

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0797
914 E. 39TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan frame house with a partial-width front-gabled entry hood; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1948 by Leroy and LaVerne Sakewitz, who lived here until around 1960. Leroy Sakewitz grew up in rural Travis County, the son of a cotton farmer. Leroy was an operator for the State Highway Department for the time that he and LaVerne lived in this house; LaVerne Sakewitz worked as a book-keeper for Joe Koen & Son, jewelers, on E. 6th Street.

Around 1960, the house was purchased by Arthur and Lula Kelleher, who lived here until around 1980. Arthur Kelleher was a deputy clerk in the Travis County Tax Assessor's Office.

STAFF COMMENTS





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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, 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. The house does not have the necessary architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, but is typical of post-World War II residential design, and every effort to re-use this house should be made before resorting to demolition.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0797
914 E. 39TH STREET



1" = 208'

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914 E. 39th Street
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
914 E. 39th Street

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

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| 1992 | Mark B. Donaldson, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1985-86 | Mark B. Donaldson, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Mark B. Donaldson was a new resident at this address. |
| 1981 | The address is not listed in the directory. |
| 1977 | Arthur J. Kelleher, owner
Retired |
| 1973 | Arthur J. Kelleher, owner
Deputy clerk, Travis County Tax Assessor's Office |
| 1968 | Arthur J. and Lula L. Kelleher, owners
Deputy clerk, Travis County Tax Assessor's Office |
| 1965 | Arthur J. and Lula L. Kelleher, owners |

Deputy clerk, Travis County Tax Assessor's Office

- 1961 Arthur J. and Lula L. Kelleher, owners
Deputy clerk, Travis County Tax Assessor's Office
Also listed is Dan F. Kelleher, a teacher.
- 1959 Leroy A. LaVern Sakewitz, owners
Leroy: Operator, State Highway Department
LaVern: Book-keeper, Joe Koen & Son, jewelers, 105 E. 6th Street.
- 1957 Leroy A. LaVern Sakewitz, owners
Leroy: Operator, State Highway Department
LaVern: Book-keeper, Joe Koen & Son, jewelers, 105 E. 6th Street.
- 1953 Leroy A. and Laverne Sakewitz, owners
Leroy: Operator, State Highway Department
Laverne: Book-keeper, Joe Koen & Son, jewelers, 105 E. 6th Street.
- 1949 Leroy A. and Laverne Sakewitz, owners
Leroy: Operator, State Highway Department
Laverne: Book-keeper, Joe Koen & Son, jewelers, 105 E. 6th Street.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Leroy and Laverne Sakewitz are listed at 1703 Virginia Avenue. He was a laborer for the State Highway Department; she was a book-keeper for Joe Koen & Son, jewelers, 105 E. 6th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Leroy and Laverne Sakewitz (ca. 1948 – ca. 1960)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Leroy Sakewitz as the 15-year old son of Willie and Bertha Sakewitz, who rented their house in Precinct 2 of Travis County. Leroy Sakewitz had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father, Willie Sakewitz, 42, had been born in Texas to German-born parents and was a cotton farmer. His mother, Bertha Sakewitz, 39, had been born in Texas to German-born parents and had no occupation listed. Leroy had an older brother, Herman, 19, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

Leroy (Papa) Sakewitz

Leroy (Papa) Sakewitz began his next step of life on Sunday, October 20, 1996.

As in life, Papa was a wonderful teacher to us all. Leroy temporarily departed leaving to carry on, his loving wife and friend of 53 years, Laverne. He is also survived by his grandson and wife, Jack and Kimberly Clakley; granddaughter and husband, Dana and Will Simpson; great-granddaughter, Krista Clakley; daughter-in-law, Sue Clakley, all of Austin; and his two beloved aunts, Erna Lind and Birdie Giese, both of Elgin.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jack W. Clakley.

Papa had so many relatives and friends all over the country and in the Austin area. He worked for 34 years at the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation and was a cornerstone at St. John's Lutheran Church.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Papa's family invites all his relatives and friends to attend a celebration of 82 wonderful years of living to be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 22, 1996, in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Interment will be in Cook-Walden/Capital Parks.



**Cook-
Walden.**

6100 North Lamar
512/454-5611

Obituary of Leroy Sakewitz
Austin American-Statesman, October 21, 1996



LaVerne Sakewitz

LaVerne "Mimi" Sakewitz went to her Heavenly home to be with her husband, Leroy, Friday morning, April 14, 2000.

Mimi will be missed by many, she and Leroy were charter members of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she remained active until her death. LaVerne worked at Joe-Koen and Son for 45 years and retired to a very busy life full of friends and family. Mimi had a wonderful gift of never meeting a stranger. Her love for all was shared with everyone that she touched. Her care and thoughtfulness was always evident through her notes and letters.

LaVerne is survived by her beloved sister and best friend, Elnora Miller. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Sue Clakley, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; special friend, Doris Ballard, and many other friends and neighbors.

LaVerne was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Leroy Sakewitz. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Rosa Priem and Irene Lively and her son, Jack W. Clakley.

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 16, 2000, at CookWalden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar.

Services will be held in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden, Lamar location, Monday, April 17, 2000, at 10:30 a.m.

Obituary of LaVerne Sakewitz
Austin American-Statesman, April 15, 2000

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Arthur J. and Lula Kelleher as the owners of the house at 1704 E. 22nd Street in Austin; that house was worth \$3,000. Arthur Kelleher was 52, had been born in Texas, and was a cotton buyer. Lula Kelleher was 47, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Daniel, 5.

Her 1973 death certificate shows that Lula Lee Kelleher was living in this house at the time of her death. She was born in 1895 in Texas, and was a homemaker.

His 1981 death certificate shows that Arthur Joseph Kelleher's principal address was at this house, but that he was living in a nursing home at the time of his death. He was a Texas-born cotton classer for the U.S. Government, and a widower.

MRS. LULA M. KELLEHER
 Mrs. Lula M. Kelleher, 78, of 914 E. 39th St., died in a local hospital Saturday morning. She was a member of St. Austin's Catholic Church.
 Survivors include her husband, Arthur J. Kelleher, Austin; a son, Daniel F. Kelleher, Garden City, N.Y.; a sister, Mrs. Clem England, Houston; a brother, Clark Murrell, Fort Worth.
 Rosary will be Sunday 7 p.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be Monday morning, 10 a.m. at St. Austin's Catholic Church with Rev. John Campbell, C.S.P., officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.
 Pallbearers will be Henry L. Douglas, George Haynie, Raymond Ray, Henry Leyendecker, Mike Flenniken, Sam. Strehler, James Archer, and Tinsley Penick.

Obituary of Lula Kelleher
 Austin American-Statesman, March 11, 1973

KELLEHER, Arthur J., 93, of Austin, died Tuesday. Rosary 7 p.m. today at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Mass 2:30 p.m. Friday at St. Austin's Catholic Church. Burial, Mount Calvary Cemetery. Survivors: son, Dan Kelleher of New York; sister, Helen K. Busche of Austin.

Obituary of Arthur Kelleher
Austin American-Statesman, May 7, 1981

Laverne & Leroy Sakewitz - 914 East 39th Street
Gen. 52' x witz
81 206' of - 20 -
John Cato Butler Tr.
Plainview Heights

Frame residence and garage
36900
3-15-48 \$6500.00

R. J. Pekar

Building permit to Laverne and Leroy Sakewitz for the construction of this house (1948)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 853

Received of R. J. PEKAM Date 5-11-48
 Address 914 E 39th
 Amount TWENTY AND 11/100 \$ 20.00
 Plumber PORTER PLBG. CO Size of Tap 3/4"
 Date of Connection 5-19-48
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"
 Size Service Made 3/4"
 Size Main Tapped 6"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'
 From E- Prop. Line to Curb Cock 22'
 Location of Meter CURB
 Type of Box LOCK
 Depth of Main in St. 31.5'
 Depth of Service Line 2.5'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 25'
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 6/22/48 - RB

No. Fittings	Size	Job No.	Req. No.
1	Curb Cock	44323-522	1180001
1	Elbow		
1	St. Elbow		
1	Bushing		
2	Reducer		
2	Pipe		
	Lead Comp.		
	Nipples		
	Union		
1	Plug		
1	tee		
1	Stop		
1	Box		
1	Lid		
	Valves		

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Water service permit for this address (1948)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. 24283

Received of Porter Plumbing Date 5/11/1948
 Address 914 E. 39th.
 Amount \$ _____
 Builder or Owner R. J. Pekam Plumber _____
 Lot 5 of _____ Block _____ Subdivision _____ Plat No. 91
 John C. Butler

Date of Connection 5/20/1948
 By City 2' W/E. PL
 By Plumber _____
 Checked By Cordona
 Size Main 6" Depth 4'
 Main Assign. in E. 39th.
 Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line 3'
 Stub Location _____
 Book No. A-1232
 Paving Cut _____ No. _____

No. Fittings	Size	Price
9'	Pipe 4"	1.17
	Pipe	
	Wyes	
	Bends	.60
	Reducers	
	Plugs	
	Sand	
	Gravel	
	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
1	Other tap	.25
	TRUCK	.25
	Labor: foreman	1.00
		.6 hrs 4.20

Sewer service permit for this address (1948)