HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 24, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
NRD-2017-0023
802 PRESSLER STREET
WEST LINE HISTORIC DISTRICT

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1930 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a semi-inset front-gabled porch on plain square wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1930. The first owners and occupants were Alfred and Alice Kleinschmidt, who lived here until around 1936. Alfred Kleinschmidt was the son of Conrad Kleinschmidt, with whom he operated a delicatessen in the 800 block of Congress Avenue. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alfred still living in his parents' home on San Jacinto Street, so this house was likely the first house that he owned after marrying. Alfred Kleinschmidt and his father had their owned restaurant on Congress Avenue until around 1933; the 1935 city directory shows Alfred Kleinschmidt as a cook at the Pik-A-Rib restaurant in the 900 block of Congress Avenue. With them lived Marie Shaw, Alfred's sister-in-law. Marie Shaw was a waitress at the Driskill Hotel.

The house had a series of renters from the late 1930s into the early 1940s, including a salesman for the Texas Public Service Company, the city's natural gas utility, a cashier for an auto parts store, and a carpenter. Around 1943, Luther and Sallie Shelton moved into the house, first as renters. Luther Shelton was a shovel operator for the City Street and Bridge Department, then became a dragline operator for the LCRA, beginning around 1948, a job he maintained for the rest of his career. He and Sallie lived in this house until around 1959.

From around 1959 until around 1987, the house was owned and occupied by Basilio and Juanita Gonzales. Basilio ("Frank") Gonzales was a mechanic for Ward Body Works on S. Congress Avenue; the firm manufactured vehicle bodies.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is contributing to the West Line National Register Historic District.

The house has retained a high degree of integrity of materials, but does not qualify as a historic landmark on its individual merits.

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 restaurateur, a natural gas salesman, a shovel operator, and an auto body mechanic, 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, the historic district, 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

Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, through consideration of the demolition delay for contributing properties within historic districts; this house represents an intact example of a late 1920s – early 1930s bungalow in form and design and reflects the historical context of this neighborhood. While there is likely not sufficient evidence and justification to designate this house as an individual landmark, every effort and consideration should be made to preserve and adaptively re-use this house. Staff then recommends relocation over demolition. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends that the applicant complete 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, and that the Commission review the plans for any new construction proposed for this site prior to release of the permit.

LOCATION MAP



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SUBJECT TRACT

PENDING CASE

ZONING BOUNDARY

1 " = 122 '

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2017-0023

LOCATION: 802 Pressler St.

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802 Pressler Street
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
802 Pressler Street

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

1992	Mark and Haydee Allred, owners Proprietor, Black and White, Connection, photo developing and printing, 904-B W. 12th Street.
1985-86	Basilio L. and Juanita M. Gonzales, owners Retired
1981	Basilio L. and Juanita M. Gonzales, owners Retired
1977	Basilio L. and Juanita M. Gonzales, owners Employed by Limination Lumber (not listed in the directory).
1973	Basilio L. and Juanita M. Gonzales, owners Employed by Limination Lumber (not listed in the directory)
1968	Basilio L. and Juanita M. Gonzales, owners Mechanic, Metropolitan Coach, manufacturers, 4201 S. Congress Avenue.

1965 Basilio L. and Juanita M. Gonzales, owners
Helper, Ward Body Works, manufacturers, 4201 S. Congress Avenue.

1961 Basilio L. and Juanita M. Gonzales, owners
Mechanic, Ward Body Works, manufacturers, 4201 S. Congress Avenue.

1957 Luther E. and Sallie Shelton, owners
Dragline operator, LCRA
NOTE: Basilio and Juanita Gonzales are listed at 1126 Midway Street; he was a laborer.

1953 Luther E. and Sallie Shelton, owners
Dragline operator, LCRA

1949 Luther E. and Sallie Shelton, owners
Dragline operator, LCRA

1947 Luther E. and Sallie Shelton, owners
Crane operator, S.B. Ricks, excavating contractor, 400 West Avenue.

1944-45 Luther E. and Sallie Shelton, renters
Gravel worker

1941 G. Dewey and Nona Cox, renters
Carpenter
NOTE: Luther E. and Sallie Shelton are listed at 508 Walsh Street; he was a shovel operator for the City Street and Bridge Department.

1939 Marshall C. Smith, renter
Cashier, Mountjoy Parts Company, auto accessories, 204 E. 5th Street.
Also listed is Millis Smith, no occupation shown.

1937 Harry B. and Gladys Pearson, renters
Salesman, Texas Public Service Company, natural gas, 907 Congress Avenue.

1935 Alfred H. and Alice Kleinschmidt, owners
Cook, Pik-A-Rib, restaurant, 911 Congress Avenue.
Also listed are Thornton and Marie Shaw, renters. Thornton W. Shaw had no occupation shown; Marie Shaw was a waitress at the Driskill Hotel.

1932-33 Alfred H. and Alice Kleinschmidt, owners
Proprietor (with Conrad Kleinschmidt), C. Kleinschmidt & Son, restaurant, 807 Congress Avenue.
Also listed are Thornton W. and Marie Shaw, renters. Thornton W. Shaw was a cook at the Austin Hotel, 7th Street and Congress Avenue; Marie Shaw had no occupation shown.

1930-31 Alfred H. and Alice Kleinschmidt, owners
Proprietor (with Conrad Kleinschmidt), C. Kleinschmidt & Son, delicatessen, cafeteria, fancy cheese, soft drinks, bottled beers, picnic, hot and cold lunches, 813 Congress Avenue.

1929 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Alfred H. and Alice Kleinschmidt are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:
Alfred H. and Alice Kleinschmidt (ca. 1930 – ca. 1936)
The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alfred Kleinschmidt as the 25-year old son of Klein and Hulda Schmidt [sic], who owned their home worth $3,500 at 1505 San Jacinto Street in Austin. Alfred Kleinschmidt had been born in Texas, and was a waiter at a delicatessen. Both his parents had been born in Germany – his father was a lunch man at a delicatessen and his mother had no occupation listed. Alfred had an older sister, Othelia, 30, who had been born in Texas, and was a saleslady at a drug store.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alfred and Alice Kleinschmidt as the renters of the house at 3706 (?) Wabash Avenue in Austin. Alfred Kleinschmidt was 35, had been born in Texas, and was a retail beverage salesman. Alice Kleinschmidt was 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Linda, 6 months. With them lived Alfred's sister-in-law, Marie Shaw, 31, who was single, had been born in Texas, and worked as a cashier in a hotel.

KLEINSCHMIDT, Alfred H., 73, 5512 Ave. F, died Saturday. Serivces 1:30 p.m. Monday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial, Capital Memorial Park. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Alice Kleinschmidt of Austin; daughter, Mrs. Linda Zrubek of Austin; sister, Mrs. Othilia Novakm of Austin.

Obituary of Alfred Kleinschmidt
Austin American-Statesman, February 4, 1979

Alice Kleinschmidt

Alice Kleinschmidt, 82, a lifelong resident of Austin, died Monday, November 20, 1989.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 PM, Wednesday in the Davis Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, with Pastor Robert Karli officiating. Interment will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Kleinschmidt is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Edward Zrubek of Austin; sister, Emma Hunke of San Antonio; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Alice Kleinschmidt
Austin American-Statesman, November 21, 1989

Luther E. and Sallie Shelton (ca. 1943 – ca. 1959)
The 1940 U.S. Census shows L.E. and Sallie Shelton as the renters of an apartment at 911 West Lynn Street. L.E. Shelton was 36, had been born in Texas, and was a shovel operator for the City. Sallie Shelton was 38, had been born in Texas, and was a seamstress for a ready-to-wear clothing store. Their children are listed as Frank, 14; Joyce E., 11; and Christine, 10. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Luther E. and Sally Shelton as the renters of the house at 1304 W. 5th Street in Austin. Luther Shelton was 26, had been born in Texas, and worked for the city street department. Sally Shelton was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Frank, 4; Joyce, 1; and Evelyn, 4 months. All the children had been born in Texas.

LUTHER E. SHELTON

Luther E. Shelton, 63, 5704 Joe Sayers, died in a local hospital Tuesday.

He had been a resident of Austin 35 years, and was a member of the West Austin Baptist Church. He was a member of the LCRA Employees Club, Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F.&A.M., Scottish Rite Bodies, Ben Hur Temple of Austin, Honorary member of the Order of DeMolays, Loyal Moose Lodge of Austin, and the International Union of Operating Engineers No. 450. Since 1948 he had been with the LCRA as drag line and heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Saide T. Shelton of Austin; son, Frank Shelton of Austin; daughters, Mrs. E. S. (Chris) Johnson Jr. of Austin and Mrs. Joyce Parks of Beaumont; brothers, Mancel E. Shelton of Austin and Marvin A. (Jack) Shelton of Albuquerque; sisters, Mrs. C. A. Lamb of Austin, Mrs. Lou Belle Alhgraum of Houston, Mrs. Bertie Boatright of Austin, Mrs. Dudley White of Midland, and Mrs. Curtis Montgomery of Amarillo; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Luther E. Shelton
Austin American, September 21, 1966

NOTE: The name of his widow is misspelled in this obituary – her name was Sallie, not Sadie.

LUTHER E. SHELTON

Funeral for Luther E. Shelton will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home with Rev. Bill C. Clark officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park under auspices of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A.M.

Pallbearers will be David Paul Penrod, Leo L. Smith, Arthur J. Hamilton, Billy H. Pesther, Arnold Bengtson and Maurice Bozarth.

Funeral notice for Luther E. Shelton
Austin American, September 22, 1966

MRS. SALLIE T. SHELTON

Mrs. Sallie T. Shelton, 5704 Joe Sayers, died at the family residence Saturday. She had been a resident of Austin since 1929, was a member the West Austin Baptist church, the Daughters of Nile and the Ruh Neb Temple.

Survivors include a son, Frank Shelton of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. E. S. (Chris) Johnson, Jr. of Leander and Mrs. George (Joyce) Parks Jr. of Beaumont; two brothers, Colude Rhodes of Gonzales and D. Rhodes of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Eula Watts of Luling; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Clark officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Sallie Shelton
Austin American-Statesman, February 2, 1969

Basilio and Juanita Gonzales (ca. 1959 – ca. 1987)

Basilio L. "Frank" Gonzales

Our beloved Basilio L. "Frank" Gonzales, age 83, resident of Austin was called by our Heavenly Father on Friday, June 14, 2002.

Basilio was a WWII veteran who proudly served his country, and a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather who will be missed by all who loved him.

Survivors include son, Joe M. Gonzales Sr.; two grandchildren, Joe and Robert Gonzales, all of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Paul L. Gonzales Sr. of Austin, Texas, Jimmie L. Gonzales of Killeen, Texas; two sisters, Julia Gonzales of Killeen, Texas, and Toni Reyna of Austin, Texas; and a niece, Rosa Resendez of Killeen, Texas.

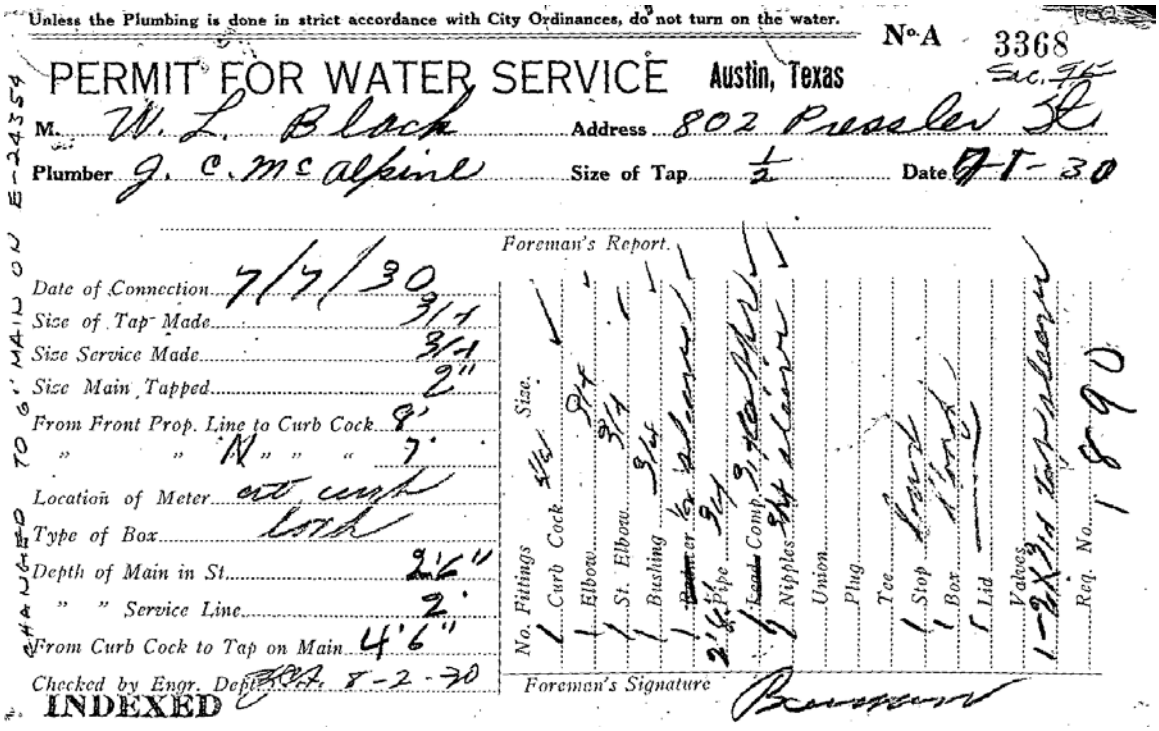
Recitation of rosary, Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mission Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church. J.C. Cain will officiate. Interment will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Arrangement under the direction of Mission Funeral Home, 1615 E. Cesar Chavez, (512) 476-4355.

To view memorials on-line, visit www.missionmemorials.com

Obituary of Basilio Gonzales
Austin American-Statesman, June 17, 2002



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

No. A 3368

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

Sec. 95

M. W. L. Block Address 802 Pressler St

Plumber J. C. McAlpine Size of Tap ½ Date 7-1-30

CHANGED TO 6" MAIN ON E-24354

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 7/7/30

Size of Tap Made ¾

Size Service Made ¾

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'

" " N " " " 7'

Location of Meter on curb

Type of Box Cast

Depth of Main in St 2'6"

" " Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 4'6"

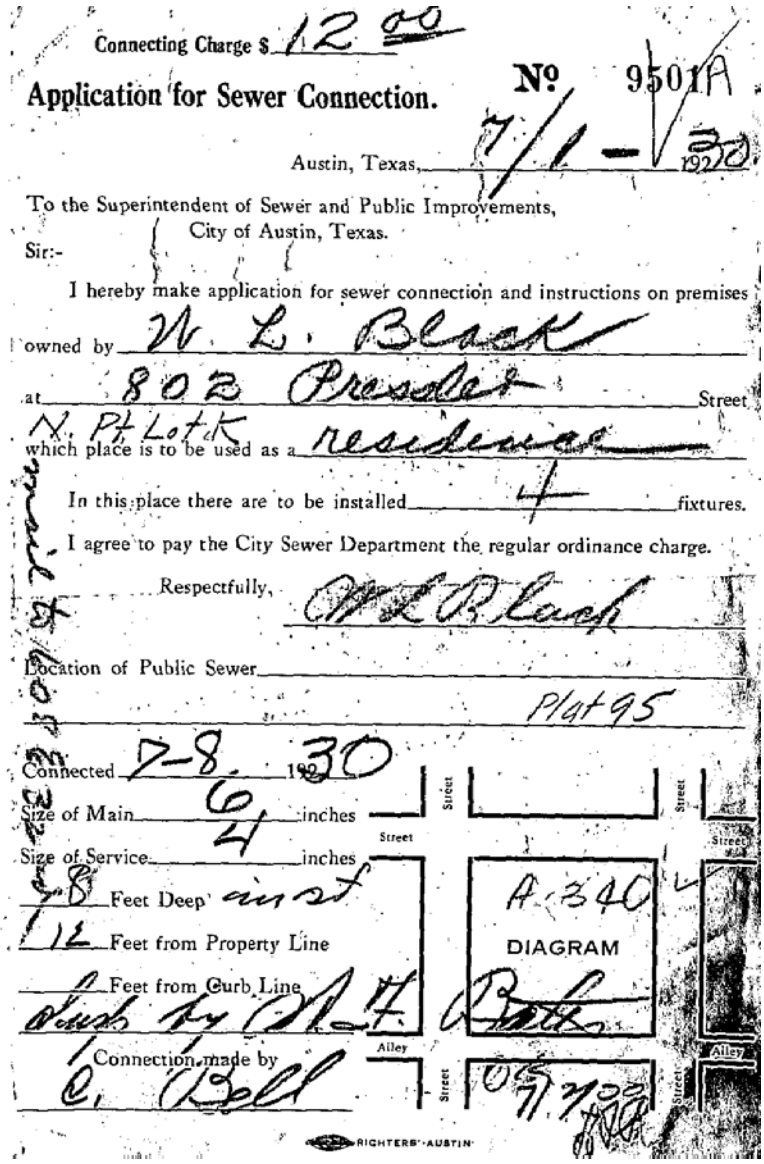
Checked by Engr. Dept. RCA 8-2-30

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No. Fittings	Size.
1 Curb Cock	½
1 Elbow	¾
1 St. Elbow	¾
1 Bushing	¾ to ½
1 Reducer	¾ to ½
2 ½ Pipe	¾
1 Lead Comp	¾ to ½
1 Nipple	¾
Union	
Plug	
Tee	
1 Stop	½
1 Box	
1 Lid	
Valves	
1-2 x ½ Tap Sleeve	
Req. No.	1890

Foreman's Signature Bennett

Water service permit for this address (1930)



Connecting Charge $ 12 00

Application for Sewer Connection. No. 9501A

Austin, Texas, 7/1 1930

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by W. L. Black

at 802 Pressler Street

N. Pt Lot K which place is to be used as a residence

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully, W. L. Black

Location of Public Sewer

Plat 95

Connected 7-8 1930

Size of Main 6 inches

Size of Service 4 inches

58 Feet Deep

12 Feet from Property Line

Feet from Curb Line

Connection made by C. Bell

DIAGRAM

A 340

Sewer connection application for this house (1930)

L. E. Shelton 802-B Pressler Street

95 North 50' of K A

Smoot Addition

,Masonry garage apartment

33315 3-29-47 $2000.00

Owner

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Building permit to Luther E. Shelton for the construction of a masonry garage apartment (1947)