

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0469
1906 CANTERBURY STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1917 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a full-width inset porch on plain, square wood posts; three-sided bay windows on each side of the central entry, each containing a central fixed-sash window flanked by a 1:1 window; 1:1 fenestration throughout the rest of the house.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1917; the first listing of this address in the city directories is in the 1918 edition, showing Robert M. and Grace Gage as the tenants. Robert M. Gage was the proprietor of a sheet metal business with his brother; he had previously worked for J.O. Buaas and Sons, the city's largest sheet metal contractor at the time. The Gages lived here only until around 1919, when they moved to a house on E. 1st Street (now E. Cesar Chavez Street). Mathew L. and Ellen Clark are listed as the renters of the house in the 1920 city directory; they are listed as the owners of the house thereafter. According to his obituary, Mathew Clark moved to Austin around the same time he first moved into this house; he had alternating occupations in the city directories for his tenancy in this house – he was a carpenter as well as a truck driver. After he died in 1940, Rose Ellen Clark continued to live in this house for a few more years before moving down the street to 1902 Canterbury Street.

Julia Ridings, a widow from Weir in Williamson County, purchased this house around 1942 and lived here until her death in 1955. From 1955 until around 1980, the house was owned and occupied by Pablo (Paul) and Stella Riojas. Pablo Riojas was a truck driver who established his own hauling business from this house. He and Stella moved out around 1980; Pablo Riojas died in 1997.

STAFF COMMENTS

Despite the non-historic modifications to the house, the East Austin Historic Resources Survey (2016) still found sufficient integrity to recommend that this house be considered contributing to a potential local or National Register Historic District in South East Austin.



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 ca. 1917 house that has had several modifications to the front, including the installation of non-historic fixed-sash windows and bay window configurations, as well as the expansion of the front porch from the historical partial-width configuration to a full-width porch today. The modifications to the house prevent it from being considered for individual landmark designation.
- b. **Historical association.** While the house reflects the changing demographics of this section of East Austin – from the 1910s when an Anglo business owner built the house, through later working-class Anglo owners, followed by ownership by a Hispanic family who had their own hauling business here, 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

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" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0469

LOCATION: 1906 CANTERBURY ST



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1906 Canterbury Street
ca. 1917



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1906 Canterbury Street

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Jose C. and Rosalinda Hernandez, renters No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Jose C. and Rosalinda Hernandez were new residents at this address.
1981	Vacant
1977	Paul N. and Stella Riojas, owners Proprietor, Riojas Hauling (at the house).
1973	Paul N. and Stella Riojas, owners Proprietor, Riojas Hauling (at the house).
1968	Paul N. and Stella Riojas, owners Proprietor, Riojas Hauling (at the house).

1965	Paul N. and Stella Riojas, owners Laborer
1962	Paul N. and Stella Riojas, owners Trucker
1959	Paul and Stella Rojas [sic], owners Truck driver
1955	Mrs. Julia A. Ridings, owner No occupation listed
1952	Mrs. Julia A. Ridings, owner No occupation listed
1949	Mrs. Julia A. Ridings, owner Widow, Utaine Ridings No occupation listed
1947	Mrs. Julia A. Ridings, owner Widow, T.U. Ridings No occupation listed
1944-45	Mrs. Julie T. Ridings, renter No occupation listed NOTE: Ellen Clark is listed at 1902 Canterbury Street; she had no occupation shown.
1941	Mrs. Ellen Clark, renter Widow, Math Clark No occupation listed NOTE: Julia T. Ridings is not listed in the directory.
1939	M.L. and Rose Clark, renters No occupation listed
1937	Matthews L. and Ellen Clark, owners Truck driver
1935	M.L. and Ellen Clark, owners Truck driver
1932-33	M.L. and Ellen Clark, owners Truck driver
1930-31	Matthew L. and Ellen Clark, owners Carpenter
1929	M.L. and Ellen Clark, owners Carpenter
1927	Mrs. Rose Ellen Clark, renter No occupation listed

- 1924 M.L. and Ellen Clark, renters
Carpenter
- 1922 M.L. and Ellen Clark, owners
Truck driver
- 1920 M.L. and Ellen Clark, renters
Carpenter
NOTE: Robert M. and Grace O. Gage are listed at 1910 E. 1st Street; he was the proprietor (with Arthur D. Gage), of R.M. Gage & Bro., sheet metal contractors, 403 Neches Street.
- 1918 Robert M. and Grace O. Gage, renters
Proprietor (with Arthur D. Gage), R.M. Gage & Bro., sheet metal contractors, 604 Trinity Street.
NOTE: Matthew L. Clark (no wife listed) lived at 610 Driskill Street; he was a carpenter.
- 1916 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Robert M. Gage is listed at 1157 Navasota Street; he was a cornice-maker for J.O. Buaas & Sons, manufacturers of cornices, skylights, sheet iron and metal work, gravel, slate and tile roofing, steel ceilings and hot air furnace work, 502 Lavaca Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Robert M. and Grace O. Gage (ca. 1917 – ca. 1919)

Robert Gage appears in the 1910 U.S. census as the 22-year old son of R.A. and L.P. Gage, who lived at 1216 W. 5th Street in Austin. Robert Gage was born in Texas and was a tinner in a city shop. His younger brother, Arthur, 19, with whom he eventually started a sheet metal contracting business, was also born in Texas, and was also a tinner in a city shop. Their father, R.A. Gage, 65, had been born in Texas to a Tennessee-born father and a Kentucky-born mother, and had no occupation listed. Their mother, L.P. Gage, 46, had been born in Texas to Alabama-born parents, and had no occupation listed. Robert Gage had 6 siblings younger than Arthur: Leona, 20, an attendant in a doctor's office; James, 17; Lela, 14; Effie, 12; Lula Belle, 10 and Norah, 7. All of the children had been born in Texas. The family also had a boarder, Samuel Orman, 25, who had been born in Texas and was a streetcar conductor.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Robert M. and Grace Gage as the renters of the house at 1910 E. 1st Street in Austin. Robert M. Gage was 33, had been born in Texas, and was a metal worker in a tin shop. Grace Gage was 36, had been born in Texas to a Pennsylvania-born father and an Illinois-born mother, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: son, Marion, 8; Helen, 7; and Robert, 4. All of the children had been born in Texas.

His 1972 death certificate shows that Robert Marion Gage was living at 515 E. Riverside Drive in Austin at the time of his death. He was born in Texas in 1886 and was a retired sheet metal worker. Grace Olivette Clark Gage died in 1976. Her death certificate shows that she was born in Texas in 1883 and was a homemaker. She last lived at 509 E. Riverside Drive in Austin.

ROBERT M. GAGE

Robert Marion Gage, 515 East Riverside Drive, died in a local hospital Sunday. He was a member of the Ward Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Clark Gage of Austin; daughter, Mrs. William (Helen) Blackstone, Austin; two sons, Marion Gage and Robert L. Gage, both of Austin; six sisters, Mrs. E. M. Chote Sr., Mrs. Jack Banner, Mrs. Leona Harper, Mrs. Sidney E. Rich, all of Austin, Mrs. Ed Nelle of Martindale and Mrs. Herbert H. Duke of Baytown; brother, Arthur D. Gage of Austin; five grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Rev. Albert Merubia, officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Robert M. Gage
Austin American, March 28, 1972

GAGE, Mrs. R.M. (Grace Clark), 92, 509 E. Riverside Drive, died Sunday. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. William (Helen) Blackstone of Austin, sons, Marion J. Gage, Robert Gage, both of Austin; sister, Lucille Clark of Austin, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Grace Clark Gage
Austin American-Statesman, April 19, 1976

Matthew L. and Ellen Clark (ca. 1919 – ca. 1942)

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Matthew and Ellen Clark as the renters of this house. Matthew Clark was 48, had been born in Texas, and was a house carpenter. Ellen Clark was 47, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

M.L. and Ellen Clark appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. M. L. Clark was 60, had been born in Texas, and was a carpenter. Ellen Clark was 56, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Leonard M. and Rosie Ellen Clark as the renters of this house. Leonard M. Clark was 70, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Rosie Ellen Clark was 66, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed.

His 1940 death certificate shows that Mathew L. Clark was living in this house at the time of his death. He was born in Texas in 1870 and was a carpenter. Rosie Ellen Clark died in 1958. She was living at the Resthaven Nursing Home on N. Lamar Boulevard at the time of her death. She was born in 1874 in Texas and was a widowed housewife.

MATHEW L. CLARK

Mathew L. Clark, 70, resident of Austin for 20 years, died at a local hospital Thursday night. He is survived by his widow, one sister, Mrs. W. G. Stone of San Antonio, five brothers, Toll Clark of Cisco, Henry Clark of Carlsbad, Jim Clark of San Antonio, Jess Clark of Rusk and Tom Clark of Austin. Funeral services will be held from the Hly-tin Funeral home Friday at 10 a. m., with the Rev. Everett S. Martin officiating. Pallbearers, all nephews, will be Elton Stone, Clark Stone, Claud Stone, Miller Stone, Earl Howell and Lee Howell. Burial will be in the Taylorville cemetery near Lockhart.

Obituary of Mathew Clark
Austin American, July 5, 1940

MRS. ROSIE E. CLARK

Mrs. Rosie Ellen Clark, 83, died at the home of a niece, Mrs. E. L. Williams, 6222 North Lamar Blvd. Friday morning. She has been a resident of Austin 63 years and was a member of the Ward Memorial Methodist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Zena Howell, of Bartlett, and three brothers, Wesley Stone, Albert Stone and W. O. Stone of Austin, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. from Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Sherwood Davis officiating. Pallbearers will be Leo Howell, Carl Howell, Olan Howell, Preston Howell, E. L. Williams and C. E. Stone.

Burial will be in Holland Cemetery.

Obituary of Rosie Ellen Clark
Austin American, June 28, 1958

Julia Ridings (ca. 1942 – ca. 1955)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows T.U. and Julia Ridings as the owners of a house in Justice Precinct 1 (Weir Township) of Williamson County, Texas; their home was worth \$1,500. T.U. Ridings was 48, had been born in Texas to a Mississippi-born father and an Alabama-born mother, and was a salesman. Julia Ridings was 49, had been born in Texas to a North Carolina-born father and a Tennessee-born mother and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Thomas Ulpain Ridings died in 1935 and is buried in the cemetery in Weir, Texas. His death certificate shows that he was living in Weir, Texas at the time of his death and was a farmer. He was born in 1881 in Texas.

Her 1955 death certificate shows that Julia Ann Ridings was living at this address at the time of her death. She was born in Jollyville, Texas in 1881, and was a widowed housewife.

MRS. JULIA RIDINGS

Mrs. Julia Jenkins Ridings, 74, a resident 10 years, died at her home, 1906 Canterbury, Monday. She was a member of the Ward Memorial Methodist Church.

Survivors include five nephews, J. B. Jenkins of Taylor, Robbins Jenkins of Georgetown, Marion Jenkins of Georgetown, Wilbur Jenkins of Austin, Thomas Jenkins of Tyler, and seven nieces, Mrs. Meda Quisenberry, Mrs.

Helma Kanetzsky and Mrs. Nina LeWright of Austin; Mrs. Lois Hood of Big Spring, Mrs. Alma Laught and Mrs. Herma Ford of Georgetown, and Mrs. Ruth Murphy of San Antonio.

Funeral services will be held at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home Tuesday at 1 p.m. with Rev. Wesley Schulze and Rev. John K. Beery officiating. Graveside services will be held at the Weir Cemetery at 3 p.m.

Obituary of Julia Ridings
Austin American, November 15, 1955

Paul and Stella Riojas (ca. 1955 – ca. 1980)

Paul (Pablo) Riojas died in 1997.

Pablo (Paul) Riojas

Mr. Pablo (Paul) Riojas, 65 of Austin, passed away Saturday, November 8, 1997.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the Angel Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Monday at Cristo Rey Catholic Church, under the spiritual care of the Franciscan Friars. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery.

Mr. Riojas is survived by his wife of 46 years, Estella B. Riojas; daughters, Mary Alice Ojeda, Irene Garcia, Sylvia Estrada, Yolanda Riojas; sons, Jose Riojas, Raul Riojas, Gerardo Riojas, Ruben Riojas, Mario Riojas, Joe Gilbert Riojas; step-mother, Concepcion Riojas, all of Austin; nine sisters; four brothers; 32 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Alfonso Mendoza, Robert Torres, Pedro Sanchez, Felix Salinas and Francisco Donez. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Michael Ojeda and Joe Gilbert Riojas.

The Riojas family would like to extend their thanks to Dr. David Joseph and Hospice of Austin for their care of Mr. Riojas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Austin.

Arrangements by Samuel DeLeon & Son, Angel Funeral Home, 1600 S. First St., Austin, Tx. (512) 441-9738.

Obituary of Pablo Riojas
Austin American-Statesman, November 9, 1997

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Paul Rogers

1906 Canterbury St.

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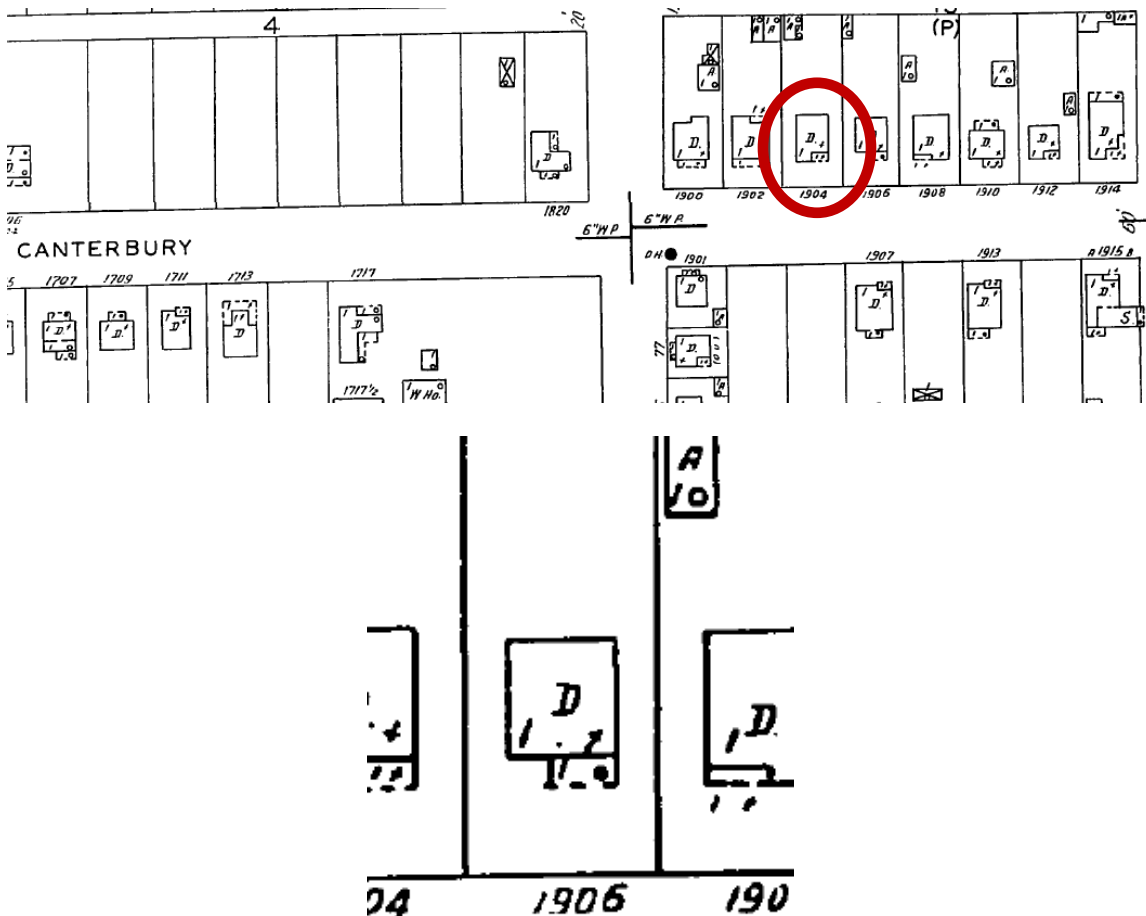
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U. S. Bldg. Materials Co.

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Apply sheet rock on interior-apply stone on front and
insulated siding on balance of house.

Building permit to Paul Rogers [sic] – this should be to Paul or Pablo Riojas – to apply stone to
the front and siding to the remainder of the house (1960)



Both the 1935 (above) and the 1962 Sanborn maps show the house with a partial-width front porch on the right side of the house.