

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 25, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0419
2205 BONITA STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, roughly rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with a brick wainscot and an integral two-car garage; single and paired 6:6 fenestration with a fixed-sash picture window in the front flanked by a multi-light casement on each side.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1948. The first owners and occupants were Earnest and Edith Armstrong, who moved here from their ranch at Hebbronville, Texas. Earnest Armstrong continued to list his occupation as a rancher while living in this house. The Armstrongs lived here until around 1970, when the house changed hands to Rosalio and Mary R. Duran. Rosalio G. Duran was the proprietor of Rabbit's a beer joint on E. 6th Street.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as the house appears to be in good condition, 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



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 83'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0419

LOCATION: 2205 Bonita Street

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2205 Bonita Street
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2205 Bonita Street

From City Directories, Austin History Center
Prepared by the City Historic Preservation Office
April, 2016

1992	Mary R. Duran, owner Proprietor, Rabbit's (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory)
1985-85	Rosalio G. and Mary R. Duran, owners Proprietor, Rabbit's (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory)
1981	Rosalio G. and Mary R. Duran, owners Proprietor, Rabbit's (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory)
1977	Rosalio G. and Mary R. Duran, owners Proprietor, Rabbit's, beer, 1816 E. 6 th Street.
1973	Rosalio G. and Mary R. Duran, owners Proprietor, Rabbit's (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory)
1968	Earnest R. and Edith Armstrong, owners Rancher NOTE: Rosalio and Mary R. Duran are not listed in the directory).
1962	Earnest R. and Edith Armstrong, owners Rancher

- 1959 Earnest R. and Edith Armstrong, owners
Rancher
- 1955 Earnest R. and Edith Armstrong, owners
Rancher
- 1952 Earnest R. and Edith Armstrong, owners
Rancher
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Earnest R. and Edith Armstrong are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Earnest R. and Edith Armstrong (ca. 1948 – ca. 1970)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Earnest and Edith Armstrong as the owner of a house in Hebbronville, Texas. Earnest Armstrong was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a ranchman on a cattle ranch. Edith Armstrong was 26, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Martha, 7 months, who had been born in Texas. Edith Armstrong had lived in Georgetown, Texas in 1935.

Earnest R. Armstrong

Earnest R. Armstrong, age 78, of Hebbronville, Texas, (formerly of Austin), passed away Sunday.

Mr. Armstrong had lived at 2203 Bonita for many years prior to moving to their ranch in Hebbronville.

Survivors include wife, Edith Armstrong of Hebbronville, Texas; daughters, Martha Meandro of San Antonio, Carolyn Mynatt of Abilene; grandchildren, Scott and Shannon Givens of San Antonio, Dena Mynatt of Fairfax, Virginia, Nicole Mynatt of Ft. Worth; great-grandchild, Samantha Givens of San Antonio.

Funeral service 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home Chapel. Burial, Captial Memorial Park.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Earnest R. Armstrong
Austin American-Statesman, November 26, 1990

Edith Armstrong died in Hebbbronville, Texas in 2006.

Rosalio and Mary R. Duran (ca. 1970 -)

Rosalio Duran appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 6-year old son of Esquivel and Eva Duran, who owned their home worth \$500 on an unspecified street. Rosalio Duran was born in Texas. His father, 34, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in a retail grocery. No other family member had an occupation listed in the census report.



Mary Duran 1941-2013

Mary R. Duran of Austin passed away Friday, January 11, shortly before her 72nd birthday. The daughter of Dr. Anthony P. Rousos of Rochester, NY and Mrs. Margaret Hurley Walker of Baltimore, MD, Mary was a lifelong resident of Tarrytown and a proud graduate of Austin High School. Chosen by her classmates as "Most Beautiful" in 1957, Mary was recognized early in life for her overwhelming abundance of natural beauty and personality; assets which she leveraged skillfully throughout her career as a secretary in the State Capitol. A proud public servant, Mary served in the offices of then Secretary of State Mark White, Comptroller Bob Bullock, and Attorney General Jim Mattox. Her true calling in life was her role as a loving and devoted mother who handled the challenges of child rearing with aplomb. Known for her selflessness and instinctive ability to help anyone in need, regardless of person or reason, Mary put every ounce of compassion, talent and beauty she possessed into her children. All of whom love her and cared for her later in life. She leaves behind her husband of 42 years, R.G. "Rabbit" Duran, her loving brother, Tony Rousos, her many children, Lisa Blonkvist, George Fancher III, Catherine Ferrell, Angela Hood, Ryan Duran and her many beloved grandchildren, Alicia Roberts, Mark Gault, Jonathon Gault, Brent Blonkvist, Brittany Blonkvist, Brady Blonkvist, Gabe Maroney and Jacob Duran. Formal Visitation will be 4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 2013 with a Funeral Service to follow at 6:30 p.m. at the Mission Funeral Home Serenity Chapel 6204 South First Street. A reception will follow at the Serenity Foundation Center.

Obituary of Mary R. Duran
Austin [American-Statesman](#), January 14, 2013

A. C. Warner 2205 Bonita Street

161 157 & E. 48-1/2' of 158

Tarrytown Oaks

Frame residence with garage attached.

38010 6-14-48

\$8000.00

E. M. Carr

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Building permit to A.C. Warner for the construction of this house (1948)

Nov II

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 1106
INDEXED 161
Date 6-8-48

Received of A.C. WARNER

Address 2205 BONITA ST

Amount TWENTY AND 7/100 \$ 20.70

Plumber R.H. BARR Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 6-15-48

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 27'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2.5'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 2.5'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7/9/48 RB

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock	3/4"
1	Elbow	3/4"
1	St. Elbow	3/4"
1	Bushing	3/4"
1	Reducer	1" to 3/4"
1	Pipe	3/4"
1	Lead Comp.	
1	Nipples	
1	Union	
1	Plug	
1	Tee	
1	Stop	
1	Box	
1	Lid	
1	Valves	
1	Job No.	W. 322.502
1	Req. No.	V. 1242

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Water service permit to A.C. Warner for this address (1948)