

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0580  
306 E. 32<sup>ND</sup> STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, cross-gabled Tudor Revival-styled brick-veneered house; round-arched entry; round-arched multi-light casement floor-to-ceiling window in the front-facing gable; 1:1 fenestration elsewhere.

**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built in 1936 by T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, who lived here until around 1959. T. Douglas Morrison was from Hillsboro, Texas, and was an accountant, later auditor, later chief clerk for the Texas Railroad Commission. The house was built with a garage apartment; renters included a zoological tech at the University of Texas, a statistician for the State Health Department, a chemical engineer at the State Health Department, and beginning in the early 1950s, students at the University of Texas. Rosalie Morrison died in 1959 and shortly thereafter, it appears that T. Douglas Morrison moved back to Hillsboro. The house was a rental property from the 1960s onward, with tenants including a natural resources attorney in the State Attorney General's Office, a professor at the University of Texas, a research associate at the University of Texas, while the apartment continued to be rented by students.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

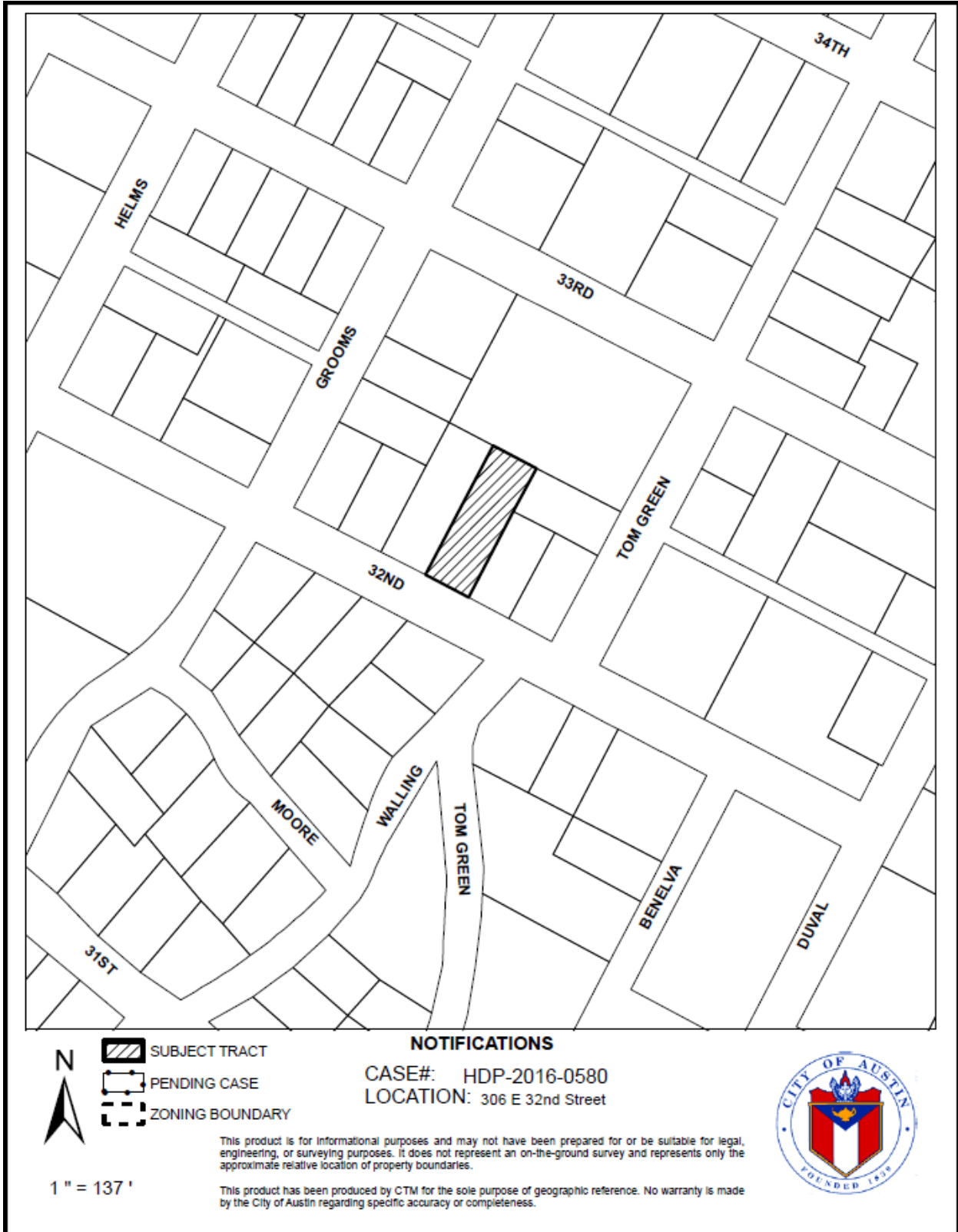
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage the applicant to seriously consider alternatives to demolition by postponing the case to October 24, 2016. While the house probably does not qualify on its own as a historic landmark, it exhibits a very fine example of mid-1930s Tudor Revival styling and is important to the historical context of the North University area, and every consideration towards adaptive re-use should be afforded before resorting to demolition. If the Commission does not postpone, then staff must reluctantly recommend release of 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.

LOCATION MAP



306 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
ca. 1936



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
306 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street

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

|         |    |   |
|---------|----|---|
| 1992    | A: | William R. Bisanz, renter<br>Student                        |
|         | B: | John K. Mitchell, renter<br>Financial consultant            |
| 1985-86 | A: | Vacant  |
|         | B: | Kirk Mitchell, renter<br>Student                            |
| 1981    | A: | Jill Cropper, renter<br>Administrative aide, State of Texas |
|         | B: | John Kirk Mitchell, renter<br>Student                       |
| 1977    |    | Linda E. Reichl, renter<br>No occupation listed             |
|         | B: | Fred C. Davis, renter<br>Student                            |
| 1973    |    | Jack S. and Stella Turner, renters                          |

- Research associate, University of Texas  
B: Natillee Headricks, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1968 Curtis and Marie Shelley, renters  
Professor, University of Texas  
B: Edward and Carol Tharp, renters  
Student
- 1965 Linward and Beverly Shivers, renters  
Natural resources attorney, State Attorney General  
B: Frank B. Ray, renter  
Student
- 1962 James E. Squires, renter  
Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, 111 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.  
B: Rolando Olvera, renter  
Student
- 1959 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners  
No occupation listed  
B: Don and Elizabeth Brown, renters  
Student
- 1955 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners  
Clerk, State Railroad Commission  
B: Lawrence and Mary Metler, renters  
Student
- 1952 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners  
Supervisor, State Railroad Commission  
B: Charles and Laverne C. Meeks, renters  
Charles: Student, University of Texas  
Laverne: Student, University of Texas
- 1949 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners  
Assistant supervisor, State Railroad Commission  
B: Sol Smith, renter  
There is no listing for a Sol Smith in the alphabetical section of the directory.
- 1947 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners  
Accountant, State Railroad Commission  
B: Sol and Dorothy Smith, renters  
Chemical engineer, State Railroad Commission
- 1944-45 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison (not listed as owners)  
Rate expert, State Railroad Commission  
B: Martin P. and Bettie J. Shad, renters  
U.S. Army
- 1941 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison (not listed as owners)  
No occupation listed  
B: W. Don and Jane Carroll, renters

Statistician

NOTE: The 1940 U.S. Census shows the Carrolls at this address; he was a statistician for the State Health Department.

- 1939 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners  
Auditor  
½: Jesse C. and Mary Carter, renters  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 308 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1937 T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison, owners  
Accountant, State Railroad Commission  
½: Russell W. and Etta M. Cumley, renters  
Zoological tech, University of Texas  
NOTE: The 1940 U.S. Census shows Russell W. and Marietta Cumley living in Madison, Wisconsin where he was an instructor at the University of Wisconsin. He was 29; she was 21. Both had been born in Texas.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 308 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison are not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison (ca. 1936 – ca. 1960)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison as the owners of this house, which was worth \$6,000. T. Douglas Morrison was 47, had been born in Texas, and was the district campaign manager for a political campaign. Rosalie Morrison was 46, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows the rental unit at this address occupied by W. Donald and Jane Carroll. W. Donald Carroll was 25, had been born in Louisiana, and was a statistician for the State Health Department. Jane Carroll was 24, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows T. Douglas and Rosalie Morrison as the renters of an apartment at 208 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. T. Douglas Morrison was 38, had been born in Texas, and was an auditor for the State of Texas. Rosalie Morrison was 37, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 lodgers: Briggs Todd, 19, who had been born in Texas and was a notions salesman; and William Harrison, 18, who had been born in Texas, and was a candy salesman. The household also had an African-American servant, Sadie McCullough, 29, who had been born in Texas, and is listed as a cook.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Douglas T. and Rosa Lee Morrison as the owners of a house in Hillsboro, Texas. Douglas T. Morrison was a 29-year old Texas-born salesman for an oil company. Rosa Lee Morrison was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

**MRS. ROSALIE S. MORRISON**

Mrs. Rosalie S. Morrison, 306 East 32nd St., died unexpectedly at her home Saturday. She had been a resident of Austin 33 years, having been a former resident of Hillsboro. Mrs. Morrison was a member of the University Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband, T. D. Morrison; two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Venable, San Angelo, and Mrs. Pearl Moseley, Fort Worth; and three brothers, F. A. Swindoll, Dallas, A. F. Swindoll, Tampa, Fla. and Dick Swindoll, San Angelo.

The body was sent to Hillsboro Sunday by the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at the Marshall and Marshall Funeral Home Sunday at 4 p.m. Minister Harrison A. Mathews and Cled E. Wallace of Austin will officiate and burial will be in Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Obituary of Rosalie Morrison

Austin American-Statesman, November 29, 1959

**MRS. ROSALIE S. MORRISON**

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosalie S. Morrison, 306 East 32nd Street, were held in Hillsboro Sunday. Minister Harrison A. Mathews and Cled E. Wallace of Austin officiated and burial was in Hillsboro. The body of Mrs. Morrison was sent to Hillsboro by Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Funeral story for Rosalie Morrison  
Austin American, November 30, 1959

His 1978 death certificate shows that Thomas Douglas Morrison was born in 1890 in Texas, and had been living in Hillsboro, Texas for the last 18 years of his life. He was the retired chief clerk of the State Railroad Commission. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

SANITARI SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

12546A

Austin, Texas

Received of Frey Date May 5, 1936  
 Address 306 308 E. 32nd.  
 Amount twelve dollars \$ 12.00  
 Builder or Owner T. D. Morrison Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 5 Block 17 Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. 65

|                    |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date of Connection | <u>5/18/1936</u> |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| By City            | <u>RL</u>        |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| By Plumber         |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Checked By         | <u>Boatright</u> |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Size Main          | <u>6"</u>        | Depth       | <u>8 1/2'</u> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Main Assign.       |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stub Depth         |                  | Prop. Line  |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stub Location      |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Book No.           | <u>A-459</u>     |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paving Cut         |                  | No.         |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No. Fittings       |                  | Size        |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2" Pipe            |                  | 4"          | .20           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pipe               |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Wyes             |                  | 6x4         | .63           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 Bends            |                  | 4"          | .49           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reducers           |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plugs              |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sand               |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gravel             |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Remix              |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stoppers           |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Castings           |                  |             |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other              |                  | laying pipe | .04           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Labor:             |                  | 6 days      | 16.20         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Sewer service permit to T.D. Morrison for this address (1936)

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

No. **10502A**  
*570*

Received of **S G Holden** Date **June 2, 1938**

Address **306 East 32nd**

Amount ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **Five and no/100** \$ **5.00**

Plumber **Wattinger** Size of Tap **3/4"**

Date of Connection **6-6-38**  
 Size of Tap Made **3/4**  
 Size Service Made **3/4**  
 Size Main Tapped **6"**  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **13.5'**  
 From **E<sub>1</sub>** Prop. Line to Curb Cock **17'**  
 Location of Meter **CURB**  
 Type of Box **LOCH**  
 Depth of Main in St. **2.5'**  
 Depth of Service Line **2'**  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main **26.5'**  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. **6-13-38**

| No. Fittings | Size                            |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1            | Curb Cock <b>3/8</b>            |
|              | Elbow                           |
|              | St. Elbow                       |
| 1            | Bushing <b>3/4 X 1/2"</b>       |
|              | Reducer                         |
|              | Pipe                            |
| 28'          | Lead Comp. <b>3/4 COPPER</b>    |
| 1            | Nipples <b>3/4 COPPER</b>       |
| 1            | Elbow <b>3/4 COPPER TO IRON</b> |
|              | Plug                            |
|              | Tee                             |
|              | Stop                            |
| 1            | Box <b>LOCH</b>                 |
| 1            | Lid                             |
|              | Valves                          |
|              | Job No. <b>C 38701E</b>         |
|              | Req. No. <b>25-987</b>          |

**REMARKS** Meter relocated also to sidewalk  
 improvements

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**J.L. WHITAKER**

Water service permit to S.G. Holden for this address (1938)