

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 26, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0401
1705 HASKELL STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1931 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled stone-veneered frame house with a full-width inset porch; modern replacement windows; shed-roofed addition to the left side of the structure.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1931 by W.A. and Lillian Darter, who lived here until around 1946. W.A. Darter was a welder who opened his own welding and radiator shop around 1934. After the Darters moved out around 1946, the house became a rental property through the early 1950s; the tenants were Paul G. and Ebba Lundell; Paul G. Lundell was a house painter. Theresa Martinez, an attendant at Austin State Hospital, is listed as the owner of the house in the 1959 city directory. Around 1961, the house was purchased by Edward B. and Connie Rendon, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Edward Rendon was in construction, but more importantly, was a very important figure in the East Austin Latino community, working for recognition of the Latino contributions to Austin's community and culture. Edward Rendon Park at Festival Beach is named for him.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was not recommended for individual designation 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 may meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a simple frame box house that has been modified with the application of a stone veneer and replacement windows. The changes to the house are significant but made by Edward Rendon, for whom this house is being commemorated.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was purchased by Edward Rendon around 1960; he lived here for the rest of his life. Rendon was a very prominent figure in East Austin and especially important in the East Austin Latino community for his work to promote recognition of the contributions of Latino East Austinites to the city.
- 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 may have community value, as Edward Rendon held many neighborhood and civic meetings here. The site of the house is important in East Austin.
- 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

Initiate historic zoning if the Commission feels that the house retains sufficient integrity to warrant consideration under the architectural criterion. The house clearly has significant

associations with Edward Rendon, and may have community value as a neighborhood gathering place. The Commission may also postpone the case if there is not enough information to make a decision at this time.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0401
LOCATION: 1705 Haskell St.

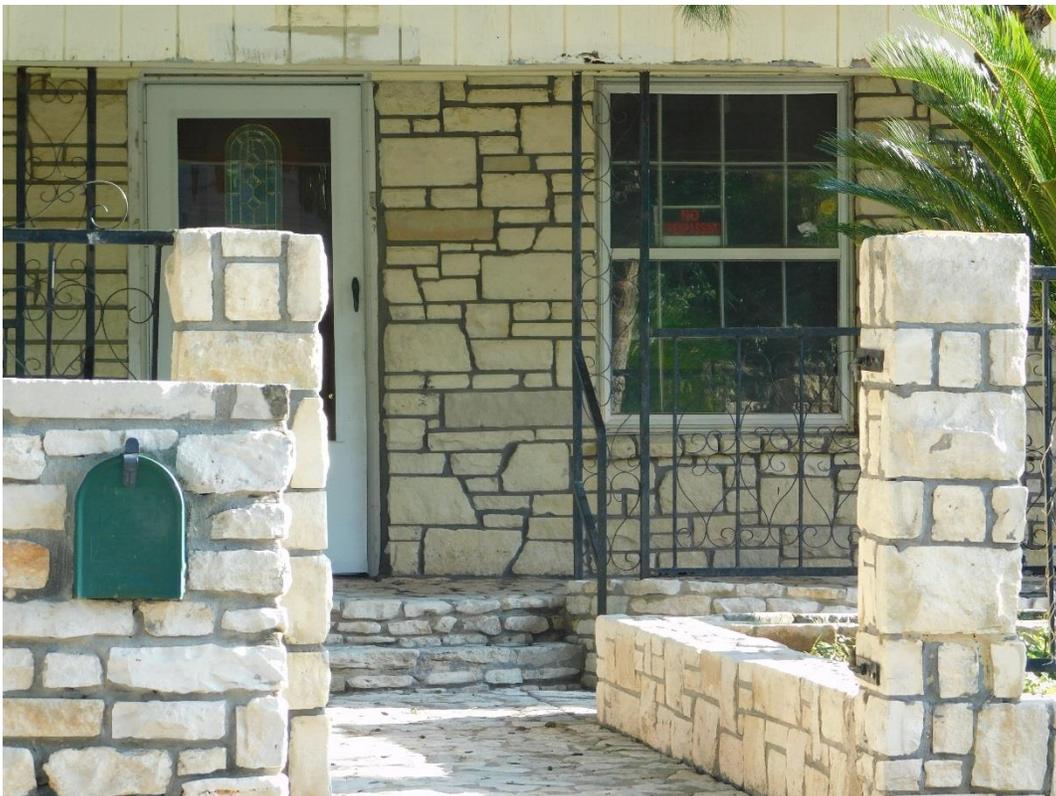


1" = 141'

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1705 Haskell Street
ca. 1931



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1705 Haskell Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
July, 2019

- 1930-31 The address is not listed in the directory.
City records indicate a water service permit for this address dating from 1931.
NOTE: W.A. and Lillian Darter are not listed in the directory.
- 1932-33 W.A. and Lillian Darter, renters
Welder, Austin Machine and Grinding Company, 219 E. 5th Street.
- 1935 W.A. and Lillian Darter, owners
Proprietor, Darter Welding and Radiator Shop, 408 San Jacinto Street.
- 1937 Walter A. and Lillian Darter, owners
Proprietor, Darter Welding and Radiator Shop, 408 San Jacinto Street.
- 1939 W.A. and Lillian Darter, owners
Proprietor, Darter Welding and Radiator Shop, 218 E. 5th Street.
- 1941 W.A. and Lillian Darter, owners
Proprietor, Darter Welding and Radiator Shop, 218 E. 5th Street.
- 1944-45 Walter A. and Lillian Darter, owners
Salesman, Darter Welding Company, 213 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Paul G. and Ebba Lundell are not listed in the directory.
- 1947 Paul G. and Ebba Lundell, renters
Painter
NOTE: Walter A. and Lillian P. Darter are listed at 709 E. 47th Street; he was the proprietor of Slim Darter Welding and Radiator Shop, 213 E. 5th Street.
- 1949 Paul G. and Ebba Lundell, renters
Painter
- 1952 Paul G. and Ebba Lundell, renters
Painter
- 1955 No return
NOTE: Paul G. and Ebba Lundell are not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Theresa A. Martinez is not listed in the directory.
- 1959 Theresa A. Martinez, owner
Attendant, Austin State Hospital
NOTE: Edward and Connie Rendon are listed at 2003 Canterbury Street; neither had an occupation shown.
- 1962 Edward B. and Connie Rendon, renters
Construction worker

1965	Edward B. and Connie M. Rendon, owners Construction worker
1968	Edward B. and Connie M. Rendon, owners Construction worker
1973	Edward B. and Connie M. Rendon, owners Construction worker
1977	Edward R. and Connie M. Rendon, owners Construction worker
1981	Edward R. and Connie M. Rendon, owners Construction worker
1985-86	Edward R. and Connie M. Rendon, owners Construction worker
1992	Edward and Connie Rendon, owners Retired

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Walter A. and Lillian Darter (ca. 1931 – ca. 1946)

Walter A. and Lillian Darter appear as the owners of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$1,500. Walter A. Darter was 32, had been born in Texas, and was the owner and operator of a garage. Lillian Darter was 31, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Betty Jean, 9; and Eugene, 7.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows W.A. Darter as the 22-year old son of J.A. and O.B. Darter, who owned their home in Precinct 8 of Travis County. W.A. Darter is listed as a farm laborer. His wife, L.P. Darter, 21, had no occupation listed. W.A. Darter's father, J.A. Darter, 59, was a Texas-born farmer. His mother, O.B. Darter, 54, had no occupation listed. W.A. Darter had a younger sister, Julia, 14.

Walter Allen Darter died in Burnet County in 1985; Lillian P. Darter died in 1996.

Edward and Connie Rendon (ca. 1960 -)

This house was owned by Edward Rendon, Sr. from around 1960 until he passed away in 2018. Edward Rendon, Sr. was a community activist and the leader of the East Town Lake Citizens' Association. Edward Rendon, Sr. Park (colloquially known as Chicano Park) at Festival Beach is named for him. He was a beloved member of the community and a prominent Hispanic contractor in Austin.





RENDON Sr., Edward Our beloved Edward Rendon, Sr., age 91, resident of Austin, Texas, was called to our Heavenly Father on Sunday, February 4, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Concepcion Martinez Rendon. Visitation will held from 12:00-9:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2018 at Mission Funeral Home East Side, 1615 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas. Recitation of Holy Rosary will begin at 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2018 at Cristo Rey Catholic Church, 2208 E. 2nd St. Austin, Texas (corner of Robert T. Martinez & 2nd St.). Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Assumption cemetery. Please visit www.missionmemorials.com for an extended obituary, offer condolences and send flowers.

Obituary of Edward Rendon, Sr.
Austin American-Statesman, February 8, 2018

City records indicate a water service permit dating from 1931; the permit is no longer extant.

OWNER	Edward Rendon	ADDRESS	1705 Haskell Street
PLAT	16	LOT	3
			BLK
SUBDIVISION	V. E. Taylor		
OCCUPANCY	Porch		
BLD PERMIT #	123624	DATE	6-22-71
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$45,00
CONTRACTOR	owner	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #	Exist	SEWER TAP REC #	Exist
	Frm addn to residence 160 sq. ft.		
	3-7-72-128073=frm addn to rear of residence 360 sq.ft.		
	Permit #141464 -e/22/74= Frame acc. bldg. \$300.00 Est. cost.		

Building permit to Edward Rendon to construct a frame addition (1971) and to construct a rear frame addition (1972)

An application for the demolition of all structures on this site was filed July 11, 2019.