

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 21, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0786  
3601 GRANT STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1961 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, stone-veneered frame side-gabled house with single 2:2 horizontally-configured fenestration and an extended eave over the front door.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1961 by local developer Clarence Flournoy, as was the house at 3607 Grant Street, also up for demolition. The owners and occupants of this house were Lee D. and Pearlle Davis, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Lee D. Davis was first a utility man for the State Highway Department, but around 1970, took over the “legendary” White Swan club on E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Pearlle Davis was the sister of Floyd Carrington, who built the house at 3607 Grant Street also in 1961, and who operated another club on E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street at the same time as the Davises owned and operated the White Swan.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, 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. While the house does not appear to meet the qualifications for landmark designation, it was the home of the owner of the White Swan, a local African-American nightclub and fixture of the music venues on the E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor for many years.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0786  
3601 GRANT

1" = 208'

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3601 Grant Street  
ca. 1961



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3601 Grant Street

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

1992      Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
            Manager, White Swan Club, 1906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.  
            NOTE: The White Swan Club is now the King Bee Lounge. It was purchased by  
            Randall Stockton in 2011, and closed as the White Swan in 2014.



- 1985-86 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
Proprietors, White Swan Club, beer, 1906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1981 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
Proprietors, White Swan Club, beer, 1906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1977 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
Proprietors, White Swan Club, beer, 1906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1973 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
Proprietors, White Swan Club, beer, 1906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1968 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
Maintenance mechanic, State Highway Department.  
NOTE: The White Swan Club was owned by Mrs. Christine Martin. It is listed as selling beer at 1906 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1965 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
Utility man, State Highway Department.
- 1962 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1961 The street is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Lee D. and Pearlie Davis are not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Lee D. and Pearlie Mae Davis (ca. 1961 – ca. 2014)**

**L.D. Davis** L.D. Davis, age 73, of Austin, died Sunday, February 27, 2005. Services will be held today, 3:00 p.m. at the St. John Tabernacle. Interment St. John Colony Cemetery, Dale, Tex. (King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.)

Obituary of Lee D. Davis  
Austin [American-Statesman](#), March 5, 2005

Mrs. Pearlie Mae Carrington Townsend Davis passed away February 7, 2014. She was born August 31, 1932 to Elo Johnson and Annie Carrington.

Pearlie confessed a belief in Christ at an early age. She attended Pflugerville School. She was preceded in death by her husband L. D. Davis; son, Larry D. Davis; granddaughters, Pearl L. Townsend and Tamika Ross; Father, Elo Johnson; mother, Annie Carrington Cozine; three sisters, Mary Jane Reed, Viola Gilstrap and Dorothy Mae Monroe; seven brothers, A.J. Carrington, James B. Carrington, Floyd Carrington, Willie Carrington, Obie Carrington, Ernest Carrington and Harvey G. Johnson.

Pearlie leaves to cherish many precious memories: four daughters, Sandra Townsend Payne (Brian), Joyce Houston Campbell (Stephen), Barbara Jean Townsend and Stella Davis Jasmin (Julian); two sons, John H. Townsend, Jr. (Beauty) and Reverend David W. Townsend (Rose). 14 grandchildren, 24 great grand children, and 10 great-great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

From the Find-A-Grave website

Clarence Flournoy

3601 Grant St.

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**Ebony Acres**

**Frame Residence, no carport, no garage.**

79324

4-3-61

3500.00

owner

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W.E.28041

S.35554

**RESIDENCE**

Building permit to Clarence Flournoy for this address (1961)

(L) 017  
SEC 337

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. 28041

**INDEXED**

Received of CLARENCE FLOURNOY Date 4-4-61  
 Address 3601 GRANT ST  
 Amount FIFTY \$ 50.00  
 Plumber MIESKE Size of Tap 3/4"

|  |                  |                       |                            |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Date of Connection                     | <u>5-9-61</u>    | No. Fittings          |                            |
| Size of Tap Made                       | <u>3/4"</u>      | 10" Pipe              | <u>3/4" Cop. 1</u>         |
| Size Service Made                      | <u>3/4"</u>      | Corp. Cock            | <u>3/4" 1</u>              |
| Size Main Tapped                       | <u>6" C.I.</u>   | Cop. to Iron ell      |                            |
| From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock     | <u>4'</u>        | Cop. to Cop. ell      |                            |
| From <u>E.</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock | <u>16'</u>       | Cop. to Iron Coupling |                            |
| Location of Meter                      | <u>FRONT</u>     | Cop. to Cop. Coupling | <u>3/4" 1</u>              |
| Type of Box                            | <u>ROUND</u>     | Angle Stop            |                            |
| Depth of Main in St.                   | <u>3'</u>        | Stop                  |                            |
| Depth of Service Line                  | <u>INDEXED</u>   | Bushing               | <u>9" X 3/4" BRASS 1</u>   |
| From Curb Cock to Tap on Main          | <u>17'</u>       | Nipples               | <u>1/2" X 3/4" BRASS 1</u> |
| Checked by Engr. Dept.                 | <u>1/24/7/61</u> | Service Clamp         |                            |
|  |                  | Valve                 |                            |
|  |                  | Meter Box             | <u>Re-Used 1</u>           |
|  |                  | Lock Lid              | <u>1</u>                   |
|  |                  | Drain Tile            | <u>1</u>                   |
|  |                  | Drain Tile Lid        | <u>1</u>                   |
|  |                  | Stop & Drain          |                            |
|  |                  | Job No.               | <u>21723-502</u>           |
|  |                  | Foreman               | <u>A. Powell</u>           |

Water service permit for this address (1961)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. 35554

Received of CLARENCE FLOURNOY Date 4-4-61  
 Address 3601 GRANT ST  
 Amount FIFTY \$ 50.00  
 Builder or Owner SAME Plumber MIESKE  
 Lot 7 Block --- Subdivision EPONY ACRES Plat No. 387

|                    |                         |               |              |              |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Date of Connection | <u>6-28-61</u>          | No. Fittings  |              | Price        |
| By City            | <u>5' - W. FELL</u>     | 3.0 Pipe      | <u>6"</u>    | <u>7.20</u>  |
| By Plumber         |                         | Wyes          |              |              |
| Checked By         | <u>Carpus</u>           | 3 Bends       | <u>6"</u>    | <u>2.94</u>  |
| Size Main          | <u>8"</u> Depth         | Reducers      |              |              |
| Main Assign.       | <u>20' S. of N.P.</u>   | Plugs         |              |              |
| Stub Depth         | <u>Prop. Line 2</u>     | Sand          |              |              |
| Stub Location      |                         | Gravel        |              |              |
| Book No.           | <u>new line AS 4131</u> | Remix         |              |              |
| Paving Cut         | <u>1746</u>             | Stoppers      |              |              |
|                    | <u>11746</u>            | Castings      |              |              |
|                    | <u>11746</u>            | Other         | <u>1.00</u>  | <u>98</u>    |
|                    | <u>11746</u>            | 1-4" diameter | <u>3.00</u>  | <u>3.00</u>  |
|                    | <u>11746</u>            | Labor: 2.0 hr | <u>2.500</u> | <u>2.500</u> |
|                    | <u>11746</u>            | 1-4" band     | <u>2.40</u>  | <u>2.40</u>  |
|                    | <u>11746</u>            | 1-4" band     | <u>1.50</u>  | <u>1.50</u>  |
|                    | <u>11746</u>            | Total         |              | <u>43.32</u> |

Sewer service permit for this address (1961)

OWNER L. D. Davis ADDRESS 3601 Grant St.

PLAT 337 LOT 7 BLK

SUBDIVISION Ebony Acres

OCCUPANCY 2 bedrpp,s amd pme batj

BLD PERMIT # 116140 DATE 3-3-70 ESTIMATE 1,000.00  
OWNERS

CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES several

WATER TAP REC # existing SEWER TAP REC # existing

Frame addn to rear of res.

190 sq ft

Building permit to Lee D. Davis for the construction of a rear addition (1970)