

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 24, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0616
1300 NAVASOTA STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1915 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration with some modern replacement windows; side-gabled one-story frame addition to the left side of the house.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1915 but has been modified over the years. The first owners and occupants were C. (Clarence) Leon Duvall and his wife, Lillian, who lived here until around 1919. Clarence Leon Duvall was born in Austin and worked as a porter and as a helper at a creamery while living in this house. He and Lillian moved to Los Angeles before 1930, and lived there until his death in 1947.

Floyd and Katie Scales rented this house in 1919-1920. Floyd Scales was a porter at a drug store. Then, from 1920 to around 1966, the house was rented and later owned by Johnson W. and Frankie Williams. Johnson Williams was from Louisiana and grew up on a farm there. He was living in Austin by 1918, when he registered for the draft, and was working for Donnelly & White, plumbers. He continued his career in the plumbing trade for the rest of his life. Johnson Williams died in New Orleans in 1967; there was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

From the mid-1960s through recently, the house has been a rental property, with tenants including a custodian at the University of Texas, and a retired pastor.

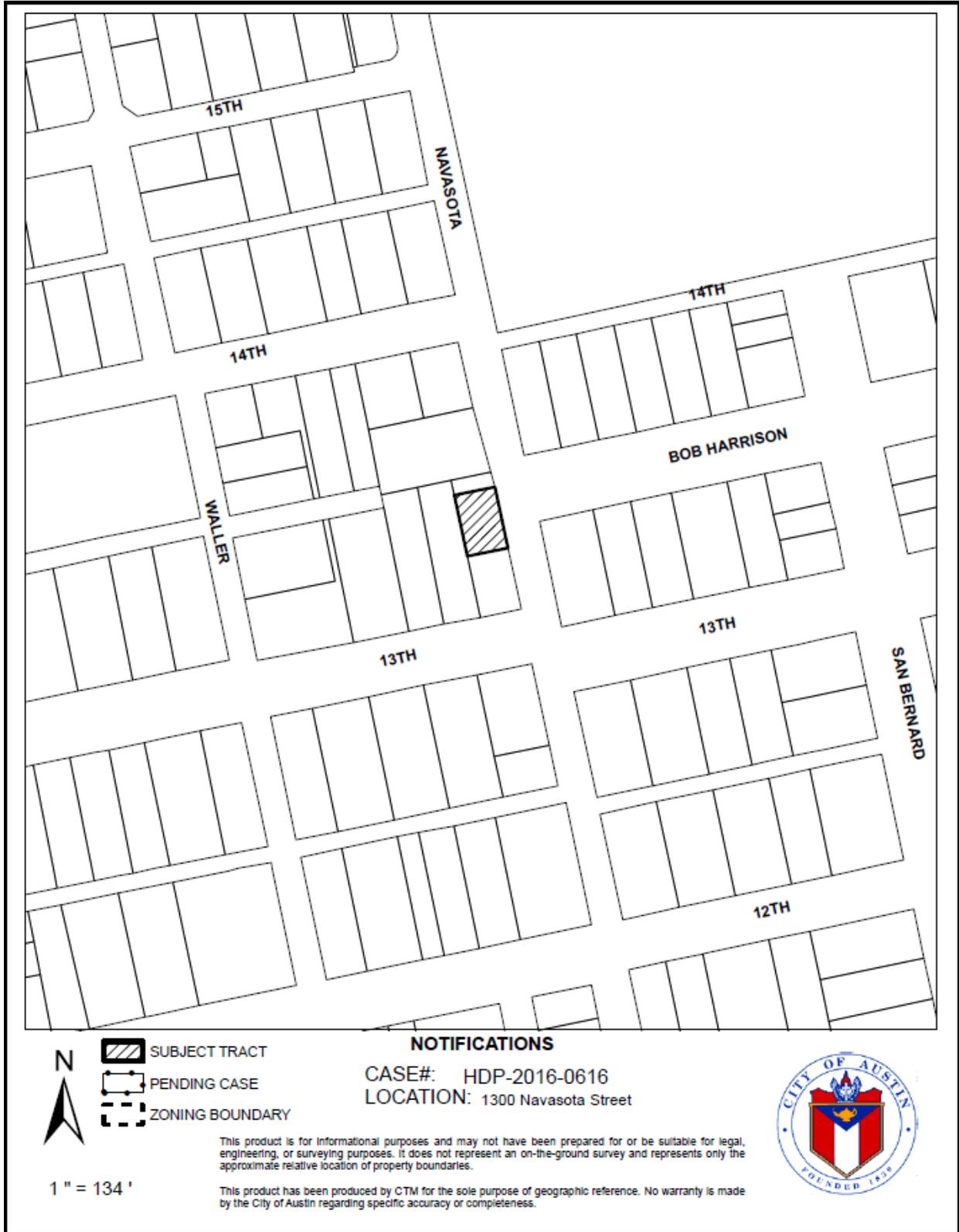
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed in the East Austin Historic Resources Survey (2000) as a low priority for preservation; it had aluminum windows at that time.

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. The house has neither the architectural integrity nor the historical significance required for designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



1300 Navasota Street
ca. 1915



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1300 Navasota Street

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

- 1992 Freddy L. Clark, renter
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Freddy L. Clark was a new resident at this address.
- 1985-86 Rev. A.S. and Maude Sterling, renters
 Retired
- 1981 Andrew S. and Maudie E. Sterling, renters
 Retired
- 1977 Jim Fimmey, renter
 Custodian, University of Texas
 NOTE: The directory indicates that Jim Fimmey was a new resident at this address.
 NOTE: Rev. A.S. and Maude Sterling are listed at 403 Blackson Avenue; he was a pastor.

1973	Jestyne Davis, renter Widow, C.L. Davis No occupation listed
1968	Jestyne Davis, renter No occupation listed
1965	Johnson Williams, owner Plumber
1962	Johnson Williams, owner Plumber
1959	Johnson and Frankie Williams, owners Plumber
1955	Johnson Williams, owner No occupation listed NOTE: Frankie Williams is not listed in the directory.
1952	Vacant NOTE: Johnson Williams is not listed in the directory.
1949	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams, owners Plumber
1947	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams, owners Plumber
1944-45	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams, owners Helper
1941	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams (not listed as owners) Laborer
1939	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams, owners Plumber
1937	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams, owners No occupation listed
1935	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams, owners No occupation listed
1932-33	Johnson W. and Mary Williams, owners No occupation listed
1930-31	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams (colored), owners No occupation listed
1929	Johnson W. and Frankie Williams (colored), owners No occupation listed

- 1927 Johnson W. and Frankie Williams (colored), owners
Laborer, W.C. Dunham, plumbing, 202 E. 36th Street.
- 1924 Johnson and Frankie Williams (colored), renters
Laborer, Donnelly & White, plumbers, gas and steam fitters, hearing contractors,
905 Congress Avenue.
- 1922 Johnson and Frankie Williams (colored), renters
No occupation listed
- 1920 Floyd and Katie Scales (colored), renters
Footer
NOTE: Johnson and Frankie Williams are listed at 829 E. 10th Street; he was a
porter.
- 1918 C. Leon and Lillian Duvall (colored), owners
Porter, Benton W. Randolph, wholesale fruits and produce, 401 Colorado Street.
- 1916 Leon Duvall (colored)
Helper, King's Sanitary Creamery, southwest corner of 5th and Colorado Streets.
- 1914 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Leon Duvall is listed at 1605 Hackberry Street; he was a porter.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Clarence Leon and Lillian Duvall (ca. 1915 – ca. 1919)

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that Clarence Leon Duvall was living at this address. He was born in 1887 in Austin, and was a porter for B.W. Randolph. He had a wife and 6 children. He was tall and stout, and had black eyes and hair.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Clarence and Lillian Duvall as the tenants of a rented house in Los Angeles, California. Clarence Duvall was 42, had been born in Texas, and was a janitor in an apartment house. Lillian Duvall was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 8 children: Leon, 22, who worked in a café; James, 20, an apartment house janitor; Emmett, 19; Alfred, 17; Lewis, 15; Frances, 12; Sara, 9; and Henry, 8. All of the children except Henry had been born in Texas; Henry had been born in California.

Clarence Leon Duvall died February 24, 1947 in Los Angeles, but is buried in Austin. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

Floyd and Katie Scales (ca. 1919 – ca. 1920)

Floyd and Katie Scales appear as the renters of this house in the 1920 U.S. Census. Floyd Scales was 29, had been born in Texas, and was a porter in a drug store. Katie Scales was 26, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: son Eldan, 5; and son Thurman, 8 months, both of whom had been born in Texas. With them lived Floyd Scales' brother, Nalgarter, 21, who had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

Johnson W. and Frankie Williams (ca. 1920 – ca. 1966)

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Johnson Williams as the 20-year old son of Pierce and Lena Williams of Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. Johnson was the second son and the second of the couple's 11 children. Pierce Williams was a farmer; Johnson Williams, like all of his older siblings, was a farm laborer. Pierce and Lena Williams rented their farm. Pierce Williams could read but not write. Lena Williams could neither read nor write. Johnson Williams could neither read nor write.

Johnson Williams' 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that he was living at 829 E. 10th Street in Austin. He was born in 1882. He was a laborer for Donnelly & White, plumbers, and was married to Frankie Williams. He was of medium height and build, and dark brown eyes and black hair. The notes on his registration card read: "This man claims that he was born in March 16, 1871, but that he paid poll tax in 1917 as 35 years, but that he did not know at the time how old he was. He claims that he now can prove that he is 44 years old."

Johnson and Frankie Williams are listed in the 1930 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$800. Johnson Williams was 50, had been born in Louisiana, and was a laborer for a plumber. Frankie Williams was 42, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows J.W. and Frankie Williams as the owners of this house, which was worth \$500. J.W. Williams was 60, had been born in Texas and was a plumber's helper. Frankie Williams was 50, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Johnson Williams died in New Orleans in 1967. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

Connecting Charge \$ 1200 No A1049
Application for Sewer Connection. 10494
 Austin, Texas, May 23 1931
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvement
 City of Austin, Texas.
 Sir:-
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Johnson Williams
 at 1300 Navasota Street
Lot ② which place is to be used as a residence
 In this place there are to be installed 3 fixtures
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.
 Respectfully, Johnson Williams
\$200 down
\$200 per mo. mtd paid (in water bill)
 Location of Public Sewer Plat - 411
 Stub Out
 Connected 5-28 1931 OK
 Size of Main 6 inches 5722/21
 Size of Service 4 inches
4 Feet Deep
12 Feet from Property Line m
 Feet from Curb Line
 Inspected by Alex Boatright
 Connection made by B. Thomas
 #3374

Sewer connection application by Johnson Williams for this address (1931)

3-24-81 0110

OWNER SPearl Williams ADDRESS L#)) 1300 Navasota St.

PLAT 41 LOT 50' X 75' of Lot ^{out 41} B - *Div* - BLK --

SUBDIVISION ~~Rector ET. A1.~~ JOSEPH LIMERICK

OCCUPANCY Residence

BLD PERMIT # 104945 DATE 9-1-67 OWNERS ESTIMATE 1500.00

CONTRACTOR Robert Vasquez NO. OF FIXTURES --

WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # --

Bring frame res. up to min. standards

10-12-76-# 159841- Eddie N. Williams Residence

~~Repair Res. 1000.00~~

Building permit to S. Pearl Williams to bring the house to minimum standards (1967) and to Eddie N. Williams for repairs (1976)

A bedroom addition was permitted in 1984; the front window of the house was replaced in 2013.