

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JULY 23, 2018  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2018-0275  
307 LELAND STREET

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1910 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story, rectangular-plan, hipped roof, frame house with a central entry flanked by diamond-pattern sidelights and a diamond-pattern transom; hipped roof, partial-width, independent porch on ornamental metal posts; 1:1 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built around 1910 by James D. Mosely and his wife, Martha, who moved here from their former home on South Congress Avenue, where they had a grocery business. James D. Mosely was a native of Alabama, and after moving his family into this house, embarked on a career as a traveling salesman, selling among other things, lightning rods. After his death in 1931, his widow, Martha, continued to live in this house until her death in 1945. She had two sons who lived with her for much of that time – Leland, who was divorced, and eventually moved to Brownwood, and Tolbert, who never married, and who remained in this house until his own death in 1986. Tolbert Mosely worked for Scarbrough's, the city's leading local department store, as a salesman, and eventually as a buyer. He retired in the mid-1970s. In 1950, he built the duplex adjacent to the house, which is also the subject of the application for demolition.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house was listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

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

- a. **Architecture.** The house has unusual, but not significant architecture. It is a two-story structure with little architectural distinction, the only features warranting consideration are the diamond-paned sidelights and transom.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was owned by members of the Mosely family from the time of its construction around 1910, until Tolbert Mosely, the son of the first owners, passed away in 1986. James D. Mosely, the first owner, was a traveling salesman for the majority of the time that he lived here; his son Tolbert, worked as a salesman and buyer for Scarbrough's for his entire career. There do not appear to be 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 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 does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 84'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0275  
 LOCATION: 307 Leland Street

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307 Leland Street  
ca. 1910



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 307 Leland Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
July, 2012

1992	Philip Laurence, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Philip Laurence was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Vacant
	B: G. Martha Peterson, renter Retired
	C: Marilyn R. Novell, renter No occupation listed
1981	Tolbert R. Mosely, owner Retired
	B: G. Martha Peterson, renter Employed by the State of Texas
	C: Richard Carter, renter Cabinetmaker

- 1977 Tolbert R. Mosely, owner  
Retired
- B: G. Martha Peterson, renter  
Employed by the State of Texas
- C: Richard Carter, renter  
Cabinetmaker
- 1973 Tolbert Mosely, owner  
Buyer, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- B: Georgia Peterson, renter  
Deputy County Clerk
- C: Terri L. Carter, renter  
Production department, Texas Parade, monthly magazine, 1946 South Interregional Highway.
- 1969 Tolbert R. Mosely, owner  
Buyer, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- B: George A. and Anna C. Ozan, renters  
George: Group supervisor, County Gardner House (juvenile home)  
Anna: Clerk, State Department of Public Safety
- C: Randall C. and Emma Ross, renters  
Apprentice machinist, Austin American-Statesman
- 1965 Tolbert R. Mosely, owner  
Buyer, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- B: Beulah Purcell, renter  
No occupation listed
- C: Ronald H. and Diana G. Johnson, renters  
Student
- 1962 Tolbert R. Mosely, owner  
Assistant department manager, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- B: Ernest O. and Annette W. Stark, renters  
Ernest: Student  
Annette: Stenographer, State Highway Department
- C: Donald and Billie Gartman, renters  
Donald: Student  
Billie: Office secretary, Will E. Odom, engineers, 612 Perry-Brooks Building, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1958 Tolbert R. Mosely, owner  
Buyer, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.

	<p>B: Mrs. Clarence Winters, renter No occupation listed</p> <p>C: Alex W. and Hertha Melchior, renters Cabinetmaker, Calcasieu Lumber Company</p>
1953	<p>Tolbert R. Mosely, owner Assistant department manager, E.M. Scarbrough &amp; Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.</p>
	<p>B: Lee Frisbee, renter Student</p> <p>C: Vacant</p>
1949	<p>Tolbert R. Mosely, owner Salesman, E.M. Scarbrough &amp; Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.</p>
1947	<p>Tolbert R. Mosely, owner Salesman, E.M. Scarbrough &amp; Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.</p>
1944-45	<p>Martha E. Mosely, owner Widow, James D. Mosely No occupation listed Also listed is Tolbert R. Mosely, a clerk at E.M. Scarbrough &amp; Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> and Congress Avenue.</p>
1941	<p>Martha E. Mosely, owner Widow, James D. Mosely No occupation listed Also listed are Albert R. Mosely, a salesman; and Tolbert Mosely, a salesman at E.M. Scarbrough &amp; Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> and Congress Avenue.</p>
1939	<p>Mattie Mosely, owner Widow, James D. Mosely No occupation listed Also listed is Tolbert Mosely, a salesman at Scarbrough's, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> and Congress Avenue.</p>
1937	<p>Mattie Mosely, owner Widow, James D. Mosely No occupation listed Also listed is Tolbert Mosely, a salesman at Scarbrough's, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.</p>
1935	<p>Mattie Mosely, owner Widow, James D. Mosely No occupation listed Also listed is Tolbert R. Mosely, a salesman at E.M. Scarbrough &amp; Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.</p>
1932-33	<p>Mrs. Martha Mosely, owner Widow, James D. Mosely</p>

No occupation listed

Also listed is Tolbert Mosely, a salesman at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.

- 1930-31 James D. and Martha Mosely, owners  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is Tolbert Mosely, an assistant department manager at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 305 Leland Street.
- 1929 James D. and Martha Mosely, owners  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is Tolbert Mosely, an assistant department manager, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1927 James D. and Martha Mosely, owners  
Salesman  
Also listed is Tolbert Mosely, an inspector at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1924 James D. and Martha Mosely, owners  
Traveling salesman  
NOTE: The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1922 James D. and Martha Mosely, owners  
Traveling salesman  
Also listed is Leland Mosely, no occupation stated.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1920 James D. and Martha Mosely, owners  
Traveling salesman  
Also listed is Leland Mosely, no occupation stated.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1918 James D. and Martha Mosely, owners  
Salesman  
Also listed are Audrey Mosely, a saleswoman for E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 512-24 Congress Avenue; and Leland Mosely, U.S. Army.  
The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1916 James D. Mosely  
Traveling salesman  
Also listed are Audrey Mosely, a saleswoman for E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue; Leland Mosely, a wrapper for E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue; and Lelia Mosely, no occupation stated.  
The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1914 James D. Mosely  
Real estate salesman  
Also listed are Audrey Mosely, a milliner for Miss Josephine Theis, 707 Congress Avenue; J. Leland Mosely, a salesman; and Lelia Mosely, a student.  
The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.

- 1912-13      James D. Mosely  
Traveling salesman  
Also listed are Audrey Mosely, a milliner for Scarbrough & Hicks, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue; Bernice Mosely, a teacher; and J. Leland Mosely, a salesman.  
The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1910-11      James D. Mosely  
Salesman  
Also listed are Avis Mosely, a milliner for Scarbrough & Hicks, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue; Bernice Mosely, a teacher; and J. Leland Mosely, a salesman for Scarbrough & Hicks, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.  
The house is listed as 301 Leland Street.
- 1909-10      Leland Street is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: James D. Mosely is listed as a traveling salesman living at 2101 South Congress Avenue. With him lived Avis Mosely, a milliner, no place of employment listed; and Bernice Mosely, a teacher. Sanborn maps show that the house that would have been at 2101 South Congress Avenue was a house other than this one.

NOTE: Earlier directories show that James D. Mosely was the proprietor of a grocery store at 2100 South Congress Avenue, further confirming that this house was built by the Mosely family when moving away from the South Congress address.

#### **BIOGRAPHICLA NOTES:**

##### **James D. and Martha Mosely; Tolbert Mosely (ca. 1910 – ca. 1986)**

James and Maggie Mosely appear in the 1900 U.S. Census at 408 W. Mary Street in Austin. James Mosely was born in 1858 in Alabama, and was a peddler. Maggie Mosely was born in 1865 in Texas. They had 6 children: Avis, born 1882; Bernice, born 1886; Morgan, born 1890; Audrey, born 1892; Leland, born 1895; and Lelia, born 1896. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows James D. and Martha Mosely living on Fair View Drive in Austin. James D. Mosely was 52, had been born in Alabama, and was a piano salesman. Martha Mosely was 44, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 7 children: daughter Avis, 26, who worked in a millinery shop; Bernice, 23, a public school teacher; Maude, 20; Audrey, 17; Leland, 15; Lelia, 13; and Tolbert, 7 months. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows James D. and Martha Mosely as the owners of the house listed as 301 Leland Street in Austin. James D. Mosely was 61, had been born in Alabama to Tennessee-born parents, and was a salesman for lightning rods. Martha Mosely was 53, had been born in Texas to a Missouri-born father and an Indiana-born mother, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 sons listed: Leland, 25, a Texas-born farmer; and Tolbert, 10, who had been born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Mattie E. Mosely as the owner of this house, which is addressed as 301 Leland Street. She was 64, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With her lived her son, Tolbert, 20, who had been born in Texas, and worked as an assistant manager of the notions department in a department store.

James D. Mosely's 1931 death certificate shows that he was a patient at Austin State Hospital, where he was suffering from exhaustion from psychosis. He was a traveling salesman who was born in 1858.

## THE DEAD

**MOSELY—J. D. Mosely, 73, resident of Austin for many years, died at a local hospital Thursday afternoon. He is survived by his widow and six children; four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Todd of Austin, Mrs. J. Owen Wilson of Bertram, Mrs. O. A. Ferguson of San Jose, Cal., Mrs. Edgar Shelton of Lubbock; two sons, Leland Mosely and Tolbert Mosely of Austin. Funeral services will be held from the Cook funeral home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. J. E. Hilliard officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood. Pallbearers will be: L. L. Hoge, S. W. Redd, J. M. Crawford, Chas. Weyerman, Guy Bell, Merle Simpson.**

Obituary of James D. Mosely  
Austin Statesman, March 20, 1931

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Martha Mosely as the owner of this house, which was worth \$2,500. The house is addressed as 307 Leland Street. Martha Mosely was a 74-year old Texas-born widow who had no occupation listed. With her lived her 2 sons, Leland and Tolbert. Leland Mosely was a 45-year old divorced man who had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Tolbert Mosely was 30 and single. He was born in Texas, and worked as a salesman in a department store.

Martha Mosely died in 1945. Her death certificate shows that she was living in this house at the time of her death. She was born in Lockhart, Texas in 1865, and was retired.

**MOSELY**—Mrs. Martha E. Mosely died at her home, 307 Leland street, early Wednesday morning. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Todd of Austin, Mrs. J. Owen Wilson Sr., of Bertram, Mrs. O. A. Ferguson of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Edgar Shelton Sr. of New York city; two sons, Leland Mosely and Tolbert Mosely of Austin; six sisters, Mrs. W. H. Zachary of Santa Anna, Texas, Mrs. Grant Wright of Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Viola Ballard of Ardmore, Okla., Mrs. Essie Adams of Waco, Mrs. R. M. Mickle of Waco and Mrs. Cora Ballard of Ardmore, Okla.; three brothers, Joe Ratliff of Sumner, N. M., E. J. Ratliff of San Antonio and J. M. Ratliff of Waco; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held from Cook Funeral home Thursday at 10 a. m. with the Rev. O. C. Crow officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood.

Obituary of Martha Mosely  
Austin Statesman, February 14, 1945

### **LELAND MOSELY**

Leland Mosely, 79, a former resident of Austin, died in a Brownwood hospital Friday after a short illness.

Funeral was Sunday at 2 p.m. in Brownwood. Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park in Brownwood.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Maud Gandy Mosely; two daughters, Mrs. Orian C. Westbrook of Houston and Mrs. Henry A. Ramsey of Denver, Colorado; three sisters, Mrs. Will H. Todd of Austin; Mrs. Henry Joy of San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Edgar Shelton of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother, Tolbert Mosely of Austin; and five grandchildren.

Obituary of Leland Mosely  
Austin Statesman, October 2, 1973

Tolbert Mosley  
124 J. D. Mosley Tract

307-B&C Leland St.

Frame duplex and carport attached.

44978 6-16-50

\$8000.00

Ralph Ellason

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Building permit to Tolbert Mosely for the construction of the duplex on the property (1950)

Receipt No. 14896 Application for Sewer Connection No. 26478A

W.O. 1215-5223 Austin, Texas, 7-24-50

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—  
I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by  
Tolbert Mosley at 307 Leland Street,  
further described as Lot J.D. Mosley Tr Block — Outlot — Division —  
subdivision — Plat 24, which is to be used as a Duplex.

In this place there are to be installed 10 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 395261  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. all 7-27-50

Depth at Prop. Line 4' 6' at man  
Sewer Out 3 1/2" W. D. E. L. Respectfully,  
Connected (Location) Myler  
Date 8-8-50 77'E. of M.W. ED unw  
By unw

NOTE: Connection Instruction 1/4" Lander in Leland St. - 5' deep  
Main 22.5" S.A. I.R. Rock. B-14P

Sewer connection application by Tolbert Mosely for the duplex (1950)

*D Mosely Trust*

# WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No. <sup>124</sup> 6770

Received of TOLBERT MOSLEY Date 7-24-50

Address 307 LELAND APT. B

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber MYLER Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 1-11-51

Size of Tap Made 1"

Size Service Made 1"

Size Main Tapped 6" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 4'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOEHL

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 5'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 2-4-51 RW

No. Fittings	Size
2	Curb Cock 5/8"
1	1" x 3/4" MET. CONE
2	St. Elbow 3/4" SLOPER
1	Bushing 1" C.I.
7	Reducer 1" Copper
	Pipe 1" Copper
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
2	7768
2	Stop 1" L.I.O.S.
1	Box 1" C.I.
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>W323-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>17806</u>

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Water service permit to Tolbert Mosely for the duplex (1950)