# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DECEMBER 19, 2016 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0833 1823 W. 36TH STREET

# **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1915 house that was moved to the current site in 1954.

# ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan, synthetic-sided frame house with a hipped roof over the central block; partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal supports; projecting gable has boxed returns and a single, large window with a leaded glass Queen Anne-style transom. The remaining windows in the house are a combination of 1:1 and 4:4.

### RESEARCH

City building permit records show that the house was moved from 2402 Red River Street to the current site in 1954. However, the early history of this house is unknown. The architecture of the house dates it to between 1912 and 1918, but there is no available documentation for its history or location prior to the mid-1930s. The address of 2402 Red River Street does not appear in city directories before the 1937 edition, and the 1935 Sanborn map does not show any structures on what would correspond to the Red River Street address. What we can determine is that the first known occupants of the house were renters, who lived here from around 1936 to around 1942. Lee H. Caldwell was a car salesman; a daughter who lived here was a teacher at the Texas School for the Deaf.

Robert B. and Pauline Blackstone rented the house from the early 1940s until right before the house was moved to the 36<sup>th</sup> Street site. Pauline was apparently Robert's second wife, and they appear to have moved in shortly after their marriage. He is listed as a widower with 6 children in the 1940 U.S. Census, just prior to his occupancy here. Robert B. Blackstone was a truck driver. Pauline Blackstone was a clerk in a hardware store.

When the house was moved to its current site, it was converted to a duplex. Tenants have included sales clerks, students, and Highway Department workers.

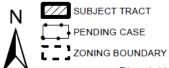
# STAFF COMMENTS

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

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

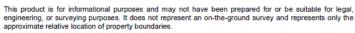
Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.





# **NOTIFICATIONS**

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1823 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street ca. 1915; moved to this site ca. 1954



# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1823 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992 A: Stephen Gollihar, renter

Student

B: Raymond F. Meyer, Jr., renter

No occupation listed

1985-86 A: Elizabeth Burnette, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Elizabeth Burnette was a new

resident at this address.

B: No return

1981 A: Scott M. Silverman, renter

No occupation listed

B: Theresa Kurilosz, renter

NOTE: There is no listed in the alphabetical section of the directory for a

Theresa Kurilosz.

1977 A: Jeanne Emmons, renter

Professor, University of Texas

B: J. Neff, renter

Student

NOTE: The directory indicates that J. Neff was a new resident at this

1973 A: Vacant

B: Vacant

1968 A: Vacant

B: Joyce Bozarth, renter

Clerk, State Highway Department

1965 A: Vacant

B: Vacant

1961 Harrison P. and R. Joyce McPhail, renters

Student

B: James H. Hill, renter

Student

1957 A: Avis Anderson, renter

Widow, Andrew Anderson

Clerk, Yaring's, the complete department for women and children, 506

Congress Avenue.

B: D.W. and Nellie Hays, renters

Laborer, State Highway Department

1955 A: John R., Jr. and Dona Overton, renters

Student

B: D.W. and Nellie Hays, renters

Laborer, State Highway Department

1953 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: The house was moved from 2402 Red River Street in 1954. The 1953

city directory shows the Red River Street address as vacant.

# The following listings are for the house at its location of 2402 Red River Street.

1952 Robert B. and Pauline Blackstone, renters

Robert: Driver

Pauline: Clerk, Charles P. Davis Hardware, 317-19 Congress Avenue.

NOTE: The 1953 city directory shows Robert B. and Pauline Blackstone living at 4612 Lyons Road. He was a shipping clerk and she was a clerk for Charles P.

Davis Hardware, 317-19 Congress Avenue.

1949 Robert B. and Pauline Blackstone, renters

Robert: Driver, Kimbell Austin Company, wholesale groceries, 1919 E. 6<sup>th</sup>

Street.

Pauline: Clerk, Charles P. Davis Hardware, 317-19 Congress Avenue.

Also listed are Daisy Blackstone, a clerk; Frances L. Blackstone, a saleswoman

at S.H. Kress, department store, 808 Congress Avenue; and Robert B.

Blackstone, Jr., a student at the University of Texas.

1947 Robert B. and Pauline Blackstone, renters

Robert: Clerk, Railway Express Agency, 111 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Pauline: Clerk, John C. Ross Hardware

Also listed is Robert B. Blackstone, Jr., a student at the University of Texas.

1944-45 Robert B. and Pauline Blackstone, renters

Ice cream maker, Polar Ice Cream, 409 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

1941 L.H. Caldwell, renter

NOTE: L.H. Caldwell is not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory; however, Albert J. Caldwell, Jr., a student; Golda Caldwell, a teacher at the State School for the Deaf; and William R> Caldwell, a clerk, are all listed at this address.

NOTE: Robert Blackstone is listed at 1707 Willow Street. He was an ice puller for the Texas Public Service Company. Also listed at the Willow Street address is Fronia Blackstone, no occupation shown.

1939 Lee H. and Edna Caldwell, renters

Salesman, Capitol Chevrolet, 218-24 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Also listed are Golda Caldwell, a teacher at the Texas School for the Deaf; and William R. Caldwell, a student at the University of Texas.

1937 Lee H. and Edna Caldwell, renters

Salesman, Capitol Chevrolet, 218-24 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Also listed are Golda Caldwell, a teacher at the State School for the Deaf; and William R. Caldwell, a student at the University of Texas.

1935 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Lee H. and Edna Caldwell are listed at 2319 Trinity Street. He was a salesman for the Crockett Motor Company. Listed with them was Golda Caldwell, a student at the University of Texas.

1932-33 The address is not listed in the directory.

# **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

# Lee H. and Edna Caldwell (ca. 1936 - ca. 1942)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Lee H. and Edna Caldwell as the rent3er of this house when it was located at 2402 Red River Street. Lee H. Caldwell was 54, had been born in Texas, and was an automobile salesman. Edna Caldwell was 53, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter, Golda, 24, who had been born in Texas, and was a teacher at the State Deaf Institute.

# Robert B. and Pauline Blackstone (ca. 1942 – ca. 1952)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows R.B. Blackstone as the renter of the house at 1707 Willow Street in Austin. He was a 36-year old Texas-born widower who worked as a truck driver for a freight company. He had 6 children: Helen, 15; Robert, 13; William, 10; Frances, 8; Daisy, 7; and Mary, 4. All of the children had been born in Texas.

Mrs. C. C. Champion

1823 Oakmont Blyd.

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Oakmont

Moved from 2402 Red River Street. Move residence onto lot and repair.

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\$3000.00

Mr. Carlow

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Building permit to Josie Champion to move the house from 2402 Red River Street to this location (1954)

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Water service permit for this address (1954)

# SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 33217 A

# Austin, Texas

| Received of                                                                                                                                                              | Muske                      |                  |       |            | Γ     | ate  | 7/2/1954 |          |                                 |     |   |              |
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| Address 1823 W. 36th                                                                                                                                                     |                            |                  |       |            |       |      |          |          |                                 |     |   |              |
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| Builder or Owner J. Champi                                                                                                                                               | on                         |                  |       | Plu        | mber  |      |          |          |                                 |     |   | _            |
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Sewer service permit for this address (1954)