

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 24, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0634  
1703 E. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a partial-width inset porch on ornamental metal posts; combination of fenestration patterns with single 1:1 and 4:1 windows.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1940 by James K. Kimble, according to a city water service permit for this address. James K. Kimble rented the house out to Sam and Madie Fowler from 1940 to around 1942; Sam Fowler does not appear in the city directories, but the 1940 U.S. Census showing him and Madie at this address shows him as a farmer. Madie Fowler had no occupation shown in the city directories, nor in the census report. The house was then rented by Edward Washington, Jr. and his wife, Carrie, from around 1942 until around 1950. Edward Washington worked at the San Jacinto Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company in the late 1940s, but had no occupation listed in the 1949 city directory. A driver for a concrete company and his wife rented the house in the early 1950s, then the house was owned and occupied by James and Willie M. Kimble from around 1953 until the early 1970s. James K. Kimble was a janitor for Travis County, and lived here until his death in 1971. The house has been a rental property since that time.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is not listed in any city survey to date.




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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This house appears to be in poor condition, so staff recommends 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. 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-2016-0634  
LOCATION: 1703 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd



1" = 158'

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1703 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard  
ca. 1940



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1703 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

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

1992	Roy and Janie Castro, renters No occupation listed
1985-86	David S. Lummus, renter No occupation listed
1981	Kenneth Ellis, renter No occupation listed
1977	Lupe and Mary Pena, owners Iron worker NOTE: The directory indicates that Lupe and Mary Pena were new residents at this address.
1973	James K. and Willie M. Kimble, owners Retired NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1968	James K. and Willie M. Kimble, owners Laborer

- NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1965 James K. and Willie M. Kimble, owners  
Equipment operator, Frito-Lay, 807 Capitol Court.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1962 James K. and Willie M. Kimble, owners  
Janitor, County Agricultural Agent  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1959 James K. and Willie M. Kimble, owners  
Clerk, County Agricultural Agent  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1955 James K. and Willie M. Kimble, owners  
Janitor, Travis County  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1952 Ates and Bettie Verdela, renters  
Driver, Transmix Concrete, 106-08 Barton Springs Road.  
NOTE: James K. and Willie M. Kimble are not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1949 Edward, Jr., and Carrie L. Washington, renters  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1947 Edward, Jr. and Carrie L. Washington, renters  
Laborer, San Jacinto Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 1600 San Jacinto Street.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1944-45 Edward, Jr. and Carrie L. Washington, renters  
Helper  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1941 Madie M. Fowler, renter  
Laundress  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1703 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: Edward, Jr. and Lorene Washington are listed at 1410 Cedar Avenue; he was a laborer.
- 1940 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Madie M. Fowler is not listed in the directory.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### Madie Fowler (ca. 1940 – ca. 1942)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Sam and Madie M. Fowler as the renters of this house. Sam Fowler was 56, had been born in Texas, and was a farmer. Madie M. Fowler was 50, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children: Marie, 25, a maid in a private home; James, 23, who did construction work at Marshall Ford Dam; Yancey, 20, who did

construction work at Marshall Ford Dam; Lee W., 14; and Waverly L., 12. All the children had been born in Texas. The family had lived in rural Travis County in 1935.

Her 1973 death certificate shows that Madie Fowler was born in 1886 in Texas, and was living at 1709 Clifford Avenue at the time of her death. She did housework. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

**Edward, Jr. and Carrie Washington (ca. 1942 – ca. 1950)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Carrie E. Johnson as the daughter of Brister and Mary Worlds, who lived across the street from this house at 1702 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Carrie was 27, had been born in Texas, and was a cook and a housekeeper in a private home.

Carrie Lee Washington's 1964 death certificate shows that she was living on an Austin rural route at the time of her death. She was born in 1912 in Lee County, Texas to Brister and Mary Worlds, and was a housewife. The informant on her death certificate was Eddie Washington.

Eddie Washington's 1979 death certificate shows that he was born in 1916 in Bastrop County, Texas, and was living at 5402 Samuel Huston Drive at the time of his death. He worked as a demolition contractor. He married Bernice Harrison in 1970; she is listed as the informant on his death certificate.

**James K. and Willie M. Kimble (ca. 1953 – ca. 1973)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Jim K. and Willie Kimble living in a rented house on Maha Road in Travis County. Jim K. Kimble was 51, had been born in Texas, and was a farmer. Willie Kimble was 42, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

His 1971 death certificate shows that James Lee Kimble was living at this address at the time of his death. He was born in 1888 in San Marcos, Texas, and was a retired custodian for Travis County.

**JAMES L. KIMBLE**

James L. Kimble, 82, of 1703 East 19th St died Monday.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Corinth Baptist Church with Rev. L.R. Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under direction of King-Tears Mortuary, Inc. The body will lie in state at the church from 12 noon until funeral time.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Willie Kimble; two daughters, Mrs. Annie Brooks and Mrs. Carrie E. Mathis, all of Austin; one brother, Will J. Kimble of San Antonio; two grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of James Kimble  
Austin Statesman, January 28, 1971

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

No. 14934

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Received of J. K. Kimble  
 Address 1703 E 19th MLK Blvd.  
 Amount Two and 50/100 - - - \$ 2.50  
 Plumber Self Size of Tap 1/2"

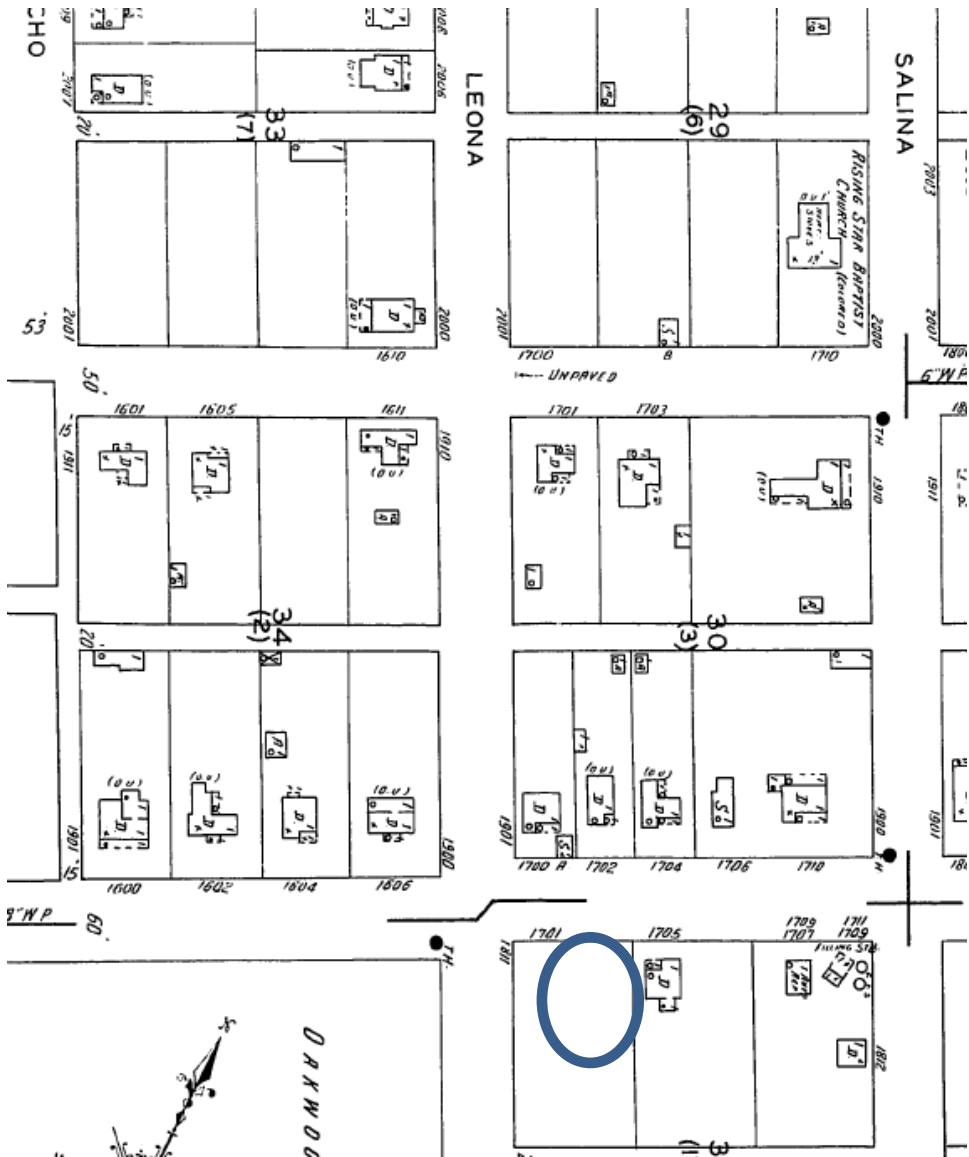
Date of Connection	<u>1-15-40</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>8"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>12'6"</u>
From <u>E.</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>9'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOCK</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>4'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>3'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>8'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>2-20-40 LE</u>

No. Fittings	<u>1</u>	Curb Cock	<u>5/16"</u>
Elbow			
St. Elbow			
Bushing	<u>2</u>	<u>1/4" x 1/2"</u>	
Reducer	<u>1</u>	<u>1/2" x 3/4"</u>	
Pipe	<u>10'</u>	<u>3/4" cop pipe</u>	
Heat Comp.	<u>1</u>	<u>3/4" x 1/2"</u>	
Nipples			
Union	<u>1</u>	<u>1/2" x 1/2"</u>	
Plug			
Tap	<u>1</u>	<u>1/2"</u>	
Stop	<u>1</u>	<u>1/2"</u>	
Box	<u>1</u>	<u>1/2"</u>	
Lid	<u>1</u>	<u>1/2"</u>	
Valves			
Job No.	<u>542-1015</u>		
Req. No.	<u>43109</u>		

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Water service permit to James K. Kimble for this address (1940)



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the site of this house as vacant.