

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 26, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0264
708 W. JOHANNA STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1928 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, partially inset front-gabled independent porch on ornamental metal posts; no railings. The house has double front doors at a 90-degree angle from each other, and a one-story addition to the right (east) side, set back from the front of the house, with a flat-roofed carport in front of it. Most of the windows in the house have been replaced with single 6:6 metal replacement windows.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1928; the first occupants were Horace and Lillian Miller, who rented the house until around 1930. Horace Miller was a truck driver for a gravel pit. Lillian Miller's sister, Viola Canada, appears on the water service permit for this address. The Millers moved on to a house on S. 1st Street.

George D. and Minnie Abbott rented the house in the early 1930s. George D. Abbott worked at the Austin Hotel downtown, while Minnie Abbot was a waitress at a downtown café. The house remained a rental property through the mid-1940s, when it was purchased by Ralph and Madaline Odiorne. Ralph and Madaline Odiorne are listed in the 1944-45 city directory as the renters of this house, but thereafter as owners, until they moved in the early 1950s. Ralph Odiorne was a mechanic at Capitol Chevrolet; Madaline Odiorne was a saleslady at a women's clothing store.

In the mid-1950s, the house was purchased by Frank, Jr. and Simona Villegas Huerta, who lived here at least through the 1990s. Frank Huerta, Jr. was a drapery installer for Louis Shanks Furniture until his retirement.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date. It has suffered a loss of integrity of materials due to the replacement of the windows. The house does not qualify as a historic landmark on its individual merit, nor would it be contributing to a potential historic district due to its loss of integrity.

The house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame bungalow with no other architectural distinction, and does not appear to have architectural significance.
- b. **Historical association.** The house has had a number of owners and renters over the years, including a truck driver, a mechanic, and a drapery installer, none of whom appear to have significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, South Austin, or a particular demographic group.




- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0264

LOCATION: 708 W Johanna St

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708 W. Johanna Street
ca. 1928



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 708 W. Johanna Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
April, 2017

1992	Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, owners Retired
1985-86	Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, owners Frank: Drapery installer, Louis Shanks furniture, 1011-1105 N. Lamar Boulevard, and 2930 W. Anderson Lane. Simona: Aide, University Presbyterian Day Care, 2203 San Antonio Street.
1981	Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, owners Drapery installer, Louis Shanks, furniture, 1011-1105 N. Lamar Boulevard and 2930 W. Anderson Lane.
1977	Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, owners Drapery installer, Louis Shanks, furniture, 1011-1105 N. Lamar Boulevard and 2930 W. Anderson Lane.
1973	Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, owners Installer, Sears Drapery Workroom, 1000 E. 41 st Street.
1968	Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta (not listed as owners) Drapery hanger, Louis Shanks, furniture, 1105 N. Lamar Boulevard.

- 1965 Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, owners
Driver, Louis Shanks, furniture, 1105 N. Lamar Boulevard.
Also listed is Frank M. Huerta, III, a student.
- 1961 Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, owners
Employed by Louis Shanks, furniture, 1105 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1957 Frank M., Jr. and Simona V. Huerta, renters
Frank: Tile setter, Modern Floors, 1710 Lavaca Street and 1610 S. Congress Avenue.
Simona: Waitress, The Cellar, restaurant, 203 W. 10th Street.
- 1953 Ralph and Madeline Odiorne, owners
Mechanic
NOTE: Frank M., Jr. and Simona Huerta are listed at 404 Pedernales Street; he was in the U.S. Army.
- 1949 Ralph and Madeline Odiorne, owners
Field engineer
- 1947 Ralph and Madeline Odiorne, owners
Ralph: Field engineer
Madeline: Saleslady, Lerner Shops of Texas, women's clothing, 704 Congress Avenue.
- 1944-45 Ralph and Madeline Odiorne, renters
Mechanic, Capitol Chevrolet, 220-24 E. 5th Street.
- 1941 Dee and Billie Bird, renters
Proprietor of a filling station at 1612 S. Congress Avenue.
NOTE: Ralph and Madeline Odiorne are not listed in the directory.
- 1939 Robert L. and Willie Hobbs, renters
Laborer
- 1937 Vacant
- 1935 D. Clarence Clark, renter
No occupation listed
- 1932-33 Joseph J. and Mabel Edwards, renters
Mechanic
- 1930-31 George D. and Minnie Abbott, renters
George: Engineer, Austin Hotel, 7th Street and Congress Avenue.
Minnie: Waitress, Macry's Eat Shop, 200 W. 6th Street.
- 1929 Horace and Lillian Miller, renters
Truck driver
- 1927 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Horace and Lillian Miller are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**Horace and Lillian Miller (ca. 1928 – ca. 1930)**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows H.E. and Lillian Miller renting the house at 1415 S. 1st Street in Austin. H.E. Miller was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for a gravel pit. Lillian Miller was 21, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Walton, 7 months, who had been born in Texas. Also in the household was Lillian Miller's sister, Viola Canada, a 26-year old Texas-born widow who was an egg crater for a produce store.

George D. and Minnie Abbott (ca. 1930 – ca. 1934)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Dudley G. and Minnie Abbott living in a duplex apartment at 806 E. 23rd Street in Austin. Dudley G. Abbott was 28, had been born in Texas, and was an electrical engineer for a hotel. Minnie Abbott was 27, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them. By 1940, they were living in Temple, Texas, where George Abbott was a 38-year old stationary engineer and Minnie Abbott was a 37-year old waitress in a café. They had no children listed with them. Both Minnie and George Abbott are buried in Rogers, Texas. Her given name was Lillie Laurllain Wilson Abbott.

Ralph and Madaline Odiorne (ca. 1944 – ca. 1955)

The 1920 U.S. Census shows H. Ralph Odiorne as the 15-year old son of James E. and Pauline Odiorne of San Saba County, Texas. They rented their home. H. Ralph Odiorne was born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father James E. Odiorne, 43, was an Arkansas-born stockman on a stock farm. His mother, Pauline Odiorne, 45, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. H. Ralph was the second of the couple's 4 children listed, all of whom had been born in Texas. None had an occupation listed.

His 1980 death certificate shows that Hugo Ralph Odiorne was born in Marble Falls, Texas in 1904, and was living at 2609 Nottingham Lane in Austin at the time of his death. He was an auto mechanic.

ODIORNE, Ralph, 76, 2609 Nottingham Lane, died Monday. Services 3:30 p.m. today at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Graveside services 1 p.m. Friday at Chambersville Cemetery near Fordyce, Ark. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers. Survivors: wife, Madaline Odiorne of Austin; daughter, Betty I. Otto of Porterville, Calif.; son, Freddy Joe Odiorne of Houston; sister, Arline Johnson of Renton, Wash.; brother, James Odiorne of Mojave, California; five grandchildren.

Obituary of Ralph Odiorne
Austin American-Statesman, August 13, 1980



Madaline S. Odiorne

Madaline S. Odiorne, beloved mother of Freddy Joe Odiorne, passed away on August 30, 1993. She was the best Christian and the best mother that ever lived. I will miss her forever.

Mrs. Odiorne was born March 2, 1908, in Thornton, Arkansas. She was a member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin for 51 years.

Survivors also include her daughter, Betty Otto of Bend, Oregon.

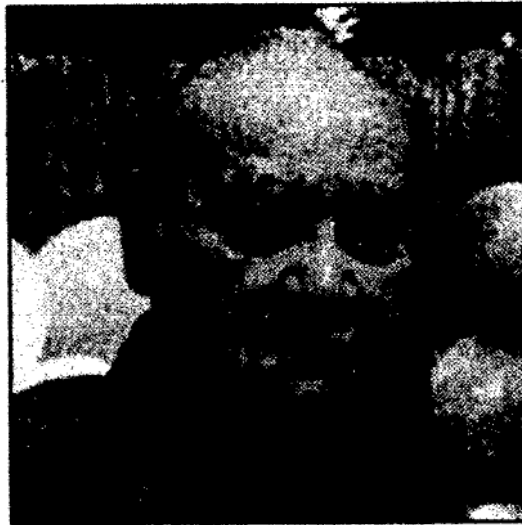
Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Wednesday, September 1, 1993, at Harrell Funeral Home Chapel in Austin. Interment will be Thursday in Chambersville, Arkansas.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home in Austin, 443-1366.

Obituary of Madaline Odiorne
Austin American-Statesman, August 31, 1993

Frank, Jr. and Simona Huerta (ca. 1955 -)

Frank Huerta, Jr. appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 12-year old son of Frank and Elissa Huerta, who rented their house at 306 Comal Street. Frank Huerta, Jr. had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. He was the 4th of the couple's 7 children. His father, Frank Huerta, Sr. 38, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. Elissa Huerta was also 38, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Frank, Jr.'s older brother, Sephrine, 19, was a laborer; his next older brother, Ben, 16, was listed as a "new worker."

**HUERTA, JR., Frank M.**

Frank M. Huerta, Jr., 87, of Austin passed away on Friday, July 4th, 2014, in Port Aransas, Texas. Frank was born on May 16, 1927, in Austin, Texas to Alice Montana Huerta and Frank Huerta, Sr. He was a member of San Jose Catholic Church; a World War II and Korean Conflict Air Force Veteran and a retired Manager for Louis Shanks Furniture.

Survivors include his wife, Simona Villegas Huerta; sons, Frank Huerta, III and his wife Mary Ann; Tony and his wife Julie and Edward and his fiancée Colleen Villarreal; eight grandchildren, Anthony, Edward, Eric, Angelina, Brandy, John, Joseph and Ana. He was preceded in death by his son, John Paul Huerta.

A Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2014, at San Jose Catholic Church in Austin. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2014, at San Jose Catholic Church with burial to follow at Assumption Cemetery in Austin.

For those unable to attend services you may sign the "Guest Book" at www.wcfish.com.

Obituary of Frank Huerta, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, July 9, 2014

Simona Villegas HUERTA**HUERTA, Simona Villegas**

Simona Villegas Huerta 88 of Austin passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2016 in Kyle, Texas. She was born on January 5, 1928 to Lorenzo and Juanita Villegas in Round Rock, Texas.

Simona loved the Lord and dedicated her life to the Lord and her family, her greatest loves. After raising her children, she worked at AISD and several church daycares until she had grandchildren to care for. Simona was a parishioner at San Jose Catholic church where she became a member of the Guadalupanas.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Frank M. Huerta; son, John Paul Huerta; and parents.

Simona is survived by her sons, Frank Huerta III and wife Mary Ann, Tony and wife Julie, Edward and fiancé Colleen Villarreal; nine grandchildren, Anthony, Edward Christopher, Eric, Angelina, Brandy, John, Joseph, Ana and Nicole; twenty great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Carmen Besa.

Honoring Simona and serving as Pallbearers will be Anthony David Huerta, Edward Christopher Huerta, Joseph Edward Huerta, Martin Galvan, Joseph Galvan, and Thaddeus Galvan. Honorary Pallbearers will be Freddy Besa, Raymond Huerta, Sr., and Johnny Galvan.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 South Congress. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 am on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at San Jose Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Assumption Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Orchard Park Assisted Living and Heart to Heart Hospice for their love, care and support.

Obituary of Simona V. Huerta
Austin American-Statesman, February 24, 2016

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the wafer.

N^o. A 1895

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M^rs. Hola Canada Address 701 [unclear]

Plumber Bacon Size of Tap 1/2 Date 8/15/28

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 8/16/28

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 10"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 21'

Location of Meter at curb

Type of Box lock

Depth of Main in St. 18"

" " Service Line 16"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 9.6'

Checked by Engr. Dept. [signature]

No.	Fittings	Size
2	Curb Cock	5/4"
1	Elbow	3/4"
1	St. Elbow	3/4"
1	Bushing	3/4"
1	Reducer	3/4"
1	Pipe	3/4"
1	Lead Conn.	3/4"
1	Nipples	3/4"
1	Plug	1 1/4"
1	Tee	1 1/4"
1	Stop	1 1/4"
1	Box	1 1/4"
1	Lid	1 1/4"
1	Valves	1 1/4"

Foreman's Signature [signature]

Req. No. 12-

49m [unclear] 1 1/4" [unclear]

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Water service permit for this address (1928)

OWNER	/ Frank Huerta	ADDRESS	708 West Johanna
PLAT	116	LOT	12
		BLK	H
SUBDIVISION	James E. Bouldin		
OCCUPANCY	Bedroom		
BLD PERMIT #	99938	DATE	6-8-66
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	1,700.00
CONTRACTOR	Bill Davis	NO. OF FIXTURES	1
WATER TAP REC #	Existing	SEWER TAP REC #	
Addition to Frame Residence (Bedroom)			
192 sq.ft.			
11-22-77 #168918 acc bldg, \$1000.00 owner (storage bldg)			
.. 256 sq ft			

Building permit to Frank Huerta to construct an addition (1966), and to construct an accessory building (1977)

An addition to create a master suite was permitted in 1991.