

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0508
1203 COMETA STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1957 duplex.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled brick-veneered concrete block duplex; all windows and doors, as well as an apparent entry hood have been removed.

RESEARCH

The duplex was built by Dr. P.J. Paris as an investment property. The first owners of the house were Francis and Vivian Minter, who lived here until their deaths. Francis Minter was a laborer for Modern Supply, a welding business, later became an attendant at Brackenridge Hospital, and finally a painter for the Austin Housing Department. Vivian Minter was a maid at Brackenridge Hospital. Listed as tenants in city directories of the early to mid-1960s were Clarence and Tommie Bedford. Clarence Bedford was a driver for American National Bank; Tommie Bedford was a trainee at Tracor. They do not appear at this address after the city directory of 1965.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit. The house has been vandalized with the removal of doors and windows, and does not have the necessary historical or architectural significance to warrant designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



1203 Cometa Street
ca. 1957



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1203 Cometa Street

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

1992	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter, Austin Housing Department
1985-85	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter, Austin Housing Department
1981	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter, Austin Housing Department
1977	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter
1973	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Painter
1968	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Driver, Pearce Junior High School
1965	Francis and Vivian Minter, owners Francis: Attendant, Brackenridge Hospital

Vivian: Maid, Brackenridge Hospital

Clarence and Tommie Bedford, renters

Clarence: Repairman, Western Auto Supply (multiple locations)

Tommie: Trainee, Tracor

1962

Francis and Vivian Minter, owners

Francis: Helper, Modern Supply Company, welding, 316 N. Lamar
Boulevard.

Vivian: Maid, Brackenridge Hospital

Clarence and Tommie Bedford, renters

Driver, American National Bank, 117 W. 6th Street.

1960

Francis and Vivian Minter, owners

Laborer, Modern Welding Supply Company, 316 N. Lamar Boulevard.

Clarence and Tommie Bedford, renters

Driver, American National Bank, 117 W. 6th Street.

1959

The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Neither Francis and Vivian Minter nor Clarence and Tommie Bedford are listed in the directory.



Vivian Minter

Mrs. Vivian Minter was born December 26, 1926, in Taylor, Texas, to the late Alfred Bradford and Marie Riley Brooks.

She accepted Christ at an early age and later united with 12th Street Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. S.L. Davis. Mrs. Minter was a member of 12th Street Junior Mission Society and choir until her health began to fail.

Vivian was united in holy matrimony to Francis Minter on December 23, 1952. She was preceded in death by both parents.

She is survived by her husband, Francis Minter, Sr.; one son, Francis Gary Minter (Trazelle); four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Tommie (Clarence) Bedford, Earnestine Brooks, all of Austin, Texas, Barbara Sheffield of San Antonio, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Interment Evergreen Cemetery.

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.

Obituary of Vivian Minter
Austin American-Statesman, November 10, 2002

MINTER, Francis, 77, of Austin died Friday. Services pending. Arrangements by King-Tears.

Death notice for Francis Minter

Austin American-Statesman, June 16, 2007

No other obituary was found in later newspapers.

DR. P.J. Paris

1203 Cometa St

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Chernosky # 9

Concrete Block Duplex No CP No Garage

65803

2-7-57

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Percolation Test OK in file

Building permit to Dr. P.J. Paris for the construction of the duplex (1957)

Let 2 Chernosky #9
65803
WATER SERVICE PERMIT
 Austin, Texas
 E No 11627 367
INDEXED
 Received of *Dr. P.J. Paris*
 Address *1203 COMETA ST*
 Amount *TWENTY*
 Plumber *JEFF*
 Size of Tap *3/4*
 Date of Connection *4-18-57*
 Size of Tap Made *1"*
 Size Service Made *1"*
 Size Main Tapped *6" C.I.*
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock *25'*
 From *50'* Prop. Line to Curb Cock *23'*
 Location of Meter *CURB*
 Type of Box *LOCN*
 Depth of Main in St. *4'*
 Depth of Service Line *3'*
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main *34'*
 Checked by Engr. Dept. *5-9-57 Bm*

No. Fittings	Size
1	Corp. Cock
1	Elbow
1	St. Elbow
1	Bushing
1	Reducer
1	Pipe
1	Lead Comp.
1	Nipples
1	Union
1	Plug
1	Tee
2	Stop
1	Box
1	Lid
1	Valves
1	Job No. 1
1	Req. No. 1

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Water service permit to Dr. P.J. Paris for this address (1957)

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LOT 2. Chernosky #9 Austin, Texas

WATER SERVICE PERMIT No. 16673

INDEXED

Received of DR. P. J. PARIS Date 5-7-58

Address 1203 COMETA WEST APT.

Amount TWENTY \$20.00

Plumber CANALE'S Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 5-14-58

Size of Tap Made

Size Service Made

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 25'

From NO. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 20'

Location of Meter 1023

Type of Box 22" x 24"

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. C. M. G. 6-16-58

No. Fittings	Pipe	Corp. Cock	Cop. to Iron ell	Cop. to Cop. ell	Cop. to Iron Coupling	Cop. to Cop. Coupling	Angle Stop	Stop	Bushing	Nipples	Service Clamp	Valve	Meter Box	Lock Lid	Drain Tile	Drain Tile Lid	Stop & Drain	Job No.	Foreman
													22" x 24"	18" x 20"	2	2	323-200-502		

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Separate water service permit for the apartment in the duplex (1958)

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SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT Austin, Texas

No. 44545

Received of FRANCIS MINTER Date 8-2-65

Address 1203 COMETA ST.

Amount Fifty \$50.00

Builder or Owner Plumber Owner

Lot 2 Block 4 Subdivision Chernosky Plat No. 367

Date of Connection 8-11-65

By City 2' S of NLL

By Plumber

Checked By SEARCY

Size Main 8" Depth 7 1/2'

Main Assign. 20' E of WFE

Stub Depth 6' Prop. Line 4'

Stub Location TO BE AT SLL

Book No. A-4714

Paving Cut No. 84-65 8m

No. Fittings	Size	Price
30' Pipe 6" Con		7.50
2' Bends 6" Con		2.00
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other 18" x 6" Con		1.00
Backfill 1' x 1' x 1'		1.50
Labor: 12' x 1' x 1'		1.50
Gravel 1' x 1' x 1'		1.50
Gravel 1' x 1' x 1'		1.50
Total		29.50

Sewer service permit to Francis Minter for this address (1965)