

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0388
1603 SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a bay window in the projecting gable; partial-width inset porch; single 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1936 by Franklin and Elizabeth Knight, who lived here until around 1946. Frank Knight grew up in Bartlett, Texas, and was the owner of a tire shop at 19th (now MLK) and Guadalupe Streets for many years. He started a partnership in a tire business with Carl C. Lindsey in the early 1930s, became the partner of Jack Stewart in the Knight-Stewart Tire Company in the late 1930s, and was the sole proprietor of the building in the 1940s.

Around 1946, the Knights moved to 1501 Shoal Creek Boulevard, and this house became a rental property. Chester Fulton, an attorney, and his wife, Pearl, rented the house in 1946-47, then it was rented by Stepehn B. and Mary Lee Price from the late 1940s through the early 1950s. Price was the proprietor of a women's clothing store on Congress Avenue. Geofrge K. Hooper and his wife, Christina, rented the house in the late 1950s and early 1960s; he was a camera man for the Steck Company. The house was vacant in the late 1960s, then rented by a series of tenants through the late 1980s, including a writer for Texas Monthly magazine, the director of a savings and loan, and a student. By the early 1990s, the house was being used as law offices.

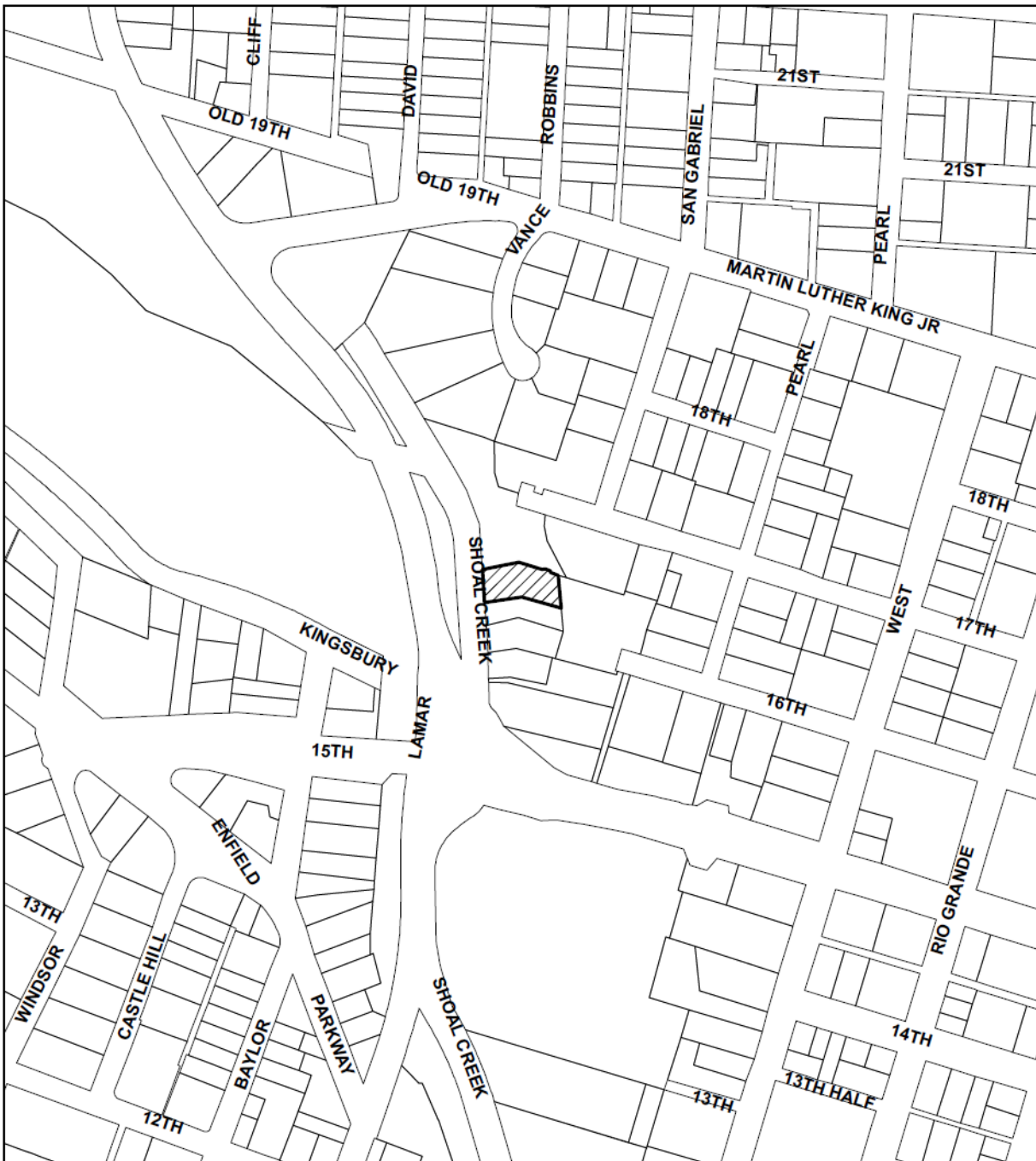
STAFF COMMENTS




The house is not listed in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, 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 is a very good example of a hybrid of mid-1930s Colonial Revival style and an older wing-and-gable configuration, but lacks the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

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1603 SHOAL CREEK BLVD.

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1603 Shoal Creek Boulevard
ca. 1936



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1603 Shoal Creek Boulevard

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

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 1992 | <p>Noelke & Noelke
Holly and Lea C. Noelke, proprietors</p> <p>Mike R. McGuire, attorney</p> |
| 1985-86 | <p>Michael Emory, renter
Student
NOTE: The directory indicates that Michael Emory was a new resident at this address.</p> |
| 1981 | <p>James E. Dubose, renter
Director, Northwest Savings Association, 3601 Far West Boulevard.
NOTE: The directory indicates that James E. Dubose as a new resident at this address.</p> |
| 1977 | <p>Harold H. Cooper, Jr., owner
Lawyer, 801 Rio Grande Street
NOTE: The directory indicates that Harold H. Cooper, Jr. was a new resident at this address.
½: Albert Haertlein, renter
 No occupation listed</p> |
| 1973 | <p>C. Richard West, renter
Writer, <u>Texas Monthly</u>, magazine, 1501 Guadalupe Street.
½: Vacant</p> |
| 1968 | <p>Vacant</p> |
| 1962 | <p>George K. and Christine M. Hooper, owners
Camera man, Steck Company, printers, publishers, office supplies and equipment, 9th and Lavaca Streets.</p> <p>Samuel A. Suhler, renter
Librarian, City Public Library</p> |
| 1959 | <p>George K. and Christina M. Hooper, owners
Etcher, Steck Company, printers, publishers, office supplies, and equipment, 9th and Lavaca Streets.
½: Sam Suhler, renter
 Librarian, City Public Library</p> |
| 1955 | <p>George K. and Christina Hooper, renters
Color camera man, Steck Company, printers, publishers, office supplies, and equipment, 9th and Lavaca Streets.</p> |
| 1952 | <p>Stephen B. and Mary L. Price, renters
Proprietor, Price's, women's clothing, 912 Congress Avenue.</p> |

NOTE: George K. and M. Christine Hooper are listed at 310 LeGrande Avenue; he was a lithographer for the Steck Company.

- 1949 Stephen B. and Mary L. Price, renters
Proprietor, Price's, women's apparel, 912 Congress Avenue.
- 1947 Chester M. and Pearl Fulton, renters
Lawyer, 205-09 Littlefield Building.
NOTE: Stephen B. and Mary L. Price are listed at 1200 San Antonio Street; he was the proprietor of Price's, millinery, 912 Congress Avenue. NOTE: Frank F. and Elizabeth Knight are listed at 1501 Shoal Creek Boulevard; he was the proprietor of the Frank Knight Tire Company, U.S. Tires, Willard batteries, wheel aligning and tire recapping, 307 W. 19th Street.
- 1944-45 Frank F. and Elizabeth Knight, owners
Proprietor, Frank Knight Tire Company, 307 W. 19th Street; and U.S. Army.
- 1941 Frank F. and Elizabeth Knight, owners
Proprietor, Frank Knight Tire Company, complete 1-stop service, US tires, Lodi recapping and vulcanizing, 19th and Guadalupe Streets.
- 1939 Frank F. and Elizabeth Knight, owners
Proprietor (with Jack Stewart), Knight-Stewart Tire Company, complete 1-stop service, 19th and Guadalupe Streets.
- 1937 Frank F. and Elizabeth Knight, owners
Proprietor (with Jack Stewart), Knight-Stewart Tire Company, complete 1-stop service, 19th and Guadalupe Streets.
- 1935 No houses are listed on Shoal Creek Boulevard.
NOTE: Frank F. and Elizabeth Knight are listed at 2509 Seton Avenue; he was the proprietor (with Carl C. Lindsey), of Lindsey-Knight Tire Company, service station, U.S. Tires and tubes, accessories, washing, and polishing, 307 W. 19th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Frank F. and Elizabeth Knight (ca. 1936 – ca. 1946)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows F. Franklin and Elizabeth M. Knight as the owners of this house (which is listed as 1608 Shoal Creek Boulevard); the house was worth \$6,500. F. Franklin Knight was 31, had been born in Texas, and was the proprietor of a retail tire business. Elizabeth M. Knight was 30, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Anne, 1. The family had a housekeeper, Victoria Marek, 23, who had been born in Texas, and is listed as the tenant of the rear structure.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Franklin Knight as the 21-year old son of Nell Knight, who owned her home in Bartlett, Texas. Franklin Knight is listed as absent, and with no occupation. His mother, Nell, was a 42-year old Texas-born widow who worked as an office assistant in a doctor's office. In 1920, according to the census report, Franklin Knight was living with his mother in Bartlett, Texas; neither had an occupation listed. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Franklin Knight as the 1-year old son of Fred and Nellie Knight, who lived on a farm in rural Bell County. Fred Knight is listed as a farmer.

According to his 1979 death certificate, Fred Franklin Knight was born in Bartlett, Texas in 1909. He served in the Navy during World War II, and was living at 2313 Woodlawn Boulevard at the time of his death. He was in real estate.

FRANK KNIGHT
Frank Knight, 70, of
Austin, died Thursday.
Services will be held at 4:
00 P.M. Friday in the
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd with Rev.
Samuel N. Baxter offici-
ating. Survivors include
his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth
Knight, Austin; son, Rob-
ert E. Knight, Austin;
daughter, Anne Hoey,
Austin; 5 Grandchildren.
Memorials may be made
to St. Stephens Episcopal
School or Bishop Louis
Reicher Neurological
Fund, c/o Seton Hospital
Development Office or a
favorite charity. Ar-
rangements by Weed-
Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Frank F. Knight
 Austin American-Statesman, July 13, 1979

Stephen B. and Mary L. Price (ca. 1948 – ca. 1954)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Steven B. and Mary Lee Price as the renters of 1200 San Antonio Street. Steven B. Price was 59, had been born in Arkansas, and was a traveling salesman. Mary Lee Price was 44, had been born in Texas, and was the manager and owner of a retail hat store. They had a niece living with them, Mildred Jordan, 18, who had been born in Texas and

had no occupation listed. The family also had 6 lodgers: Latha Kelly, 37, who had been born in Oklahoma, and was a mail clerk in the State Comptroller's Office; Alex Greenwood, 26, who had been born in Texas, and was an inspector for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Mildred (no last name listed), 21, who had been born in Kentucky, and was a saleslady for a retail dry goods store; J.F. Shanklin, 54, who had been born in Texas, and was a traveling salesman; Robert A. Erwin, Jr., 22, who had been born in Oklahoma, and was an insurance officer; and David W. Hair, Jr., 23, who had been born in Texas, and was a file clerk for an insurance company.

According to his 1957 death certificate, Stephen B. Price was born in Bentonville, Arkansas in 18790, and was living at 2304 Bonita at the time of his death. He was the owner of Price's Ready to Wear clothing store, and also into real estate.

S. B. Price Rites Slated For Monday

Funeral services for Stephen B. Price, 77, Austin merchant who died Saturday in a local hospital, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Dr. John Barclay will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Price was owner of Price's Ready to Wear on Congress Avenue and the newly-opened Price's Store on Guadalupe.

In addition to his store holdings, he was associated with Grigsby & Company Real Estate. He also was a director of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Austin Kiwanis Club and Central Christian Church.

Born at Bentonville, Ark., Price had been a resident of Austin since 1919.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. R. G. Osthoff of Dallas; a son, R. F. Price of Houston; and two grandchildren.

The family requests any person desiring may make a memorial contribution to Travis County Cancer Society.

Obituary of Stephen B. Price
Austin American-Statesman, February 10, 1957

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 No. 12410
Application for Sewer Connection.
 Austin, Texas, March 4, 1936
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements;
 City of Austin, Texas
 Sir:—
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on
 premises owned by Frank Knight
 at 1603 Shoal Creek Blvd. Street,
 further described as lot 148 x 300 out of 5 and 11
 block 11, outlot 11
 subdivision 89 division 70 plat 89
 which place is to be used as a residence
 In this place there are to be installed 8 fixtures.
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance
 charge.
 Respectfully, Charles Plumb
 Stub Out
 Connected 8/20 1936 Com 72 South
 Size of Main 6 inches of north lot
 Size of Service 4 inches line
 Feet Deep line
 Feet from Property Line
 Feet from Curb Line
 Inspected by Bootsright
 Connection made by Bootsright
See Wilson A-1132

Sewer connection application by Frank Knight for this address (1936)

Mrs. Elizabeth McClendon Knight 1603 Shoalcreek blv
 89 So W 87.97 of N.W. 313.75 11 E
 Original City.

Frame addn on south side of garage
 66380 4/24/57 1950.00
 Geo K. Hooper none

Building permit to Elizabeth Knight for the construction of a frame addition to the garage (1957)