

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0570
2630 OAK CREST AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, stone-veneered frame house with double 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1948, although it was outside the city at the time of its construction and no building or utility permits exist for this address apart from a sewer permit in 1961. The first owner and occupant of the house was Jack Hubbard, who was raised in a military family, and was attending law school at the University of Texas while living here. He established a law practice on S. Congress Avenue in the late 1950s. His mother, Stella Hubbard, came to live with him in this house in the late 1950s until her death in 1961.

The house was a rental property in the late 1950s and early 1960s until it was purchased by Preston and Mary J. Clark around 1963. Preston Clark was originally from Abilene and worked as a college newspaper editor there before serving in World War II. After the war, he returned to Abilene then came to Austin and attended UT, where he majored in journalism. He taught journalism at the high school and college level in various places, and worked in the journalism or publishing fields for state government agencies until his retirement in the early 1990s.

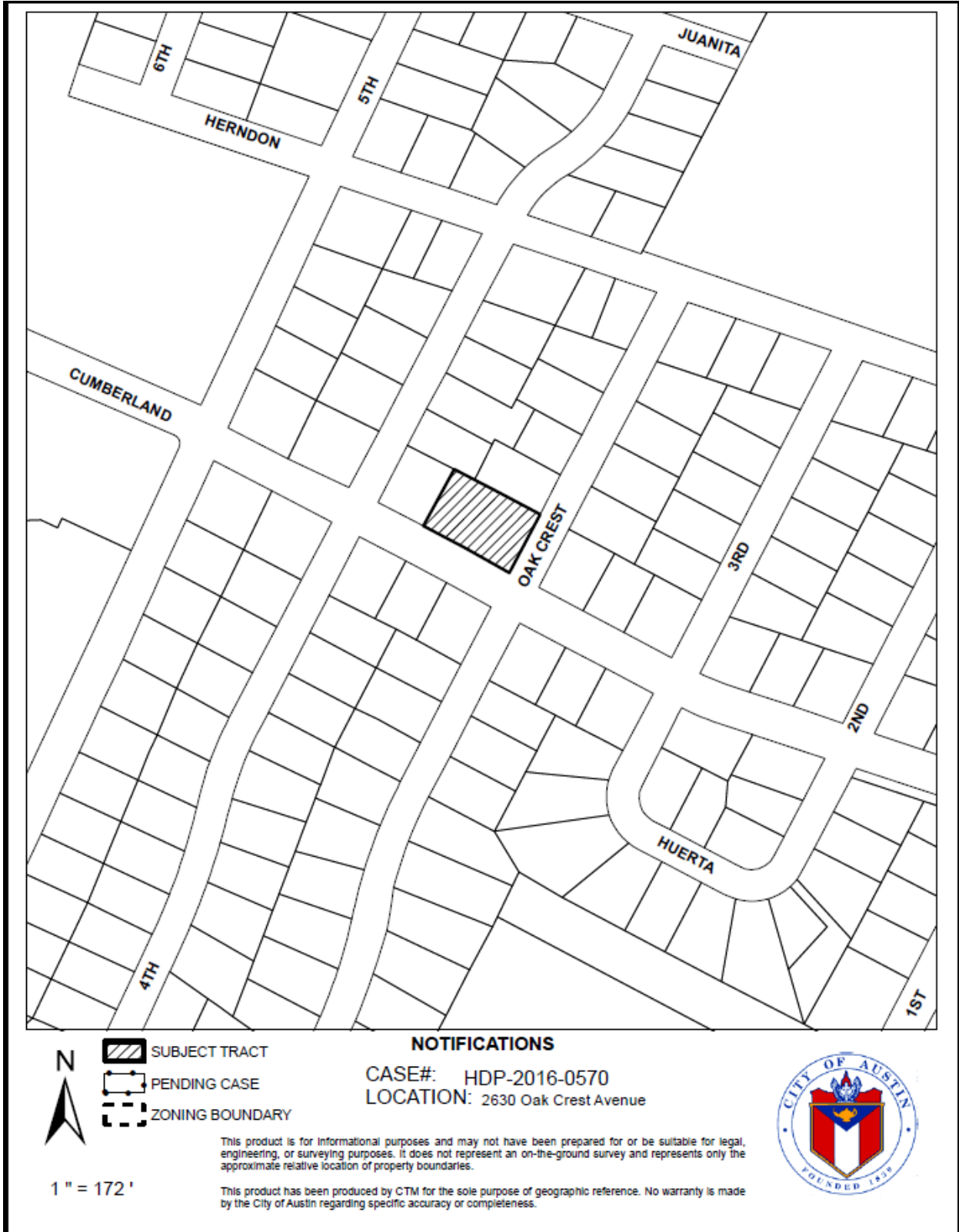
STAFF COMMENTS

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

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. While the house does not appear to meet the qualifications for designation as an individual landmark, it is a particularly fine example of a post-World War II stone-veneer cottage that is a quickly-vanishing residential type in Austin. Staff requests that the applicant seriously evaluate whether demolition of this house is truly necessary, or whether it could be re-used on-site. It would be a total shame to lose yet another of Austin's stone cottages.

LOCATION MAP



2630 Oak Crest Drive
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2630 Oak Crest Drive

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

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| 1992 | Preston P. and Mary J. Clark, owners
Journalist, Texas Teachers' Retirement System |
| 1985-86 | Preston P. and Mary J. Clark, owners
Editor, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, 408 W. 11 th Street. |
| 1981 | Preston P. Clark, owner
Editor, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, 408 W. 11 th Street.
NOTE: Mary J. Clark is not listed in the directory. |
| 1977 | Preston P., Jr. and Mary J. Clark, owners
Assistant director, State Teachers' Association |
| 1973 | Preston P., Jr. and Mary J. Clark, owners
Assistant director, State Teachers' Association |
| 1968 | Preston P., Jr. and Mary J. Clark, owners
Journalist, State Department of Economic Opportunities |

- 1965 Preston P., Jr. and Mary J. Clark, owners
Journalist, State Health Department
- 1962 George L. and Bertha L. Harned, renters
Carpenter
NOTE: Preston P., Jr. and Mary J. Clark are not listed in the directory.
- 1959 Stella C. Hubbard, renter
Widow, T.P. Hubbard
No occupation listed
- 1957 Jackson C. Hubbard, owner
Lawyer, 1512½ S. Congress Avenue.
Also listed is Stella C. Hubbard, the widow of T.D. Hubbard; she had no occupation shown.
- 1955 Jack Hubbard, owner
U.S. Army
NOTE: Neither T.P. nor Stella Hubbard are listed in the directory.
- 1954 Jack Hubbard, owner
U.S. Army
- 1953 Jackson C. Hubbard, owner
Student
- 1952 Jackson C. Hubbard, owner
Office worker, Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1st Street.
- 1949 Jackson C. Hubbard, owner
Student, University of Texas
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Jackson C. Hubbard is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Jack Hubbard / Stella Hubbard (ca. 1948 – ca. 1960)**

Stella C. Hubbard and Jack Hubbard appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for Camp Patterson, Greene County, Ohio. Stella Hubbard was the mother of James L. Hubbard, 26, who had been born in Texas and was an instructor in meteorology for the U.S. Army. He had lived at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas in 1935. Stella Hubbard was a 48-year old Texas-born widow who had lived in Edmond, Oklahoma in 1935. She did housework. Jackson C. Hubbard is listed as the brother of James L. Hubbard and the son of Stella Hubbard. He was 9 years old and had been born in Oklahoma. He had lived in Edmond, Oklahoma in 1935 with his mother. Stella Hubbard died in 1961 in Austin.

MRS. STELLA C. HUBBARD

Mrs. Stella Crutcher Hubbard, 69, of 826 Walnut Creek Drive died at her home Friday. She was a member of Congregational Church and Texas Heritage Foundation and had been a resident of Austin 12 years.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home with Rev. John C. Towery officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Palbearers will be John N. Atkinson, Ben P. Atkinson, R. S. Guinn, Robert Guinn, Vern F. Martin and Jamie Boyd.

Obituary of Stella Hubbard
Austin American, February 20, 1961

Jackson Chandler Hubbard

Jackson Chandler Hubbard, age 66, of San Antonio and Encinal, died Thursday, June 19, 1997.

Mr. Hubbard was recently retired from the City Attorney's office after 33 years. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas and Beefmaster Breeders Universal. He was an avid hunter, enjoyed cattle ranching and genealogy and established family connections to the Republic of Texas, the American Revolution, the Mayflower and the Magna Carta. Mr. Hubbard was very proud of his Irish heritage. He will be deeply missed by his family, business associates and friends.

Survivors are wife, Elaine L. Hubbard; children, John Long (Chip) Hubbard and wife, Sylvia, San Antonio, Rhonda Hubbard Bowen and husband, Rob, Harlingen, Texas, Mark Thomas Hubbard and wife, Stephanie, Corpus Christi, Texas; grandchildren, John Aaron and Chelsea Renee Hubbard, San Antonio, Zachary Chandler and Katherine Elizabeth Bowen, Harlingen, Texas, Corbin Brooks and Colton Thomas Hubbard, Corpus Christi, Texas; sister, Stella Morrison, Austin, Texas; sisters-in-law, Ruth Hubbard, New Braunfels, Texas and Lorrie Hubbard, Austin, Texas.

Memorial Service Sunday, 3:00 p.m., University United Methodist Church, The Reverend Dr. Stephen Wende officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Rd., San Antonio, Tx. 78249.

Arrangements with Porter Loring Mortuary, 1101 McCullough, San Antonio, Tx. 1-800-460-2704.

Obituary of Jackson C. Hubbard
Austin American-Statesman, June 21, 1997

Preston P., Jr. and Mary J. Clark (ca. 1963 -)**Preston Presley Clark Jr.**

Preston Presley Clark, Jr. Preston Presley Clark, Jr., 86, a native of Abilene, Texas and a resident of Austin, Texas since 1963 passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. He was born on February 21, 1925 in Abilene, the son of Preston Presley Clark, Sr. and Annah Mai Gorham Clark.

Preston attended the Abilene Public Schools and received a BA degree in History from McMurry University in 1947 and a Master of Journalism degree from the University of Texas - Austin in 1949, with additional graduate study, ABD, at the University of Missouri. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps at Rougham Field, England in World War II including a tour with the 10-man crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress on 32 missions to German targets. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with clusters, ETO service ribbon, and a share of the 94th Bomb Group's two presidential unit citations.

When World War II ended in August, 1945, he returned to college life at McMurry and a new career choice-journalism. He became the editor of the college newspaper and in his senior year was editor of the yearbook and elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". Preston followed that at UT-Austin with volunteer work on The Daily Texas newspaper Cactus yearbook and a part-time job at Wallace Engraving Company, doing photo layouts and copy preparations for yearbooks which were printed by the Wallace Company. He wrote his master's thesis on "A Survey of School Annual Printing in Texas" by both the long-used letterpress method and the new method just then coming into vogue-offset lithography-not only for school yearbooks, but also for commercial newspapers. Preston was invited to join the UT student chapter of Sigma Delta Chi (later renamed Society of Professional Journalists) which led to membership in the Austin Professional Chapter and many friendships during his 43-year career in journalism. He taught journalism and supervised student publications at Tahoka High School in 1949-50 and held teaching and publication jobs successively at McMurry University and Southwest Texas State University, Texas Education Agency, Long News Service, State Health Department, Texas MH/MR, Texas OEO, Texas State Teachers Association, State Office of Texas PTA, Texas Aeronautics Commission, and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas from which he retired in January, 1993.

Preston was married in 1960 to the former Mary Jane (MJ) McElwain, a 1957 graduate of UT-Austin. They met at a church party for young adults and love later blossomed at Sholtz's Garden for a couple of tea-totals. Both have been active members of Faith Presbyterian Church since 1963.

Preston was predeceased by his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Henry Spalding; brothers-in-law, John, Guy Edward, Kay, and Jay McElwain; and sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Fuller, Virginia Hall, Kitty Talley, and Betty Ann McElwain. Survivors include his loving wife of 51 years, Mary Jane (MJ) Clark; son, James Preston (Jim) Clark and wife, Charla; daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Clark and partner, Lisa Sramek; grandson, Trevor James Clark; brother-in-law, Lee Talley and wife, Nance; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and a host of friends. Also surviving are stepson, Scott Harclerode and wife, Denise and their daughters, Cara and Katy Harclerode.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home and Memorial Park with a Graveside Service to follow at 4:00 p.m., Rev. Lou Snead, Pastor officiating. Celebration of Life Services will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1314 E. Oltorf St. with Rev. Lou Snead, Pastor and Rev. Keith Wright, Former Pastor, officiating. There will be a reception in the Faith Church Fellowship Hall following services. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the wonderful and caring staff of Barton Hills Assisted Living and Hospice Austin. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Preston's name to the Faith Presbyterian Church Child Development Center Building Fund or Food Pantry or to a charity of choice.

Obituary of Preston P. Clark, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, January 27, 2012

Mary Jane CLARK



Mary Jane (MJ) McElwain Clark, native of Newville, Pennsylvania and a resident of Austin, Texas since May of 1953, passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2015. She was born on August 22, 1926 at the family home in Newville to Andrew McElwain and Kitty Clover Koser McElwain.

MJ grew up in the country and attended a one-room schoolhouse, Blue Hill, for the first 8 years of her education. She and her sister took the family cows to pasture for several years on their way to school and brought them home after school. Her mother taught her a lot about growing plants, names of flowers, and all about planting and trimming bushes and trees. In childhood, she enjoyed delivering flowers from her mother's gardens to friends.

She had many hobbies. She did all kinds of needlework, hooked rugs, knitted socks and sweaters, and all kinds of embroidery. She made clothes for herself and others-especially later in life for her two granddaughters. She helped to make flags for the Crockett High School Band.

She helped with fundraisers at the YMCA Hotel where she lived for several years in Chicago. She enjoyed singing in the YMCA Choir and Church Choirs, a favorite thing she would continue throughout life in her 80s. She helped raise money for schools her children attended. She enjoyed people.

MJ, as she was known to many friends, was the youngest of eight children. She had an adventurous spirit and a lifetime love of traveling to far-away places with strange sounding names. After graduating from Newville High School in 1944, near the high-water mark of World War II, she left home at 18 to live with her brother Kay's family in Baden, Pennsylvania and to work as an arc welder on LSTs for the U.S. Navy at American Bridge Company in Leetsdale, Pennsylvania.

With the war winding down in Europe and a large inventory of LSTs stockpiled for use against Japan, MJ lost her welding job. "Not to worry", she said, when sister Ginny beckoned her to California where she found work at the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles. After three years at the bank, she moved back eastward to Chicago to work at the big, beautiful Marshall Field Department Store downtown. A fringe benefit was a part-time moonlight job as usher at the Blackstone Theater which featured stage plays and musicals.

Her next move was to St. Louis to work at a hospital and surgical equipment company. Then another sister Kitty, who had moved to Austin with her University of Texas student husband, urged her to get something that had been missing-a UT Education. MJ took a train for Austin in May, enrolled in Home Economics at UT in September of 1953, and graduated in 1957 with a major in clothing, textiles, and design.

To pay all of her UT costs and living expenses, she applied for waitress work at the Night Hawk on the Drag. "No waitress experience but a fast learner and hard worker" she told Manager Giles Spillar and got the job. In August of 1953, the Night Hawk Frisco Shop on Burnet Road opened and MJ was transferred to work there as its first waitress. She was soon making good money and could move from sister Kitty's home to a furnished room with kitchen privileges at the home of Lillie Skrabanek, a friend for life, about a block east of Clark Field, the UT Baseball Park. She also saved enough of her earnings and tips to buy a black Ford for \$200 to replace her bicycle transportation.

A lifelong Presbyterian, she joined St. Andrews Presbyterian Church just across the alley from the Frisco Shop where she taught Sunday school and sang in the Choir most Sundays. After graduation, MJ went to work for Modern Floors (floor covering and draperies) for three years.

Then at a summer 1959 party of the "Ionians" (a young adults group at the University Methodist Church), she met Preston Clark who was taking the summer off from his journalism teaching and publications job at Southwest Texas State College to work at the Austin American-Statesman copy desk.

MJ and PC kept company for a year and were married on August 14, 1960 at the First Southern Presbyterian Church (now Central Presbyterian) in downtown Austin.

Starting with a honeymoon drive from Austin to Niagara Falls, their life together as a long, happy string of vacation trips, family and military reunions throughout the USA and across the Atlantic to Scotland, England, France and the Heart of Europe; then across the Pacific to a second honeymoon in Hawaii with WWII crew friends, navigator Dick and soulmate Charlotte Getz, leading the way.

Preston and MJ were active members of Faith Presbyterian Church in South Austin for nearly 50 years, both serving as Elders and Mary as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Sunday school teacher, and long member of the Choir. MJ was also known as the "Flower Lady of Faith" for her self-appointed weekly task of providing flowers from her garden for most Church Services.

She was predeceased by her parents; her loving husband, Preston Clark; brothers, Guy Edward McElwain, Sharp (Kay) McElwain, Jay McElwain, and John McElwain; sisters, Elizabeth Fuller, Virginia Hall, and Kitty Talley; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth (Betty Ann) McElwain, Mildred McElwain, Elvira McElwain, and Phyllis McElwain; brothers-in-law, Dale Fuller and Charles Hall; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mary Jane is survived by her son, Jim Clark and wife, Charla and their son, Trevor James Clark; daughter, Rebecca Lynn (Becky) Clark; son by Mary Jane's first marriage, Scott Harclerode and wife Denise and their daughters, Cara Case and husband, Scott and Katherine Harclerode; brother-in-law, Lee Talley and wife, Nance; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. to Noon, Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home. Graveside Services will follow at Noon at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park, officiated by longtime friend Rev. Pete Hendrick.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1314 East Oltorf Street with Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker officiating. There will be a reception at Faith Church's Wright Fellowship Hall following the Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like contributions to be made in MJ's memory to the Faith Presbyterian Church Choir or Faith Food Pantry.

Obituary of Mary J. Clark
 Austin American-Statesman, September 8, 2015

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SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT
 Austin, Texas

No. 36319A ✓

Received of JACK HUBBARD Date 9-8-61
 2620 Address (2620) OAK CREST AVE
 Amount City & Ref. Fee Cap \$ 50.00
 2620 Builder or Owner Same Plumber Capital Plumbing
 Lot 1 Block D Subdivision OAK RIDGE HEIGHTS Plat No. 374

Date of Connection	<u>9-14-61</u>	No. Fittings	Price
By City	<u>11' N of S.P. of Cumberland Rd.</u>	12' Pipe	<u>6" Con</u>
By Plumber		Pipe	
Checked By	<u>Chavarría</u>	Wyes	
Size Main	<u>8" Depth ± 5' (Rock)</u>	Bends	<u>6" Con</u>
Main Assign.	<u>14.5' W of E.P.</u>	Reducers	
Stub Depth	<u>4 1/2' Prop. Line 3'</u>	Plugs	
Stub Location	<u>11' N of S.P. on</u>	Sand	
Book No.	<u>A 2790 OAK CREST</u>	Gravel	
Paving Cut		Remix	
		Stoppers	
		Castings	
		Other	
		Labor	<u>12 - 21.15 15.00</u>
		Materials	<u>1 - 2.14 1.50</u>
		Stationing	<u>1 - 2.14 1.99</u>
		Total	<u>23.39</u>

Sewer service permit to Jack Hubbard for this address (1961)

OWNER Preston Clark **ADDRESS** 2630 Oak Crest Ave.

PLAT 374 **LOT** 1 **BLK** D

SUBDIVISION Oak Ridge Hgts.

OCCUPANCY 2 bedrooms and bath

BLD PERMIT # 110300 **DATE** 10-29-68 **OWNERS ESTIMATE** \$5,900.00

CONTRACTOR Pool & Strong **NO. OF FIXTURES** bath

WATER TAP REC # Exist **SEWER TAP REC #** Exist

Frame addn to residence

752 Sq. Ft.

Building permit to Preston Clark for a frame addition (1968)