

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 23, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0339
1913 GARDEN STREET

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1915 house to outside the city.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof, frame transitional cottage with board-and-batten siding, a partial-width inset porch on oversized square wood posts; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built by Liberty F. Miller in 1915. Miller worked at the Post Office, and lived here only until around 1917. From around 1917 until around 1923, with a year or so away, the house was owned and occupied by William and Leila Boring. William Boring was a clerk in a grocery store, and later worked as a chauffeur for an auto livery business.

From the mid-1920s until the present, the house has been a rental property. There has been a relatively high turnover of tenants; almost all have been blue-collar workers, including carpenters, truck and bus drivers, laborers, and a bricklayer.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not recommended for individual designation, nor as a contributing property to a potential historic district in the East Austin Historic Resources Survey (2016).

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 is a transitional vernacular cottage with board-and-batten siding and a partial-width inset porch. These houses were once very common throughout lower middle-class neighborhoods in the city, but have become increasingly rare. This house portrays the characteristics of the style, but does not possess sufficient architectural distinction to warrant consideration of landmark designation based upon architectural merit.
- b. **Historical association.** The house has been a rental property since the mid-1920s with a high turnover of working-class tenants. 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

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" = 167'

NOTIFICATIONS

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1913 Garden Street
ca. 1915



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1913 Garden Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
July, 2018

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Albert DeLoach, renter Employed by a t-shirt shop.
1981	Albert and Diana Lugo, renters Bricklayer
1977	Albert and Diana Lugo, renters Bricklayer
1973	Nolbert and Diana Lugo, renters Bricklayer
1968	Nolbert and Diana Lugo, renters Bricklayer
1963	Nolbert Lugo, renter Bricklayer
1959	James and Viola Humphrey, renters

Driver, Rosedale School

NOTE: There is no listing for an Albert nor a Nolbert Lugo in the directory.

1954	Vacant
1949	Lucas M. and Emma Taylor, renters Laborer
1947	Lucas M. and Emma J. Taylor, renters Driver, City Refuse Collection
1944-45	Wesley and Jessie M. Hough, renters No occupation listed
1941	James H. and Carrie Childress, renters Laborer
1939	Alfred C. and Adele Anderson, renters Clerk
1937	Talbert E. and Margaret M. Meredith, renters Carpenter
1935	Talbert E. and Margaret M. Meredith, renters Carpenter
1932-33	Clarence t. and Sallie Tisdale, renters No occupation listed
1930-31	John W. and Lucile Caswell, renters Helper, Austin Welding and Radiator Works, oxygen acetylene welding and complete radiator service, new cores installed, Colorado and W. 2 nd Streets.
1929	Thomas J. and Mary Clark, renters Carpenter
1927	James M. and Ada McLemore, renters Sterilizer, Meyer Creamery Company, ice cream, sherbets, and creamery products, 308-10 W. 6 th Street.
1924	Jack A. and Jodie Fulkes, renters Clerk, Kamp Market, groceries, 703 E. 6 th Street. NOTE: Jack A. and Jodie Fulkes lived at 1905 Garden Street in 1922. NOTE: Willie W. and Leila Boring are listed at 711 Henderson Street; he was an agent for the Austin <u>Statesman</u> , newspaper.
1922	William W. and Lelia B. Boring, owners Chauffeur, Charles L. Joyce, auto livery, 301 Brazos Street.
1920	John F. and Nannie Morrison, renters Vice-president and manager, Austin Transfer Company, 213 W. 6 th Street. NOTE: William W. and Leila B. Boring are listed as living 2 blocks northeast of 5 th Street, ¾ mile east of the city limits. He operated a service car.

- 1918 William W. and Lela B. Boring, owners
Clerk, C. Oscar Lindahl, grocer, 300 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Liberty F. and Lucy Miller are listed at 1904 Willow Street. He was a parcel post clerk at the Post Office.
- 1916 Liberty F. Miller
Foreman of mail carriers, Post Office
NOTE: William W. Boring is listed as a collector living at 1901 Haskell Street.
- 1914 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Liberty F. Miller is listed at 1904 Willow Street. He was a clerk at the Post Office.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Liberty F. Miller (ca. 1915 – ca. 1917)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Liberty Miller as the 23-year old son of M.K. (Marshall) Miller and his wife, Lucretia. Liberty Miller was born in Texas, and was a clerk at the post office, as was his older brother, Paul, 27. His father, Marshall K. Miller, 74, was born in Alabama to Dutch-born parents, and was a carpenter. His mother, Lucretia, 65, was born in Missouri and had no occupation listed. The household also included Liberty's sister, Lucretia Smith, 19, and her son, Eugene Smith, 1.

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that Liberty Freeman Miller was living at 1904 Willow Street in Austin. He was born in Austin in 1887 and was employed by the Austin Post Office. He had a wife and two children. He was of medium height and had a slender build, gray eyes, and black hair.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Liberty and Lucy Miller as the owners of the house at 1904 Willow Street in Austin. Liberty Miller was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk at the post office. Lucy Miller was 26, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Horace, 6; Louise, 5; and Mary, 1. All the children had been born in Texas.

Liberty Miller died in 1943 while living at 1719 W. 5th Street in Austin. He was born in 1887 in Texas to Marshall K. Miller, a native of Alabama, and Lucretia McKinney, a native of Missouri. He was a retired supervisor at the Post Office.

LIBERTY F. MILLER

Liberty F. Miller, 56, a lifetime resident of Austin, died at his residence, 1719 West Sixth, Friday night. He was employed at the postoffice for 33 years, having been retired three years ago.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Horace L. Miller of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. A. A. Tharp of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. R. B. Satterlee of Laredo; and two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Richardson and Mrs. Frank Vasquez, both of Austin.

The body is at the Weed-Corley Funeral home.

Obituary of Liberty F. Miller
Austin American, October 23, 1943

LIBERTY F. MILLER

Funeral services for Liberty F. Miller, 56, will be held at the Weed-Corley Funeral home Monday at 4 p. m. The Rev. John Barclay will officiate and burial will be in Oakwood cemetery under the auspices of Capitol Lodge No. 23, I. O. O. F.

Funeral notice for Liberty F. Miller
Austin American-Statesman, October 24, 1943

William W. and Lela B. Boring (ca. 1917 – ca. 1919 and ca. 1920 – ca. 1923)

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that William Washington Boring was living in this house at that time (June, 1917). He was born in 1890 near Nashville, Tennessee, and was a grocery clerk for C.O. Lindahl. He was married and had 2 young children. He was short and stout, and had gray eyes and light hair. He was bald.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows W.W. and Lela Boring as the renters of the house at 52 Lynn Street in Austin. W.W. Boring was 40, had been born in Tennessee, and was a dairyman. Lela Boring was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children: Ethel, 17, a clerk in a department store; Morris, 14; Juanita, 9; James, 3; and Mabel, an infant. All of the children had been born in Texas.

William W. Boring died in 1956. His last address was 20 Lynn Street in Austin. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1889 and was a grocery merchant. Leila Beatrice Boring died in February, 1978. She was living at 1802 Ann Arbor in Austin at the time of her death. She was a widowed homemaker who had been born in 1895 in Bartlett, Texas.

WILLIAM W. BORING

William W. Boring, 66, of 20 Lynn Street, died suddenly in a local hospital Tuesday. He had been a resident of Austin and Travis County for 60 years, and was a member of Faith Tabernacle.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lella Boring of Austin; four daughters, Mrs. Lester Palmer, Mrs. Juanita Slussler and Mrs. Mabel Dunnire, all of Austin, and Mrs. Robert Flaherty of Bangor, Maine; a son, James H. Boring of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Josh Bartlett of Damon, Texas; a brother, James A. Boring of Buda; and 11 grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home Wednesday at 4 p. m. with Rev. J. R. Anderson officiating.

Pallbearers will be Roy Farrar, Jake Miers, Milton Messer, Dan Scheumack, Milton Matthews and Nathaniel Scheumack.

Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of William Boring
Austin American, August 15, 1956

WILLIAM W. BORING

Funeral services for William W. Boring, 66, were held from the Chapel of the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home Wednesday with the Rev. J. R. Anderson, pastor of Faith Tabernacle, officiating.

Pallbearers were Roy Farrar, Jake Miers, Milton Messer, Dan Scheumack, Milton Matthews and Nathaniel Scheumack.

Burial was in Austin Memorial Park under the direction of the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home.

Story on the funeral of William Boring
Austin Statesman, August 15, 1956

BORING, Mrs. Leila B., 82, 1802 Ann Arbor, died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. today at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Survivors: daughters, Ethel Palmer of Gatesville, Juanita Slussler, Mabel Dunmire, Dorothy Flaherty, all of Austin; son, James Boring of Austin; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Obituary of Leila Boring
Austin American-Statesman, February 7, 1978

Jack and Jodie Fulkes (ca. 1923 – ca. 1926)

Jack and Jodie Fulkes appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1401 Canterbury Street in Austin. Jack A. Fulkes was 21, had been born in Texas, and was a stationary fireman in a department store. Jodie Fulkes was 23, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had an infant daughter, Evelyn.

Jack Fulkes' 1966 death certificate shows that he had been living in Clifton, Bosque County, Texas for the 5 years prior to his death. He was born in 1898, and was divorced. His usual occupation was listed as unknown on the death certificate. He is buried in Clifton, Texas. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

Several members of the Fulkes family lived in the 1900 block of Garden Street in the 1920s. The family came from farms in Travis and Williamson counties.

Talbert and Margaret Meredith (ca. 1936 – ca. 1938)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Talbert E. Meredith as the 39-year old single son of Minnie Meredith, who rented her home on an un-noted street in West Austin, possibly W. 9th Street. Talbert Meredith was born in Texas, and was a carpenter. His mother, Minnie, was a 60-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. Also in the household were Carl I. and Ruth Meredith, and their daughter, Carleen. Carl I. Meredith, 41, was a Texas-born shop foreman for an auto parts store. Ruth Meredith, 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Carleen Meredith was 7.

Talbert Ernest Meredith was living at 7606 Rutgers at the time of his death in 1973. He was a married contractor in home construction who had been born in Buda, Texas in 1901.

T. E. (BUD) MEREDITH

T. E. (Bud) Meredith, 72, of 7606 Rutgers, died in a local hospital Friday. He had been a lifetime resident of Austin and was a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Meredith of Austin; daughters, Doris Dee Carlisle of Slidell, La. and Patricia Cross of Columbus, Ga.; one brother, Carl L. Meredith of Austin and four grandchildren.

Funeral is pending at Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Obituary of Talbert ("Bud") Meredith
Austin American-Statesman, July 28, 1973

T. E. MEREDITH

Funeral for T. E. (Bud) Meredith, 72, of 7606 Rutgers, will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Dr. John Barclay officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery.

Meredith died Friday in a local hospital.

Pallbearers will be Robert Barrick, Lee Cloud, John Fred Meredith, Rufus King, Herman Drawford and Jasper Elliott Jr.

Funeral notice for Talbert ("Bud") Meredith
Austin American-Statesman, July 29, 1973

on See map - same
Connecting Charge \$ 1.00

Application for Sewer Connection. No **9418**

Austin, Texas, 5/11/30

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 Mrs Mary Shooter
at 1913 Garden Street
Lot 2 B.K.D.
which place is to be used as a residence

In this place there are to be installed 3 fixtures.

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

Respectfully, Mary P. Shooter

Location of Public Sewer See map in Alley

Connected 5-21-30

Size of Main 6 inches

Size of Service 4 inches

5 Feet Deep in alley

9 Feet from Property Line

4 Feet from Curb Line

check by H. F. Bates

Connection made by M. Soto

DIAGRAM
17 2 4

OK
5/19/30

RICHTERS-AUSTIN

Sewer connection application for this house (1930)

Carl Shooter

1913 Garden St.

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Driving Park Addition

Repair Fire Damage to Residence

82677

2-1-62

1,000.00

Owner

None

RESIDENCE

New floor & sheetrock in bathroom; closet & room.

Building permit to repair fire damage (1962)