

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 23, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0258
712 W. 34TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1922 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, clipped side-gabled brick-veneered frame house with a central, segmental-arched entry hood over the front door; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1922 by Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale, who moved into Austin from their rented farm in Del Valle. Charles F. Trousdale is listed as a carpenter in the city directories while he and Amanda lived in this house. Their son, Ross, an auto mechanic, also lived with them.

The Trousdales lived here until around 1928; the house was listed as vacant in the 1929 city directory. Around 1929, the house was purchased by Eldred and Winifred Poe, who lived here until around 1945. Eldred Poe was a salesman for Nelson Davis & Son, a large, local wholesale grocery business.

The house was owned by James and Joy Peal in the mid- to late 1940s; he was the proprietor of Sani-Products of Texas, a potato chip manufacturer. Beginning around 1948, the house was owned by Annie Smith, a widow, who lived here until around 1953. Little is known of Annie Smith. She apparently rented the house out in the mid-1950s, and then her son, Leslie C. Smith, and his wife, Angelyn, are listed as the tenants until around 1963.

Floyd A. and Sinah Colburn owned and occupied the house from around 1963 until Sinah's death in 1978. Floyd Colburn was a Kansas-born watchmaker; he died by his own hand in 1965, and Sinah continued to live in the house until her death. She was the co-owner of a portrait photography studio.

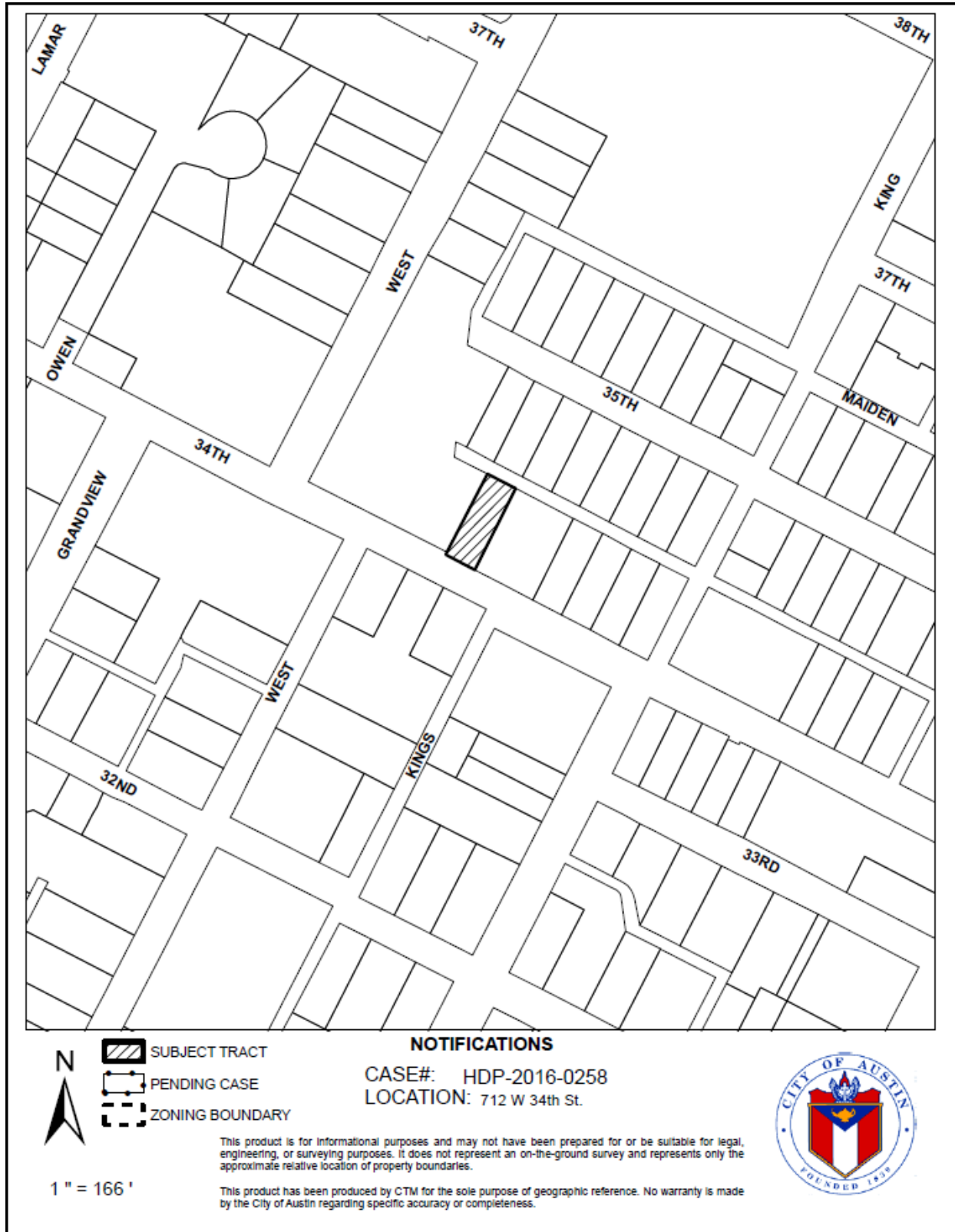
STAFF COMMENTS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, 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. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



712 W. 34th Street
ca. 1922



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 712 W. 34th Street

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

1992	Pete M. and Mary R. Morales, renters Pete: Retired Mary: Proprietor, Rose Beauty Shop (at the house).
1985-86	Pete M. and Mary R. Morales, renters Pete: Retired Mary: Proprietor, Rose Beauty Shop (at the house).
1981	Michael Foote, renter Employed by Texas Instruments Also listed is Michael Foote, Jr., a student.
1977	Sinah O. Colburn, owner Widow, Floyd Colburn Proprietor (with Walter Barnes), Walter Barnes Studio, portrait photography, 700 W. 34 th Street.
1973	Sinah O. Colburn, owner Widow, Floyd A. Colburn

Proprietor (with Walter Barnes), Walter Barnes Studio, portrait photography, 700 W. 34th Street.

- 1968 Floyd A. and Sinah O. Colburn, owners
 Floyd: Watch repairs (at the house)
 Sinah: Proprietor (with Walter Barnes), Walter Barnes Studio, portrait
 photography, 700 W. 34th Street.
- 1962 Leslie C. and Angelyn Smith, renters
 Chemist, State Department of Public Safety
 NOTE: Floyd and Sinah Colburn are listed at 1217 Parkway. Floyd Colburn had
 a watch repair business at the house; Sinah Coleman was the proprietor (with
 Walter Barnes) of Walter Barnes Studio, portrait photography, 1204 N. Lamar
 Boulevard.
- 1959 Leslie C. and Angelyn Smith, renters
 Chemist, State Department of Public Safety
- 1955 John C. and Gladys Ison, renters
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: Leslie C. and Angelyn Smith are not listed in the directory.
- 1952 Annie Smith, owner
 Widow, Leslie M. Smith
 No occupation listed
- 1949 Annie Smith, owner
 Widow, Leslie M. Smith
 No occupation listed
 Also listed is Leslie C. Smith, a student at the University of Texas.
- 1947 James T. and Joy Peal, owners
 Proprietor, Sani-Products of Texas, food manufacturers, 810 W. 5th Street.
- 1944-45 Eldred D. and Winifred Poe, owners
 Salesman, Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
 NOTE: James T. and Joy Peal are listed at 3104 Wabash Avenue; he was the
 proprietor of Sani-Products of Texas, food manufacturers, 810 W. 5th Street.
- 1941 Eldred D. and Winifred Poe, owners
 Salesman, Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
- 1939 Eldred D. and Winifred Poe (not listed as owners)
 Salesman, Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
- 1937 Eldred D. and Winifred Poe, owners
 Salesman, Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
- 1935 Eldred D. and Winifred Poe, owners
 Salesman, Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
- 1932-33 Eldred D. and Winifred Poe, owners
 Salesman, Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
 NOTE: The house is listed as 612 W. 34th Street.

- 1930-31 Eldred D. and Winifred Poe, owners
Salesman, Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 612 W. 34th Street.
- 1929 Vacant
NOTE: Eldred and Winifred Poe are listed at 600 W. 34th Street; he was a salesman for Nelson Davis & Son, wholesale groceries, 107-13 W. 4th Street.
NOTE: Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale are not listed in the directory.
NOTE: This house is listed as 612 W. 34th Street.
- 1927 Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale, owners
Carpenter
NOTE: Ross F. and Sallie Trousdale are listed at 604 W. 28th Street; he was a foreman at Condit's Garage, 118 E. 7th Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 612 W. 34th Street.
- 1924 Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale, owners
Carpenter
Also listed are Ross F. and Sally Trousdale; he was a mechanic.
NOTE: The house is listed as 712 W. 34th Street.
- 1922 Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale, owners
Carpenter
Also listed is Ross F. Trousdale, a printer.
NOTE: The house is listed as 512 W. 34th Street, with an old address of 812 W. 34th Street.
- 1920 It is believed that the house was built around 1922. The 1920 city directory shows a house with an address of 512 W. 34th Street as vacant, and city directories from 1912 to 1918 show that house as vacant. The 1922 Sanborn map shows an older house close to this site, and no house that corresponds to the footprint of this house.
NOTE: Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale are listed on the north side of E. 5th Street, 8 houses east of Pleasant Valley Road; he was a farmer.
Also listed is Ross Trousdale, an auto mechanic.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale (ca. 1922 – ca. 1928)

Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of a farm near Del Valle, Texas. Charles F. Trousdale was 58, had been born in Texas, and was a farmer on a general farm. Amanda Trousdale was 52, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their son, Ross F., was 24, had been born in Texas, and was a machinist on automobiles.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Charles F. and Amanda Trousdale living in a rented house in Matagorda County, Texas, where Charles was a farmer. Amanda had no occupation listed. Ross is not listed with them.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Amanda F. Trousdale as a 72-year old widow living at 720 W. 34th Street in Austin. She had no occupation listed. Ross and Sallie Trousdale are listed at 714 W. 34th Street, a house they owned, which was worth \$4,000. Ross Trousdale was the night manager for a storage garage. Sallie Trousdale, a native of Tennessee, was a nurse superintendent at the city hospital. They had no children listed with them.

According to her 1948 death certificate, Amanda Trousdale was living at 720 W. 34th Street at the time of her death. She was a widow who had been born in 1867 in Texas. She was a housewife.

TROUSDALE—C. F. Trousdale, 75, resident of Austin for the past 15 years, died after a long illness at his home at 720 West 34th street Thursday morning. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Amanda Francis Trousdale; two sons, John Trousdale of Edcouch, Texas, and Ross Trousdale of Austin; one grandson, Roy Trousdale of Edcouch; and numerous other relatives.

The body is at the Thurlow Weed Funeral home pending the arrival of relatives. The family has requested that no flowers be sent to the funeral service, which will probably be some time Friday afternoon.

Obituary of Charles F. Trousdale
Austin Statesman, January 14, 1937

TROUSDALE—Mrs. Amanda Trousdale, 81, an Austin resident for over 25 years, died at her residence, 720 West 34th Street, Sunday. She was an active and lifelong member of the Methodist Church and a member of Eastern Star, having served as worthy matron of the Marble Falls chapter and since moving to Austin she had been a member of Travis Chapter 472.

Survivors are two sons, John Trousdale of Harlingen and Ross Trousdale of Austin; two brothers, Dr. W. D. Francis of Lampasas and Carl Francis of San Antonio.

Funeral services were held at Weed-Corley Funeral Home Monday afternoon. The Rev. John Barclay and Dr. Kenneth Pope officiated and burial was in Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers will be Oscar Rosenberg, Jack Lamb, A. F. Baker, Frank Ashmore, J. G. Wiley and Bruce Burk.

Obituary of Amanda Trousdale
Austin Statesman, May 17, 1948

Eldred and Winifred Poe (ca. 1929 – ca. 1945)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Eldred and Winifred Poe as the owners of this house, which is listed as 612 W. 34th Street. The house was worth \$3,500. Eldred Poe was a 36-year old Texas-born salesman for a grocery company. Winifred Poe was 31 and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters: Billie L., 4; and Elizabeth, 3.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Eldred and Winifred Poe as the owners of this house, which was worth \$4,500. Eldred Poe was 48, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman for a wholesale grocery business. Winifred Poe was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters: Billie L., 13; and Betty, 12. Both girls had been born in Texas.

His 1964 death certificate shows that Eldred D. Poe was born in 1893 in Texas. He was living in Leander at the time of his death at the VA Hospital in Temple, Texas. He was a salesman in the grocery business.

ELDRED D. POE

Eldred D. (Jack) Poe, 70, of Jonestown, died in the Veteran's Hospital in Temple Sunday. He was a retired grocery man, a veteran of World War I and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Winifred Poe; two daughters, Mrs. Billie Poe Broch of Houston, and Mrs. Betty Poe Howard of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Poe Dailey and Mrs. Eva Poe Dailey, both of Austin; five grandsons and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday from Cook Funeral Home, with Dr. Blake Smith officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Eldred Poe
Austin American, May 25, 1964

ELDRED D. (JACK) POE

Funeral services for Eldred D. (Jack) Poe of Jonestown, were held Monday at the Cook Funeral Home with Dr. Blake Smith officiating. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were M. V. Lester, Marse Morrow, Leslie Pruett, J. C. Shaw, Larry L. Cox and Clarence Johnson.

Funeral notice for Eldred Poe
Austin Statesman, May 25, 1964

Floyd and Sinah Colburn (ca. 1963 – ca. 1978)

Floyd A. Colburn appears in the 1930 U.S. Census for Alamo, Texas, where he rented a house. He was 27, had been born in Kansas, and was a watchmaker. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Floyd Colburn as the 17-year old son of Alva and Bertha Colburn of McPherson, Texas. His father, who had been born in New York, was a wholesale miller. Floyd had no occupation listed.

According to her 1978 death certificate, Sinah Colburn was born in Webb City, Missouri in 1901. She was living in this house at the time of her death. She was a photographer.

Floyd Colburn Is Found Dead

The body of Floyd A. Colburn, watchmaker, was found Wednesday in the living room of his home at 712 West 34th Street.

Justice of the Peace Jerry Dellana ruled death by self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sinah Colburn, and a sister, Mrs. Erleen McMahan of Houston.

Funeral is pending at Cook Funeral Home.

News story on the suicide of Floyd Colburn
Austin American, May 13, 1965

COLBURN, Mrs. Sinah O., 77, 712 W. 34th St., died Sunday. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Burial, Austin Memorial Park. Survivors: niece, Mrs. Charles Steffler of Lake Jackson.

Obituary of Sinah O. Colburn
Austin American-Statesman, October 16, 1978

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 9966

M.

Address

712 WEST 34. ST.

Plumber

Size of Tap

Date 1-24-31

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 1-24-31
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"
 Size Service Made 3/4"
 Size Main Tapped 8"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 11.5'
 From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 24'
 Location of Meter IN YARD
 Type of Box SMALL
 Depth of Main in St. 30"
 Depth of Service Line 30"
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 24'
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 2-2-31 307

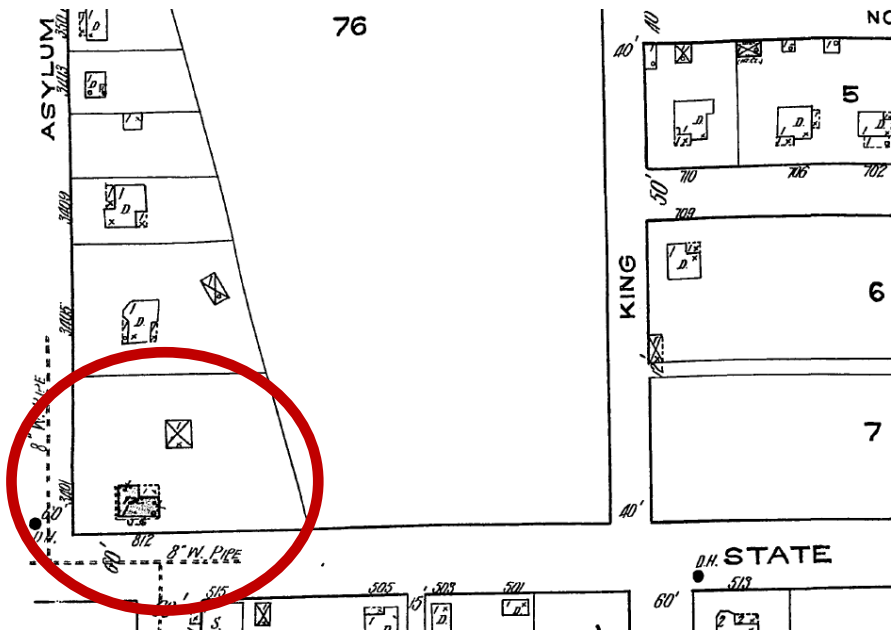
No. Fittings	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Req. No.

Foreman's Signature

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Water service permit for this address (1931)

The permit shows the old address of 612 W. 34th Street crossed out and the new address of 712 W. 34th Street entered.



The 1922 Sanborn map shows the older house listed in city directories going back to 1912 with an address of 812 W. 34th Street. At the time this map was made, 34th Street was known as State Street, and the stretch of West Avenue north of 34th Street was known as Asylum Avenue.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the house with its current address of 712 W. 34th Street and its old address of 612 W. 34th Street.