

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 19, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0865
4303 BELLVUE AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch; French doors in the projecting gable bay; single and paired 1:1 fenestration elsewhere.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1948; the first owners and occupants were Frank and Mildred Monk, who lived here until around 1951. Frank Monk was a city policeman. Raymond and Jennie Morter bought the house in the early 1950s. They were from Dawson, Texas, near Corsicana, where he was an engineer for the local cotton gin, and they ran a boarding house, renting rooms to mostly professional people, including several school teachers. They bought this house upon their arrival in Austin, where they retired. Raymond Morter died in 1960s; Jennie Morter lived here until around 1975. The house is listed as vacant in the late 1970s and mid-1980s.

STAFF COMMENTS





The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

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 qualify as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

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1" = 208'

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4303 Bellvue Avenue
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4303 Bellvue Avenue

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

1992	Nita L. Martens, renter Student
1985-86	Vacant
1981	No return
1977	Vacant
1973	Jennie L. Morter, owner Widow, Raymond P. Morter Retired
1968	Jennie L. Morter, owner Widow, Raymond P. Morter Retired
1965	Jennie L. Morter, owner Widow, Raymond P. Morter No occupation listed

- 1961 Jennie L. Morter, owner
Widow, Raymond P. Morter
No occupation listed
- 1957 Raymond P. and Jennie L. Morter, owners
No occupation listed
- 1953 Raymond P. and Jennie L. Morter, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: Frank and Mildred Monk are listed at 4504 Rosedale Avenue. He was a sergeant for the City Police Department.
- 1949 Frank and Mildred E. Monk, owners
City policeman
NOTE: Raymond P. and Jennie L. Morter are not listed in the directory.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Frank and Mildred Monk are listed at 904 W. Mary Street; he was a city policeman.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Frank and Mildred Monk (ca. 1948 – ca. 1951)

Frank Monk appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the 17-year old son of Robert and Mattie Monk, who rented their home at 607 Theresa Avenue in Austin. Frank had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father, Robert Monk, 59, was an Alabama-born painter and wallpaper contractor. His mother, Mattie Monk, 51, had been born in Mississippi and had no occupation listed. Frank had an older brother, Drenon Monk, 19, who had been born in Texas and was a delivery man for an ice cream company.

Frank Monk's 1980 death certificate shows that he was born in 1912 in Texas, and was a retired policeman for the Austin Police Department. He lived at 6403 Nasco Drive at the time of his death.

Raymond and Jennie Morter (ca. 1951 – ca. 1975)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Raymond P. and Jennie L. Morter as the operators of a rooming house in Dawson, Navarro County, Texas. Raymond P. Morter was 65, had been born in Missouri, and was a steam engineer for the steam cotton oil mill. Jennie L. Morter was 59, had been born in Texas, and was the proprietor of a boarding house. They ran a rooming house for 6 lodgers, including the superintendent of a WPA project, and 3 public school teachers.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ray and Jennie Morter running a boarding house in Dawson, Texas. Ray Morter was a stationary engineer for the cotton gin. They had a daughter, Leora, 23, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. The family had 10 boarders, including a pharmacist, a blacksmith, a barber, a dental surgeon, a phone company lineman, and several public school teachers.

His 1960 death certificate shows that Raymond Peter Morter was born in 1875 in Missouri, and was living in this house at the time of his death. He was an engineer.

RAYMOND P. MORTER

Raymond P. Morter, 85, of 4303 Bellvue, died in a local hospital Friday. He had been a resident of Austin seven years and was a former resident of Dawson. He was a retired engineer and member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Jennie L. Morter of Austin; a daughter, Mrs. George H. Shafer of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. H. E. Sherwood of Childress, Mrs. John E. Luttrell and Mrs. Estell Chestney, both of Norman, Okla.; three brother, R. L. Morter of Lomita, Calif., Arthur Morter of Plainview and Dr. R. A. Morter of Kalamozaa, Mich.; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The body will be at Weed-Corley Funeral Home until Saturday afternoon when it will be taken to Dawson for funeral services Sunday at 2 p.m. at Dawson Methodist Church. Burial will be in Dawson Cemetery.

Obituary of Raymond P. Morter
Austin American, April 2, 1960

RAYMOND P. MORTER

The body of Raymond P. Morter, 85, of 4303 Bellvue, was sent to Dawson Saturday by Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Dawson Methodist Church. Burial will be in Dawson Cemetery.

Funeral notice for Raymond P. Morter
Austin American-Statesman, April 3, 1960

Jennie Lou Morter

Jennie Lou Morter, age 104 of Austin died Saturday.

She was born in Caldwell County July 4, 1880, and lived in Dawson, Texas for 40 years moving to Austin in 1951. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mrs. George H. Shafer.

Survivors include her son-in-law, George H. Shafer, Austin; grandsons, George A. Shafer, Dallas, James R. Shafer, Hope Mills, North Carolina; granddaughter, Judy Diver, Austin; great-grandchildren, Cheryl and Geor-geann Sahfer of Dallas Mindi, and Jimmy Shafer, Hope Mills, North Carolina, Jennifer and Jana Diver of Austin.

Graveside services 3:00 PM, Monday Dawson Cemetery, Dawson, Texas.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar 452-8811.

Obituary of Jennie L. Morter
Austin American-Statesman, February 17, 1985

R. J. Pekar 4303 Bellvue Avenue

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Alta Vista

Frame residence and garage

37634

5-10-48

\$6500.00

Owner

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Building permit for this house (1948)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

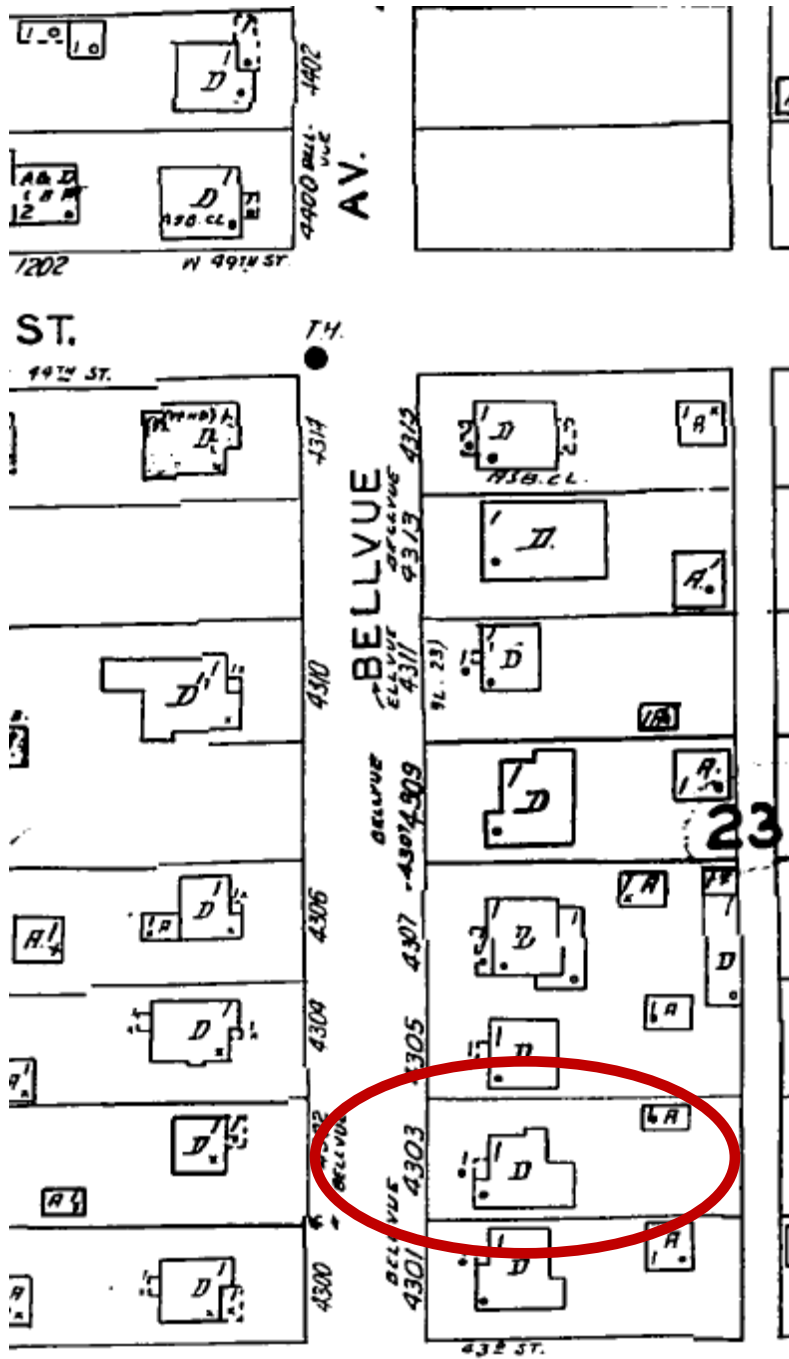
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Austin, Texas *Rw/ll*

Received of Porter Plbg. Co. Date 10-15-48
 Address 4303 Bellevue Ave.
 Amount _____ \$ _____
 Builder or Owner R. J. Pekar Plumber _____
 Lot 7 Block 7 Subdivision Alta Vista Plat No. 87

Date of Connection	<u>10-21-48</u>	No. Fittings		Price	
By City	<u>45½' S/NLL</u>	9' Pipe	4" Conc.	1.08	
By Plumber		Pipe			
Checked By	<u>Strong</u>	Wyes			
Size Main	<u>6" Depth 4'</u>	1 Bends		.60	
Main Assign.	<u>8' W/EPL</u>	Reducers			
Stub Depth	<u>Prop. Line 3'</u>	Plugs			
Stub Location		Sand			
Book No.	<u>A-53</u>	Gravel			
Paving Cut	<u>No.</u>	Remix			
		Stoppers			
		Castings			
		1 hr other truck		.40	
		Labor:	12 hrs	7.92	
			1 hr	1.00	
					12.00

Sewer service permit for this address (1948)



W. 43RD

The house appears on the 1962 Sanborn map.