

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 19, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0787  
1190 E.M. FRANKLIN AVENUE

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1962 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, side-gabled frame house with single and double 1:1 fenestration and a shed-roofed, partial-width entry hood.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1962 by Titus and Ora Alexander, who lived here until around 1970. Titus Alexander was a porter at the University of Texas until around 1966, then became a custodian at Tarrytown Methodist Church. From the early 1970s onward, the house has been a rental property with tenants including a construction worker and a retired lady.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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





**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Postpone to January 23, 2017 to be heard in conjunction with the proposed Ebony Acres Historic District nomination. If the Commission does not vote to postpone, then encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, but does represent a unit of affordable housing that will be lost with this proposed demolition.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0787  
1190 EM FRANKLIN

1" = 208'

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1190 E.M. Franklin Avenue  
ca. 1962



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1190 E.M. Franklin Avenue

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

- 1992 Julie Vasquez, renter  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The directory indicates that Julie Vasquez was a new resident at this address.  
NOTE: The address is listed as 1190 Redwood Avenue, the former name for E.M. Franklin Avenue.
- 1985-86 Ruth K. Wallace, renter  
Retired  
NOTE: The directory indicates that Ruth K. Wallace was a new resident at this address.  
NOTE: The address is listed as 1190 Redwood Avenue, the former name for E.M. Franklin Avenue.
- 1981 A.C. and Laura Smith, renters  
Construction worker  
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- 1977 A.C. and Laura Smith, renters  
No occupation listed

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- 1973 No return  
NOTE: The address is listed as 1190 Redwood Avenue, the former name for E.M. Franklin Avenue.
- 1968 Titus E. and Ora D. Alexander, owners  
Custodian, Tarrytown Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition Boulevard.  
NOTE: The address is listed as 1190 Redwood Avenue, the former name for E.M. Franklin Avenue.
- 1965 Titus E. and Ora D. Alexander, owners  
Porter, University of Texas  
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- 1964 Titus E. and Ora Alexander, owners  
Porter, University of Texas  
NOTE: The address is listed as 1190 Redwood Avenue, the former name for E.M. Franklin Avenue.
- 1962 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Titus E. and Ora D. Alexander are not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Titus E. and Ora D. Alexander (ca. 1962 – ca. 1970)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Titus Alexander as the 17-year old son of Willie and May C. Alexander, who owned their home on Rural Route 6 in Austin. Titus Alexander was born in Texas, and was a farm laborer. His father, Willie Alexander, 49, had been born in Texas, and was a farm laborer. His mother, May C. Alexander, 45, was a maid for a private family. Titus was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the couple's 6 children. Titus' older brother, Willie Alexander, Jr., 18, was a farm laborer.

##### **From the Find-A-Grave website:**

##### **Titus E. Alexander died October 23, 2014**

Titus Edgar Alexander (aka 'Tite', Uncle Tite, a Great Man of Exemplary Character, a Fine Son, a Caring Brother, an Adored Uncle, an admired Great Uncle and a Dear Friend and Mentor to Man) was the third child born to the union of Willie Alexander and Mae Collins Alexander. He was also the grandson of Newton Isaac Collins, Jr., and Grace Kendall Collins. He attended Pilot Knob Elementary School, which his grandfather built for African-American children to attend. At that time Travis County did not provide a school or a teacher to educate black children.

Titus, following the examples set by his uncles who served in their nation's military during WWI, answered the call to come to the aid of his country during WWII. He served with the 304th Aviation Squadron and was stationed at Kelly Air Force Base in Texas and at Tuskegee Army Air Force Base in Alabama where he served in the Medical Unit.

In distinguishing himself as a member of the military during WWII, Titus was awarded The American Theater Ribbon, The Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

During the Collins-Rucker Family Reunion in 2003, The Buffalo Soldiers Association conducted a special ceremony paying tribute to Titus (and two other family members) who served in our Nation's Armed Forces and for his courage as an American Patriot and admirable service to his country.

Titus Edgar Alexander leaves a great life of contributions, examples and love to be remembered by many surviving relatives and friends.

There was only a death notice in the Austin newspapers.

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

E No 2964  
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Received of CLARENCE FLOURNOY Date 7-1-55

Address 1190 Redwood Ave, 5m Franklin Ave

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber L. H. MEISKE Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>3/1/55</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>1'</u>
From <u>N</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>3'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>Curb</u>
Type of Box	<u>Lock</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>21'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>APP 9-27-55</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock <u>98 angle</u>
1	Elbow <u>3/4 copper</u>
	St. Elbow
	Bushing
	Reducer
23	Pipe <u>3/4 copper</u>
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
1	Fee <u>tail</u>
1	Stop <u>cock</u>
1	Box <u>cock</u>
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>12373-02</u>
	Req. No. <u>WVTH</u>

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Water service permit for this address (1955)