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I am attempting to give you information re the significance of people who have lived in this house. One of the most contributing members to Austin Tx is my father and law Dr A.Q da Silva who came to Brackenridge Hospital in the 1950s as and opened the first laboratory in the City Hospital at the time as the Chief Pathologist. He was on the deed of 912 w. James st. for a significant period of time and frequented the house to visit his grandchildren. I personally am a 40year graduate of the School of Nursing Austin Tx and worked at Brackenridge, and Austin EMS, City of Austin numerous times as a swim instructor and later as an RN and public health nurse. My father graduated from University of Texas Austin and graduated with 2 of the judges who the Travis Co court house is named after Blackwell and Thornberg. As a child I went to summer camp with the children of John Henry Faulk and spent time with the family on their houseboat. At one time I held and may still hold the pee wee diving championship for the City of Austin and my diving coach was Bill Crenshaw who was the coach of Skippy Browning the Olympian diver whom the UT diving Center is named after. I went to grade school with Sidney Cox who grew up in 912 James st . At a very young age Sidney became a successful plumber and Cox Plumbing and his 3 sons took over and did plumbing for the University of Texas using glass pipes in the chemistry labs and as far as I know the plumbing co and supplies is still a very successful company for 50 years. Sidneys brother Tommy Cox was the football coach at Travis High for many years. I will check on that for verification.. These are some of the things that come to mind . When I bought the house 40y ago Mr Cox handed me the original deed which I still have and is handwritten and the land was in Mexico. This house as is is Austin to me. The only reason I signed the demolition permit was because I was told it was the quickest way to move it in one piece. Six different house movers said it could not be done. My phone # is 510 693 9423 please call if you have any questions. There is more about my family and maybe more re Cox family also about the original owner before Cox,s about a city of Austin electrician. Sincerely Joanne Young ps my father used to frequent the house to stay with his grandson he was a swimmer with Ester Williams in Miami at a famous hotel . Can you use that. He was also a night watchman at the Capital while in law school and was robbed for his wedding ring.