds P. Black  
Austin American, March 14, 1959

**Beulah M. Temple Wild (ca. 1957 – ca. 1980)**

Beulah M. Wild appears in the 1920 and 1923 city directory for Baltimore, Maryland. She was a teacher who lived at 512 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street in Baltimore. In 1923, at 514 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street (nest door) lived Frederick W. and Bertha M. Wild; Frederick W. Wild was a teacher. He does not appear in the 1920 city directory for Baltimore. The 1929 Houston city directory shows Beulah T. Wild as a visiting teacher in the Houston Public Schools. She lived at the Plaza Apartment Hotel. The 1932 Houston city directory shows her as a teacher at the Hamilton School in Houston. The 1937 Houston city directory shows Beulah T. Wild as a social worker for the Houston Child Guidance Clinic.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Beulah T. Wild as the renter of an apartment in Houston, Texas. She was a 31-year old divorcee who had been born in Ohio and was a public school teacher. She lived alone.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Beulah M. Wild as the renter of a house in Middle Point Village, Van Wert County, Ohio. She was 21, had been born in Ohio, and was a public school teacher. With her lived her sister, Eunah V. Temple, 27, who had also been born in Ohio, and was also a public school teacher.

According to her 1980 death certificate, Beulah Temple Wild was born in Ohio in 1898. She was living at this house at the time of her death. She was a retired social worker who had been divorced.

**WILD, Mrs. Beulah Temple, 81, 3214  
Stevenson, died Monday. Memorial ser-  
vices 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Hyltin-  
Manor Funeral Home.**

Death notice for Beulah Temple Wild  
Austin American-Statesman, September 10, 1980

Beulah T. Wild is buried at the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Delphos, Allen County, Ohio.

A. Wayne Price 3214 Stevenson Avenue  
E. 20' of 100 & West  
164 40' of 101 - - -

Tarrytown #4

Stone veneer residence with garage atatch.

32682 1-27-47 \$8000.00

Owner

Building permit for this address (1947)

# WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 2671

Austin, Texas

Received of A. WAYNE PRICE Date 2-4-47

Address 3214 STEVENSON

Amount TWENTY AND 7/100

Plumber BASEY Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 2-13-47

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 1/2"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock

From E-Prop. Line to Curb Cock 14'

Location of Meter

Type of Box Loct

Depth of Main in St. 30"

Depth of Service Line 29"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 35'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 2-4-16-47

No. Fittings	1 Curb Cock	1 Elbow	1 St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	7.5 Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	1 Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No. <u>W 323-572</u>	Req. No. <u>13</u>
Size	3/4"	3/4"	1 1/2"			3/4"				3/4"							

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Water service permit for this address (1947)

Receipt No. 7222 Application for Sewer Connection No. 21793

Austin, Texas, 2-4-47

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 A. Wayne Price at 3214 Stevenson Street, further described as Lot 5.20 of 100840 Block 114 Division 4 subdivision Fortson 4 which is to be used as a Residence.  
In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 24677  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 2-6-47

Depth at Prop. Line 3'-5' at Main Respectfully,  
Stub Out Connected 64'-E of Well  
Date 2-14-47 (4' over on 3212) 87669  
By Basey

NOTE: Connection Instruction Main 12.5' 117' = 117' (Rock)

Sewer connection application for this address (1947)

A detached greenhouse was approved in 2002. A new in-ground pool and spa was approved in 2010, and again in 2012.