

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 11, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0620
2111 W. 11TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1947 house and a ca. 2001 garage apartment.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width inset porch on a plain-square wood post; paired 1:1 fenestration. The ca. 2001 garage apartment is set behind the house, and is a two-story, rectangular-plan front-gabled frame building with single 6:6 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1947 by Arthur R. and Florence A. Hundley, who lived here until around 1950. Arthur Hundley was the city salesman for American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation.

Around 1950, the house was purchased by Garnett and Mittie Lewis, who lived here until around 1984. Garnett Lewis was a native of Greenville, Texas, and had a dry cleaning shop in Austin on W. 12th Street with various satellite locations throughout the city at various times. He retired from the dry cleaning business in 1975.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

Staff has evaluated the house for designation as a historic landmark with reference to the criteria set forth in the City Code, and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria necessary for individual designation as a historic landmark.

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame post-World War II cottage, a common style. The house has no architectural distinction within its style.
- b. **Historical association.** The house is associated most significantly with Garnett and Mittie Lewis, who lived here for over 30 years. Garnett Lewis was the proprietor of a dry cleaning establishment. There does not appear to be significant historical associations as would warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.
- 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




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



1" = 136'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0620
LOCATION: 2111 W 11th Street

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2111 W. 11th Street
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2111 W. 11th Street

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

1992	Maureen Limond, owner No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Maureen Limond was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Garnett B. and Mittie M. Lewis, owners Retired
1981	Garnett B. and Mittie M. Lewis, owners Retired
1977	B Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners Retired
1973	B. Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners Proprietor, Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12 th Street.
1968	B. Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners Proprietor, Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12 th Street.
1965	B. Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners

- Proprietor, Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12th Street and 1197 Angelina Street.
- 1960 B. Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners
Proprietor, Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12th Street, 2006 S. Congress Avenue, and 1197 Angelina Street.
- 1957 B. Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners
Proprietor, Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12th Street, 1197 Angelina Street, and 708 E. 53rd Street.
- 1954 B. Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners
Proprietor, Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12th Street and 708 E. 53rd Street.
- 1952 B. Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis, owners
Proprietor, Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12th Street.
NOTE: Arthur R. and Florence Hundley are not listed in the directory.
- 1949 Arthur R. and Florence A. Hundley, owners
City salesman, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, 401 E. 2nd Street.
NOTE: Garnett and Mittie Lewis are listed at 3215 Oakmont Boulevard. He was the proprietor of Garnett Lewis Cleaners, 907 W. 12th Street.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Arthur R. and Florence Hundley are listed at 3414 Bridle Path. He was the warehouse superintendent for American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, 401 E. 2nd Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Garnett and Mittie Lewis (ca. 1950 – ca. 1984)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Garnett and Nettie [sic] Lewis as the renters of the house at 817 W. 12th Street in Austin. Garnett Lewis was 38, had been born in Texas, and was a dry cleaner. Mittie Lewis was 36, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons: Bennie Garnett, 10; and Jeff Stewart, 4. Both boys had been born in Texas. In addition they had a lodger, Carl Woodrow Woddle, 21, who had been born in Texas, and was a deliveryman for a dry cleaners. Carl Woddle had lived in Greenville, Texas in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Garnett and Mittie M. Lewis as the renters of the house at 1414 W. 9th Street in Austin. Garnett Lewis was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a cleaner in a dry cleaning shop. Mittie M. Lewis was 25, had been born in Texas to Arkansas-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Bennie G., 7 months.



Garnett Lewis

Garnett Lewis, age 88, of Austin, passed from this world Wednesday,

August 8, and rests now in the arms of the Lord.

Mr. Lewis was born near Greenville, Texas, in 1902. He moved to Austin in 1921. Until his retirement in 1975, he was the owner and operator of Garnett Lewis Cleaners.

Mr. Lewis was a member of the First Methodist Church of Austin for 43 years. For the past 25 years, he was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He was an active member of the original Optimist Club in Austin for many years. He may be best remembered by his closest associates and friends as an avid expert fisherman.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Mittie Lewis; his two sons, Benny G. Lewis of Austin and Jefferson S. Lewis of New York City; his four grandchildren, Stephen C. Lewis and Mark S. Lewis of Austin, Robert J. Lewis of Sterling, Virginia, and Lisa Lewis Rodgers of Loveland, Colorado; four great-grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Lewis of Austin.

Funeral services are 1:30 PM, Friday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, with the Reverend Bob Ledbetter officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

Condolences may be expressed in lieu of flowers through the contributions to St. Luke's United Methodist Church in memory of Mr. Lewis.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Garnett Lewis
Austin American-Statesman, August 9, 1990

Mittie Lewis

Mrs. Mittie Lewis passed from mortal life and into the arms of her Savior on Thursday, April 1, 1999. She was 94 years of age at passing.

Mittie was born in 1904 in Hunt County, Texas, jst outside of Greenville. She was the ninth of eleven brothers and sisters born to Bolivar and Martha Taylor. She graduated from Greenville High School and was married to Garnett Lewis in 1921. Immediately following their wedding, they traveled to Austin and resided here the rest of their mortal lives. Soon after establishing residence in Austin, Mittie and Garnett became members of the First Methodist Church, as well as leaders in the Epworth League. They retained that membership for over 40 years before transferring to St. Luke United Methodist, where they remained until their respective passings.

In addition to her devotion to activities of her church, Mittie was involved in a variety of community activities. For many years she was a volunteer at the Old Bakery and Emporium.

To her grandchildren and their peers she was known as "Granny". To many other than her own two children she was known as "Mom". To legions of others she was known as "friend".

Mittie was preceded in death by her parents, by all of her siblings save one sister, by her husband of 67 years and by a son, Jefferson S. Lewis, formerly of New York City.

She is succeeded by a sister, Johnnie Taylor, of Dallas; by a son, Ben G. Lewis and wife, Marlene, of Austin; by four grandchildren including Stephen C. Lewis and family, of Austin, Mark S. Lewis and family, of Iroquois, Ontario, ~~Canada, Robert J. Lewis and family, of~~ Athens, Georgia, and Lisa Lewis Rodgers and family, of Loveland, Colorado; by 10 great-grandchildren; by more than a score of nieces and nephews (including "great" and "great-great"), all of whom had her individual devotion.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 1999, with Reverend Terry Dowdy officiant. Private interment will follow at Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the nursing and care staff of the Retirement III unit of the Retirement and Nursing Center for their devoted care of Mittie during the final year of her life.

For those preferring, memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to St. Luke UMC, 1306 West Lynn, Austin, Texas 78703.

Obituary of Mittie Lewis
Austin American-Statesman, April 3, 1999

A. R. Hundley
W.60' of 6 & E.
151 84 of 7 -

2111 West 11th Street

Marlton Place #2

Frame residence and garage

35423 10-10-47

\$6000.00

Louis W. Johnson

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11-4-74-#146123-Garnett Lewis-remodel & addn to
acc. bldg. 308 sq.ft. \$200.00

Building permit to Arthur Hundley for the construction of the house (1947)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT		No. B4334	
Received of <u>ARTHUR R HANDLEY</u>		Date <u>10-10-47</u>	
Address <u>2111 WEST 11</u>			
Amount <u>TWENTY AND 00/100 20.00</u>			
Plumber <u>J L PERRY</u>		Size of Tap <u>3/4"</u>	
Date of Connection <u>10-15-47</u>			
Size of Tap Made <u>3/4"</u>			
Size Service Made <u>3/4"</u>			
Size Main Tapped <u>2" C.I.</u>			
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>9.5'</u>			
From E. Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>22'</u>			
Location of Meter <u>CURB</u>			
Type of Box <u>LOCK</u>			
Depth of Main in St. <u>30"</u>			
Depth of Service Line <u>2'</u>			
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main <u>3'</u>			
Checked by Engr. Dept. <u>11-18-47 RD</u>			
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No. Fittings	Size	
1	Curb Cock <u>5/8"</u>	
1	Elbow <u>3/4" C.I.</u>	
1	St. Elbow <u>3/4" Steel</u>	
1	Bushing <u>3/4" C.I.</u>	
1	Reducer <u>2" x 3/4" TAP SIZE</u>	
3	Pipe <u>1 3/4" C.I.</u>	
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug <u>1 1/2"</u>	
	Stop <u>" LID</u>	
	Box <u>LOCK</u>	
	Lid <u>"</u>	
	Valves	
	Job No. <u>W-323-502</u>	
	Req. No. <u>"</u>	

Water service permit to Arthur Hundley for this address (1947)

Garnett Lewis 2111 West 11th St.

151 W 60' of 6 & E 8' of 7

Marlton Place Sec 2

Fr. add S.W. corner of residence.

68034

12/5/57

1250.00

D. M. Perry

none

DEN

Building permit to Garnett Lewis for the construction of a frame addition (1957)