

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 19, 2018  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2018-0555  
508 LELAND STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled, stuccoed frame house with a front-gabled entry hood; single and paired 1:1 fenestration. This house is identical in original configuration to the house next door at 506 Leland Street, but has been stuccoed and had a different entry hood.

## RESEARCH

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The house appears to have been built in 1935 by Carl Quick, who also built the house next door at 506 Leland Street. The first owners and occupants of this house were Harold and Delta McArthur, who lived here until around 1950. Harold McArthur worked at Austin Goodyear; Delta McArthur was a telephone operator.

The house had two other owners in the 1950s before it was occupied by Tom and Sue Whiteley, who rented, then purchased the property. Tom and Sue Whiteley had lived in Georgetown, Texas in 1940, where he was a truck driver for a fence post company. While living in this house, he was retired. After his death in 1968, Sue Whiteley continued to live here until around 1975.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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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 stuccoed frame working-class cottage with little architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was owned by several families in the working class, including a mechanic, a plasterer, and a telephone operator. 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" = 167'

## NOTIFICATIONS

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508 Leland Street  
ca. 1935



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
508 Leland Street

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

1992	Evelyn Porter, renter No occupation listed
1985-86	Jim Butler, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Jim Butler was a new resident at this address.
1981	L. Whitten, renter No occupation listed
1977	Gordon H. Crain, owner No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Gordon H. Crain was a new resident at this address.

1973	Sue S. Whiteley, owner Widow, Tom E. Whiteley Retired
1969	Sue Whiteley, owner Widow, Tom E. Whiteley Retired
1965	Tom E. and Sue S. Whiteley, renters Retired
1962	Tom E. and Sue S. Whiteley, renters No occupation listed Also listed is Nancy Whiteley, a nurse at Brackenridge Hospital
1958	J.W. and Dorothy D. Herman, Jr., owners Plasterer
1953	Henry B. Palmer, owner Engineer
1949	Harold and Delta McArthur, owners Harold: Mechanic, CB Smith Motors, Dodge and Plymouth cars, 301 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street. Delta: Receptionist, Secretary of State
1947	Vacant
1944-45	Harold J. and Delta O. McArthur (not listed as owners) Harold: Electrician Delta: Operator, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
1941	Harold J. and Delta McArthur, owners Harold: Employed by Austin Goodyear, 1 <sup>st</sup> and Congress Avenue. Delta: Operator, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
1939	Harold J. and Delta McArthur, owners Electrical department, Austin Goodyear, 1 <sup>st</sup> and Congress Avenue
1937	Harold J. and Delta McArthur, owners Serviceman, Austin Goodyear, 1 <sup>st</sup> Street and Congress Avenue
1935	Harold J. and Delta McArthur, owners Serviceman, Austin Goodyear, 1 <sup>st</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
1932-33	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Harold J. and Delta McArthur are not listed in the directory.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:****Harold J. and Delta McArthur (ca. 1935 – ca. 1950)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Harold and Delta McArthur at this address. Harold McArthur was 31, had been born in Texas, and was an auto electrician. Delta McArthur was 29, had been born

in Texas, and was a telephone operator. They had no children listed living with them. They owned this house, which was worth \$2,250.

## **McARTHUR, Harold J., 69, 3315 Burleson Road, died Friday. Services 1 p.m. Sunday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home.**

Obituary of Harold McArthur  
Austin American, June 5, 1977

### **Tom and Sue Whiteley (ca. 1960 – ca. 1975)**

Tom and Sue Whiteley appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of a house in Georgetown, Texas. Thom Whiteley was 49, had been born in Texas, and was a truck driver for fence post company. Sue S. Whiteley was 48, had been born in Texas, and was a laundress. They had 3 sons: Duane, 16; Robert E., 13; and Frank W., 10. All the boys had been born in Texas. The family lived in rural Williamson County, Texas in 1935.

### **TOM E. WHITELEY**

Tom E. Whiteley, 77, of 508 Island, died in a local hospital Saturday. He lived in Travis County for 20 years and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Sue Whiteley of Austin; a daughter, Mrs. Estelle Gill of San Diego, Calif.; four sons, Duane Whiteley of Houston, Frank Whiteley of Killeen, Bill Whiteley and Bob Whiteley, of Los Angeles.

The body will lie in state at the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home until Monday at 2 p.m. when it will be taken to Georgetown for services and burial Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Davis Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Whiteley Cemetery in Georgetown.

Obituary of Tom Whiteley  
Austin American, October 28, 1968

**WHITELEY, Mrs. Sue, 86, 508 Le-**  
land St., died Sunday. Services 10  
a.m. Wednesday at Davis Funeral  
Home in Georgetown. Burial, White-  
ley Cemetery. Survivors: sons,  
Bill Whiteley of Grant's Pass, Ore.,  
Duane Whiteley of Houston, Bob  
Whiteley of Westminster, Calif.,  
Frank Whiteley of Killeen; daugh-  
ter, Mrs. Estelle Gill of San Diego,  
Calif.; brothers, Dayle Stiefer, Way-  
land Steifer, both of Austin; sisters,  
Mrs. Pamye McGlamery of Dallas,  
Mrs. Emma Kempe, Mrs. Evelyn  
Walker, both of Austin; seven grand-  
children; 10 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Sue Whiteley  
Austin American, July 11, 1978

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

**PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE** AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 2578

M. Carl E. Quick Address 508 Leland St.

Plumber Loden Size of Tap 1/2 Date 3-1-35

**Foreman's Report**

Date of Connection 3/4/35

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2'6"

From E. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 18'6"

Location of Meter at curb

Type of Box lock

Depth of Main in St. 2'6"

Depth of Service Line 8'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 26'

Checked by Engr. Dept. W.H. 4-6-35

**INDEXED**

No. Fittings	Size	Foreman's Signature
1	Curb Cock	<i>[Signature]</i>
1	Elbow	
1	St. Elbow	
1	Bushing	
1	Reducer to 3/4"	
20'	Pipe	
1	Lead Comp.	
1	Nipples	
1	Union	
1	Plug	
1	Tee	<i>[Signature]</i>
1	Stop	
1	Box	
1	Lid	
1	Valves	<i>[Signature]</i>
1	Req. No.	

Water service permit for this address (1935)

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 N<sup>o</sup> 11789A

**Application for Sewer Connection.**

Austin, Texas, Mar. 1, 1935

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 E. Quick  
at 508 Leland Street,  
further described as lot 10, block 3, outlot  
subdivision Bluebonnet Hills division, plat 124,  
which place is to be used as a residence

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures

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

Respectfully, [Signature]

Stub Out  
Connected 3.4 1935  
Size of Main 6 inches 5+9.6  
Size of Service 4 inches  
4 Feet Deep in st  
22.5 Feet from Property Line  
Feet from Curb Line  
Inspected by  
Connection made by C. P. Hunt  
B-146 ✓

Sewer connection application for this address (1935)

OWNER Howard Gill ADDRESS 508 Leland St.

PLAT 124 LOT 10 BLK 3

SUBDIVISION Blue Bonnet Hills, Addn.

OCCUPANCY Bedrrom & porch

BLD PERMIT # 105330 DATE 10-3-67 OWNERS  
ESTIMATE 1000.00

CONTRACTOR Ed Bustin NO. OF FIXTURES --

WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # --

Frame addn. to existing res. 240 sq. ft.

Building permit to construct an addition (1967)





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The 1935 Sanborn map shows the site of this house as vacant.