

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 19, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0791  
3607 GRANT STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1961 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, side-gabled stone-veneered frame house with an extended eave over the front door; single 1:1 fenestration appears to be modern, replacement windows.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1961 by Clarence Flournoy, a local builder, who also built the house at 3601 Grant Street in the same year. This house was the home of Floyd and Hermain Carrington for the rest of their lives. Floyd Carrington was the brother of Pearlie Davis, the wife of L.D. Davis, who owned the house at 3601 Grant. Floyd Carrington was a roofer who then opened the Groovey Bar on E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street at the corner of Chicon Street. The Groovey Bar was one of the several African-American music venues and social clubs that lined E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street on either side of Chicon starting in the 1960s. L.D. and Pearlie Davis operated the White Swan Club, also on E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, at the same time as Floyd and Hermain Carrington had the Groovey Bar.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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. The house lacks the architectural and historical distinction to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0791  
3607 GRANT

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1" = 208'



3607 Grant Street  
ca. 1961



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3607 Grant Street

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

- 1992            Floyd Carrington, owner  
                  No occupation listed  
                  NOTE: Floyd Carrington is listed as a new resident at this address.
- 1985-86        Joyce Washington, renter  
                  No occupation listed
- 1981            Floyd and Hermain Carrington, owners  
                  Proprietors, Groovey Bar, 1818 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (corner, Chicon Street).
- 1977            Floyd and Hermain Carrington, owners  
                  Proprietors, Groovey Bar, 1818 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (corner, Chicon Street).
- 1973            Floyd and Hermain Carrington, owners  
                  Proprietors, Groovey Bar, 1818 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street (corner, Chicon Street).
- 1968            Floyd and Hermain Carrington, owners  
                  Roofer, Coastal Roofing Company (not listed in the directory).  
                  NOTE: The Groovey Bar is not listed in the directory.

- 1965 Floyd and Hermain Carrington, owners  
Roofer, E.M. Durbin Roofing Company, 605 W. 37<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1962 Floyd and Hermain Carrington, owners  
Roofer, H.E. Little, 3500 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1961 The street is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Floyd and Hermain Carrington are not listed in the directory.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES****Floyd and Hermain Carrington (ca. 1961 – ca. 1997)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows the Carrington family as white, led by Annie Carrington, a 52-year old Texas-born widow, who rented her house in Justice Precinct 4 of Travis County. Annie had been born in Texas, and was a washerwoman for a private family. Annie Carrington had 3 children: Floyd, 13; Ernest, 11; and Pearlie M., 7. All of the children had been born in Texas.

**CARRINGTON, Mrs. Hermain E.,  
47, 3607 Grant St., died Monday. Ser-  
vices 3 p.m. today at King-Tears  
Mortuary. Burial, Evergreen Ceme-  
tery.**

Obituary of Hermain Carrington  
Austin American-Statesman, June 29, 1978



### Floyd "Shorty" Carrington

Floyd "Shorty" Carrington was born June 15, 1926, to the late Will Carrington and Annie Handcox. He departed this life on Wednesday, October 22, 1997.

He leaves to cherish his memories, one sister, Pearlie Davis and husband L.D. Davis; one daughter, Valerie Jean Carrington-Shaw; two sons, Dwight Douglas Carrington and Kenneth Ray Carrington; one daughter-in-law, Barbara Ann Carrington; mother-in-law, Annie Mae Wilson; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two step-sons, Michael and Darrell Shaw; and devoted friend, Lena Shaw.

Services will be Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 12:00 p.m., Alice Taylor King Chapel, King-Tears Mortuary, Inc. 1300 E. 12th Street. Burial, Cook Walden Capital Parks.

Services entrusted to King-Tears.

Obituary of Floyd Carrington  
Austin American-Statesman, October 26, 1997

Clarence Flournoy

3607 Grant St.

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Ebony Acres

Frame Residence-No Carport-No Garage.

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5-1-61

3500.00

owner

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W.E. 28275

8.35663

**RESIDENCE**

Building permit to Clarence Flournoy for the construction of this house (1961)

*Apr 10  
Clarence Flournoy*

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

JAH  
E No 28275  
JEC 337

Received of Clarence Flournoy INDEXED Date 5-18-61  
Address 3607 GRANT ST.  
Amount Fifty Five \$ 50.00  
Plumber 7 Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection	<u>5-18-61</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6" C.I.</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7'</u>
From <u>W</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>14'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>FRONT</u>
Type of Box	<u>ROUND</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<b>INDEXED</b>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>17'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>APR 7 1961</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1 Pipe	<u>3/4" COP</u>
1 Corp. Cock	<u>3/4</u>
Cop. to Iron ell	
Cop. to Cop. ell	
Cop. to Iron Coupling	
Cop. to Cop. Coupling	
1 Angle Stop	<u>3/4</u>
Stop	
Bushing	
1 Nipples	<u>9" X 3/4" BRASS</u>
Service Clamp	
Valve	
1 Meter Box	<u>ROUND</u>
1 Lock Lid	<u>"</u>
1 Drain Tile	
1 Drain Tile Lid	
Stop & Drain	
Job No.	<u>223-502</u>
Foreman	<u>W. Beard</u>

Water service permit for this address (1961)

