# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DECEMBER 19, 2016 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0747 3412 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

#### **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1925 house that was moved to its current site in 1961.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, front-gabled projecting bay with a partially-inset porch on square wood posts; plate glass picture window in front; single and paired 1:1 fenestration elsewhere.

#### RESEARCH

This house was originally built at 1505 S. Congress Avenue in 1925, and moved to the current site by Fred Van Zandt in 1961. Fred Van Zandt, a laborer and yard worker, lived here from the early 1960s until around 1983. When the house was on South Congress Avenue, it was primarily a rental property, with tenants including a bricklayer, a highway engineer, an accountant, and the proprietor of a beauty shop, who had her shop in the house.

The house is located in the Sam Huston Subdivision, platted by Charles Wendlandt, Jr., in 1936.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of 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 has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, but should be re-purposed as affordable housing if possible.





#### NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0747 LOCATION: 3412 Pennsylvania

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1 " = 167 '

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3412 Pennsylvania Avenue ca. 1925; moved onto this site ca. 1961



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3412 Pennsylvania Avenue

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

Retired

1985-86 Lillian A. Weaver, owner

Retired

NOTE: The directory indicates that Lillian A. Weaver was a new resident at this

address.

1981 Fred P. Vanzandt, owner

Retired

1977 Fred P. Van Zandt, owner

Retired

1973 Fred P. Van Zandt, owner

Yard worker

1968 No return

NOTE: Fred Van Zandt is listed at 903 Waller Street; he had no occupation

shown and no wife shown.

1965 Fred P. Van Zandt, owner Laborer 1962 Fred P. Van Zandt, owner Laborer NOTE: The address of 1505 S. Congress Avenue is not listed in the directory. 1961 The address of 3412 Pennsylvania Avenue is not listed in the directory. NOTE: All the following listings are for the house when it was located at 1505 S. Congress Avenue. It was moved to this location on Pennsylvania Avenue in 1961. 1505 S. Congress: W.B. and Minnie D. Pope, owners Proprietor, Pope Real Estate (office at the house). NOTE: It is not clear if Fred Van Zandt is listed in the directory. 1959 W.B. and Minnie D. Pope, owners Proprietor, Pope Real Estate (office at the house). 1957 Vacant 1953 Ruby North, renter Proprietor, Ruby's Beauty Shop (at the house). 1949 Ruby N. Lloyd, renter Proprietor, Ruby's Beauty Shop (at the house). 1947 Guy M. and Florence E. Dodson, renters Guard, War Assets Administration 1944-45 Guy M. and Florence E. Dotson, renters Guard 1941 William D. and Lena W. Parrish, renters Examiner, Texas Insurance Checking Office, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Scarbrough Building, 1939 I.L. Thompson, renter Chiropractor (office at the house). NOTE: William D. and Lena Parrish are listed at 4002 Avenue F. He was an examiner for the Texas Insurance Checking Office, 6th floor, Scarbrough Building. The 1940 city directory shows the same listing. 1937 Bruce and Louise Ward, renters Examiner, Texas Insurance Checking Office, 6th floor, Scarbrough Building. 1935 Bruce and Louise Ward, renters Accountant 1932-33 Carl E. and Amy Clinger, renters Resident engineer, State Highway Department 1930-31 Vacant 1929 John E. and Inez Doherty, renters Driver

1927 R. Pendexter and Lella E. Jones, renters

Bricklayer

The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: R. Pendexter and Lella E. Jones are not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

#### John E. and Inez Doherty (ca. 1928 – ca. 1930) – lived at 1505 S. Congress Avenue.

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that John Edward Doherty was living on a rural route in Del Valle at that time. He was born in 1898 and was a farmer in Elroy, Travis County. He was of medium height and build, and had grey eyes and light hair.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows John Ed and B. Inez Doherty living in a rented house in San Antonio. John Ed Doherty was 31, had been born in Texas, and was an operator for the bus company. B. Inez Doherty was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Edwin, 9.

His 1968 death certificate shows that John E. Doherty had been living in San Antonio for 39 years at the time of his death there. He was born in Texas in 1898 and was a bus driver. He is buried in San Antonio.

#### Carl E. and Amy Clinger (ca. 1931 – ca. 1934) – lived at 1505 S. Congress Avenue.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Carl and Amy Clinger at 105 W. Elizabeth Street in Austin. Carl Clinger was 28, had been born in Texas, and was an engineer for the railroad. Amy Clinger was 28, had been born in West Virginia, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

His 1971 death certificate shows that Carl Ernest Clinger was living at 1704 Alameda Drive at the time of his death. He had been born in Travis County in 1901 and was a retired engineer for the Highway Department.

#### Bruce and Louise Ward (ca. 1934 – ca. 1938) – lived at 1505 S. Congress Avenue.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows H. Brice and Louise Ward as the renters of a house in Fort Worth, Texas. H. Bruce Ward was 34, had been born in Texas, and was an inspector for a fire insurance company. Louise Ward was 25, had been born in Tennessee, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 sons: William C., 6; Richard B., 5; and Lee Allan, 2. All of the boys had been born in Texas. The family had lived in Austin in 1935.

H. Bruce Ward was living in San Antonio at the time of his death in an automobile accident in 1963. He had been born in 1906 in Texas and was an insurance salesman.

#### William D. and Lena Parrish (ca. 1940 – ca. 1943) – lived at 1505 S. Congress Avenue.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows William D. Parrish living with his sister and her husband in University Park, Dallas. He was 24, had been born in Texas, and was a file clerk for a fire insurance company.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows William and Lena Parish [sp] living at 4002 Avenue F in Austin; they rented their house. William Parrish was 32, had been born in Texas, and was an adjustment agent for a fire insurance company. Lena Parrish was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Gayle, 6.

Her 1981 death certificate shows that Lena Parrish was born in 1921, but more likely 1911, in Texas. Her age at death was listed as 69. She was living in Carrollton, Texas at the time of her death. She was a housewife. Her husband, William D. Parrish, survived her.

Guy M. and Florence E. Dotson (ca. 1943 – ca. 1948) – lived at 1505 S. Congress Avenue. Guy Dotson appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as a resident of the Confederate Men's Home, where he was an attendant. He was 26 and had been born in Texas.

## **Guy Milton Dotson**

Guy Milton Dotson, 80, of Manor died Tuesday, April 17, at his sister's home in Austin.

Mr. Dotson was born on April 10, 1904 in Creedmore. He was a retired employee with over 20 years of service at the Balcones Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Pearl Monroe Dotson, and one sister, Faye Williams.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 19th, at 2:00 PM at the Eternal Faith Baptist Church in Manor—with Paster Pat Bush officieting. Interment will be in Kimbro Cemetery under the direction of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Austin.

Mr. Dotson was the husband of Florence Dotson of Manor; brother of Lottie Evetts of Alice, Ida Mae Ross of San Antonio, Bea Newark of Austin, Essie Sanders of Austin, and Raye Anderson of Austin; and the uncle of several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the service include: Elmo Eubanks, J.E. Snowden, Stan Voelker, Royce McClinton, Woodrow Anderson, and Larry Cox. Honorary pallbearers include: Z.L. Kemp, and other members of the Men's Brotherhood at the Eternal Faith Baptist Church, Manor.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Eternal Faith Baptist Church, Box 342, Manor, Texas 78653.

Obituary of Guy M Dotson Austin American-Statesman, April 18, 1984

### Florence Carlson Dotson

Florence Carlson Dotson, 84, of Austin, died Monday.

Mrs. Dotson was a former resident of Manor, Texas, where she was a member of the Eternal Faith Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday in the Davis Chapel of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with Reverend Pat Bush of the Eternal Faith Baptist Church in Manor officiating. Interment will be in the Kimbro Cemetery.

Mrs. Dotson was the sister of Maybelle Morris of Austin, Mildred Larson of Elgin, Hazel Crawford of Smithville, Harry Carlson of Elgin, and Walter Carlson of Elgin; and aunt of a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Dotson was preceded in death by her husband, Guy M. Dotson in 1984.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Eternal Faith Baptist Church in Manor.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Florence Dotson Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, September 16, 1986

Fred P. Van Zandt (ca. 1961 – ca. 1983) – lived at 3412 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Fred Van Zandt is listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renter of the house at 1189 Comal Street in Austin. Fred Van Zandt was a 42-year old Texas-born widower who worked as a construction laborer. He lived with two daughters: Basyle, 21, a new worker; and Eunice, 18, a maid in a private home; as well as his parents, Robert Van Zandt, 80; and Lena Van Zandt, 60, a laundress at home. All of the other members of the household had been born in Texas.

## VAN-ZANDT, Fred P. 61, of Austin died Saturday, Services I p.m. Wednesday, Alice Taylor King Chapel. Burial, Evergreen Cemetery. (King Tears)

Death notice for Fred Van Zandt Austin American-Statesman, November 1, 1994

Fred Van Zandt

3412 Pennsylvania Av

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Sam Huston

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RESIDENCE

Building permit to Fred Van Zandt to move the house from 1505 S. Congress Avenue to this site (1961)

Fred Van Zandt

3412 Pennsylvania Ave.

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Sam Huston Hts.

2 frame acc. bldgs.

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owner

GARAGE & CHICKEN HOUSE Garage 20'9" -+ 11'X10' chicken house. Demolish old sheet iron bldg. on site & use materials from this.

Building permit to Fred Van Zandt to build two frame accessory buildings (1961)

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