

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0749
3501 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a house of unknown age that was moved to this site in 1956.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house, sited lengthwise on the deep, narrow lot; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was moved from 515 Vargas Road, the current site of Laura Allison Elementary School, in 1956, but city directories prior to 1961 do not list any houses on this eastern end of Pennsylvania Avenue. It is not clear if the house was originally intended as a duplex, but was being used as one by the mid-1960s. J.D. and Nettie Hilliard were the first known occupants of the house, and are later shown as occupants of one unit of a duplex. They lived here until around 1966. He was a housefather and custodian at the Brown Schools. The building has since had a series of blue-collar African-American or Hispanic tenants.

STAFF COMMENTS





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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but release the permit. The house does not qualify as a historic landmark, but is a unit of affordable housing that should be maintained if possible.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0749
LOCATION: 3501 Pennsylvania



1" = 167'

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3501 Pennsylvania Avenue
 Moved to this site from 515 Vargas Road, ca. 1956



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
 3501 Pennsylvania Avenue

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

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| 1992 | A: Matthew Hodges, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Matthew Hodges was a new resident at this address. |
| | B: Sandra Eason, renter
Secretary Nokoa Book Store, 1205 E. 12 th Street.
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| 1985-86 | A: Manuel and Petra Freto, renters
Construction worker |
| | B: Dominga Hernandez, renter
Janitor, Round Rock, Texas. |
| 1981 | Vacant |
| 1977 | Sterling Sheppard, owner
Retired |
| 1973 | A: Cliff Perkins, renter
No occupation listed |

- B: Archie Givens, renter
Employed by the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, 9600 McNeil Road.
- 1968 David C. and Bobbie Perkins, renters
Helper, Royal Crown Bottling Company, 730 Shady Lane.
B: Vacant
- 1965 Arthur and Helen Thompson, renters
Building attendant, University of Texas
B: J.D. and Nettie B. Hilliard, renters
Custodian, Brown Schools, 1110 E. 32nd Street.
- 1961 J.D. and Nettie B. Hilliard, renters
Housefather, Brown Schools, 1110 E. 32nd Street.
- 1960 No houses are listed on Pennsylvania east of Chestnut Avenue.
J.D. and Nettie B. Hilliard are listed at 1704-B Walnut Avenue. He was employed
by the Brown School.

NOTE: The house was moved from 515 Vargas Road in 1956. There is nothing in the city directories from 1953 through 1959 that shows a resident at the Vargas Road site, and in 1958, the Vargas Road site was the home of Laura Allison School.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

J.D. and Nettie B. Hilliard (ca. 1960 – ca. 1966)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows J.D. Hilliard as the 17-year old step-son of Johnnie Bean, and his wife Pearl, of Weimar, Texas, where they owned their house. J.D. Hilliard was born in Texas and is listed as a new worker. His mother, Pearl Bean, 30, was a Texas-born farm laborer. His step-father, Johnnie Bean, 34, had been born in Texas and was a section hand on the steam railroad.

J.D. and Nettie B. Hilliard were married in August of 1956 and divorced in 1979 in Travis County.

HILLIARD, J.D., 88, retired custodian, of Austin died Sept. 23. Services 11 a.m. Monday, Springdale Church of God in Christ. Burial Paradise Garden Cemetery, Weimar. Arrangements by Pendergrass-People's, Smithville.

Obituary of J.D. Hilliard
Austin American-Statesman, October 2, 2011

Henry G. Sanders. 3501 Pennsylvania St

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Houston Heights

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Create duplex No Garag

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From 515 Vargas

Building permit to Henry G. Sanders to move the house from 515 Vargas Road to this site
(1956)