

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 19, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0831  
1604 KERR STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, wood-sided frame house in the minimal traditional style; symmetrical façade with a pair of 1:1 wood windows flanking the central entry under a front-gabled entry hood; 6:1 wood screens; exterior, battered chimney.

**RESEARCH**

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City utility permit records show a water service permit for this address in July, 1936, and the address first appears in the 1937 Austin city directory. The first owners and occupants were A. Don and May Beasley, who lived here until around 1938. A. Don Beasley was an interviewer for the National Re-Employment Service; he and May were living in Fort Worth by 1940, where he was an interviewer for a state department.

The house was vacant in the late 1930s, then rented and later owned by W. Carl and Maggie Jackson, who lived here until around 1955. W. Carl Jackson was a barber, who was the co-owner of the Avenue Barber Shop near 9<sup>th</sup> and Congress at the time that he and Maggie moved into this house. He later owned and operated the Allandale Barber Shop on Burnet Road.

From the mid-1950s through at least the early 1990s, the house was owned and occupied by Henry D. and Alene Wilkinson. The Wilkinsons had lived near Brownsville, Texas in 1940, when Henry worked as a U.S. Customs Officer. After moving to Austin, he worked as a carpenter and contractor, but for most of the time that he and Alene spent in this house, he was retired. Alene Wilkinson lived to be over 100 years old.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0831  
LOCATION: 1604 Kerr St.



1" = 99'

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1604 Kerr Street  
ca. 1936



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1604 Kerr Street

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

1992	H.D. Wilkinson, owner Retired
1985-86	Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners Retired
1981	Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners Retired
1977	Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners Retired
1973	Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners Retired
1968	Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners Retired
1965	Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners Carpenter

- 1961 Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners  
Carpenter
- 1957 Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson, owners  
Contractor
- 1953 W. Carl and Maggie Jackson, owners  
Proprietor, Allandale Barber Shop, 5720 Burnet Road.  
NOTE: Henry D. and Alene R. Wilkinson are not listed in the directory.
- 1949 W. Carl and Maggie Jackson, owners  
Proprietor, Paramount Barber Shop, 523 Congress Avenue.
- 1947 W. Carl and Maggie Jackson, owners  
Barber, Cooper's Barber Shop.  
NOTE: There is no listing for a Cooper's Barber Shop; there is a listing for a Cooper's Beauty Salon, 1002 Congress Avenue.
- 1944-45 W. Carl and Maggie Jackson, renters  
Proprietor (with Sidney H. Frost), Avenue Barber Shop, 819 Congress Avenue.
- 1941 W. Carl and Maggie Jackson, renters  
Proprietor (with Sidney H. Frost), Avenue Barber Shop, 819 Congress Avenue.
- 1939 Vacant  
NOTE: W. Carl and Maggie Jackson are listed at 205 W. Elizabeth Street; he was the proprietor (with Sidney H. Frost), of the Avenue Barber Shop, 819 Congress Avenue.
- 1937 A. Don and May Beasley, owners  
Interviewer, National Re-Employment Service
- 1935 No houses are listed on Kerr Street.  
NOTE: A. Don and May Beasley are not listed in the directory.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:****A. Don and May Beasley (ca. 1936 – ca. 1938)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Don and May Beasley as the renters of a house in Fort Worth, Texas. Don Beasley was 41, had been born in Texas, and was an interviewer for a state department. May Beasley was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had two daughters: Flo Beth, 15; and Mary Sue, 12. Both girls had been born in Texas and neither had an occupation listed. The family had lived in Austin in 1935.

His 1966 death certificate shows that Don A. Beasley was living in Fort Worth at the time of his death at the VA Hospital in Dallas. He was born on Christmas Day, 1897 in Texas, and was a carpenter. He had served in World War I.

Her 1973 death certificate shows that May Belle Beasley was a widow who had been born in 1900 in San Marcos, Texas. She had been living in Arlington, Texas for the 6 years prior to her death. She was a housewife.

**W. Carl and Maggie Jackson (ca. 1940 – ca. 1955)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows W. Carl and Maggie V. Jackson as the renters of the house at 1409 Newton Street in Austin. W. Carl Jackson was 43, had been born in Texas, and was a barber with his own shop. Maggie V. Jackson was 45, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Carl W. and Maggie Jackson living in a rented house in Lampasas, Texas. Carl W. Jackson was a 34-year old Texas-born barber. Maggie Jackson was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Maggie's mother, Fannie James, a 58-year old Alabama-born widow with no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that William Carlton Jackson was living in Marble Falls, Texas, where he worked as a barber. He had been born in Burnet County, Texas in 1895, and was married with one child. He was tall with a medium build, black hair and black eyes.

His 1957 death certificate shows that William Carlton Jackson was born in 1895 in Burnet County, and was the owner of the Allandale Barber Shop. He was living at 5704 Wynona Avenue at the time of his death.

Maggie Viola Jackson's 1969 death certificate shows that she was living at 1606 Nash Avenue in South Austin at the time of her death. She was a widowed housewife who had been born in Travis County.

**CARL JACKSON**

Carl Jackson, 61, owner of Allendale Barber Shop, died suddenly in a local hospital Tuesday. He had been a resident of Austin 22 years and lived at 5704 Wynona. He was a member of Brentwood Church of Christ and Woodmen of the World.

Survivors include his wife, one son, C. E. Jackson of Riverside, Calif.; four brothers, S. M. Jackson of Okemah, Okla., Luther Jackson and Conner Jackson, both of Marble Falls, and Alvin Jackson of Austin; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Phillips of Boerne; and one grandson.

The body is at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home where funeral arrangements are pending.

Obituary of Carl Jackson  
Austin American, January 16, 1957

**CARL JACKSON**

Funeral services for Carl Jackson, 61, of 5704 Wynona, were held at the Brentwood Church of Christ Thursday with Ministers H. R. Little, J. L. Roberts and Basil Schillings officiating.

Burial was in Austin Memorial Park, under the direction of the Hyttin-Manor Funeral Home.

Funeral notice for Carl Jackson  
Austin Statesman, January 18, 1957

**MRS. MAGGIE V. JACKSON**

Mrs. Maggie Viola Jackson, 75, of 1066 Nash St., died in a local hospital Wednesday. She was a member of Brentwood Church of Christ and had been a lifelong resident of Austin.

Funeral was held Thursday at Hyttin-Manor Funeral Home with Minister Ray Chester officiating. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Maggie Jackson  
Austin Statesman, December 4, 1969

**Henry D. and Alene Wilkinson (ca. 1955 - )**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Henry D. and Alene Wilkinson living outside of Brownsville, Texas. They owned their home. Henry D. Wilkinson was 40, had been born in Mississippi, and was a U.S. Customs Officer. Alene Wilkinson was 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Terry, 1, who had been born in Texas.

## **Henry D. Wilkinson**

**Henry D. Wilkinson, age 85, of 1604 Kerr passed away Thursday.**

**Survivors include his wife, Alene Wilkinson of Austin; daughter, Martha Jane Therrell; son, Terry Wilkinson, both of San Antonio; sister, Carrie Cotton of Rayville, Louisiana; brother, Price Wilkinson of Sicily Island, Louisiana; three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.**

**Funeral services 1:30 PM, Saturday from Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, Chapel of the Bells, with Reverend Charles Stewart. Burial, Oakwood Cemetery.**

**Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Masonic Children's Home, Ft. Worth, Texas.**

**Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.**

Obituary of Henry D. Wilkinson  
Austin American-Statesman, March 23, 1985



## Alene Ross Wilkinson

Alene Ross Wilkinson went home to be with the Lord Jesus in peace, love and happiness on the morning of September 21, 2008. She lived a joyous, spirit-filled life and was a proud true Texan woman: independent, determined, loving, kind, patient, artistically creative and gifted in sewing and painting.

Mrs. Wilkinson lived to be nearly 101 years old. She was the youngest of seven children. Her parents were long-time Austin residents, Elmer Ellsworth Ross and Jessie McKenzie Ross.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Audrey Wilkinson, their children and grandchildren; her daughter, Martha Jane Wilkinson Therrell and her daughter.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials and guestbook online at [wcfish.com](http://wcfish.com)

Obituary of Alene Wilkinson  
Austin American-Statesman, September 25, 2008