PROPOSAL
Demolish a ca. 1926 house.

ARCHITECTURE
One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width front-gabled partially-inset porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH
The house was built by local builder Frank Rundell in 1926; the first owners and occupants were Leslie and Orlean Stephens, who lived here until around 1928. Leslie Stephens was a clerk for the Southern Pacific Railroad. The next owners and occupants of the house were Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, who lived here from 1928 until around 1965. Alex Abramson was a city fireman until his retirement in 1955. Following the residency of the Abramsons the house was purchased by Santos and Anita Salinas, who lived here from around 1965 until their deaths. Santos G. Salinas was a maintenance man at the Scarbrough Building in downtown Austin. He passed away in 2004; Anita G. Salinas passed away in 2018.

STAFF COMMENTS
The house was recommended as contributing to the potential South East Austin historic district by the East Austin Historic Resource Survey (2016).

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 vernacular bungalow. The house reflects a common style with no architectural distinction.
b. **Historical association.** The house was the home of several blue collar working families over the years: a railroad clerk, a city fireman, and a maintenance man. 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

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: HDP-2020-0080
LOCATION: 1501 CANTERBURY STREET

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1" = 333'
1501 Canterbury Street
ca. 1926
OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1501 Canterbury Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
January, 2015

1992   Santos G. and Anita G. Salinas, owners
       Retired

1985-86 Santos G. and Anita G. Salinas, owners
          No occupation listed

1981   Santos and Anita G. Salinas, owners
       Maintenance man, Scarbrough Building, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.

1977   Santos and Anita Salinas, owners
       Maintenance man, Scarbrough Building, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.

1973   Santos and Anita Salinas, owners
       Maintenance man, Scarbrough Building, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.

1968   Santos and Anita Salinas, owners
       Laborer

1962   A.K. Abramson, owner
       No occupation listed

1959   Alex K. Abramson, owner
       No occupation listed

1955   Alex K. Abramson, owner
       No occupation listed

1952   Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
       No occupation listed

1949   Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
       No occupation listed

1947   Alex and Ellen Abramson, owners
       City firefighter

1944-45 Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
          Hoseman, City Fire Department

1941   Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
       City fireman
       Also listed is Buford Abramson, a plant worker in the 7-Up Bottling Company, 611 Neches Street.

1939   Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
       City fireman
1937  Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
Hoseman, Engine Company No. 7, 1111 E. 1st Street.

1935  Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
Hoseman, Engine Company No. 7, 1111 E. 1st Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1411 Canterbury Street.

1932-33 Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
Hoseman, Engine Company No. 7, 1111 E. 1st Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1411 Canterbury Street.

1930-31 Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
Captain, Engine Company No. 7, 1111 E. 1st Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1411 Canterbury Street.

1929  Alex K. and Ellen Abramson, owners
Hoseman, Hose Company No. 2, 1111 E. 1st Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1411 Canterbury Street.
NOTE: Leslie and Orlean Stephens are listed at 407 E. 2nd Street; he was a
businessman for the Southern Pacific Lines.

1927  Leslie and Orlean Stephens, owners
Clerk, Southern Pacific Lines
NOTE: Alex K. and Helen Abramson are listed at 1214 W. 9½ Street; he was a
captain with Hose Company No. 1, 1005 Lydia Street.

1924  The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Leslie and Orlean Stephens are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:
Leslie and Orlean Stephens (ca. 1926 – ca. 1928)
Leslie and Orlan Stephens appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 701
E. 1st Street in Austin. Leslie Stephens was 33, had been born in Oklahoma, and was a railroad
clerk; Orlan Stephens was 29, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. They had
3 daughters: Margaret, 9; Norma, 8; and Doris, 4. All three girls had been born in Texas. The
1920 U.S. Census shows Leslie and Olean Stephens as the renters of a house in Yoakum,
Texas, where Leslie Stephens was a clerk for the railroad. Olean Stephens had no occupation
listed. His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows the Leslie Stephens was living in
Navasota, Texas where he was a stenographer for the Chamber of Commerce. He had been
born April 15, 1896 in Terrell, Oklahoma, and was disabled.

Alex and Ellen Abramson (ca. 1928 – ca. 1965)
The 1930 U.S. Census shows A.K. and Ellen Abramson as the owners of this house, which was
worth $3,000. A.K. Abramson was 38, had been born in Texas to Swedish-born parents, and
was a city fireman. Ellen Abramson was 31, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation
listed. They had a son, Buford, 10.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows A.K. and Ellen Abramson as the owners of this house, which was
worth $2,500. A.K. Abramson was 49 and was a fireman for the city. Ellen Abramson was 40,
and had no occupation listed. Their son, Buford, 19, had no occupation listed.

Alex K. Abramson died July 6, 1965 while living at this house. He was widowed, had been born
in New Sweden, Texas, and was a retired fireman.
Private Alex Abramson, formerly of 65th Company, 166th Depot Brigade, has been transferred to the Camp Travis fire department. Private Abramson has proven an active man and has had some experience in the fire department.

Alex Abramson transferred to the Camp Travis Fire Department during World War I
Austin Statesman, May 27, 1918

Mrs. Ellen Abramson
Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen Abramson, 54, who died in a local hospital Thursday morning, will be held at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home Friday at 4 p.m. with the Rev. J. E. Chester officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Abramson was born in New Sweden and had been a resident of Austin for the past 38 years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors. Survivors include her husband, A. K. Abramson of Austin; her stepmother, Mrs. Martha Skog; one son, Buford Abramson of Austin; one brother, L. F. Skog of Austin; one stepbrother, Carl Abramson of Austin.

Pallbearers will be Ole Pearson, Arvid Johnson, J. C. Gerke, Charlie Puryear, J. D. Hibler and Darrell Frick.

Obituary of Ellen Abramson
Austin American, April 18, 1952


**BUFFORD ALEX ABRAMSON**

Bufford Alex Abramson, 33, a resident of 1915 West 36th Street, died in a Temple Hospital Tuesday. He had been a lifelong resident of Austin and was a Sheet Metal Worker here. He was a Veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wanda Abramson, Austin, and his father, Alex Abramson of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. J. E. Chester officiating.

Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Buford Abramson, the son of Alex and Ellen Abramson
Austin Statesman, June 15, 1955

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**ALEX K. ABRAMSON**

Alex K. Abramson, 74, of 1501 Canterbury, died in a local hospital Tuesday. He retired after 35 years with the Austin Fire Department in 1955. He was a member of Austin Masonic Lodge No. 12 AF & AM and a member of Odd Fellows Lodge. He lived in Austin 54 years.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Dean, Houston, and Mrs. Annie Bodling, Austin.

Obituary of Alex Abramson
Austin American, July 7, 1965
Santos and Anita Salinas (ca. 1965 – ca. 2018)
The 1930 U.S. Census shows Santos Salinas as the 13-year old son of Mauricio and Bartola Salinas, who rented their home in Wharton County, Texas. Santos Salinas had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. He was the 3rd of Mauricio and Bartola Salinas' 8 children listed in the census report. His father, Mauricio Salinas, 49, had been born in Texas to Mexican-born parents, and was a farmer. His mother, Bartola Salinas, 46, was born in Texas to Mexican-born parents, and had no occupation listed. Santos' two older brothers, Jesus, 22 and Saragosa, 17, were both listed as farm laborers. No other children in the family had an occupation shown in the census report.

Santos G. Salinas married Anita Garcia in Matagorda County, Texas on September 30, 1939.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows G. Santos and Anita Salinas as the owners of a house worth $50 in Palacios, Texas, where Santos worked veining shrimp for a wholesale shrimp market. He was 22, had been born in Texas, and had lived in Louise, Texas in 1935. Anita Salinas was 18, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. She lived in El Campo, Texas in 1935. They had no children listed with them.

Santos Gonzales Salinas' World War II draft registration card shows that he was born in Bay City, Texas in 1917, and was living in Palacios, Texas, where he worked for the Piggly-Wiggly Grocery Company. His wife was Anita Salinas.

SALINAS, Santos G., 86, of Austin died Wednesday. Services 10 a.m. today, Cristo Rey Catholic Church. Burial Assumption Cemetery. Arrangements by Mission.

Death notice for Santos G. Salinas
Austin American-Statesman, February 7, 2004
SALINAS, Anita G. Age 96, of Austin, passed away November 6, 2018. Services November 12, 2018, 11 am at Mission Funeral Home - South Chapel, Austin, TX.

Death notice for Anita Salinas
Austin American-Statesman, November 11, 2018

Water service permit to builder Frank Rundell for this house (1926)

Building permit to Alex K. Abramson to construct a garage (1947), and to Santos Salinas to construct an addition and a storage building (1978)

City records indicate a permit to construct a bathroom addition in 1981.
The house appears on the 1935 Sanborn map with its former address of 1411 Canterbury Street.

The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house with its current address of 1501 Canterbury Street. The configuration of the house appears the same as shown on the 1935 map above.