

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 22, 2019  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2019-0175  
2008 E. CESAR CHAVEZ STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca. 1923 house.

## ARCHITECTURE

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One-story, rectangular-plan, cross-gabled frame bungalow with a front-gabled wraparound porch on brick piers and battered wood posts; single 1:1 fenestration.

## RESEARCH

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The house appears to have been built around 1923; the first owners and occupants were Caleb W. and May Miles, who lived here until around 1928. Caleb Miles was a barber, who had been in business with his brother, then had his own shop on E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and finally joined Richard Gildart on Congress Avenue. After Caleb and May Miles moved out, the house became a rental property with a long string of short-term renters, including workers in the City Electric Department, gas station attendants, meat cutters, a taxi driver, and in later years, truck drivers.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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The house is recommended as contributing to a potential historic district along E. Cesar Chavez Street by the East Austin Historic Resource Survey (2016). The potential historic district stretches from San Marcos Street on the west to Llano Street on the east. This section of the proposed historic district has a large number of potentially contributing buildings.



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 relatively common style of bungalow and has suffered some modifications, including window replacements and railings. The house reflects a common style with insufficient architectural distinction to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was a rental property for the vast majority of its existence; 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



1" = 333'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0175

LOCATION: 2008 E CESAR CHAVEZ ST

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2008 E. Cesar Chavez Street  
ca. 1923



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
2008 E. Cesar Chavez Street

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

- 1922      The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Caleb W. and May Miles are listed at 2002 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, the house just to the west of this one. Caleb W. Miles was a proprietor with Samuel M. Miles in Miles Bros., barbers, 300 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: Harvey E. Jones is listed at 1705 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street; he was a meat cutter at Lone Star Market, 1201 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street or 1310 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1924      C.W. and May Miles, owners  
Barber, 300 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
  
Harvey E. and Myrtle Jones, renters  
Meats, 800 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1927      Caleb W. and May Miles, owners  
Barber, 300 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- 1929      Vacant

NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

NOTE: Caleb W. and May Miles are listed at 807 Taylor Street; he was a partner with R.L. Gildart in Miles & Gildart, barbers, 219 Congress Avenue.

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| 1930-31 | George H. and Edna Hall, renter<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.   |
| 1932-33 | John R. and Margaret Jones, renters<br>Helper, City Electric Department<br><br>William J. Crowe, renter<br>Laborer, City Electric Department<br>NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.  |
| 1935    | T.R. and Willie L. Anderson, renters<br>Attendant, Miller's Service Station, 99 Congress Avenue.<br><br>J.R. and Hortense Roberts, renters<br>Driver, Austin Taxi Service, 417 Congress Avenue.<br>NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street. |
| 1937    | John D. and Katherine Beasley, renters<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.  |
| 1939    | Claude and Corrine Struve, renters<br>Meat cutter, Johnson & Johnson, No. 2, groceries, either 1001 or 1311 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.<br><br>George and Pauline Scott, renters<br>Laborer<br>NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.      |
| 1941    | Milton C. and Margaret Fickel, renters<br>Attendant, D&S Service Station, 605 East Avenue or 200 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.<br>NOTE: The house is listed as 2004 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.   |
| 1944-45 | The address is not listed in the directory.   |
| 1947    | Vacant  |
| 1949    | Leroy Sefcik, renter<br>Proprietor (with Edward W. Dusek), Austin Sheet Metal Shop, 2418 Fredericksburg Road.   |
| 1952    | Fred A. and Agnes Roos, owners<br>No occupation listed  |
| 1954    | Fred A. Roos, owner<br>No occupation listed   |
| 1957    | Vacant  |

1960	Basilio and Cruz Gomez, renters Driver, Austin Concrete Works, 801 Airport Boulevard.
1962	Candelario and Lilly Romero, renters Truck driver
1965	Davis Home for the Elderly (Lola Davis, proprietor) NOTE: Lola Davis lived at 1410 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street.
1968	Vacant
1973	Loucia Mendoza, renter No occupation listed
1977	S. Sullivan, renter Retired NOTE: The directory indicates that S. Sullivan was a new resident at this address.
1981	Vicente and Luisa Martinez, owners Laborer
1985-86	Louisa Mendoza, owner Retired
1992	Vacant

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Caleb W. and May Miles (ca. 1923 – ca. 1928)**

Caleb W. and May Miles appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 2102 Haskell Street. Caleb Miles was 36, had been born in Texas, and was a barber with his own shop. May Miles was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had two daughters, Geneva, 11; and Lorene, 4. Both girls were born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Caleb W. and May Miles renting the house at 807 Taylor Street in Austin. Caleb W. Miles was 47, had been born in Texas, and was a barber. May Miles was 43, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter, Lorene, 15, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

According to his 1939 death certificate, Caleb W. Miles was living at 808 Patterson Avenue. He was born in 1883 in Round Rock, Texas, and was a barber.

##### **1930 U.S. Census**

The 1930 U.S. Census shows George H. and Edna Hall as the renters of this house. George H. Hall was 34, had been born in Texas to an Indiana-born father and a Texas-born mother, and was a cable splicer for the telephone company. Edna Hall was 27, had been born in Texas to an Illinois-born father and an Ohio-born mother, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Dorothy, 4, who had been born in Texas.

