

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0556
506 LELAND STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1934 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, frame house with board-and-batten siding and a front-gabled entry hood; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1934; the first owners and occupants were J. Bryan and Mattie Roberts, who lived here until around 1936. J. Bryan Roberts is listed as a contractor with his office in the house in the 1935 city directory; census records show that he was originally from the San Angelo area, and had worked as a farmer, a hardware man, and an artist in a movie theater prior to moving into this house. By 1940, he had moved to Fort Worth, where he worked as a warehouse salesman for a terminal depot.

The next owners and occupants of this house were Virgil O. and Eula Mae Walden, who lived here from around 1937 until around 1942. Virgil O. Walden was the proprietor of a grocery store on South Congress Avenue; Eula Mae Walden worked as a saleswoman for Sears. They moved from this house to a rural route around 1942, just prior to Eula Mae's premature death from a ruptured uterus.

The house was then a rental property again through the late 1950s; the tenants included a carpenter, a cook, and a waitress. Myrtle V. Lindsey, a widow, bought the house around 1955, and lived here until around 1967. The only occupation listed for her in city directories was as the cashier of the Driskill Hotel in 1958. Since the tenancy of Mrs. Lindsey, the house has been a rental property again.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was listed with no priority 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 is a frame early 1930s cottage with no architectural distinction within its category of architecture.
- b. **Historical association.** The house has been the home to several working-class families, but there does 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark, but would be contributing to a potential historic district along Leland and adjacent streets.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0556
506 LELAND STREET



1" = 167'

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506 Leland Street
ca. 1934



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 506 Leland Street

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

1992	Doris E. Rickley, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Doris E. Rickley was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Evelyn Porter, renter No occupation listed
1981	Angela Anderson, renter No occupation listed
1977	Vacant
1973	Vacant
1969	Wesley and Josie Newman, renters Employed by Lone Star Beer (not listed in the directory)
1965	Myrtle V. Lindsey, renter Widow, Henry Lindsey No occupation listed

1962	Myrtle V. Lindsey, owner Widow, Henry Lindsey No occupation listed
1958	Myrtle V. Lindsey, renter Cashier, Driskill Hotel
1953	The address is not listed in the directory.
1949	Donna Spretz, renter Waitress
1947	Gordon A. and Adlene Pruitt, renters No occupation listed
1944-45	Leonard and Gladys DeVail, renters Cook Ralph and Hazel Emerson, renters Carpenter
1941	Virgil O. and Eula Walden, owners Virgil: Proprietor, Walden's Food Pantry, 2000 South Congress Avenue. Eula: Saleswoman, Sears, 900-02 Congress Avenue.
1939	Virgil O. and Eula Walden, owners Proprietor of a grocery store, 2000 South Congress Avenue.
1937	Malcolm T. and Alice Jernigan, renters Salesman, Austin Goodyear, 1 st and Congress Avenue.
1935	J. Bryan and Mattie Roberts, owners Contractor (office at the house)
1932-33	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: J. Bryan and Mattie Roberts are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

J. Bryan and Mattie Roberts (ca. 1934 – ca. 1936)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Bryan and Helen Roberts living in Fort Worth, Texas. He was 41; she was 38. He had been born in Texas; she in Oklahoma. He worked as a warehouse salesman for a terminal depot. She had no occupation listed. They had no children listed. He died May 1, 1988 in Fort Worth.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows J.B. and Helen Roberts living in Ranger, Eastland County, Texas. He is listed as an artist at a picture show.

The 1920 U.S. Census report shows J. Bryan Roberts as the 20-year old son of C.M. and Alice Roberts in San Angelo, Texas. C.M. Roberts was a Texas-born house carpenter; J. Bryan Roberts was a Texas-born hardware jobber.

Bryan Roberts' 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that he was born in 1899 and lived in San Angelo, Texas. His father was C.M. Roberts. He was engaged in farming.

Virgil O. and Eula Walden (ca. 1937 – ca. 1942)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Virgil and Eula Mae Walden as the owners of this house, which was worth \$1,200. Virgil Walden was 31, had been born in Texas, and was the proprietor of a grocery and ice house. Eula Mae Walden was 27, had been born in Texas, and was a saleslady at a department store. Their son, Virgil, Jr., was 9.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Virgil and Eula M. Walden living with her parents, Claude and Della McCarty on Nuckolls Crossing Road in Travis County, Texas. Claude McCarty was a farmer; Virgil Walden was a salesman for an oil company. Eula worked as a clerk at an electrical store. Eula's sister Velma, and her husband, Sam Hardgraber, also lived with the McCarty's on their farm.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Virgil Walden living with his parents at 2108 Neches Street in Austin. His father, Robert, was postmaster at the Capitol Station of the Post Office. Virgil was 11 and had no occupation listed.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Virgil O. Walden as the 2-year old son of Robert and Minnie Walden in rural Williamson County, Texas. Robert Walden was a public school teacher.

Eula Walden was born in 1912 and died in 1943. She was living on an Austin rural route at the time of her death. She was a housewife.

WALDEN—Mrs. Eula Mae Walden, 31, died in a local hospital at 10:35 p. m. Thursday. She is survived by her husband, Virgil O. Walden, of Austin; parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCarty, of Austin; two sons, Virgil O. Walden Jr. and Robert William Walden, both of Austin, and one sister, Mrs. Sam Hargrave of Orange. Services will be held at the Cook Funeral home Saturday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. E. H. Mayfield in charge.

Obituary of Eula Mae Walden
Austin Statesman, July 16, 1943

VIRGIL WALDEN SR.

Virgil O. Walden Sr., 48, long time former resident of Austin, died Thursday in Round Rock. Where he had moved several years ago. He was in the grocery and the cattle business.

Survivors include two sons, Virgil Walden Jr. and Robert W. Walden of Austin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Walden of Austin; and two sisters, Mrs. LaVerne Moyer of Beaumont and Mrs. Max Opitz of El Paso, and one brother, Morris A. Walden of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p. m. Friday from Cook Funeral Home with Rev. James McLeod officiating. Pallbearers will be Sam H. Hargrave, Claude Hargrave, William Cox, Med Clayton, U. V. Ives and Roy Dycus.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Virgil Walden, Sr.
Austin American, November 11, 1955

Myrtle V. Lindsey (ca. 1955 – ca. 1968)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Myrtle V. Lindsey as a 49-year old Mississippi-born widow living in Granger, Texas, where she was a beauty operator. She had no other family members living with her. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Henry J. and Myrtle Lindsey living in Granger, Texas, with their son, Henry E. Henry Lindsey was a livestock dealer. Myrtle Lindsey was a beautician. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Henry Lindsey as a stockman in Granger, Texas. Myrtle had no occupation listed. Myrtle Lindsey died in Brownwood, Texas in 1970.

MRS. MYRTLE V. LINDSEY
 Mrs. Myrtle V. "Bobo" Lindsey, 80, Lakeview Apartments, died in Brownwood Tuesday. A resident of Austin since 1950, she was formerly a resident of Granger. Mrs. Lindsey was a member of the First Baptist Church of Granger.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home, Rev. Gordon Bays officiating. Burial will be in Granger Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, H. E. Dick Lindsey of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. Cora Baker and Mrs. Addie Reed, both of Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Pearl Simmons of Big Spring and Mrs. Louise Cunningham of Odessa; a brother, T. J. Tidwell of Brownwood; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Myrtle V. Lindsey
 Austin American, January 28, 1970

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 2166

M. J. B. Roberts Address 506 Roland St.
 Plumber Horton Size of Tap 1/2 Date 6-13-34

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection	<u>6/20/34</u>	No. Fittings	1 Curb Cock	1 Elbow	1 St. Elbow	1 Bushing	1 Reducery	1 Tee	1 Union	1 Nipples	1 Plug	1 Tee	1 Stop	1 Box	1 Lid	1 Valves	Req. No.
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4</u>	Size	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>7916</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4</u>																
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>																
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>4'</u>																
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>34'</u>																
Location of Meter	<u>at curb</u>																
Type of Box	<u>100'</u>																
Depth of Main in St.	<u>8'</u>																
Depth of Service Line	<u>2' 6"</u>																
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>27' 6"</u>																
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>7-23-34</u>																

INDEXED W.P.H. Foreman's Signature Benson

Water service permit to J. Bryan Roberts for this house (1934)

Connecting Charge \$ 12.00 ✓
Application for Sewer Connection. No. **11536A**
Austin, Texas, June 25, 1934
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 Carl Quick
at 506 Leland Street
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, Carl Quick
Location of Public Sewer 6+37
Stub Out
Connected 6-27 193 4 Lot 8 Blk. 3 O.L.
Size of Main 6 inches Subdiv. Blue Bonnet Hills
Size of Service 4 inches Division Plat 123
4 1/2 Feet Deep in st
Feet from Property Line
Feet from Curb Line B-146 ✓
Inspected by
Connection made by C. P. Hunt
RIGHTERS-AUSTIN

Sewer service application for this address (1934)

12/82 RTMS
V. O. Walden 506 Leland Street
124 - - - 3 8 -
Blue Bonnet Hills
Build box garage
116r - 11/16/37
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Building permit to Virgil O. Walden to construct a garage (1937)



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The house appears on the 1935 Sanborn map.