

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 19, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0789
3602 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1960 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, side-gabled board-and-batten sided frame house with a central, partial-width front-gabled entry hood.

RESEARCH

The appearance of this abandoned house makes it seem much older than a professed 1960 construction date, but city directories do not show any houses on this stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue prior to 1960. The house was the home of Rev. Leroy Wallace, the pastor of the Greater St. John Baptist Church, located at the end of the block on the corner of Greenwood Avenue. Rev. Wallace and his wife, Helen, lived here for the rest of their lives.

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

STAFF COMMENTS





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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit. The house has been long-abandoned and has suffered major deterioration. It 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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3602 Pennsylvania Avenue
ca. 1960



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
3602 Pennsylvania Avenue

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

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| 1992 | Rev. Leroy Wallace, owner
Pastor, Greater St. John's Baptist Church, 1181 Greenwood Avenue. |
| 1985-86 | Rev. Leroy Wallace, owner
Retired |
| 1981 | Rev. Leroy Wallace, owner
Retired |
| 1977 | Rev. Leroy Wallace, owner
Retired |
| 1973 | Rev. Leroy and Helena Wallace, owners
Pastor, Greater St. John's Baptist Church, 1181 Greenwood Avenue. |
| 1968 | Rev. Leroy and Helena Wallace, owners
Pastor, Greater St. John's Baptist Church, 1181 Greenwood Avenue. |
| 1965 | Rev. Leroy and Helena Wallace, owners
Pastor, Greater St. John's Baptist Church, 1181 Greenwood Avenue. |

- 1961 Leroy Wallace, renter
Laborer
NOTE: Leroy Wallace is not listed as a reverend, nor is he listed with a wife.
- 1960 No houses are listed on Pennsylvania east of Chestnut Avenue.
NOTE: Leroy Wallace is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Rev. Leroy and Helene Wallace (ca. 1960 – ca. 1996)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Leroy Wallace as the 39-year old son of James P. and Florida Wallace, who rented their house at 1510 E. 19th Street in Austin. Leroy Wallace was born in Texas, and did yard work at a private home. His father, James P. Wallace, 65, was born in Texas and did yard work at a private home. His mother, Florida Wallace, 58, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Leroy had an older sister, Bertha Wright, 45, who had been born in Texas, and was a cook for a private family. There are two children listed in the census report under Leroy Wallace's name: Adelle, 15; and Maxine, 14. Both girls had been born in Texas and neither had an occupation shown.

**WALLACE, Helen, 66,
3602 Pennsylvania, died Sat-
urday. Services 3 p.m.
Thursday at Pleasant Grove
Baptist Church. (Fuller-
Sheffield)**

Obituary of Helen Wallace
Austin American-Statesman, July 6, 1976

**WALLACE, Leroy, 95, of Austin died
Saturday. Services 1 p.m. Thursday,
Greater Union Baptist Church. Burial
Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements by
Fuller-Sheffield.**

Death notice for Leroy Wallace
Austin American-Statesman, August 28, 1996



Greater St. John Baptist Church, 1181 Greenwood Avenue

OWNER Leroy Wallace -- ADDRESS 3602 Pennsylvania
 PLAT 387 LOT 14 BLK
 SUBDIVISION Sam Huston Hts.
 OCCUPANCY Frame Addn to Res
 BLD PERMIT # 92110 DATE 5-26-64 OWNERS ESTIMATE 200.00
 CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES
 WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #
 BEDROOM - Enlarge existing bedroom

Building permit to Leroy Wallace for a frame addition (1964)