

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 28, 2019
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
NRD-2019-0054
1619 WATERSTON AVENUE
WEST LINE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house and detached garage apartment.

ARCHITECTURE

The primary building is a single-story, cross gabled stucco house with composition shingle roof. It features single, paired, and tripled 1:1 and 6:1 wood and vinyl windows and a recessed entryway within an arched partial-width porch. A narrow fixed stained-glass window adorns the front gable. The secondary building is a 2-story detached garage apartment with stucco cladding, flat roof, and 1:1 wood windows.

RESEARCH

The main house was built by E.E. Wheelless in 1935. The house was occupied for about thirty years by the Cherry family. Ardrey C. Cherry and his wife Fay were the proprietors of a barbershop, and later a beauty parlor, at 1111 Rio Grande. Cherry operated his business until his death in 1953. By 1973, Mrs. Cherry had sold the house to short-term occupant Nancy Johnston.

The rear garage apartment appears to have been constructed at the same time or shortly after the primary residence, per Statesman classified ads. The Cherry family rented the building to a variety of occupants, including their sons Wendell and Ardrey Ross and Ardrey Sr.'s colleague Alba Simmons.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as contributing to the West Line National Register District. The nomination does not include the detached garage.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

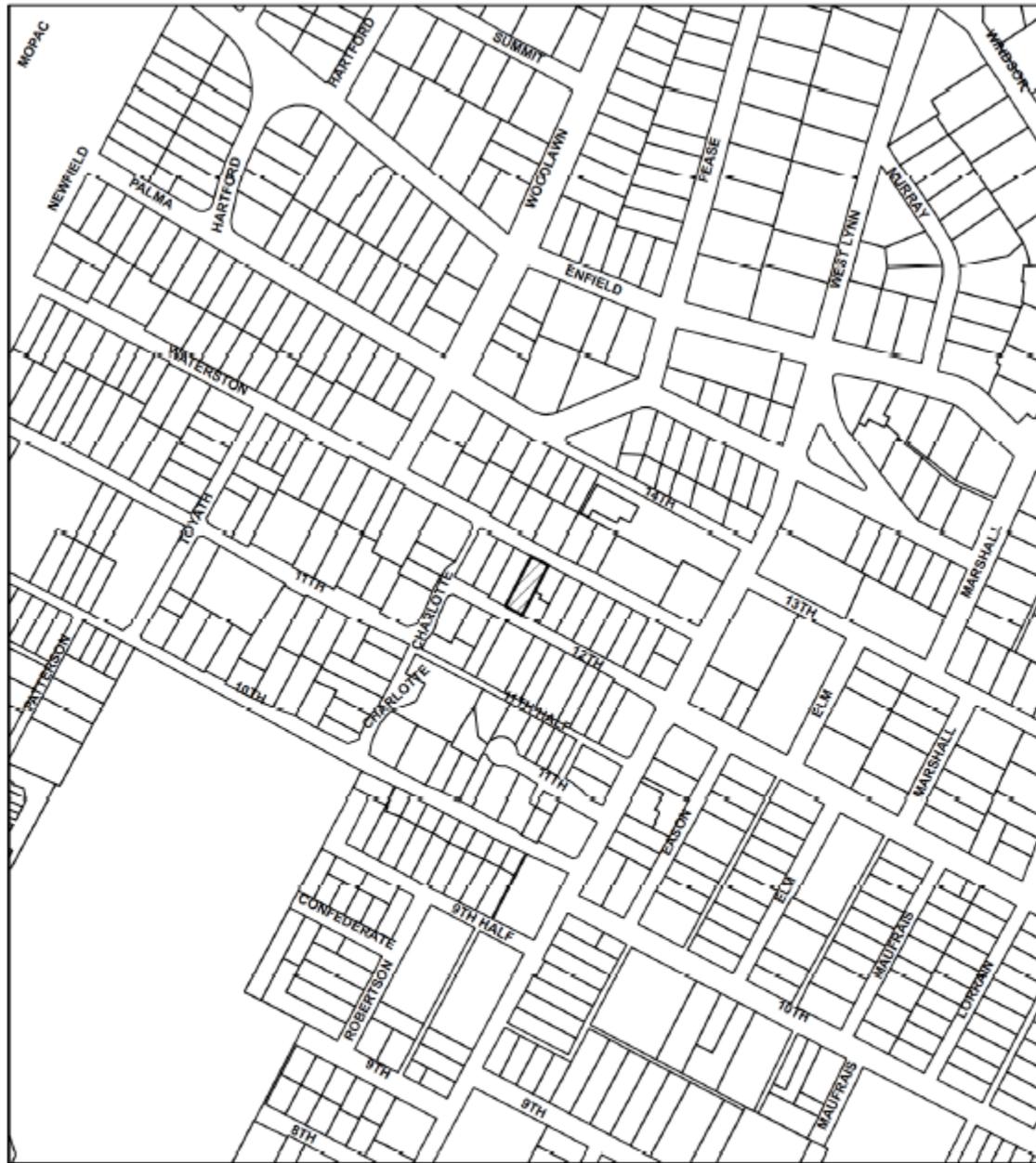
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The buildings are more than 50 years old.
- 2) The buildings appear to retain a high degree of integrity.
 - a. **Architecture.** The main house displays characteristics of the Tudor Revival style.
 - b. **Historical association.** There do not appear to be any significant historical associations, though the Commission may consider Cherry's contributions as a long-term business owner and operator.
 - c. **Archaeology.** The building was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d. **Community value.** The building 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 of the primary building, including consideration of a demolition delay, as the building is contributing to the historic district. If the Commission votes to release the demolition permit, staff recommends 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. Because the buildings are located in a National Register historic district, the Commission must review and comment on the proposed plans for new construction prior to demolition permit release.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS
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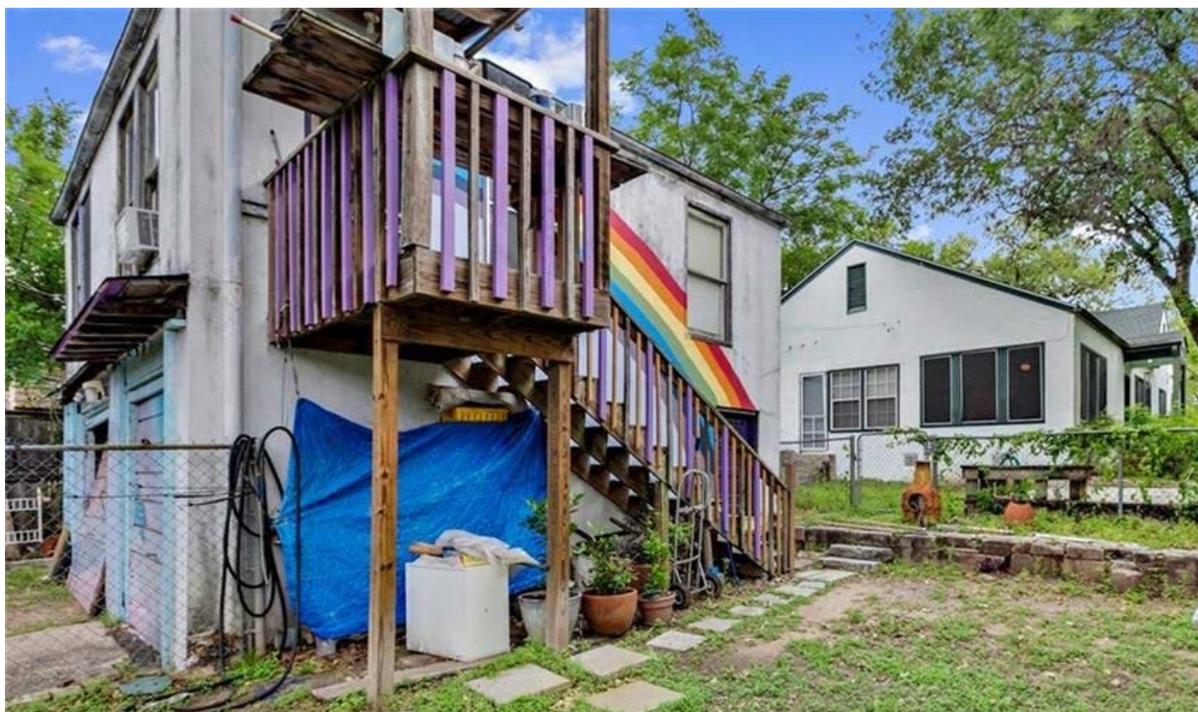
1" = 333'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Zillow.com, 2019

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, Austin History Center, September 2019

1992 Robert Chiles, renter
 Employee, Texas Commerce

- 1986 Brenda Fucello, renter
Administrative tech, State Adjutant General Dept.
Note: The directory indicates that Brenda Fucello is a new resident.
- 1981 Brenda Fucello, renter
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- 1977 Carter W. and Susie P. Gillespie, renters
Iron worker, Brown & Root
Note: The directory indicates that the Gillespies are new residents.
- 1973 Nancy A. Johnston, owner
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- 1968 Mrs. Bessie F. Cherry, owner (wid. Ardrey C.)
Retired
- 1965 Mrs. Fay Cherry, owner
- 1959 Mrs. Fay Cherry, owner
Mrs. Dora Cook, renter
- 1955 Mrs. Audrey C. Cherry, owner (wid. A. C.)
- 1952 Ardrey C. and Fay Cherry, owners
Proprietor, Cherry's Barber Shop and Powder Puff Beauty Shop, 1111 Rio Grande
Rear: vacant
- 1949 Ardrey C. and Fay Cherry, owners
Proprietor, Cherry's Barber Shop and Powder Puff Beauty Shop
A: Mrs. Alba Simmons, renter
Operator, Powder Puff Beauty Shop, 1111 Rio Grande
- 1947 Ardrey C. and Fay Cherry, owners
Proprietor, Cherry's Barber Shop
Rear: Wendell and Marie Cherry, renters
Student, U of T
Office assistant, Austin High School
- 1944 Ardrey C. and Fay Cherry, owners
Proprietor, Ardrey's Barber Shop
Ardrey R. Cherry, renter
U.S. Army
Wendell Cherry, renter
U. S. Army
Rear: Ben and Odella Hielig, renters
U.S. Army

- 1941 Ardrey C. and Fay Cherry, owners
Proprietor, Ardrey's Barber Shop
- A. Ross Cherry, renter
Wendell Cherry, renter
Student, U of T
- Rear: Oran V. and Marie Vaughn, renters
Shipping clerk, Brown Cracker & Candy Co.
- 1939 A. C. and Fay Cherry, owners
Cherry's Barber Shop
- Rear: W.W. and Daphne Clifton, renters
Salesman
- 1935 Address not listed.

Biographical Information

A. C. Cherry's Rites Slated

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the West Austin Baptist Church for A. C. Cherry, well known Austin barber, who died Tuesday in a local hospital.

Graveside services were to follow at 5 p.m. at Muldoon Cemetery.

Cherry had operated a barber-shop for many years at 1111 Rio Grande Street and was known to at least two generations of Austin High School students.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ray Cherry; two sons, Wendell H. Cherry of McAllen and Ardrey Ross Cherry of Odessa; his mother, Mrs. Cora Cherry of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Holstien of Austin, Mrs. V. C. Ray of Wimberley, and Mrs. J. W. Croslin of Austin, and four brothers, Brill Cherry of Wharton, Leonard Cherry and Wallace Cherry, both of Muldoon, and Everett Cherry of Rosanky.

Obituary for A.C. Cherry. The Austin Statesman; Jun 24, 1953.

Building Permits

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 N^o 11687
Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 13, 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 E. E. Wheelless at 1619 Waterston Street, further described as lot 9, block 15, subdivision Spear Leager division, plat 92, which place is to be used as a 2 residences

In this place there are to be installed 8 fixtures.

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

Respectfully, E. E. Wheelless

Sewer tap permit, 1-13-35

GARAGE Apt.—Frigidaire, hot water furnished, 4 rooms, garage, adults, \$32.50. 1619 Waterston. (9774).

Classified ad. The Austin Statesman, 12 Aug 1935.