

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 11, 2017  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2017-0684  
1605 S. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1937 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame cottage with a secondary, ornamental front gable and a front-gabled entry hood; single 1:1 fenestration.

## RESEARCH

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The house was built in 1937 by Alfred Cromeans, who lived in the no-longer standing ca. 1936 house next-door at 1607 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Alfred Cromeans and his wife, Lula, had previously rented the house just to the south of their house, at 1609 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, prior to building their house at 1607. Mr. Cromeans was a salesman, and appears to have built this house as an investment property. The first tenants were Olin G. and Bess Humphries, who lived here until around 1939. Olin Humphries was a linotype operator for a printing company. Around 1940, the house was rented by Alex and Julia Martinez. Alex Martinez was a stoneworker. There is an indication in the 1947 city directory of owner-occupants, indicating perhaps that Alfred Cromeans sold the house; those owners were Herbert and Sue B. Harper. Herbert Harper was a clerk at the Post Office. He and his wife lived here only for a couple of years; the next city directory shows that the house was again a rental property.

Around 1952, the house was purchased by Joe A. and Marie C. Tamayo, whose family lived here through the 1980s. The Tamayos had previously lived in Lockhart, Texas, where Joe Tamayo had been the proprietor of a general store, and later the proprietor of an auto paint shop. While living here, Joe Tamayo worked as an auto painter for South Lamar Automotive Service. After Joe, Sr. passed away in 1975, the house was owned and occupied by their son, Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., who was retired from being an auto painter like his father.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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The house was listed with no priority for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

Staff has evaluated the house and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame 1930s cottage, a common style. The house has no architectural distinction within its style.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was built as a rental property, then purchased around 1952 by a family who moved to Austin from Lockhart; Joe Tamayo worked as an auto painter.
- 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 neighborhood, 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**

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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. The house lacks the historical and architectural significance to qualify as an individual historic landmark.

# LOCATION MAP



1" = 208'



SUBJECT TRACT  
PENDING CASE  
ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

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1605 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
ca. 1937



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 1605 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

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

1992	Sylvia S. Amaro, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Sylvia S. Amaro was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., owner Retired
1981	Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., owner Retired
1977	Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., owner No occupation listed
1973	Joe A. Tamayo, owner Painter, South Lamar Automotive Service, 1414 S. Lamar Boulevard. Also listed is Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., no occupation shown.
1968	Joe A. and Marie C. Tamayo, owners Painter, S. Lamar Automotive Service, 1414 S. Lamar Boulevard. Also listed is Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., a painter at S. Lamar Automotive Service, 1414 S. Lamar Boulevard.
1965	Joe A. and Maria C. Tamayo, owners Mechanic, S. Lamar Automotive Service, 1414 S. Lamar Boulevard. Also listed is Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., no occupation shown.
1960	Joe A. and Marie C. Tamayo, owners Painter, S. Lamar Automotive Service, 1414 S. Lamar Boulevard. Also listed is Joe A. Tamayo, Jr., no occupation shown.
1957	Joe A. and Marie C. Tamayo, owners Painter (no place of employment shown)
1954	Joe A. and Marie C. Tamayo, owners Painter (no place of employment shown)
1952	T.M. Vinson, renter U.S. Air Force NOTE: Joe A. and Marie C. Tamayo are not listed in the directory.
1949	Oscar L. and Esther V. Egle, renters Draftsman
1947	Herbert F. and Sue B. Harper, owners Clerk, U.S. Post Office

1944-45	Nellie Gibson, renter No occupation listed
1941	Alex and Julia Martinez, renters Stoneworker
1939	O.G. and Bess Humphries, renters Linotype operator, Elliott Printing Company, 1009 San Jacinto Street.
1937	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Olin G. and Bess Humphries are listed at 805 Columbus Street. He was a linotype operator for Elliott Printing Company, 301 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Olin G. and Bess Humphries (ca. 1937 – ca. 1939)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Olin G. and Bess C. Humphries as the owners of the house at 813 James Street in Austin; that house was worth \$2,100. Olin G. Humphries was 46, had been born in Texas, and was a printer. Bess C. Humphries was 39, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons: Olin G., Jr., 14; and Bob Gregg, 9. Both boys had been born in Texas.

##### **Alex and Julia Martinez (ca. 1940 – ca. 1943)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alec and Julia Martinez renting the house at 1108 W. Annie Street in Austin. Alec Martinez was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a mason in building construction. Julia Martinez was 17, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

##### **Joe A. and Maria Tamayo (ca. 1952 – ca. 1990)**

J.A. and Maria Tamayo appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Lockhart, Texas, where they owned a house worth \$800. J.A. Tamayo was 29, had been born in Texas to Mexican-born parents, and was the proprietor of a general store. Maria Tamayo was 28, had been born in Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Yolanda, 6, who had been born in Texas. There are also 3 boys listed as sons: Julio Sanchez, 10; Alfred Tamayo, 4; and Oscar Tamayo, 11 months. All of the boys had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Joe and Marie Tamayo as the owners of a house worth \$1,200 in Lockhart, Texas. Joe Tamayo was 39, had been born in Texas, and was the proprietor of an automobile paint shop. Marie Tamayo was 37, had been born in Mexico. They had 5 children: Yolanda, 16; Alfredo, 13; Oscar, 12; Teresa, 8; and Gloria, 6. All the children had been born in Texas.

**TAMAYO, Joe Alfred, Sr.,**  
74, 1603 S. Third St., died  
Thursday. Rosary 7:30 p.m.  
Friday at Willie-Clay Funeral  
Home. Mass 10 a.m. Saturday  
at St. Ignatius Catholic  
Church. Survivors: wife, Mrs.  
Maria Tamayo of Austin;  
daughters, Mrs. Yolanda  
Gonzales of Seguin, Mrs.  
Gloria Menchaca of Austin;  
sons, Joe Alfred Tamayo Jr.  
and Oscar Tamayo, both of  
Austin, sisters, Mrs. Carmen  
Valdez of Austin, Mrs. Susie  
Cadazos of Lockhart;  
brothers, Pedro Tamayo of  
Austin, Encarnacion Tamayo  
and Joe Albert Tamayo, both  
of Lockhart; seven  
grandchildren; and three  
great-grandchildren more

Obituary of Joe A. Tamayo  
Austin American-Statesman, August 8, 1975



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Alfred Cromeans

1605 So. 3rd St.

D. W. Bouldin

frame residence · box garage

193 - June 16, 1937

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Building permit to Alfred Cromeans for this house (1937)

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

**PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE** AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 5635

M. Alfred Cromeans Address 1605 So. 3rd St.

Plumber Loden Size of Tap 1/2 Date 7-7-37

Date of Connection 7-8-37

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 32

Location of Meter CURBLINE

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 2'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 7

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-13-37

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**Foreman's Report**

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	5/8
1 Elbow	3/4
1 St. Elbow	3/4
1 Bushing	3/4 x 1/2
1 Reducer	1/2 SLEEVE
Pipe	
1 COPPER Lead Comp.	3/4
Nipples	
1 Plug	
1 Tee	
1 Stop	
1 Box	
1 Lid	
1 Valve	
1 - 2 x 3/4 TAP SLEEVE	
Req. No.	18170

Foreman's Signature DOUGLAS

CHANGED TO 1/2" COPPER ON 7-22-1-700-894

1-2 x 3/4 TAP SLEEVE

Water service permit to Alfred Cromeans for this house (1937)



## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 13551 *A*

Austin, Texas

Received of Loden Date July 7, 1937  
 Address 1605 S. 3rd.  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner Alfred Cromeans Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot N 1/3 Alfred Cromeans Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. 116  
 res.

Date of Connection <u>7/16/1937</u>		No. Fittings	Size	Price
By City <u>36' S/NLL</u>		47 1/2'	4"	4.75
By Plumber _____		Pipe		
Checked By <u>Boatright</u>		Wyes		
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth <u>5 1/2'</u>		1 Bends	4"	.40
Main Assign. <u>in St. 47' from PL</u>		Reducers		
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line <u>3 1/2'</u>		Plugs		
Stub Location _____		Sand		
Book No. <u>A-1200</u>		Gravel		
Paving Cut _____ No. _____		Remix		
		Stoppers		
		Castings		
		Other laying pipe		.95
		Labor:	7 days	18.00
			total	24.10

Sewer service permit to Alfred Cromeans for this house (1937)