

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 26, 2020
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2020-0395
910 WEST ELIZABETH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled rock veneered frame house with a rear frame addition; symmetrical composition consisting of a central doorway with a front-gabled entry hood, and a single 6:6 window on each side of the door; the tympanum of the front gable is sheathed in wood planks following the contour of the gable roofline.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1937 by John S. Minyard and his wife, Gertrude, who lived here until around 1943. John S. Minyard was listed as a carpenter in the city directories and as a contractor in general construction in the 1940 U.S. Census report. They lived in El Paso in 1935. John S. Minyard died in Littlefield, Texas in 1948; Gertrude Minyard died at the home of her son in Galveston in 1950. After a short period of tenancy by a renter, the house was purchased by Emma Anderson, a widow, in the late 1940s. Emma Anderson had no occupation listed in the city directories and lived here until around 1950. The house was then a rental property again through the 1950s. John Diaz, who had no occupation listed in the city directories, was listed as the owner of the property in 1959.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

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 nice example of a stone-veneered house that characterizes some Austin residential building materials in the first half of the 20th century, but otherwise displays no architectural significance.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was built by a carpenter/general contractor, John S. Minyard, who lived here until around 1943; in the late 1940s, it was the home of a widow. 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" = 165'

NOTIFICATIONS

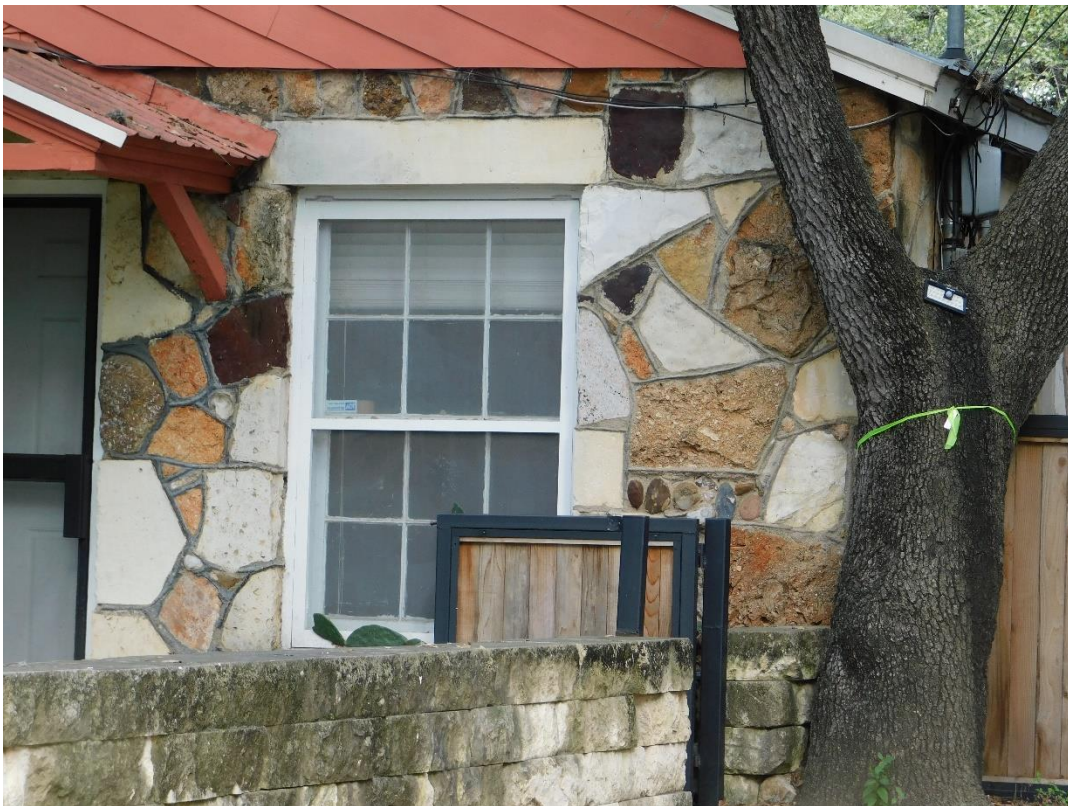
CASE#: HDP-2020-0395
LOCATION: 910 W. ELIZABETH ST.



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910 West Elizabeth Street
ca. 1937



Detail of stonework

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 910 West Elizabeth Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
October, 2020

1959	John P. Diaz, owner No occupation listed
1957	Fred N. and Barbara L. Smith, renters Fred: No occupation listed Barbara: Office secretary, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
1955	Vacant
1952	Victor C. and Lela J. Sumner, renters Counselor NOTE: There is an Emma H. Anderson listed in the directory; she was a clerk at the Texas Insurance Checking Office and lived at 3309 Bryker Drive.
1949	Emma Anderson, owner No occupation listed
1947	Emma Anderson, owner Widow, Sam Anderson No occupation listed
1944-45	Kenneth A. and Minnie Wilson, renters Engineer NOTE: John S. and Gertrude Minyard are not listed in the directory. NOTE: There are several people named Emma Anderson in the directory, but none identified as the widow of Sam Anderson.
1941	John S. and Gertrude Minyard, owners Carpenter
1939	John S. and Gertrude Minyard, owners Carpenter
1937	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: John S. and Gertrude Minyard are listed at 1908 Whitis Avenue; he was a carpenter.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

John S. and Gertrude Minyard (ca. 1937 – ca. 1943)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows John S. and Gertrude Minyard as the owners of this house, which was worth \$4,000. John S. Minyard was 47, had been born in Texas, and was a contractor in general construction. Gertrude Minyard was 46, had been born in Texas. They had a son, Odell E., 17, who had been born in Texas. The family lived in El Paso, Texas in 1935. Also in the house hold were Gertrude Minyard's parents. John G. and Viola E. Pruitt. John G. Pruitt was 76, had been born in South Carolina. Viola Pruitt was 65, had been born in Texas. They lived in Morton, Texas in 1935.

John Stafford Minyard was born in Polk County, Texas in 1892 and lived in Littlefield, Texas in 1948. Gertrude Minyard was born in Texas in 1893 and died in Galveston, Texas in 1950. Both are buried in Travis County.

JOHN S. MINYARD

John S. Minyard, 1508 Edgewood, died in Littlefield Thursday. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Minyard of Austin; a son, A. E. Minyard of the Medical School at Galveston; a sister, Mrs. Walter Linskey of Littlefield and a brother, J. F. Minyard, also of Littlefield. The body is at the Cook Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of John S. Minyard
Austin Statesman, October 8, 1948

Mrs. Gertrude Minyard died in Galveston Wednesday. She is survived by a son, A. E. Minyard of Galveston.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at the Cook Funeral Home. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Park.

Obituary of Gertrude Minyard
Austin Statesman, September 27, 1950

MRS. GERTRUDE MINYARD

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude Minyard will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Cook Funeral Home. She is survived by a son, A. E. Minyard of Galveston.

Funeral notice for Gertrude Minyard
Austin Statesman, September 28, 1950

J.S. Minyard 910 West Elizabeth
 114 - 9 13 -
 South Hgts.
 rock veneer residence - frame garage
 186 - April 2, 1937

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Building permit to John S. Minyard for the construction of this house (1937)

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE		AUSTIN, TEXAS		No. 54445	
M.	J. S. Minyard	Address	910 W. Elizabeth	INDEXED	
Plumber	Harper - Linscomb	Size of Tap	1 1/2"	Date	5/13/37
Foreman's Report					
Date of Connection	3714/37	No. Fittings	1	Size	3/4"
Size of Tap Made	7/4	Curb Cock	1	Elbow	1
Size Service Made	5/4	St. Elbow	1	Bushing	1
Size Main Tapped	8"	Reducer	1	Pipe	3/4" COPPER
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	10'	1-Trade Comp	1	Nipples	1
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	12'	Union	1	Plug	1
Location of Meter	AT CURB	Tee	1	Stop Box	1
Type of Box	LOCK	Box	1	Lid	1
Depth of Main in St.	36"	Valves	1	Req. No.	16701
Depth of Service Line	2'	Foreman's Signature	BENSON		
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	26'	Checked by Engr. Dept.	INDEXED		

Water

service permit to John S. Minyard for this address (1937)

Connection Charge # 1258 N^o 15846
 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.
 Austin, Texas, June 23 1939
 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 J. S. Minyard
 at 910 W. Elizabeth Street
 further described as lot 13, block 9, outlot
 subdivision South Austin, division _____, plat 114
 which is to be used as a res.
 In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance
 charge.
 Respectfully, J. S. Minyard
 Stub Out Per Pl.
 Connected 12-24 1945 12-15-45
 Size of Main 6 inches. 12-15-45
 Size of Service 4 inches. C.W.H.
3 Feet Deep 4 1/2 at Main
49 W. 106 E. 42
 Feet from Property Line
 Feet from Curb Line
 Inspected by Dehoyas
 Connection made by 2167 Main 25' south of R. P.
Ar 132

Sewer connection application by John S. Minyard for this address (1939)

OWNER Len Patridge ADDRESS 910 W. Elizabeth Street

PLAT 114 LOT 13 BLK 9

SUBDIVISION South Hts.

OCCUPANCY Bedroom

BLD PERMIT #14052 DATE 8-13-69 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$200.00

CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES several

WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist

Frm addn to rear of residence

288 sq. ft.

Building permit to construct a frame addition (1969)