

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JANUARY 28, 2019  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2018-0650  
2804 SAN PEDRO STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Relocate a ca. 1925 house to outside the city limits.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, clipped side gabled frame house with a symmetrical façade dominated by a central, segmental-arched independent entry porch over the Craftsman-style front door with triple vertical glazing in the upper third and sidelights with vertical divided lites in the upper third; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

## RESEARCH

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The house appears to have been built around 1925. The first owners and occupants were Harris and Claire Gardner, who lived here until around 1931. Harris Gardner was a renowned local attorney and judge who pioneered the Juvenile Court system of Travis County. The Harris Gardner Juvenile Court complex on South Congress Avenue is named for him. From here, Harris and Claire Gardner moved to 2414 Jarratt Avenue, where they spent the rest of their lives. The house on Jarratt Avenue is a historic landmark due to its association with the Gardners.

George A. McNaughton, a linotype operator, was the next owner of this house. He lived here until around 1936. Raymond and Maggie Farley owned and occupied the house in the late 1930s and early 1940s; he was the proprietor of a news stand on W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street near the Masonic Hall.

From around 1942 until around 1981, the house was owned and occupied by William and Mozelle Byles. William Byles was born in Chicago and was a medical doctor. After he passed away in 1967, Mozelle Byles continued to live in this house until 1981. She died in San Diego, California that same year.

## 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 frame mid-1920s cottage with a prominent entry, its only distinguishing characteristic. Otherwise, the house reflects a common style with no architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was first owned by J. Harris Gardner, the champion of the juvenile court system in Travis County; he and his wife lived here for 6 years and then moved to a house in Pemberton Heights, where they spent the rest of their lives, and which is designated as a city historic landmark. Other than the tenancy by the Gardners, 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 on-site, 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" = 333'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0650

LOCATION: 2804 SAN PEDRO ST

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2804 San Pedro Street  
ca. 1925



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
2804 San Pedro Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
September, 2010

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| 1992    | <p>A: Kristen Castellanos, renter<br/>No occupation listed</p> <p>B: Charles B. Yale, renter<br/>No occupation listed</p> <p>NOTE: The directory indicates that Charles B. Yale was a new resident at this address.</p> |
| 1985-86 | <p>Louise Meintjes, renter<br/>Student</p> <p>NOTE: The directory indicates that Louise Meintjes was a new resident at this address.</p>  |
| 1981    | <p>Mozelle D. Byles, owner<br/>Retired</p>  |
| 1977    | <p>Mozelle D. Byles, owner<br/>Widow, William J. Byles<br/>Retired</p>  |

	Robin Campbell, renter No occupation listed
1972	Mozelle D. Byles, owner Widow, William J. Byles Retired
1963	William J. and Mozelle D. Byles, owners No occupation listed B: Benjamin F. and Margaret Zidmars, renters Student
1957	William J. and Mozelle Byles, owners No occupation listed
1953	William J. and Mozelle D. Byles, owners No occupation listed
1949	William J. and Mozelle Byles, owners William: No occupation listed Mozelle: Clerk, Southern Union Gas Company, 422 Congress Avenue. Also listed are Beatrice Byles, a student at the University of Texas; and Dan J. and Phyllis Byles, a helper at Jesse James Smith Garage, 2800-02 Guadalupe Street.
1947	William J. and Mozelle Byles, owners No occupation listed Also listed is Beatrice L. Byles, a student at the University of Texas.
1944-45	William J. and Mozelle Byles, owners No occupation listed Also listed is Daniel W. Byles, U.S. Army.
1941	Raymond H. and Maggie Farley, owners Carrier, American Publishing Company, publishers of the Austin <u>American</u> and Austin <u>Statesman</u> , newspapers, 7 <sup>th</sup> and Colorado Street. NOTE: William J. and Mozelle Byles are not listed in the directory. The 1942 directory shows William J. and Mazelle [sic] Byles living at 5313 Duval Street; neither had an occupation shown.
1939	Raymond H. and Margie Farley, owners Proprietor, Farley's News Stand, 201 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1937	Vacant NOTE: George A. McNaughton is listed in the Fort Worth city directory. NOTE: Raymond H. and Margie Farley are listed at 3213 Liberty Street; he was employed in the circulation department of the Austin <u>American</u> and <u>Statesman</u> , newspapers.
1935	George A. McNaughton, owner Linotype operator
1932-33	George A. McNaughton, owner Linotype operator

NOTE: J. Harris and Claire Gardner are listed at 2414 Jarratt Avenue; he was a partner in White, Taylor and Gardner, lawyers, 1403-08 Norwood Building, 114 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

- 1930-31 J. Harris and Claire Gardner, owners  
Partner, (with Ike D. White, Charles A. Wilcox, Ireland Graves, and Q.C. Taylor), in White, Wilcox, Taylor & Gardner, attorneys, 1403-08 Norwood Building 114 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: George A. McNaughton is not listed in the directory.
- 1929 J. Harris and Claire Gardner, owners  
Partner (with Ike D. White, Charles A. Wilcox, Ireland Graves, and Q.C. Taylor), in White, Wilcox & Taylor, attorneys, 361-64 Austin National Bank Building, 507-09 Congress Avenue.
- 1927 J. Harris and Claire Gardner, owners  
Partner (with Ike D. White, Charles A. Wilcox, Ireland Graves, and Q.C. Taylor) in White, Wilcox, Graves & Taylor, lawyers, 361-64 Austin National Bank Building, 507-09 Congress Avenue.
- 1924 The address is not listed in the directory  
NOTE: J. Harris and Claire Gardner are listed at 4006½ Avenue B; he was a partner (with Ike D. White, Charles A. Wilcox, Ireland Graves, and Q.C. Taylor) in White, Wilcox, Graves and Taylor, lawyers, 361-64 Austin national Bank Building, 507-09 Congress Avenue.

**GOOD 6 room furnished house located  
2804 San Pedro, only \$30.00 per month  
to good tenant. Wendlandt & Sons.  
4388.**

Classified advertisement under "Furnished Houses" for rent  
Austin Statesman, May 18, 1936

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **J. Harris and Claire Gardner (ca. 1925 – ca. 1931)**

J.H. and Claire Gardner appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$3,000. J.H. Gardner was 33, had been born in Texas to an Alabama-born father and a Missouri-born mother, and was a lawyer. Claire Gardner was 33, had been born in France, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Jacqueline, 7; James, 3; and Thomas R., 1. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows J.H. and Claire Gardner as the owners of the house at 2418 Jarratt Avenue, which was worth \$6,000. J.H. Gardner was 47, had been born in Texas, and was a lawyer in private practice. Claire Gardner was 43, had been born in France, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Jacqueline, 17; Jimmy, 13; and Tommy, 11. All the children were born in Texas.

James Harris Gardner died in 1978; his last address was 2418 Jarratt Avenue in Austin. He was born in 1892 in Hamilton County, Texas, and was a judge of the district court. Claire Gardner died in 1989.

## SCHOOL BOARD

### J. H. Gardner Succeeds Resigned Member.

J. Harris Gardner, attorney of Austin, Tuesday morning announced that he would accept the appointment to the city school board, to which he was elected Monday night. Mr. Gardner was named at the regular meeting to fill the place left vacant with the resignation of R. B. Robbins.

Mr. Gardner is associated with the law firm of White, Wilcox, Graves and Taylor. is a graduate of the University of Texas, and has resided in this city for the past 12 years. He is a past president of the Exchange club. He holds the honor of being one of the youngest men ever appointed to the Austin school board.

Appointment of J. Harris Gardner to the Austin School Board  
Austin Statesman, February 15, 1927



J. HARRIS GARDNER . . .  
submitting his name for public  
office for the first time at the  
request of hundreds of friends.

## **Friends Urge Gardner For District Judge**

**Loyal in Peace  
As Well as War,  
Say Constituents**

The candidacy of J. Harris Gardner, prominent Austin lawyer and civic leader, for Travis county district judge, is drawing support of many citizens in every section of Austin and the entire county. This is the place now held by Judge Ralph W. Yarborough, who is not a candidate for re-election.



Voters are demanding public officers with proven ability and training, undoubted loyalty to American principles, and unselfish community service in peace as well as in war. Gardner's friends believe he possesses all these qualities.

Gardner is a graduate of the law school of the University of Texas and studied in the University of Paris law school in France. To this broad background has been added nearly 20 years of experience in the general practice of law in Travis county and in the Texas supreme court. Two of his first law partners, Judge Ireland Graves and Judge Charles A. Wilcox, had served for many years as district judges in Travis county. He is past president of the Travis County Bar association, a member of the Texas State Bar association and the American Bar association. He favors liberalizing and simplifying rules of procedure in Texas courts to improve administration of justice.

Born on a neighboring county farm, the oldest of eight children, Gardner washed dishes and delivered papers while studying. His attitude toward public service is demonstrated by his 13 years continuous service on the Austin school board, where he devoted long hours without pay.

Gardner is a World War veteran, having served nearly two years in France. He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In making his candidacy for the position of district judge, Gardner states that he is now submitting his name for public office for the first time at the request of hundreds of friends, and in an effort to render a public service for which he has had special training.

Story on the candidacy of J. Harris Gardner for district court judge  
Austin American-Statesman, July 7, 1940

## Gardner Proud Of Campaign

Win or lose in Saturday's election, J. Harris Gardner, candidate for 53rd district court judge, will still be proud of the fact he has never made an attack on anyone, he declared Friday.

"I've never even mentioned my opponent's name," he smiled. "I have submitted my candidacy for district judge entirely on my record of training and experience as a lawyer, and on my record of 26 years of service to Travis county both in war and in peace.

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### His First Campaign

"I have served 13 years on the Austin school board, being re-elected each term without opposition, and resigning in February to make this race. For the past five years I have been a member of the Travis county parole board, under original appointment by Gov. Allred and reappointment by Gov. O'Daniel. I have never held a salaried public office and this is the first political campaign I ever made. It's been a great pleasure to meet and shake the hands of so many fine Travis county citizens. I've enjoyed making the race and I've gained four or five pounds.

"I am a plain citizen without obligation to any person, firm, corporation or organization. I will hear all cases in open court and give every party a fair, patient and impartial hearing whether it be the great state of Texas or the most humble citizen. I shall do my utmost to make the court the place where justice is administered to rich and poor alike."

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### Can Render Service

Mr. Gardner expressed keen interest in the problems of law enforcement and juvenile delinquency.

"I believe I can render a distinct service, due to my experience as scoutmaster, school trustee, parole adviser and civic worker in Austin for 26 years. I want to thank all my friends who voted for me in the first primary and who have worked and spoken for me in this run-off campaign. Regardless of the outcome of this election I want my many friends to know that I shall always treasure the recollection of the trust and confidence they have placed in me."

Mr. Gardner will deliver a radio address tonight at 7:45 o'clock over station KNOW.

Story on J. Harris Gardner's district court judge campaign  
Austin Statesman, August 23, 1940

# Gardner Hurls Strong Denunciation At Adults Who Lead Minors Astray

District Judge J. Harris Gardner says "the courthouse ought to be dropped" on adults who lead minors astray.

Gardner made the comment during day-long call Thursday of a long criminal docket in his 53rd District Court.

From the bench the outspoken judge said persons guilty of contributing to the delinquency of minors are "costing" Travis County more than any other type of criminal.

This was Gardner's second brief but strong speech from the bench during the day. Earlier he had assailed past Legislatures for failing to provide funds for a full-time adult probation system made up of experienced personnel.

State law permits placing first offenders in criminal felony cases under probation, which sets out strict rules of conduct, but no money has been provided for full-time trained probation workers.

The state's judges, when using the law, must appoint persons who are willing to serve when they can find time without pay, such persons many times having no experience and little knowledge of the law.

Also Thursday, the attorney for William Polk, accused slayer of two, said Polk probably will plead not guilty next week on grounds of "temporary insanity."

But Attorney Wright Stubbs said no definite decision had been made.

Twenty-nine-year-old Polk's case was set for recall early next week when Stubbs told the court he was undecided whether to ask for a special jury venire.

Polk is charged with the shotgun slaying early in November of his former wife and her new husband, Mr. and Mrs. John D. McKinely.

During call of the loaded docket, 18 defendants drew a total of 69 years and three months. Many of the sentences, all assessed on guilty pleas, were suspended, others probated. First offenders drew suspension or probation.

Gardner voiced his disgust of persons contributing to delinquency of minors while accepting a guilty plea from a 21-year-old Alabama man, Clarence Brantley, to a charge of burglarizing an automobile near Bergstrom Air Force Base.

Brantley, who had been given a discharge from the Air Force as an "undesirable" for stealing, had made application for a suspended sentence.

But Judge Gardner, making no effort to hide his irritation, rejected the application and sentenced Brantley to two years in prison after City Detective John Dyess testified that the former airman had been "living" with two young girls, ages 13 and 15.

Portion of a story regarding Judge Gardner's judicial philosophy  
Austin Statesman, January 20, 1954

# Gardner To Retire; Herman Jones Bids



J. HARRIS GARDNER



HERMAN JONES

# Veteran Quits At Term End

By WRAY WEDDELL JR.

Veteran District Judge J. Harris Gardner will retire at the end of his present term.

And already there is a candidate for his bench—widely known Austin Attorney Herman Jones.

A reporter's questions brought these replies in this sequence Friday morning:

Jones confirmed reports he would announce for the 53rd District Court judgeship if Gardner retires.

"It's my understanding that Judge Gardner is going to retire and in that event I intend to be a candidate to succeed him."

Jones, a former legislator, stressed he was not announcing at this early date—only answering a question.

Gardner then took time out from juvenile court proceedings to confirm that Jones' "understanding" was correct.

"That is true," he said. "I've reached the age of retirement."

Gardner is 66. His four-year term runs through 1960.

Jones, a 1931 University of Texas Law School graduate, was a representative from Wise County for four years, 1934-38. He was 23 when elected to the House.

In 1937 Jones began practicing law here, joining former Governor Dan Moody's firm. He is now a member of a firm which also includes Travis County Senator Charles Herring and Jones' brother, former County Attorney Perry Jones.

Jones has been active in Democratic Party affairs for many years. He is also chairman of the UT Ex-Students Association executive committee and former president of the association.

Judge Gardner has presided over the 53rd District Court for 18 years. The previous 13 years he was a member of the Austin School Board.

Gardner has worn two "hats." His court is also the county's juvenile court. He estimates he spends more than half his time in the latter capacity.

Judge Gardner retires  
Austin Statesman, February 20, 1959

## Ralph Lauds Gardner For Youth Work

By ANITA BREWER

US Senator Ralph Yarborough predicted Friday night that J. Harris Gardner's greatest service to youth is still ahead.

Sen. Yarborough was the principal speaker at a testimonial dinner attended by more than 200 friends and associates of Judge Gardner at Green Pastures. Judge Gardner will retire at the end of this month.

"In his score of years on the bench in Austin," said Sen. Yarborough, "Judge Gardner has made the 53rd District Court the shield of law for delinquent youth and the torch of government enlightenment to show them the way to lawful happier lives as contributing, growing members of a growing, evolving society."

Also speaking words of praise of Judge Gardner were:

Clint Small Jr., president of the Travis County Bar Association: "He has shown that the law can be warm and human."

Attorney General Will Wilson: "He has upheld the ideals of government by law, not by men . . . entirely fair."

Herman Jones, who will succeed Judge Gardner on the 53rd District Court bench: "No man has the higher regard and affection of more people in this county than Harris Gardner."

His colleagues on the Travis County bench, Mace Thurman, Jack Roberts and Charles O. Betts, and County Judge Tom E. Johnson, praised Judge Gardner for his courage, his compassion, his industry.

Sen. Yarborough emphasized that the testimonial dinner was but an "interim tribute," that Judge Gardner would continue his work for mankind.

The dinner was sponsored by the Texas Social Welfare Association, Travis County unit.

Story on Senator Ralph Yarborough's recognition of Judge J. Harris Gardner's work  
Austin Statesman, December 3, 1960

Judge and Mrs. J. Harris Gardner

# Fifty Years of Life Together in Austin

By ANNE DEE

Women's Staff

Fifty years ago Monday Judge J. Harris Gardner married Claire Emilienne Porche for the third time in as many weeks.

They were married by proxy with her in France and him in Texas, then Claire had a formal church wedding in Paris — without her new husband at the ceremony. "I was so afraid to show my face," she recalled. "Everyone was asking 'Where is your husband?'"

And they were married June 1, 1920, in New York City — with both of them present this time.

"All the red tape was necessary," explained Judge Gardner. "It was the only way I could get her admitted to this country." Under French law, when a French woman marries an American, she automatically becomes an American citizen. But the United States government considered her still French.

When Claire arrived in N.Y.C. (after the first two marriages), there were more complications. She was refused to be allowed off the ship because of her French citizenship.

"I finally remembered that I had a letter from Gov. W. P. Hobby, who was then governor of Texas," said the Judge. "I just took out that envelope with that great big gold Texas seal on it and she was off the boat in minutes. I've never seen red tape cut so quickly," he laughed.



After the Gardners were married in N.Y.C., the Judge took his new bride back to Texas. "As our train rolled through the green Northeastern states, Claire kept asking if Texas were as lovely. And I kept saying 'Oh this is nothing. You just wait.'"

"But I oversold Texas," said the Judge. "It was a dry spring that year. We crossed the Red River and she kept saying 'Is it Texas yet?' I kept looking for something green to point to and say 'Look Claire, there's Texas.' But it never looked so dry and barren."

When they reached Austin, however, the hills were green. "But I was so homesick for so long," said Claire.

While the Judge began work in a law firm, his young bride began to get accustomed to Texas traditions and to overcome the language barriers. "She would use

dimes for the streetcar instead of pennies," recalled the Judge, "because they were smaller. And, because she was taught English by a Britisher, she would say 'Righto' instead of 'Okay.'"

"I'm quite a Texan now, however," Claire laughed.

And indeed she is. She has campaigned for her husband over the years, voted in all the elections, raised three Texan children and made her home here for 50 years.

"Why she's even a Texas Ex," said the Judge proudly. Claire took Spanish and

history at the University of Texas for one semester.

He received a LL.B. degree from UT in 1921.

In 1926 the Judge was made a partner of the law firm White, Wilcox, Taylor and Gardner. By this time they had had the three children. In

1930, the Gardners moved to their present home at 2418 Jarrett Ave., where they will be honored by their children — Mrs. Jacqueline Darby of El Paso, Dr. James H. Gardner of Corpus Christi and Thomas R. Gardner of Austin — and their 13 grandchildren Sunday on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

"Our home was the first model home in Austin," said the Judge. "But the neighborhood and the town have changed so much now. The population was about 25,000 with only 3,000 at the University; none of the streets paved and downtown was Scarboroughs. "You hadn't been to town if you hadn't been to 6th and Congress," laughed the Judge.

From 1927 to 1940 he served as a member of the Austin School Board. On Jan. 1, 1941, he became judge of the 53rd District Court. He presided there for 20 years, becoming known as an expert in juvenile delinquency. He was one of the forces that built Gardner House, the Travis County Juvenile Detention Home, which is named for him.

Since the Judge's retirement in 1961, he and his wife have traveled throughout Europe and the Orient. Their first trip was to Paris where they had met on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1917, where the Judge was stationed with the American Expeditionary Force, and attending law classes at the University of Paris.

Besides traveling, Claire enjoys reading and gardening, with the Judge preferring to work with his ham radio set or developing negatives and making prints of the 6,000 color travel slides he and his wife have accumulated over the years.



Staff Photo by Jack Wall

**JUDGE J. HARRIS AND CLAIRE GARDNER, IN THEIR GARDEN**

They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Monday

Story on Harris and Claire Gardner's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Austin American-Statesman, May 31, 1970

## J. Harris Gardner, 86, 1st judge for juvenile court, dies

Judge J. Harris Gardner — a jurist who pioneered juvenile delinquency rehabilitation efforts in Travis County — died here Sunday.

The 86-year-old Gardner, a veteran of World War I and a long-time Austin lawyer, was the county's first juvenile court judge.

Gardner House, the county's juvenile detention facility at 2500 S. Congress Ave., is named in the judge's honor.

Services for Gardner will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

A native of Hamilton County, Gardner received his law degree from the University of Texas in 1921. He had served in France for two years during World War I.

In 1926, Gardner became associated with the law firm of White, Wilcox, Taylor and Gardner. A year later, he was elected to the Austin school board of trustees, and remained on the board until 1940.

Gardner was elected judge of the 53rd State District Court here Jan. 1, 1941, replacing former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough, who had not sought reelection.

He served 20 years on the bench. In 1943, he assumed a dual role as the county's first juvenile court judge.

He was a prime mover in the development of a center for juvenile offenders, becoming known as an expert in the field of juvenile delinquency.

Survivors include his wife, Claire; two sons, Dr. James H. Gardner of Leander and Thomas R. Gardner of Austin; a daughter, Mrs. Dan Darby of El Paso; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, W. Beverly Gardner of Austin and John Gardner of Glen Rose; and a sister, Bernice Gardner of Fort Worth.

Contributions may be made to the Gardner House.

New story on the death of Judge J. Harris Gardner  
Austin American-Statesman, December 18, 1978

### George A. McNaughton (ca. 1931 – ca. 1936)

The 1920 U.S. Census shows George McNaughton as the 23-year old son of George and Minnie McNaughton of San Marcos, Texas. George McNaughton was the second of the couple's three children. He was born in Texas and was a printer for a newspaper. His father had been born in Scotland and was the editor of a weekly newspaper. No other family member had an occupation shown.

The 1936 city directory for Fort Worth, Texas shows George A. and Margaret McNaughton living there; George McNaughton was a linotype operator for a printing company.

**Raymond H. and Margie Farley (ca. 1938 – ca. 1942)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Raymond H. and Margie Farley as the owners of this house, which was worth \$4,000. Raymond H. Farley was 40, had been born in Oklahoma, and was the district manager for the local newspaper. Margie Farley was 40, had been born in New Mexico, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Ann, 10, who had been born in Texas. The family also had a lodger, Aline Lathrop, 30, who had been born in Texas, and was a secretary for the State Education Department.0

Lyda Margaret Farley was living in Rollingwood at the time of her death in 1982. She was born in 1895 in Texas and was a homemaker.

## **Margie Farley**

**Mrs. R. H. (Margie) Farley, 87, of Rollingwood, Texas, died Saturday.**

Mrs. Farley had been a resident of Rollingwood for 35 years, and was a member of the Women's Club of Rollingwood.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

**Survivors include husband, R. H. Farley, of Rollingwood; daughter, Mrs. Ann Walters, of Waco; brother, Vance Riley, of Austin; sisters, Gladys Kelly of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Elizabeth Peyton, of Long Beach, California, Veron Stinson, of Oakland, California, Kathleen Scott, of Corte Madera, California; grandchildren, Mrs. Jacquelyn Andrews, of Waco, Joe Raymond Walters, of Waco; great-granddaughter, Regina Lee Adams, of Waco.**

**Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home.**

Obituary of Margie Farley  
Austin American-Statesman, November 1, 1982

## **R.H. Farley**

**R.H. Farley, age 86, of Austin, passed away Tuesday, in Waco.**

**He had lived in Austin, since 1930, and worked for the Austin American Statesman in his earlier years. He later worked in real estate until his retirement.**

**He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie, in 1982.**

**Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. L.E. (Ann) Walters of Waco; sister, Beulah Dickerson of Ketchum, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Mrs. Dalton Adams of Waco, Joe Raymond Walters of Austin; great-grandchildren, Gina Adams of Austin.**

**Graveside services will be held 2:00 PM, Wednesday. Burial, Austin Memorial Park, with Reverend A.D. Eberhart officiating.**

**Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.**

Obituary of Raymond H. Farley  
Austin American-Statesman, December 3, 1986

### **William and Mozelle Byles (ca. 1942 – ca. 1981)**

William J. and Mozelle D. Byles appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Fort Bayard, Grant County, New Mexico. William J. Byles was 44, had been born in Illinois to a Pennsylvania-born father and an Illinois-born mother, and was a physician at the base hospital. Mozelle D. Byles was 34, had been born in Georgia, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 children: Ruth J., 9, who had been born in New Mexico; Daniel W., 6, who had been born in Illinois; Beatrice, 1, who had been born in New Mexico; and Mozelle J., 8 months, who had been born in New Mexico. The family also had a female servant, Percy Sisneros, 18, who had been born in Colorado to New Mexican-born parents.

William John Byles' World War II draft registration card shows that he was living in this house in 1942, the purported date of his registration. He was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1885 and had no employer. His next of kin was Mozelle D. Byles.

His 1967 death certificate shows that Dr. William John Byles was living at this address at the time of his death. He was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1885 and was a medical doctor. He fell about 2

blocks from his home on his way to a mailbox. He is buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. His gravestone shows that he was a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in the medical Corps in World War I.

**There was another purse-snatching case Wednesday night. Mrs. W. J. Byles of 2804 San Pedro told police she was walking along at 28th and Nueces about 10:30 p. m. Suddenly a boy jumped out from the shrubbery, snatched the purse from under her arm, and started running.**

**Mrs. Byles said she ran after the boy, shouting "thief," but that the youngster hopped in a green 1941 Ford that was moving slowly along the street with its lights out, and got away.**

**The purse contained personal papers, car and house keys and about \$1 in change.**

Story on Mozelle Byles' purse being stolen  
Austin American-Statesman, August 11, 1949

### **DR. WILLIAM J. BYLES**

**Dr. William John Byles, 82, 2804 San Pedro St., died in Brackenridge Hospital Friday.**

**Survivors include his wife, Mrs. William J. Byles; and four children, Mrs. Ben Wetherill, Mr. Daniel W. Byles, Miss**

**Beatrice Byles and Mrs. Paul R. Niswonger.**

**Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio under direction of the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial will be with military honors.**

Obituary of William J. Byles



Austin American-Statesman, October 14, 1967

# **DR. WILLIAM J. BYLES**

Graveside services for Dr. William John Byles were held Monday at 1 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, under direction of the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial was with military honors.

Note on the funeral of Dr. William J. Byles  
Austin Statesman, October 16, 1967

Mattie Mozelle Daniel Byles was born in 1894 in Thomas County, Georgia, and passed away in San Diego, California in 1981. She is buried with her husband in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

**BYLES, Mozelle D., of Chula Vista, Calif., formerly of Austin, died Friday. Graveside services 11 a.m. today at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. (Weed-Corley)**

Death notice for Mozelle Byles  
Austin American-Statesman, January 22, 1981

William J. Byles 2804-B San Pedro St.

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Bauffington Addn.

Masonry residence

34805 8-11-47

\$2500.00

Ira Sylvester

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Building permit to William J. Byles to construct a second residence on the lot (1947)

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Nº 4157

Austin, Texas

Received of IRA SYLVESTER Date 9-16-47

Address 2804 B SAN PEDRO

Amount TWENTY AND NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber BASEY Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 10-21-47

Size of Tap Made

Size Service Made

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.15"

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 3

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. RB-11-12-47

No. Fittings	Size	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	Req. No.
2	5/8"			3/4"	3/4" Sleeve				4	2		1	1	1	1		2323-502	4157

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Water service permit for the second residence (1947)

Receipt No. 8437 Application for Sewer Connection Nº 22967

Austin, Texas, 9-17-47

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 Ira Sylvester at 2804 B San Pedro Street, further described as Lot 5 Block - Outlot - Division - subdivision Bluffside Addition Plat 60, which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 26623

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 9-19-47

Depth at Prop. Line 3' 3' at main Respectfully,

Stub Out 4'-W of SW corner of lot (Location)

Date 10-7-47

By L. S. Sisk

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6' from base of main at 1st lot

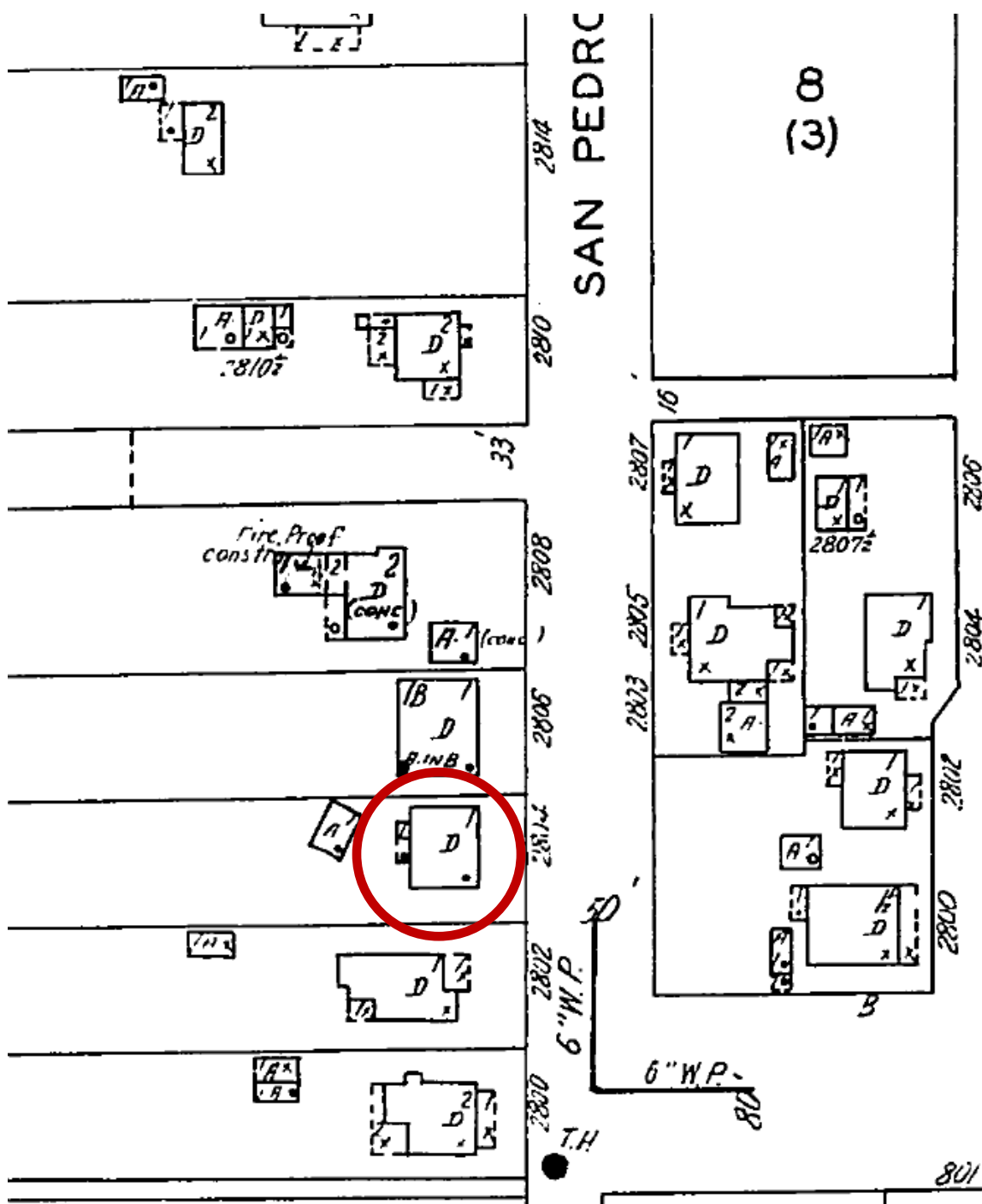
Sup main 12' W of N.E. corner

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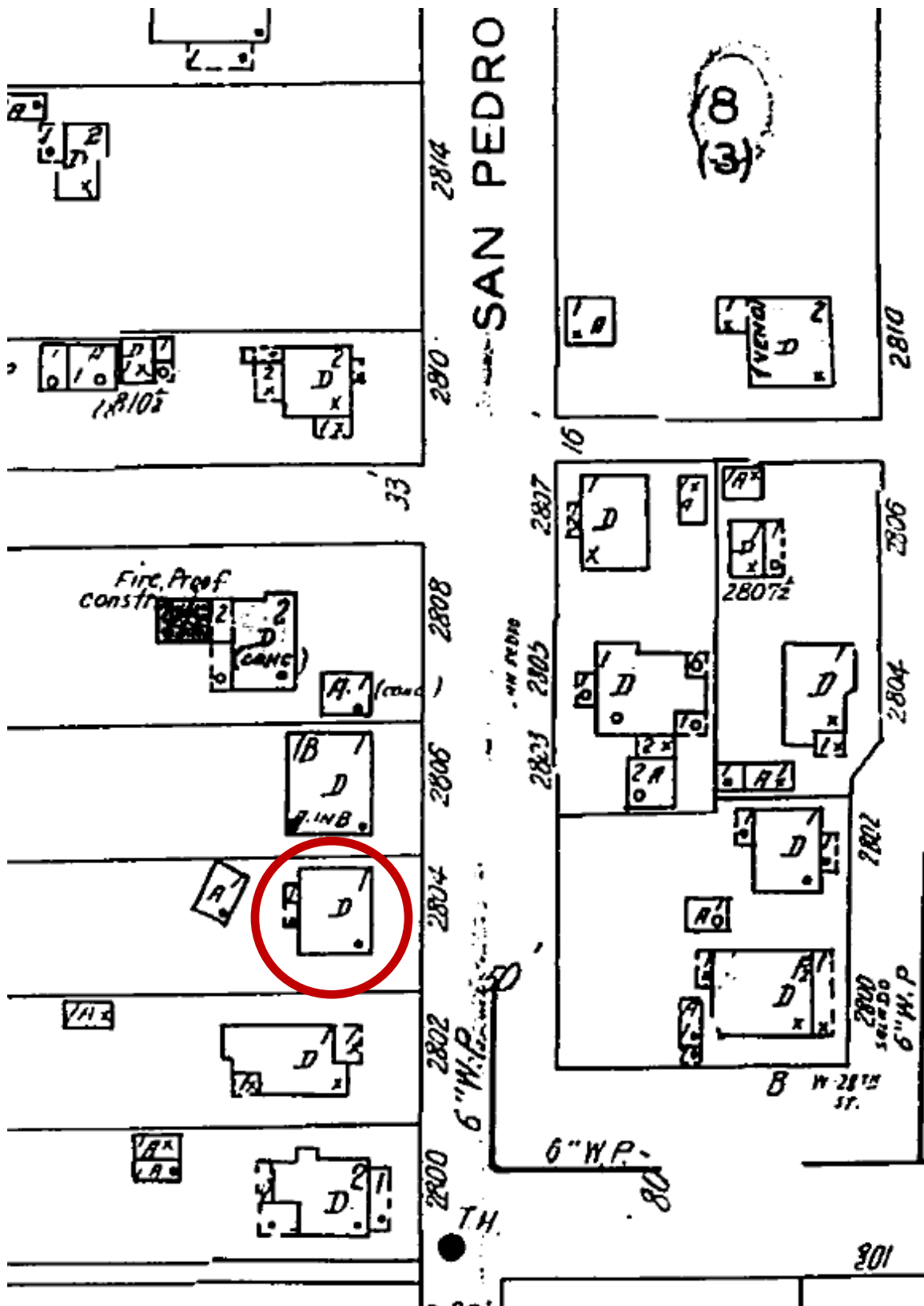
Sewer connection application for the second residence (1947)

OWNER Dr. W.J. Byles ADDRESS 2804 San Pedro  
PLAT 59 LOT 6 BLK  
SUBDIVISION Graham  
OCCUPANCY duplex  
BLD PERMIT # 111338 DATE 2-3-69 OWNERS  
ESTIMATE \$5,000  
CONTRACTOR J.R. Hildrebrand NO. OF FIXTURES several  
WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #

remodel exist res. to create duplex  
Building permit to W.J. Byles to remodel the house into a duplex (1969)



The house appears on the 1935 Sanborn map.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map above.