

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 24, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0653
1803 W. 37TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 duplex.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled brick tile-veneered side-by-side duplex with double front door in the center of the façade with an extended eave sheltering the doors; original metal-framed, multi-light casement windows on the front of the duplex have been replaced with sliding windows.

RESEARCH

The duplex was built in 1950 by W.W. White as an investment property. The first tenants were Corinne Stealey, the widow of a laundry worker, who worked as an attendant at Austin State School; and Lindsey and Jean Hobbs. Lindsey Hobbs worked for the State Highway Department while Jean Hobbs worked in the offices of E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, a large downtown department store. Lindsey and Jean Hobbs only lived here for a short period of time; Corinne Stealey lived here until the mid-1960s.

Other long-term tenants included Anna Kastenbaum, the widow of a salesman, who lived here from the early 1960s through the mid-1970s; Mabel Brown, a widow who worked for the Texas Employment Commission, who lived here in the mid-1960s; and Dorothy Kendrick, a clerk at the State Highway Department, who lived here from the mid-1960s through the 2000s.

STAFF COMMENTS




The duplex is not listed in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as this type of dwelling is in high demand in West Austin residential neighborhoods, and is part of the context and history of this section of the city, which featured a good mix of single family residences and duplexes for its middle-class residents. The duplex does not have the requisite historical and architectural significance, however, to be designated as a historic landmark, so staff must 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



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0653
1803 W. 37TH STREET



1" = 208'

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1803 W. 37th Street
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1803 W. 37th Street

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

- | | | |
|---------|----|---|
| 1992 | A: | D.A. Kendrick, renter
Retired |
| | B: | Kristel Trotty, renter
Employed by Will Davis (not listed in the main directory) |
| 1985-86 | A: | D.A. Kendrick, renter
No occupation listed |
| | B: | Susan Marek, renter
Library assistant, Austin Public Library |
| 1981 | A: | Dorothy A. Kendrick, renter
Office secretary, State Highway Department |
| | B: | Kenneth Fisher, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1977 | | Gunnar Hansen, renter
No occupation listed |
| | A: | Dorothy A. Kendrick, renter
Office secretary, State Highway Department |

- 1973 Anna Kastenbaum, renter
Widow, Emanuel Kastenbaum
Retired
A: Dorothy A. Kendrick, renter
Clerk supervisor, State Highway Department
- 1968 Anna Kastenbaum, renter
Widow, Emanuel Kastenbaum
Retired
Also listed is Carl Kastenbaum, no occupation shown.
A: D.C. Kendrick, renter
No occupation listed
Also listed is Dorothy Kendrick, a clerk supervisor at the State Highway Department.
- 1965 Anna Kastenbaum, renter
Widow, Emanuel Kastenbaum
No occupation listed
A: Mabel Brown, renter
Widow, Roy Brown
Clerk, Texas Employment Commission
NOTE: Dorothy Kendrick is listed at 1907 W. 34th Street; she was a clerk at the State Highway Department.
- 1962 A: Mabel Brown, renter
Widow, Roy Brown
Clerk, Texas Employment Commission
B: Corinne Stealey, renter
Widow, T.E. Stealey
No occupation listed
NOTE: Anna Kastenbaum, the widow of Emanuel Kastenbaum, is listed at 1011 W. 12th Street, Apartment 1. She had no occupation shown.
- 1959 A: Vacant
B: Corinne Stealey, renter
Widow, T.E. Stealey
Attendant, Austin State School
- 1955 A: Cordie Ragsdale, renter
Widow, J.H. Ragsdale
No occupation listed
B: Corinne Stealey, renter
Widow, T.E. Stealey
Attendant, Austin State School
- 1953 Corinne Stealey, renter
Widow, T.E. Stealey
Attendant, Austin State School

Lindsey F. and Jean Hobbs, renters
Lindsey: Operator, State Highway Department
Jean: Business machine operator, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.

1952 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: Thomas E. and Corinne Stealey are listed at 1407-B W. 38th Street; he was a laundry worker at Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company; Corinne Stealey had no occupation shown.
 NOTE: Lindsey F. and Jean Hobbs are listed at 942 E. 53rd Street. Le worked for the State Highway Department; she was an office secretary at Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, 207 Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Corinne Stealey (ca. 1952 – ca. 1962)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Thomas E. and Corinne S. Stealey as the renters of the house at 3819 Duval Street in Austin. Thomas E. Stealey was 41, had been born in Texas, and was a retail druggist. Corinne S. Stealey was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Berylmae, 12, who had been born in Texas; and Clarice, 9; and Richard S., 6, both of whom were Corinne's children from a prior marriage. Both Clarice and Richard had been born in Oklahoma to a father who had been born in Tennessee.

Tom E. and Corinne Stealey appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1100 E. 2nd Street in Austin. Tom E. Stealey was 52, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in a drug store. Corinne Stealey was 45, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter, Ida Nell Stealey, 9; and a step-son, Richard Brown, 16, who had been born in Oklahoma, and is listed as a new worker.

Her 1962 death certificate shows that Corinne Savilia Stealey was living in this duplex at the time of her death. She was born in Gonzales, Texas in 1894 and was a retired secretary.

Anna Kastenbaum (ca. 1963 – ca. 1974)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Emanuel and Annie Kastenbaum as the renters of the house at 820 W. 6th Street in Austin. Emanuel Kastenbaum was 36, had been born in Romania, and was a salesman. Annie Kastenbaum was 32, had been born in Poland, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Beatrice, 4; and Carl B., 2. Both children had been born in Texas.

Anna Kastenbaum's 1974 death certificate shows that she was living in this duplex at the time of her death. She was born in 1894 in Poland and was a widowed housewife.

Mabel Brown (ca. 1961 – ca. 1967)

William R. (Roy) and Mabel Brown are listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of a house in Precinct 5 of Travis County. William R. Brown was 37, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk at the WPA office. Mabel Brown was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons: Kenneth, 7; and William R., Jr., 4. Both boys had been born in Texas. The family had lived in Austin in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows William R. and Mabel Brown at 3908 Avenue C in Austin. William R. Brown was a 27-year old Texas-born salesman in a drug store. Mabel Brown was 25, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

Her 1976 death certificate shows that Mabel Brown was born in 1904 in Buda, Texas, and was living at 2721 S. Congress Avenue at the time of her death. She was an administrative clerk for the Texas Employment Commission and was a widow.

Dorothy Kendrick (ca. 1966 – ca. 2006)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows the future Dorothy Kendrick as Dorothy Grein, the daughter of W.E. and Alma Grein, who owned their home at 1202 E. 2nd Street in Austin. Dorothy Grein

was 6 and had been born in Texas. Her father, W.E. Grein, 42, was a Texas-born salesman for a candy company. Her mother, Alma Grein, 34, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and had no occupation listed. Dorothy had an older sister, Ella Mae Grein, 15, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. The family also had a lodger, Thomas W. Poston, a 57-year old Texas-born barber.

City directories of the 1950s shows that Dorothy Kendrick was married to Samuel W. Kendrick, Jr., a book-keeper for a general contractor. Dorothy worked as a receptionist. They lived at 1907 W. 34th Street in Austin. Dorothy and Samuel Kendrick were married for 28 years before they divorced in Canton, Ohio in 1976.

Wm. Wayne White 1803 West 37th St.
 160 23 4 - -
 Oakmont
 Masonry duplex and carport.
 43966 3-21-50 \$5500.00
 Owner
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Building permit to W.W. White for the construction of this duplex (1950)

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No. 5745

Received of W.W. WHITE Date 4-3-50

Address 1803 WEST 37th

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 (20.00)

Plumber LAWLER PLBA Size of Tap 3/4

Description	No.	Fittings	Size	Material
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	1		3/4"	Curb Cock
From W- Prop. Line to Curb Cock	1		3/4"	Elbow
Location of Meter	1		3/4"	St-Elbow
Type of Box	1		3/4"	Box
Depth of Main in St.	1		3/4"	Lid
Depth of Service Line	1		3/4"	Valves
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	1		3/4"	Union
Checked by Engr. Dept.	1		3/4"	Plug
	1		3/4"	Step
	1		3/4"	Box
	1		3/4"	Lid
	1		3/4"	Valves
	1		3/4"	Job No. W-373-502
	1		3/4"	P.O. No. N-Park-

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Water service permit to W.W. White for this address (1950)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 42657

Austin, Texas
Lanier Plmg.

Received of _____ Date 4/3/1950
 Address 1803 W. 37th.
 Amount _____ \$ _____
 Builder or Owner W.W. White Plumber _____
 Lot 23 Block 4 Subdivision Oakmont Plat No. 160

Date of Connection	<u>4/20/1950</u>	No. Fittings 21' Pipe 4" 2.74 4" 4 Pipe Wyes Bends Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings Other Lap foreman 1 hr 1.00 truck .25 Labor: 20 hrs 14.00
By City	<u>17' E/WLL</u>	
By Plumber	_____	
Checked By	<u>Williams</u>	
Size Main	<u>6"</u> Depth <u>4'</u>	
Main Assign.	<u>in St. 20' N/SPL</u>	
Stub Depth	_____ Prop. Line <u>2 1/2'</u>	
Stub Location	_____	
Book No.	<u>A-1078</u>	
Paving Cut	_____ No. _____	

Sewer service permit for this address (1950)

OWNER Nita Davis ADDRESS 1803 W. 37th St.
 PLAT 160 LOT 23 BLK 4
 SUBDIVISION Oakmont Hgts.
 OCCUPANCY storage
 BLD PERMIT # 107416 DATE 3-29-68 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$60.00
 CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES --
 WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # --
 frm addn to exist acc bldg. 40 sq. ft.

Building permit for a frame addition to an accessory building (1968)