

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0608  
1506 KINNEY AVENUE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a house that was either moved to this site or built ca. 1951.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with single and paired 1:1 fenestration; partial-width, front-gabled entry porch on ornamental metal posts; attached one-bay garage.

**RESEARCH**

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City building permits indicate that this house was moved from 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the winter of 1951-52, but there is considerable doubt that this is the house (or any portion thereof) formerly located at 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, which was a two-story house. Architecturally, this house gives every indication that it was built on-site in 1951.

The first owners and occupants of this house were Lee and Lucille Williamson, who lived here until around 1954. Lee Williamson was a city police officer. In the mid-1950s, the house was owned and occupied by James and Julia Nelson; he was in the Air Force and she worked as a saleslady for the telephone company. Joseph and Agnes Mayfield owned and occupied the house in the late 1950s; he worked on the Shell pipeline. From around 1961 until around 1974, the house was owned and occupied by Milas and Erna Dyer in their retirement. Milas Dyer was an Austin native and had retired from the Post Office. The house has been a rental property since the mid-1970s.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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. 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

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0608  
LOCATION: 1506 Kinney Avenue



1" = 134'

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1506 Kinney Avenue  
Moved to the current site ca. 1951, according to city building permits



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1506 Kinney Avenue

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

1992	Charles E. and Judy Smith, renters Electrician
1985-86	Jason J. Burton, renter Cook NOTE: The directory indicates that Jason J. Burton was a new resident at this address.
1981	Dorothy N. Browning, renter No occupation listed
1977	Raleigh O. and Nancy L. Crowell, owners Retired
1973	Bertha L. Ellis, renter Widow, O.D. Ellis Retired
1968	Milas and Erna Dyer, owners Retired

- 1965 Milas and Erna Dyer, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1962 Milas and Erna Dyer, owners  
Salesman
- 1959 Joseph C. and Agnes Mayfield, owners  
Laborer, Shell pipeline  
NOTE: Milas and Erna Dyer are listed at 1708 Bouldin Avenue; he was a clerk at a Kash-Karry grocery store (multiple locations).
- 1955 James W. and Julia D. Nelson, owners  
James: U.S. Air Force  
Julia: Saleslady, telephone company
- 1953 Lee T. and Lucille Williamson, owners  
City policeman
- 1952 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: City building permits indicates that this house was moved from 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in 1951; however, that was a ca. 1915 two-story house, and there is nothing architecturally about this house that indicates that it was ever a part of a ca. 1915 two-story house. It is more likely that the building permit does not reflect the actual conditions at this site – and that this house was built from scratch in 1951 rather than a portion of the two-story house that used to be located at 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

NOTE: The history of the house at 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street follows:

- 1952 The address is not listed in the directory.
- 1949 Furnished rooms operated by Maggie L. Sullivan  
Widow, James Sullivan  
NOTE: Maggie L. Sullivan lived at 605 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1947 Nannie Keyes, renter  
Widow, William C. Keyes  
Furnished rooms at 605 and 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1944-45 Nannie Keyes, renter  
Widow, John Keyes  
Furnished rooms at 605 and 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1941 Nannie Keyes, renter  
Widow, William C. Keyes  
Furnished rooms at 605 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1939 Nannie Keyes, renter  
Widow, William C. Keyes  
No occupation listed
- 1937 Felix H. and Kate Ludwig, renters  
No occupation listed

NOTE: Nannie Keyes is not listed in the directory.

- 1935 Felix H .and Kate Ludwig, renters  
No occupation listed  
Also listed are H.M. Ludwig, a laborer at the City Abattoir, E. end of 6<sup>th</sup> Street;  
and Ulrich M. Ludwig, no occupation shown.
- 1932-33 James S. and Ola Ross, renters  
Farmer  
NOTE: Felix and Kate Ludwig are listed at the east end of 19<sup>th</sup> Street; he was a  
salesman for Koock Hardware, 301-03 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- 1930-31 Charles E. and Carrie Lord, renters  
Miller, Quality Mills, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nueces Streets.  
Also listed is Claude E. Lord, a laborer at Quality Mills.
- 1929 David M. and Lola Pearl Dickson, renters  
Proprietor (with Charles A. Browning and Seaborn B. Speir), Majestic Beauty  
Shop, 715 Congress Avenue.
- 1927 Mae Davis, renter  
Saleslady, Snaman's ladies' ready-to-wear clothing, millinery, and ladies'  
furnishings, 608 Congress Avenue.
- 1924 Dr. J. Stanley and Rella Wright, renters  
Chiropractor, 203 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Othos C. and Mary Weaver, renters  
Watchman
- 1922 Junius C. and Rose G. Lynch, renters  
Women's wear, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1920 Junius C. and Rose G. Lynch, renters  
Women's wear, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1918 Junius C. and Rose G. Lynch, renters  
Department manager, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and  
Congress Avenue.
- 1916 Junius C. Lynch  
Department manager, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and  
Congress Avenue.
- 1914 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Junius C. Lynch is listed at 1202 West Avenue; he was the manager of  
the ready-to-wear department at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Street and Congress Avenue.

#### **BIORPAHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Milas and Erna Dyer (ca. 1960 – ca. 1974)**

Miles [sic] P. Dyer appears in the 1900 U.S. Census as the 4-year old son of Elbert and Laura J. Dyer who lived in an un-numbered house on Rio Grande Street. Miles was born in Texas. His father, Elbert, was 33, had been born in Tennessee, and was a water and gas engineer. The

family rented their house. His mother, Laura, was born in Texas to Scottish-born parents, and had no occupation listed. Miles had a younger sister, Annie.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Milas and a Myrtle Dyer living in a rented house in Justice Precinct 6 of Travis County. Milas Dyer was 24, had been born in Texas, and was the manager of the telephone exchange. Myrtle Dyer was 21, had been born in New Hampshire, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Her 1974 death certificate shows that Erna Katherine Dyer was in a nursing home, but claimed this house as her address. She was born in 1895 in Fayette County, Texas, and was a homemaker.

#### **MILAS DYER**

Milas Dyer, 73, of 1506 Kinney Avenue, died Thursday in a local hospital. He had been a lifelong resident of Austin and Travis County and was a member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church. He was a retired employe of the Post Office and was a member of the National Association of Retired Civil Employees, the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and Travis Post No. 76 of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Erna S. Dyer, Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Edna Earl Johnson, and Mrs. Erin Katherine Flemister, both of Austin; one son, Belton D. Miller, Houston; one sister, Mrs. Glenn Hardin, Marble Falls; three brothers, Willard Dyer and Lucien Dyer, both of Austin, and LeRoy Dyer, Luling; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordon B. Bays officiating.

Pallbearers will be H. T. Parker, John D. Johnson, Charles J. Johnson, Tom Kemp, Noah C. Corbell, and Willie Kemp.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Milas Dyer  
Austin American, March 14, 1969

**MRS. ERNA K. DYER**

Mrs. Erna K. Dyer, 78, of 1506 Kinney Ave., died Monday in a local hospital. Mrs. Dyer had been a resident of Austin most of her life and was a member of the Congress Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Belton D. Miller of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Charlie J. Johnson and Mrs. T.L. Flemister, both of Austin; a brother, A.H. Schumann of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Ellis of Austin and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Erna K. Dyer  
Austin American-Statesman, January 22, 1974

**MRS. MILAS DYER**

Mrs. Milas (Erna) Dyer, 78, 1504 Kinney Ave., died Monday in a local hospital. An Austin resident for most of her life, she was a member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors are a son, Belton D. Miller of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Charles J. Johnson and Mrs. T. L. Flemister, both of Austin; a brother, A. H. Schumann of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Ellis of Austin; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Weed-Corley Funeral Home, Rev. Gordon B. Bays of Congress Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jimmie D. Miller, Johnnie D. Johnson, Joe Abate, Larry M. Miller, Lynn M. Miller and W.E. Dyer.

Funeral notice for Erna K. Dyer  
Austin American-Statesman, January 23, 1974



Burton E. Williams  
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1506 Kinney Avenue  
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Barton Heights "B"  
Moved from 607 West 5th Street.  
Move residence onto lot and repair & gar  
49003 9-4-51 \$750.00  
L. C. Sharp

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Building permit to Burton E. Williams to move the house from 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street to this site (1951)

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

D No 107 5426

Received of B. E. WILLIAMS Date 11-52  
Address 1506 KINNEY AVE.  
Amount TWENTY & NO/100 20  
Plumber AJAX PLB & CO. Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection	1-22-52	No. Fittings	1
Size of Tap Made	3/4"	Curb Cock	5/8"
Size Service Made	3/4"	Elbow	3/4" COP
Size Main Tapped	2" C.I.	St. Elbow	3/4" SUC
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	7.5'	Bushing	3/4" COP
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	3.2'	Reducer	2" x 3/4" TAP
Location of Meter	CURB	Pipe	2" x 3/4" COP
Type of Box	LOU	Lead Comp.	
Depth of Main in St.	3'	Nipples	
Depth of Service Line	2'	Union	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	6'	Plug	TLC
Checked by Engr. Dept.	2-7-52	Tee	1" COP
		Stop	1" COP
		Box	LOU
		Lid	
		Valves	
		Job No.	W-323-502
		Req. No.	W-7-52

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Water service permit to Burton E. Williams for this address (1952)

Receipt No. 18377

Application for Sewer Connection

No. 29963

Austin, Texas, 4-23-1952

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by B. E. Williams at 1506 Kinney Ave Street.

further described as Lot 6 Block A Outlot 1 Division 11 subdivision Burton Pls 'B' Plat 107, which is to be used as a res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 4569.7  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'

6' at main 4-24-52  
Respectfully,

~~Sub-Outlet~~ Connected } 6' N obscc  
(Location)

Agar Red

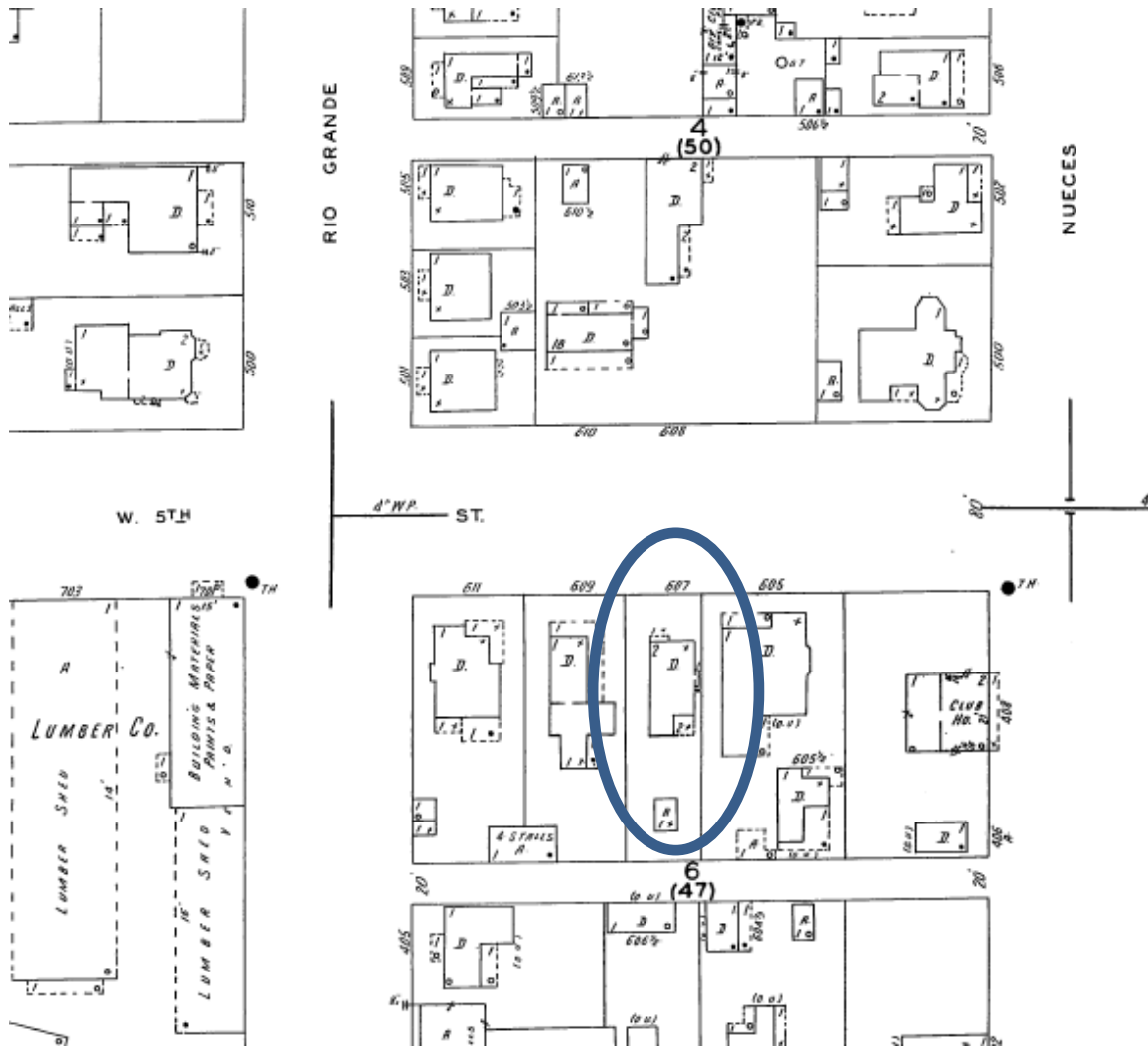
Date 4-29-1952

By Searcy

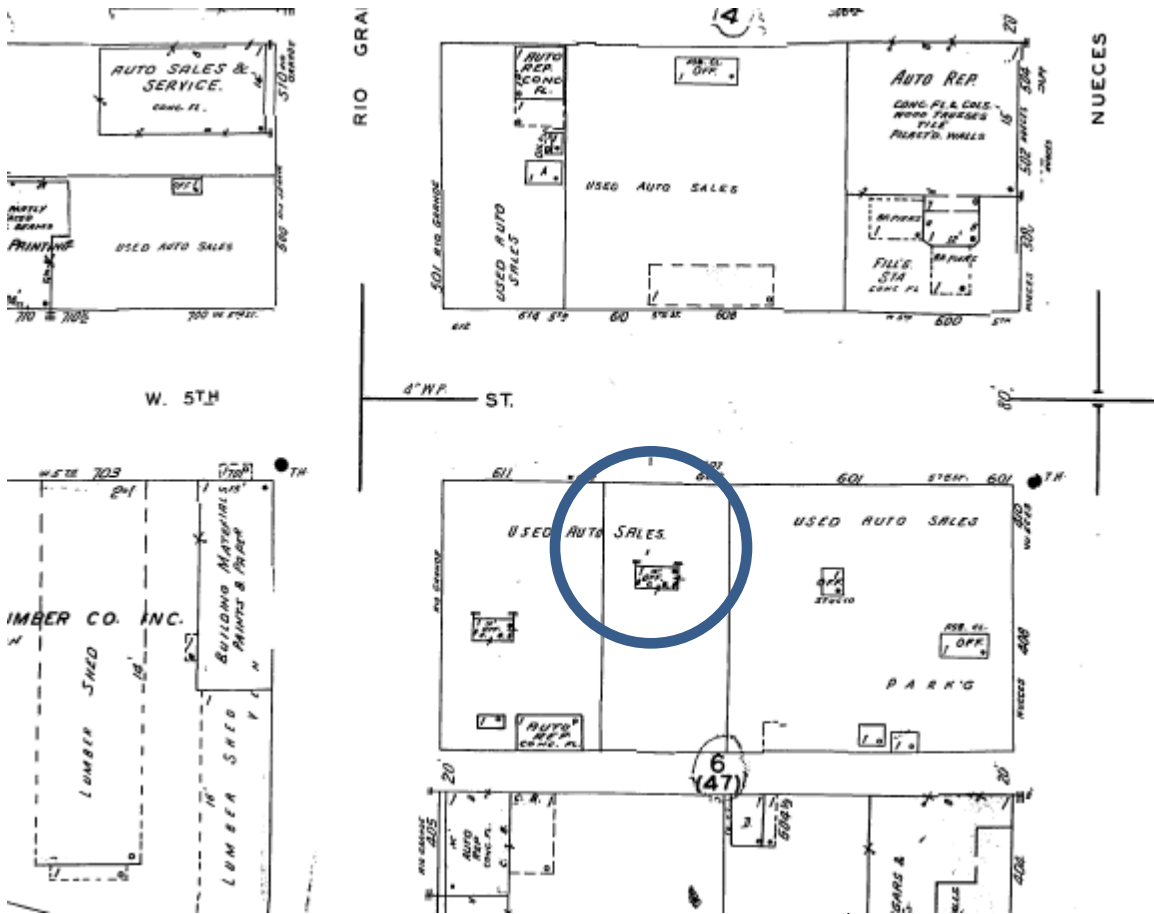
NOTE: Connection Instruction 6" line in st - 6' deep

Main 11.5' E of W.R. (Rock) BV 1986

Sewer connection application by Burton E. Williams for this address (1952)



The 1935 Sanborn map shows a two-story house at 607 W. 5th Street.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows that the house formerly at 607 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street was removed, and the property was a used car lot.

NOTE: The 1962 Sanborn map does not show this section of Kinney Avenue to compare the footprint of the house moved to the current house.