

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

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1961 house.

ARCHITECTURE

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

RESEARCH

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. 12th 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. 12th Street at the same time as the Davises owned and operated the White Swan.

STAFF COMMENTS




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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone to January 23, 2017 to be heard in conjunction with the proposed Ebony Acres Historic District nomination. If the Commission does not postpone, then 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. 12th 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. 12th 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. 12th Street.
- 1981 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners
Proprietors, White Swan Club, beer, 1906 E. 12th Street.
- 1977 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners
Proprietors, White Swan Club, beer, 1906 E. 12th Street.
- 1973 Lee D. and Pearlie Davis, owners
Proprietors, White Swan Club, beer, 1906 E. 12th 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. 12th 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.

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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)

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)