

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 28, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0146  
1112 E. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1901 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with board-and-batten siding, a shed-roofed independent porch on turned wood posts with ornamental brackets; single 2:2 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house may be older than the 1901 estimate, but further research into the deed history and tax rolls would be necessary to determine an earlier history. The style of the house befits a probable construction date of the turn of the century.

The first residents of this house were Anglos: Will and Agnes Hergotz, who lived here from around 1901 until around 1910. Will Hergotz appears in the 1900 U.S. Census as living with his parents on a rural property in southeastern Travis County; he and Agnes are living in the same area in the 1910 census report. Will Hergotz was the son of a German-born general merchant and farmer in rural Travis County, and it seems that Will wanted to try an occupation other than farming in his younger years, so he moved into Austin from the family farm in southeastern Travis County, and worked for the Nalle Lumber Company as a machine hand. He and Agnes were again living in rural Travis County by the time of the 1910 U.S. Census, and Will is listed as an odd job laborer. At the time of his death in 1946, he was described as a prominent Travis County farmer in the Austin newspapers.

Following Will and Agnes Hergotz' occupancy of this house was W. Thomas Buchanan, a salesman for the Walter Tips Company, a wholesale and retail hardware business in downtown Austin. Buchanan stayed here for only a few years. A painter, Henry Hearn, is listed as the occupant of the house in the 1912-13 city directory, followed by William A. Morgan, a solicitor and huckster.

By 1919, the house was rented by Hiram and Leora Bryant, who lived here until around 1926. Hiram Bryant was a general laborer, according to the 1920 census report, but had no occupation listed in the city directories of the time. Several of their grown sons continued to live with Hiram and Leora Bryant through the 1920s – all were laborers in various fields, including at the streetcar shed. Two of them could not read or write.

Arethur and Antonia Aleman rented this house from around 1928 to around 1946. Both Arturo and Antonia had been born in Mexico; he worked as a clerk for Morris and Sol Ginsburg, who operated several discount dry goods stores on E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the 1920s and 1930s. Prior to working for the Ginsburgs, Arturo had worked as a cook at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.

After World War II, the house was rented by Josephine Mosqueda, who had been born in Mexico, and had lived with her parents and siblings on Holly Street prior to moving into this house. Josephine Mosqueda worked for Walker's Aus-Tex Chili, which later was bought out by Frito-Lay. She lived here until around 1965.

The house was then rented by Julian and Mercedes Hernandez, who lived here for many years. Julian Hernandez was a native of Mexico, and worked as a laborer for the L. East Produce Company, a wholesale poultry business on E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street until his retirement.

Julian and Mercedes Hernandez purchased the house around 1980; Mercedes Hernandez continued to live here after Julian passed away in 1985.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed in the 1980 survey of East Austin.




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Postpone to April 25, 2016 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition. This house represents a once-common vernacular house type in Austin, but houses of this age and style are vanishing quickly, and every effort should be made by the applicant to preserve and adaptively re-use this house. The house also appears to have a significant history, with associations to the Hergotz family, prominent farmers in the southeastern part of Travis County, as well as the transition of this part of East Austin from a predominantly Anglo section to a predominantly Hispanic section, with associations to long-term Mexican-born renters such as the Aleman family, the Mosqueda family, and Julian and Mercedes Hernandez, who eventually bought the house they had been renting. Of particular interest is Arturo Aleman, a Mexican-born clerk for Jewish merchants on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, known at the time for catering to the lower and middle classes – having a native Spanish speaker working as a sales clerk in a 6<sup>th</sup> Street store was likely a great asset for business. The history and architecture of this house deserve special merit and great consideration before deciding that demolition is the necessary solution. If the Commission does not vote to postpone this case, then staff recommends the initiation of a historic zoning case.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

## NOTIFICATIONS

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1112 E 3RD STREET

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1112 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
ca. 1901



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1112 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

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

1992	Maria E. Hernandez, owner Retired
1985-86	Mercedes Hernandez, owner Retired
1981	Julian and Mercedes Hernandez, owners Retired
1977	Julian and Mercedes Hernandez (not listed as owners) Retired
1973	Julian and Mary R. Hernandez, renters Retired Also listed is Julian Hernandez, Jr., a porter at Republic Motor Sales, used cars, 611 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1968	Julian and Mary R. Hernandez, renters Laborer, L. East Produce Company, wholesale poultry, 706 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street. Also listed is Julian Hernandez, Jr., U.S. Army.

- 1962 Josephine R. Mosqueda, renter  
Laborer, Frito-Lay, Aus-Tex Food Division, 406 San Antonio Street.  
NOTE: Julian and Mary Hernandez are listed at 1001 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Alley; he was a laborer for the L. East Produce Company, wholesale poultry, 706 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1959 Josephine R. Mosqueda, renter  
Laborer, Aus-Tex Foods, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1955 Josephine R. Mosqueda, renter  
Laborer, Walker's Aus-Tex Chili, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1952 Josephine R. Mosqueda, renter  
Laborer, Walker's Aus-Tex Chili, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1949 Josephine R. Mosqueda, renter  
Checker, Walker's Aus-Tex Chili, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1947 Josephine R. Mosqueda, renter  
Canner, Walker's Aus-Tex Chili, 406 San Antonio Street.
- 1944-45 Arthur L. and Antonia Aleman, renters  
Clerk  
Also listed are Arthur L. Aleman, Jr., U.S. Navy; and Sam Aleman, U.S. Navy.  
NOTE: Josephine R. Mosqueda is not listed in the directory.
- 1941 Arthur L. and Antonia Aleman, renters  
Clerk
- 1939 Arthur L. and Antonia Aleman, renters  
Salesman, House of Bargains (Sol Ginsburg, proprietor), 321 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
  
Augustine and Eloisa Martinez, renters  
Bellhop, Driskill Hotel, 6<sup>th</sup> and Brazos Streets.
- 1937 Arthur and Antonia Aleman, renters  
Salesman, Sol Ginsburg (no business listing)  
  
Juan and Beatrice Lopez, renters  
Truck driver, Austin Metal and Iron, yards, 900 block E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1935 Arthur and Antonia Aleman, renters  
Employed by the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1932-33 Arthur and Antonia Aleman, owners  
Salesman, Morris Ginsburg, dry goods, 400 and 407 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1930-31 Arthur and Antonia Aleman, renters  
Clerk, Sixth Street Economy Store (Morris Ginsburg, proprietor), 400 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1929 Arthur and Antonia Aleman, renters  
Cook, Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.

1927	James and Mary Clawson, renters No occupation listed NOTE: Arthur and Antonia Aleman are listed at 1101 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street; he was a pantryman at the Driskill Hotel, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Brazos Streets.
1924	Hiram H. and Leora Bryant, renters No occupation listed
1922	Hiram H. and Leora Bryant, renters No occupation listed Also listed is Hiram F Bryant, Jr., no occupation shown.  William J. and Bessie Schaffer, renters Granite cutter, Stasswender and Schmidly, 1400 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1920	Hiram H. and Leora Bryant, renters No occupation listed
1918	Vacant
1916	William A. Morgan Huckster
1914 ]	William A. Morgan Solicitor
1912-13	Henry Hearn Painter
1910-11	W. Thomas Buchanan Salesman, Walter Tips, wholesale and retail hardware, 708-12 Congress Avenue. NOTE: William Hergotz is not listed in the directory.
1909-10	William Hergotz Machine hand, Nalle & Company, lumber, 601-23 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1906-07	William Hergotz Machinist, Nalle Lumber Company, 601-23 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1905	William Hergotz Warehouseman, Nalle & Company, lumber, 601-23 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1903-04	William Hergotz Fireman
1900-01	Unknown NOTE: William Hergotz is not listed in the directory.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### Will and Agnes Hergotz (ca. 1901 – ca. 1910)

The 1900 U.S. Census shows William Hergotz as the 24-year old son of Albert and Maud Hergotz, who lived on a farm in Travis County. His father had been born in Germany and was a

general merchant. His mother had been born in Texas to German-born parents. William was the oldest of the 10 children listed, and is listed as a farmer.

Will and Agnes Hergotz appear in the 1910 U.S. Census for rural Travis County; they were living on Burdette's Prairie. Will Hergotz was 34, had been born in Texas to a German-born father and a Texas-born mother, and was a laborer doing odd jobs. Agnes Hergotz was 34, had been born in Austria, and had no occupation. They had 2 children: Willie A., 4; and Adeline, 1. Both children had been born in Texas. Willie's 1905 birth certificate shows that the family was living in this house at the time of his birth.

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that Will Hergotz was living on Route 8 in Travis County. He was born in 1875, and was a farmer. He was of medium height and build, had gray eyes and brown hair.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Will and Agnes Hergotz living on River Lane in rural Travis County. They owned their house. Will Hergotz is listed as a farmer. Agnes Hergotz had no occupation listed, but it is noted that she immigrated to the United States in 1884 and was a naturalized citizen. They had 4 children: Willie A., 14, a farm laborer; Adeline, 11; Nora, 9; and Fannie A., 4.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Will and Agnes Hergotz living in a home they owned on Old Miller Farm Road, with their 3 daughters: Adeline, 21; Nora, 19; and Fannie, 14. Agnes Hergotz is listed as having been born in Yugoslavia rather than Austria. Will Hergotz is listed as a farmer. Adeline Hergotz was a salesperson; Nora Hergotz was a stenographer in a hardware store. William and Agnes Hergotz appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of their home on an indecipherable road off the Austin to Bastrop Road. William Hergotz is listed as farm operator. He and Agnes did not have any of their children living with them.

## **WILL HERGOTZ**

Will Hergotz, 71, prominent Travis county farmer, died at his home east of town Saturday. He had been a resident of Travis county all of his life. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agnes Ludwig Hergotz of Austin; his mother, Mrs. Maude S. Hergotz of Austin; one son, W. A. Hergotz of Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Fannie Templeton, Mrs. Adeline Sedwick of Austin and Mrs. Nora Gaddy of Houston, two brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services will be held at the Weed-Corley Funeral home at 2 p. m. Monday, and burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

Obituary of Will Hergotz  
Austin American-Statesman, February 10, 1946



## **WILL HERGOTZ**

Funeral services for Will Hergotz, 71, prominent Travis county farmer, will be held at the Weed-Corley Funeral home at 2 p. m. Monday, with the Rev. W. C. Raines officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

Funeral notice for Will Hergotz  
Austin American, February 11, 1946

### **Hiram and Leora Bryant (ca. 1919 – ca. 1926)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Hiram and Leora Bryant as the renters of this house. Hiram Bryant was 65, had been born in Texas, and was a general laborer. Leora Bryant was 58, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. They had 4 sons: Jesse, 33, a laborer; Charles, 28, a laborer in the street car shed; George, 30, a laborer in a creamery; and Hiram, Jr., 16, a laborer in the street car shed.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Hiram (listed as "Harm") and Leora Bryant as living on a rented farm in rural Travis County. Hiram Bryant was 56, and is listed as a general farmer; Leora Bryant was 41, and had no occupation listed. They had 6 children: Jesse, 24, a farm laborer who was unable to read or write; George, 21, a farm laborer who was unable to read or write; Charles, 20, a farm laborer; Mattie, 16; Myrtle, 13; and Harm, 4.

**BRYANT—Harram Bryant, 62,** died at his home, 105 East avenue, Wednesday. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Arnold Davis of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. C. A. Johnson of Austin, Mrs. W. M. Gerla of Simonton, Tex., and four sons, Jessie A. Bryant, George Bryant, Chas. N. Bryant, and Frank Bryant all of Austin.

Funeral services will be held from the residence Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Tedrick officiating. Burial will be in the Austin cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Henry Horton, Paul Horton, Ollie Goff, Harvey Lee, Thurston Cloud and Taylor Armstrong.

Obituary of Hiram Bryant  
Austin Statesman, December 27, 1928



**Arthur and Antonia Aleman (ca. 1928 – ca. 1946)**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Arturo and Antonia Aleman as the renters of this house. Arturo Aleman was 32, had been born in Mexico, and was a clerk in a dry goods store. Antonia Aleman was 27, had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 sons: Arturo, Jr., 5; Samuel, 4; and Daniel, 3. All three boys had been born in Texas. Also in the household were 2 cousins, Susie Zalazar, 19, a kitchen girl at the cit hospital; and Marcos Zalazar, 14. Both cousins had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Arturo and Antonia Aleman as the renters of this house. Arturo was a 43-year old Mexican-born clerk in a retail dry goods store. Antonia Aleman was 37, had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children: Arturo, Jr., 15; Samuel, 14; Daniel, 13; Moses, 9; and Eunice, 4. All of the children had been born in Texas.

**MRS. ANTONIA G. ALEMAN**

Prayer services for Mrs. Antonia G. Aleman will be held Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in Angel Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at First Mexican Baptist Church with Rev. Carlos Paredes officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Aleman was a member of the Womens Missionary Union, church historian, and had been a Sunday school teacher for more than 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, Arturo L. Aleman; a daughter, Mrs. Eunice Gonzales; four sons, Arthur Aleman, Samuel Aleman, Daniel Aleman, and Moses A. Aleman; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Delgado and Mrs. Julia Vasquez; four brothers, Elias Garza, Santiago Garza, Melesio Garza, and Eliso Garza; and 14 grandchildren.

Obituary for Antonia Aleman  
Austin American-Statesman, September 22, 1963

**ANTONIO G. ALEMAN**

Funeral services for Mrs. Antonio G. Aleman will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday from the First Mexican Baptist Church with the Rev. Carlos Paredes officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park under direction of Angel Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Pedro Rincon, Candido Gonzales Sr., Juan Almanza, Alberto Almanza, Richardo Moreno, and Benito Buitron.

Funeral notice for Antonia Aleman  
Austin American, September 23, 1963

**ALEMAN, Arturo L., 80, 8301 Night Hawk Court, died Wednesday. Prayer services 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Funeral services 2 p.m. Friday at Emmanuel Methodist Church. Survivors: wife, Maria A. Aleman of Austin; sons, Arthur G. Aleman of Austin, Sam G. Aleman of San Benito, the Rev. Daniel G. Aleman of Dallas, Moses A. Aleman of Washington, D.C.; daughter, Eunice A. Gonzales of Austin; 17 grandchildren.**

Obituary of Arturo Aleman  
Austin American-Statesman, November 24, 1977

**Josephine Mosqueda (ca. 1946 – ca, 1965)**

Josephine Mosqueda appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 22-year old daughter of Vidal and Pauline Mosqueda, who owned their home at 2202 Holly Street in Austin. Josephine Mosqueda had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. Her parents, Vidal and Pauline, also had been born in Mexico and had no occupations listed. Josephine's older brother, Jesse, 24, who had been born in Mexico, was a baker; another older brother, Joe, 27, was a Mexican-born bricklayer.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows the Mosqueda family living at 2202 Holly Street, a house they owned. Vidal Mosqueda was a wood cutter. A son, listed as Carmel (but likely Joe), was a laborer in a brickyard. Josephine had no occupation listed.

According to her 1978 death certificate, Josephina Mosqueda was living at 2202 Holly Street at the time of her death. She was a widow, who had been born in 1918 in Guanajuato, Mexico. She was a housewife.

**MOSQUEDA**  
 Holly St., died Sunday. Rosary 8 p.m. today at Angel Funeral Home. Mass 2 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial, Assumption Cemetery. Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Mary Jane Cerda of Austin; sisters, Mrs. Candelaria Carmona of Austin, Mrs. Augustina Gomez of Dallas; brothers, Jose Mosqueda, Jesse Mosqueda, both of Austin; nine grandchildren.

Obituary of Josephine Mosqueda  
 Austin American-Statesman, October 17, 1978

**Julian and Mercedes Hernandez (ca. 1965 - )**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Julian and Mercedes Hernandez as the renters of a house on the Smith Road to Elroy in rural Travis County. Julian Hernandez was 34, had been born in Mexico, and was a farm laborer. Mercedes Hernandez was 29, had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters: Frances, 4; and Juanita, 1, both of whom had been born in Texas..

## **Julian Hernandez**

**Julian Hernandez, age 79, of Austin died Friday.**

**Rosary will be recited Sunday, 7:30 PM, at the Mission Funeral Home. Requiem Mass will be offered Monday, 10:00 AM, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Reverend Father Charles Banks OMI officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Cedar Creek.**

**He is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Mercedes Hernandez of Austin; two sons, Frank Hernandez, and Julian Hernandez, Jr., both of Austin; six daughters, Mrs. Janie Rodriguez, Mrs. Mary Hernandez, Mrs. Virginia Guzman, Mrs. Yoland Hernandez, Mrs. Lupe Tellez, Mrs. Emilia Schmidt, all of Austin; three brothers, Natividad Hernandez, Felipe Hernandez, both of Austin, and Gregorio Hernandez, of Dallas; two sisters, Josefina Hernandez, and Francis Galvan, both of Austin; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.**

**Services under the direction of Mission Funeral Home, 1615 East 1st St. 476-4355.**

Obituary of Julian Hernandez  
Austin American-Statesman, December 29, 1985