

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 22, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0024
710 WEST JOHANNA STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1928 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, front-gabled partially-inset porch on modern replacement posts and railings; single and paired fenestration, some has been replaced with modern windows.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1928. The first known occupants and owners were George W. and Emma Canada, who lived here from around 1928 to around 1931. George W. Canada was a truck driver during the time that he and Emma lived in this house. The house was a rental property in the 1930s – the tenants were a plumber and his wife in the early 1930s, and the foreman of a feed plant in the mid- to late-1930s. From around 1938 to around 1953, the house was owned and occupied by Lewis H. and Lydia V. Witter, who had moved here from Caldwell County. Lewis Witter had been a farmer in the Lockhart area before moving to Austin. He then went to work for the City Parks Department as a groundskeeper, and later as a groundskeeper for the City Water and Light Department; Lydia Witter worked as a washer in the South Austin Laundry. The Witters lived here until around 1953, when they apparently moved back to Caldwell County; they both died in the late 1950s and listed rural Dale, Texas as their address.

The house was again a rental unit through the late 1970s, when it was purchased by Serapio and Petra Villarreal. The Villarreals had previously rented this house. Serapio Villarreal worked as a washman at the TEA Special School until his retirement around 1980.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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.

710 W. Johanna Street
ca. 1928



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
710 W. Johanna Street

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

1992	Serapio and Petra Villarreal, owners Retired
1985-86	Serapio and Petra Villarreal, owners Retired
1981	Serapio and Petra Villarreal, owners Retired
1977	Serapio and Petra Villarreal (not listed as owners) Washman, TEA Special School Also listed is Rachel Villarreal, no occupation shown.
1973	Serapio and Patsy Villarreal, renters Washman, TEA Special School
1968	Vacant NOTE: Serapio and Petra Villarreal are listed at 1312 Willow Street; he was a washman at the TEA Special School.
1962	Winnie Nelson, renter Widow, W.O. Nelson No occupation listed
1959	Winnie Nelson, renter Widow, W.O. Nelson No occupation listed
1955	Vacant NOTE: Winnie Nelson, the widow of W.O. Nelson, is listed at 2627 Lake Austin Boulevard. She had no occupation shown.
1952	Bryan C. and Joyce Floyd, renters Lineman, City Electrical Inspector
1949	Louis H. and Lydia Witter, owners Groundskeeper, City Light Department
1947	Louis H. and Lydia Witter, owners Groundskeeper, City Water and Light Department
1944-45	Louis H. and Lydia Witter, owners Helper
1941	Lewis H. and Lydia Witter, owners Laborer, City Parks Department
1939	Lewis H. and Lydia Witter, owners Lewis: Laborer

- Lydia: Laundress, South Austin Laundry, 1518 S. Congress Avenue.
- 1937 Elmer S. and Irene Scott, renters
Foreman, Home Mix Feed Company, 102-06 W. 2nd Street.
NOTE: Louis Witter is listed at 1304 S. 1st Street; he had no occupation shown.
- 1935 Elmer S. and Irene Scott, renters
Foreman, feed plant, Quality Mills, 3rd and Nueces Streets.
- 1932-33 Sidney N. and Lillie Kelso, renters
Plumber
NOTE: Elmer S. and Irene Scott are listed at 717 W. Annie Street; he was a helper with the City Sanitary Department.
- 1930-31 George W. and Emma Canada, owners
Truck driver
- 1929 George W. and Emma Canada, owners
Truck driver
- 1927 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: George W. and Emma Canada are listed at 39 Canadian Street; he was a driver.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

George W. and Emma Canada (ca. 1928 – ca. 1931)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows George W. and Emma Canada as the owners of this house, which was worth \$1,600. George W. Canada was 38, had been born in Texas, and was a hauling truck driver. Emma Canada was 31, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters: Loney, 15; and Eloise, 9, both of whom had been born in Texas. With them lived George's mother, Mrs. Josie Canada, a 59-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed; and George's brother, Joe Canada, 19, who had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

By 1940, George W. and Emma Canada were living in a rented house in McNeil, Travis County, Texas. George W. Canada was a 48-year old farm laborer. Emma Canada was 42, and had no occupation listed. They lived with their daughter, Loney, 25, and Loney's family: husband Tommie L. Howard, 28, who was a Texas-born driller for a stone quarry; and the Howards' children: Billie M., 8; Elwanda, 4; and Joyce L., 2. Both the Canadas and the Howards had lived in rural Llano County, Texas in 1935.

Emma Canada died in 1974 in Austin. She was living at 5313 Aurora Drive at the time of her death. She had been born in Elgin, Texas, and was a housewife. His 1981 death certificate shows that George Washington Canada was living at 5313 Aurora Drive in Austin at the time of his death. He was a widower who was a truck driver for a grocery business.

CANADA, Mrs. Emma, 5313
Aurora Drive, died Saturday.
Services 2 p.m. Monday,
Weed-Corley Chapel.
Survivors: husband, George
W. Canada of Austin;
daughters, Mrs. Loney
Remington of Yuma, Ariz.,
Mrs. Eloise Waits of Austin;
sisters, Mrs. Ethel Irvin of
Bisbee, Ariz., Mrs. Alva Lee
Phem of Austin; brother, Earl
Wright of Bisbee, Ariz.; four
grandchildren; four
great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Emma Canada
 Austin American-Statesman, September 30, 1974

CANADA, George Washington, 89, 5313 Aurora Drive,
died Thursday. Services 1 p.m. Monday at Weed-Corley
Funeral Home. Burial, Capital Memorial Park. Sur-
vivors: daughters, Loney Remington of Yuma, Ariz.,
Eloise C. Waits of Austin; brothers, Ruric Canada of San
Antonio, Joe Canada of Stamford; sisters, Pearlee Schu-
mann of Austin, Lillie Belle Williford of Big Spring; four
grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-
great-grandchildren.

Obituary of George W. Canada
 Austin American-Statesman, April 18, 1981

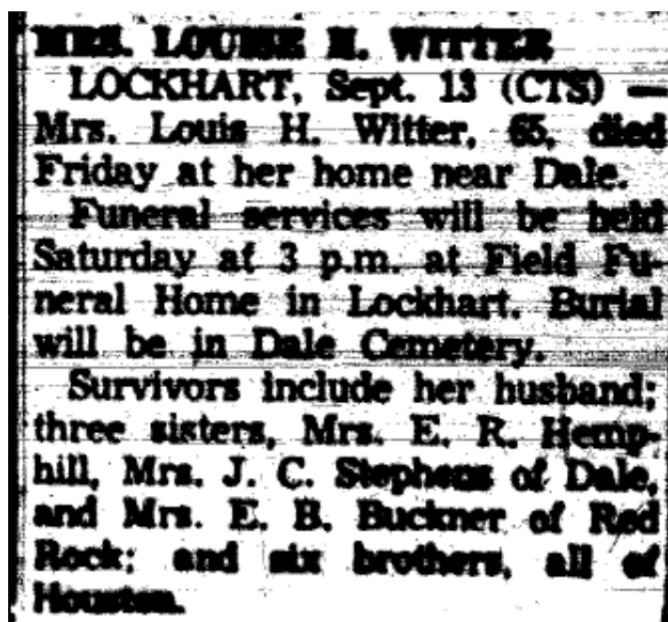
Louis [Lewis] and Lydia Witter (ca. 1938 – ca. 1953)

Lewis H. and Lydia V. Witter appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owner of this house, which was worth \$1,200. Lewis H. Witter was 57, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer for the City Parks Department. Lydia V. Witter was 49, had been born in Texas, and was a washer in a laundry. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Lewis H. and Lydia V. Witter living on a farm the owned on the Taylorsville-Delhi Road in Caldwell County, Texas. Lewis H. Witter was 47, had been born in Texas, and was a farmer. Lydia V. Witter was 38, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Lewis Harrison Witter's 1918 World War draft registration card shows that he was living in rural Lockhart at that time. He was born in January, 1883, and was a farmer at Lockhart. He was married. He was of medium height, slender build, and had blue eyes and dark hair.

Lydia Victoria Witter died September 13, 1957 in rural Dale, Texas; she was a married housewife who had been born in Caldwell County, Texas. Louis H. Witter died December 1, 1959 in Austin. He was living at rural Dale, Texas at the time of his death. He was a retired city employee who was a widower. He was born in 1883 in Lockhart, Texas.



Obituary of Lydia Witter
Austin American, September 14, 1957

LOUIS H. WITTER

Louis H. Witter, 76, of Route 1, Dale, died in a local hospital Tuesday morning. He had lived in Dale since retiring from the City of Austin electrical and parks department. He was a member of the Capital Heights Baptist Church, Austin Lodge No. 12 AF&AM, 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

He is survived by four brothers, R. E. Witter of Austin, E. L. Witter of Lockhart, Ben Witter of Luling, and W. W. Witter of Austin; a sister in law, Mrs. Sarah Witter of Austin, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home Wednesday at 1 p.m., with Rev. T. P. Patterson officiating. Grave-side services will follow in the Bunton Cemetery at Dale at 3 p.m. under auspices of Lodge No. 12. Pallbearers will be C. B. Rountree, Harold G. Robinson, Alfred O. Tramp, Henry J. Johnson, James E. Kirkpatrick and Ed Voight.

Obituary of Louis H. Witter
Austin American, December 2, 1959

LOUIS H. WITTER

Funeral services for Louis H. Witter were held Wednesday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. T. P. Patterson officiating. Pallbearers were C. B. Rountree, Harold G. Robinson, Alfred O. Tramp, Henry J. Johnson, James E. Kirkpatrick and E. Voight. Graveside services were held at Bunton Cemetery at Dale under auspices of Austin Lodge No. 12 AF&AM.

Story on the funeral of Louis H. Witter
Austin American, December 3, 1959



Mr. Serapio Villarreal
Nov. 14, 1914 - Dec. 14, 2005

Mr. Serapio Villarreal, 91, Austin, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2005.

Recitation of the rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. Friday at the Angel Funeral Home.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at San Jose Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Mr. Villarreal was employed by the Texas School for the Deaf for many years.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Petra Villarreal, daughters, Rachael Cavazos (Joe), Josephine Villarreal Aguinaga (Joe), Ofelia Villarreal Ponce (Lasaro), sons, Albert Villarreal (Julie), Ruben Villarreal (Otilia), Serapio Villarreal, Jr. (Gracie), Raymond Villarreal (Martha), Jose Juan Carrillo, and 44 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

The Villarreal family would like to thank Seton Hospital for their care of Mr. Villarreal.

Please visit this obituary at angel-funeralhome.com

Angel^Y
 FUNERAL HOME
 1601 S. 1st 441-1740

Obituary of Serapio Villarreal
 Austin American-Statesman, December 16, 2005



**In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Petra Villarreal
January 31, 1930 - July 5, 2012**

Mrs. Petra Villarreal, 82, of Austin, passed away Thursday, July 5, 2012. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the Angel Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. Monday at San Jose Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Mrs. Villarreal was preceded in death by her husband, Serapio Villarreal, Sr., and a daughter, Lupe Carrillo.

She is survived by her daughter, Rachael Cavazos (Joe), and sons, Albert Villarreal (Julie), Ruben Villarreal (Otilia), Jose Carrillo, and sister, Juanita Sanchez. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Honored to serve as pallbearers will be Rene Villarreal, Ruben Villarreal, Jr., Richard Villarreal, Joseph Cavazos, Ben Cavazos, Rick Cavazos, Alex Quezada and, Alex Perez. Honorary pallbearer will be David Cavazos.

Special thanks to Odyssey Hospice for their care of Mrs. Villarreal.

Angel
FUNERAL HOME
1000 S. 1st 441-0730

Obituary of Petra Villarreal
Austin American-Statesman, July 8, 2012

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

N°A 1865

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

Austin, Texas

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M. B. B. Johnson Address 710 W. Johanna

Plumber Plumber Size of Tap _____ Date July 27, 28

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 7/30/28

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 1 1/2

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'

" " " " 8'

Location of Meter at curb

Type of Box lock

Depth of Main in St. 18"

" " Service Line 18"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 10'

No. Fittings	Size	Req. No.
2 Curb Cock	3/4"	1
1 Elbow	3/4"	1
1 St. Elbow	3/4"	1
1 Bushing	3/4"	1
1 Reducer	3/4"	1
9 Pipe	3/4"	1
Lead Comp	3/4" X 3"	1
1 Nipples	3/4" X 3"	1
Union	1"	1
Plug	1" X 3/4"	1
Tee	1"	1
Stop	1"	1
Box	1"	1
Lid	1"	1
Valves	5/8" 1" 1 1/2"	1
Req. No.		4685

Checked by Engr. Dept. _____

Foreman's Signature Benson

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Water service permit for this address (1928)

OWNER Samuel A. Hill ADDRESS 710 West Johanna

PLAT 116 LOT 11 BLK H

SUBDIVISION Bouldin Addn.

OCCUPANCY Residence

BLD PERMIT # 105296 DATE 10-2-67 OWNERS ESTIMATE 2000.00

CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES 10

WATER TAP REC # Existing SEWER TAP REC # Existing

Remodel & repair frame res. to min. standards

Building permit to Samuel A. Hill for a remodel and repairs (1967)