# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION February 26, 2018 PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS NRD-2017-0087 1410 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street West Line Historic District

#### PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1910 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-and-a-half story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a partial-width front-gabled independent porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; entry door has sidelights; hipped-roof addition to the east (right) of the main block of the house.

#### RESEARCH

The house was built around 1910. The first occupant was Howard Stoune, an insurance agent, who lived here until around 1917. The house was then owned and occupied by Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, until Allye Becker's death in 1978. Francis C. Becker was from Taylor, Texas. He worked at a variety of jobs, including as a deputy collector for the Internal Revenue Service, before becoming the auditor, and later assistant manager of the Driskill Hotel.

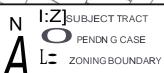
#### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is contributing to the West Line Historic District.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as the house appears to be structurally sound and retains a high degree of integrity, and is contributing to the historic district, so demolition may be delayed pursuant to Code. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends relocation over demolition, and 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, and the Commission's review of the plans for new construction on the site.





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1410 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street









Rear structure

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1410 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992 A: No return

B: Pat Thompson, renter No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Pat Thompson was a new resident at

this address.

1985-86 A: Vacant

B: Sue Dennis, renter No occupation listed

1981 J. Willis, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that J. Willis was a new resident at this address.

½: William P. Allen, renter No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that William P. Allen was a new resident at

this address.

1977 Mrs. Allye B. Becker, owner

Widow, Francis C. Becker

No occupation listed

½: Steven Cuhn, renter

Contractor

NOTE: The directory indicates that Steven Cuhn was a new resident at

this address.

1973 Mrs. Allye B. Becker, owner

Widow, Francis C. Becker

Retired

½: Mrs. Mayme W. Debilzn, renter

Widow, John Debilzn

Retired

1968 Allye B. Becker, owner

Widow, Francis C. Becker

Retired

Also listed is Francis C. Becker, Jr., no occupation shown.

1965 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners

Retired

Rear: Francis B. Becker, Jr., renter

Driver, Yellow Cab

1961 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners

No occupation listed

Ima B. Payne, renter

	Statistician, State Department of Public Welfare
1957	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners No occupation listed
	Ima B. Payne, renter Statistician, State Department of Public Welfare
1954	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Rancher
1952	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Rancher
1949	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel
1947	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel
1944-45	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel
	Ima B. Payne, renter Statistician, State Department of Public Welfare
1941	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel
	Ima B. Payne, renter Research assistant, State Department of Public Welfare
1939	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel
	Merl T. and Edna E. Johnson, renters Driver
1937	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel
	Merl T. and Edna E. Johnson, renters Bus driver
1935	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel Also listed is Francis C. Becker, Jr., no occupation shown.
1932-33	Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel
	Collin L. and Dean Shaw, renters Stonecutter

1930-31 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters

Assistant manager, Driskill Hotel

Mrs. Estelle J. Boese, owner

No occupation listed

Also listed is Wallace Boese, a shipping clerk for Railey Paper Company, wholesale dealers in school supplies, wrapping paper, bags, twine, and Wizard sweeping compound, 310 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

1929 Estelle Boese, owner

No occupation listed

Also listed are Olin and Eileen Boese; he was a draftsman for Giesecke and Harris, architects, 205 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and Wallace Boese, a clerk for Railey Paper Company, 310 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Also listed are Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, renters. He was the auditor for the Driskill Hotel.

1927 Forest C. and Olive Abbott, renters

Clerk, Gulf Refining Company, 5<sup>th</sup> and Chicon Streets.

Also listed are Francis C. and Allye B. Becker; he was an auditor for the Driskill Hotel.

NOTE: Estelle Boese is listed at 705 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. She had no occupation shown. With her lived Charles O. Boese, a student at the University of Texas; and Olin Boese, a draftsman for Giesecke and Harris, architects, 205 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

1924 William T. and Lady F. McCutcheon, renters

Farmer

NOTE: Francis C. and Allie B. Becker are listed as rooming at 312 Bowie Street; neither had an occupation shown.

1922 M. Jay and Elizabeth McSween, renters

Salesman, Walter Tips Company, wholesale and retail hardware, 708-12 Congress Avenue.

1920 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners

Book-keeper, Thomas Motor Car Company (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory).

1918 Francis C. and Allye B. Becker, owners

Deputy collector, U.S. Internal Revenue Service

1916 Howard C. Stoune

Salesman, Carl Wendlandt, real estate and loans, 70 Congress Avenue.

NOTE: Francis C. Becker is listed at 1304 San Jacinto; he was a deputy with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

1914 Howard C. Stoune

Agent, American National Insurance Company of Galveston, 403-05 Littlefield Building.

1912-13 Howard C. Stoune

No occupation listed

Ollie J. Hinton

Foreman, International and Great Northern Railroad.

1910-11 Howard C. Stoune

Agent, American National Insurance Company of Galveston, 117½ E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

1909-10 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Howard Stoune is listed at 306 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. He was a life insurance agent.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### Howard C. and Minnie Stoune (ca. 1910 – ca. 1917)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Howard C. and Minnie Stoune at 1206 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Howard C. Stoune was 31, had been born in Arkansas to a German-born father and a Louisiana-born mother, and was an insurance agent. Minnie Stoune was 28, had been born in Texas to Louisiana-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Carldean, 9 months, who had been born in Texas.

Howard Stoune died in Waco in 1940. His death certificate shows that he was born in 1878 in Mount Hope, Alabama, and that he was a retail shoe salesman. He was buried in Waco.

#### Estelle Boese (ca. 1928 – ca. 1932)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Estelle Boese as a renter at this address. She lived here with her son, Wallace. Estelle Boese was 45, had been born in Arkansas, and had no occupation listed. Wallace B. Boese was 22, had been born in Texas, and was a shipping clerk for a wholesale paper company. By 1940, she was living in the home of her son, Olin, at 1607 Westover Road in Austin. She was a dressmaker.

Estelle Boese died in 1962 and is buried in San Antonio.

#### Francis C. and Allye B. Becker (ca. 1917 – ca. 1978)

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that Francis Charles Becker was living in Taylor, Texas. He was a deputy collector for Internal Revenue for the U.S. Government in Austin. He was of medium height and had a stout build, blue eyes, and dark hair.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Francis and Annie [sic] Becker as the owners of this house. Francis Becker was 26, had been born in Texas to a Texas-born father and an Austrian-born mother. He was a book-keeper for a motor company. Annie Becker was 27, had been born in Texas to a Texas-born father and a Louisiana-born mother. She had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Francis, 4; and Virginia, 1. Both children had been born in Texas.

Francis C. and Allie B. Becker appear as the owners of this house in the 1930 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$3,500. Francis C. Becker was 36, had been born in Texas, and was the auditor for a lumber yard. Allie B. Becker was 37, had been born in Texas, and was a stenographer for a lumber yard. Their son, Francis C. Becker, Jr. was 14, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Allie Becker's brother, Vance K. Whitehead, 24, who had been born in Texas, and was a line man for the telephone company.

Francis C. Becker died in 1966. His death certificate shows that he was living in this house at the time of his death. He was born in 1893 in Taylor, Texas, and was an assistant hotel manager.

### FRANCIS C. EUCKER

Francis C. Becker, age 72.

1410 West 9th St., died in an Austin hospital Monday morning after a long illness. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 56 years. Before retiring he had been an employe of the Driskill Hotel for more than 25 years. He was a member of Austin Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite Bodies and the W. O. W. Lodge.

He is survived by his widow; a son. Francis C. Becker, a daughter, Mrs. C. H. Staton; a sister, Miss Lillie Becker; and one grandchild, all of Austin.

Funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. J. H. E. Willman of Llano officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be W. D.
Bates, Merl T. Johnson, Joe
Hobbs, David Tomme, C. H.
Staton and Neville Johnston.

Obituary of Francis C. Becker Austin <u>American</u>, March 29, 1966

BECKER, Allye B., 85, 1410 W. 9th St., died Saturday. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: daughter, Patricia Ann Jones of Liberty Hill; son, Francis C. Becker Jr. of Liberty Hill; brothers, Louis Whitehead, Cecil Whitehead, both of Austin; two grandchildren.

Obituary of Allye B. Becker Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, January 16, 1978

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