# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JULY 25, 2016 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0480 1153 PERRY ROAD

## **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with synthetic siding and an ornamental front gable over the front entry; single modern replacement windows.

#### RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1950, although it could be older than that; it is difficult to determine the true age of the house with the synthetic siding on it and the fact that it was outside the city limits at the time of its construction, so there are no building permit records nor any listings in city directories prior to 1952. However, given the scale and style of the house, the estimated 1950 construction date is probably accurate.

The first owners and occupants of the house were Linzy M. Wade and his wife, Avis Elizabeth Wade, who lived here from around 1950 until around 1970. Linzy M. Wade was born in Arkansas, and his family had lived in rural Kaufman County, Texas in 1930, but the 1940 U.S. Census shows him as a young man living with his widowed mother in an unnumbered house on Perry Lane in Govalle. It is doubtful that they lived in this house, but it is possible that this house was close to the house that Linzy and his mother lived in, or that this house replaced that house around 1950. Linzy M. Wade had a printing company in the mid-1950s, but then went to work for the Steck Company as a pressman. Avis E. Wade worked as a saleslady for the T.H. Williams Company, a ladies' department store at 5th Street and Congress Avenue.

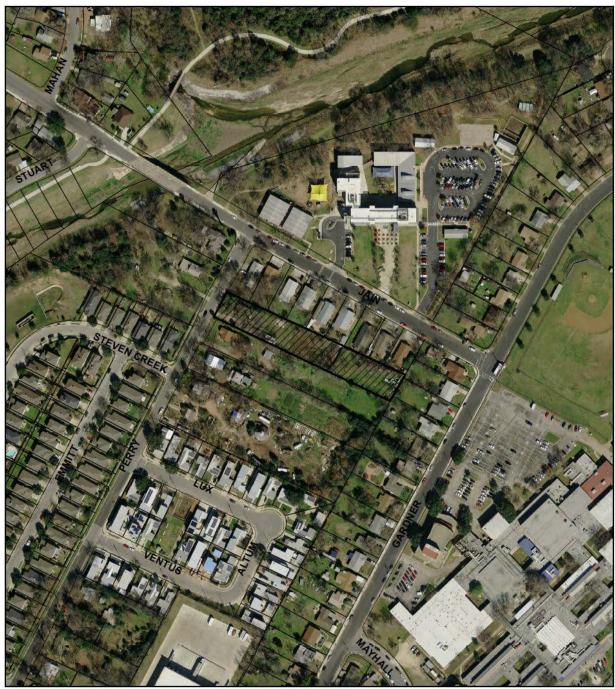
From around 1970 to the present, the house has been a rental property with a variety of tenants, most of whom had no occupation listed in the city directories.

### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

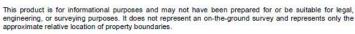
Release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, and is in very poor condition, making documentation a wasted endeavor.





# NOTIFICATIONS

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approximate relative location of property boundaries.

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1"=208'

1153 Perry Road ca. 1950





# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1153 Perry Road

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

1992 John Ross, Jr., renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that John Ross, Jr. was a new resident at this

address.

1985-86 Merlin Hill, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Merlin Hill was a new resident at this

address.

1981 Michael A. Paparella, renter

No occupation listed

1977 Beck Jeffry, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Beck Jeffry was a new resident at this

address.

1973 Charlie Jordan, renter

Carpenter

NOTE: The directory indicates that Charlie Jordan was a new resident at this

address.

1968 Linzy M. and Avis Wade, owners

Pressman, Steck Company, publishers and office supplies, plant, 8000 Grist

Road.

1965 Linzy M. and Avis Wade, owners

Pressman, Steck Company, publishers and office supplies, 9th and Lavaca

Streets.

1962 Linzy M. and Avis Wade, owners

Pressman, Steck Company, publishers and office supplies, 9th and Lavaca

Streets.

1959 Lem M. and Avis Wade, owners

No occupation listed

1955 Lem M. and Avis Wade, owners

Proprietor, Schmidt-Wade Printing Company (not listed in the alphabetical

section of the directory).

1952 The street is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Mrs. Avis E. Wade is listed on RD 1, Box 420; she was a saleslady at

T.H. Williams, ladies' department store, 500 Congress Avenue. Lem M. (Linzy)

Wade is not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

Linzy and Avis Wade (ca. 1953 - ca. 1970)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Linzy Wade as the 19-year old son of Mrs. J.M. Wade of Perry Lane in Govalle. Mrs. Wade owned her house, which was worth \$1,800. She was a 54-year old Arkansas-born widow with no occupation listed. Linzy was born in Arkansas and is listed as a new worker. They had lived in rural Kaufman County, Texas in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Linnie (Linzy) Wade as the 8-year old son of James M. and Jennie Wade, who lived on a rented farm in Kaufman County, Texas. Linzy was the youngest of the couple's 6 children. Both of his parents had been born in Arkansas, and all of his older siblings had been born in Texas, but Linzy had been born in Arkansas. His father was a farmer. None of the other family members had an occupation shown.

# Linzy Wade

Linzy Wade, 61, of Austin, died Thursday.

Survivors include his wife. Avis Wade of Austin; sisters, Rachel Phillips of Arlington, Texas, Willo Heiser of Houston, and Mrs. John K. Ross of Austin; two brothers, Wilson Wade of Houston, Claude Wade of Austin.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2:00 PM from Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, with Reverend A.D. Eberhart officiating. Burial Will be in Memorial Hill Park.

Obituary of Linzy Wade Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, February 5, 1983

# Avis Elizabeth Wade

Avis Elizabeth Wade, 77, of Austin and a member of North Austin Christian Church, died Saturday, April 17, 1993.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM, Monday, in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location with Reverend Eugene Hildebrandt officiating Interment will be in Cook-Walden/Capital Parks.

Mrs Wade is survived by her sisters, Adeline Gourley of Austin, Inez Gage of Dallas, Gladys Ellison of Burnet, Ernestine Proctor of Alvin, Billie Jo Joseph of Massachusetts, Delane Groover of Georgia, and Katherine Cook of Dallas; and numerous micces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be George Norred, Buddy Howell, Jim Webb, Beauford Rowney, Bob Hawley, and Bob Halverson. Honorary pallbearers will be Rick Spear, Dan Peters, and Jim Benson.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar.

> Obituary of Avis Wade Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, April 19, 1993

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Sanitary sewer service permit to Linzy Wade for this address (1966)

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Building permit to Mrs. John Ross for remodeling the house (1975)