

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 21, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0824  
1146½ NORTHWESTERN AVENUE

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish the remains of a ca. 1928 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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Only the rear walls remain of this ca. 1928 house, which was a front-gabled frame bungalow before it collapsed during a heavy rain.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built around 1928 by Andrew and Mary Banks, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Andrew Banks had no occupation listed in the city directories of the 1920s and 1930s, but it appears that he and Mary operated a grocery at 2300 E. 14<sup>th</sup> street in the early 1930s for a short period of time. The 1947 city directory shows Andrew Banks as a porter. Mary Banks worked as a maid at a sorority house on the UT campus after Andrew died in 1949. She retired in the mid-1960s, and died in 1987.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. There is little left of this house.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 104'

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0824  
LOCATION: 1146 1/2 Northwestern Ave.

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1146½ Northwestern Avenue  
ca. 1928



Photograph taken November, 2016



From Google streetview, October, 2014

**OCCUPANCY HISTORY**  
1146½ Northwestern Avenue

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

1992	Petrinella Davidson, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Mary Banks, owner Retired
1981	Mary Banks, owner Retired
1977	Mary Banks, owner Widow, Andrew Banks Retired
1973	Mary Banks, owner Widow, Andrew Banks Retired
1968	Mary Banks, owner Widow, Andrew Banks Retired
1965	Mary Banks, owner Widow, Andrew Banks Maid, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, 2001 University Avenue.
1961	Mary Banks, owner Widow, Andrew Banks Maid, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, 2001 University Avenue.
1957	Mary Banks, owner Widow, Andrew Banks Maid
1953	Mary Banks, owner No occupation listed
1949	Mary Banks, owner Widow, Andrew Banks Maid, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, 2001 University Avenue.
1947	Andrew and Mary Banks, owners Porter NOTE: The address is listed as 1147½ Northwestern Avenue.
1944-45	Neither 1146½ nor 1147½ Northwestern Avenue is listed in the directory. NOTE: Andrew and Mary Banks are not listed in the directory.
1940	Andrew and Mary Banks, owners No occupation listed NOTE: The house is listed as 1148 Northwestern Avenue.

- 1937 Andrew and Mary Banks, owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1148 Northwestern Avenue with a former address of 1147½ Northwestern Avenue.
- 1935 Andrew and Mary Banks, owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1146 Alamo Street with a former address of 1147½ Alamo Street.
- 1932-33 Andrew and Mary Banks, owners  
Proprietor of a grocery at 2300 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1146 E. Alamo Street with a former address of 1147½ E. Alamo Street.
- 1930-31 Andrew and Mary Banks (colored), owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1147½ Alamo Street.
- 1929 Andrew and Mary Banks (colored), owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 1147½ Alamo Street.
- 1927 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Andrew and Mary Banks are not listed in the directory.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:****Andrew and Mary Banks (ca. 1928 – ca. 1987)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Andrew and Mary Banks as the owners of the house at 1147½ Northwestern Avenue; that house was worth \$1,100. Andrew Banks was 49, had been born in Texas, and was a teamster for a lumber company. Mary Banks was 47, had been born in Texas, and was a maid for a fraternity house. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Andrew and Mary Banks living in a rented apartment at 2009 Whitis Avenue in Austin. Andrew Banks was 40, had been born in Texas, and was a laborer in a lumber yard. Mary Banks was 39, had been born in Texas, and was a servant in a sorority house. They had no children listed with them.

Andrew Banks' 1949 death certificate shows that he and Mary were living at 1147½ Northwestern Avenue in Austin at the time of his death. He was born in 1890 in Littig, Texas, and was a porter. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

**BANKS, Mary, 96, of Austin died Tuesday. Services were Saturday Ebenezer Baptist Church. Burial Evergreen Cemetery. (Fuller-Sheffield)**

Death notice for Mary Banks  
Austin American-Statesman, January 25, 1987

Andrew Banks 1146½ Northwestern Ave  
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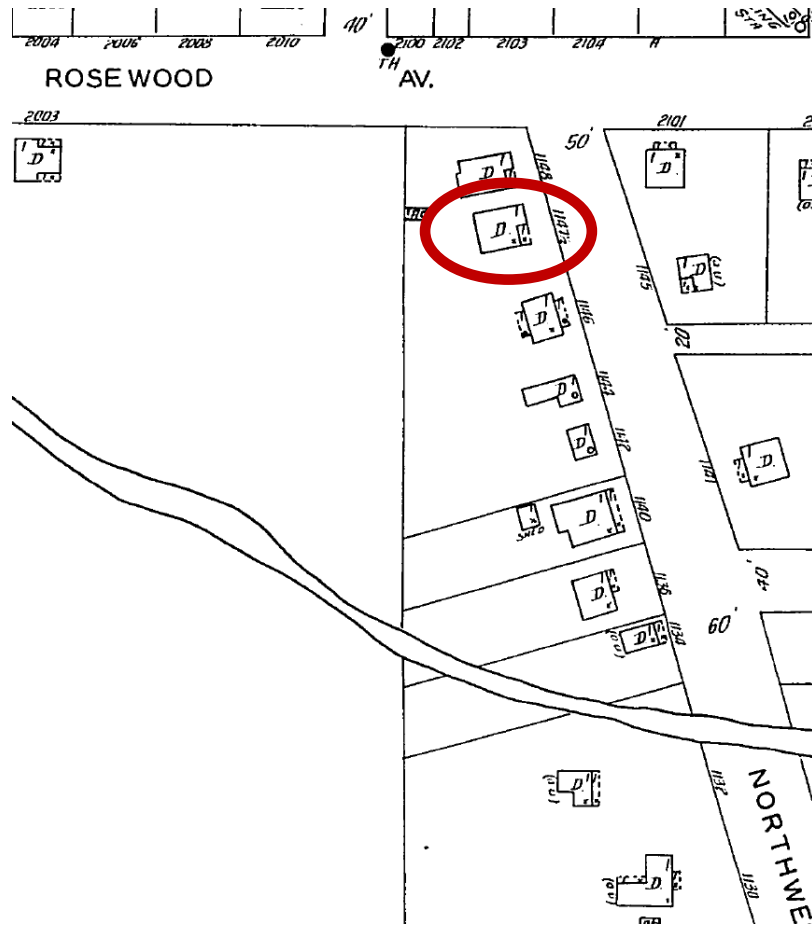
Add glazed porch to residence  
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1431-72-Mary Banks-127407-frm addn to residence 350 sq.ft.

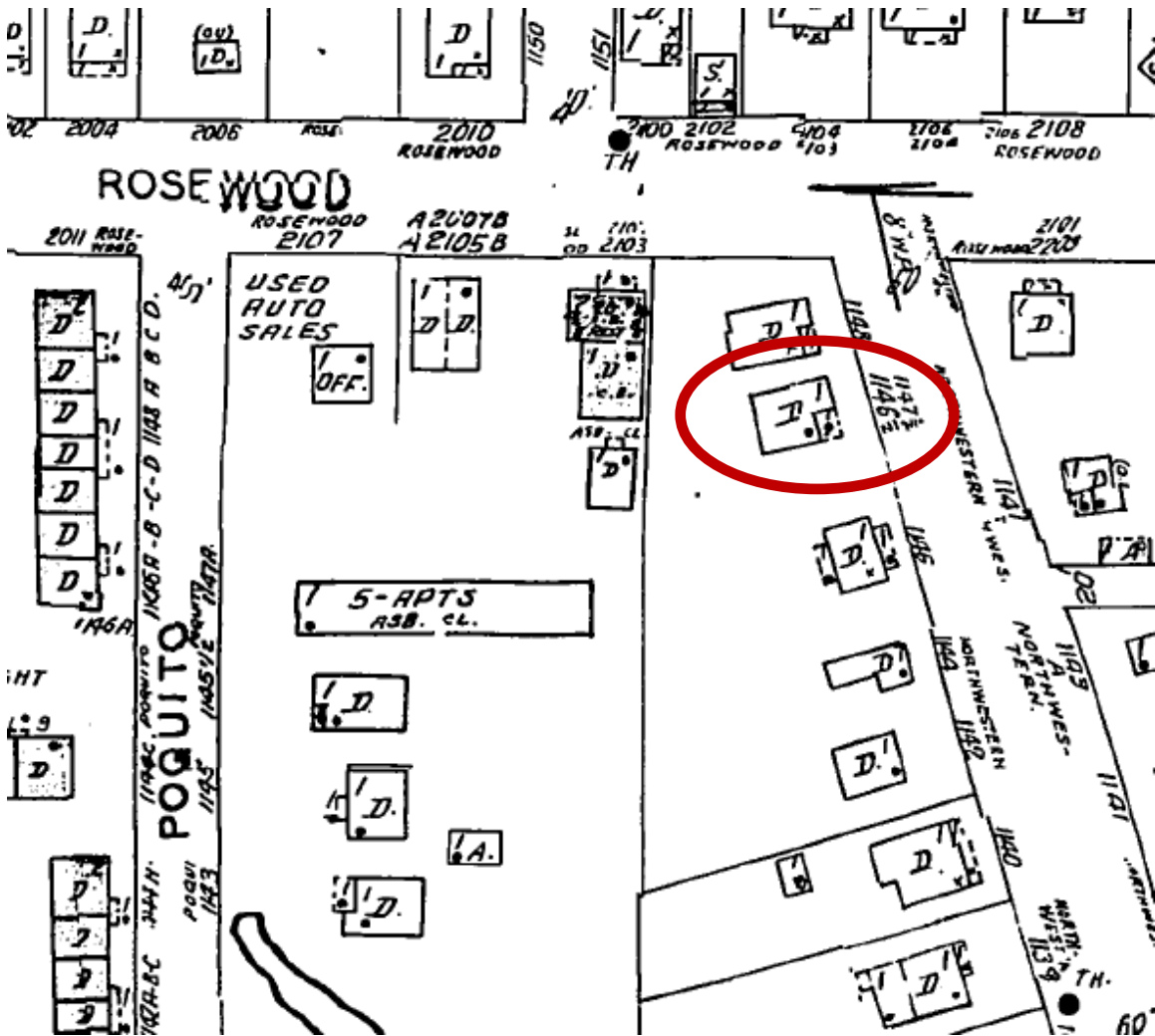
Building permit to Andrew Banks to add a glazed porch (1938), and to Mary Banks for a frame addition (1972)

OWNER	Mary Banks	ADDRESS	146½ Northwestern Ave.	
PLAT	35	LOT	N pt of 11	BLK. 1
SUBDIVISION	Partion of M. L. Jona			
OCCUPANCY	Repair & remodel res.			
BLDG. PERMIT #	201610	DATE	8-27-80	OWNERS ESTIMATE 5,000.00
CONTRACTOR	L & L. Bldgrs		NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC#	SEWER TAP REC#			
Repair & remodel res.				

Building permit to Mary Banks for repairs and remodeling (1980)



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the house with its former address of 1147½ Northwestern Avenue.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house with its current address of 1146½ Northwestern Avenue and its former address of 1147½ Northwestern Avenue.