

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 26, 2020
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2020-0384
906 E. 13TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a one-story house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story building with compound hipped and gabled roof and covered entryway. Clad in horizontal wood siding and stone veneer, the house has aluminum windows with iron grilles and a partial width covered porch shaded by a metal awning. A similar awning covers the house's large picture window.

RESEARCH

906 East 13th Street was constructed in 1949 for Boston P. Grant, III and his family. Grant, an Austin native and longtime Texas educator, had just returned from a stint in San Marcos as principal of the Negro school there. As a former mathematics professor at Samuel Huston College and a former department head at Anderson High School, Grant was already well-established in Austin's educational community prior to his return to Anderson as counselor in 1947.

As one of the first certified school counselors in Texas, Grant pioneered career training programs, testing reform, and vocational mentoring at Anderson. He advocated for testing strategies that were tailored to his African American students, understanding that their educational and vocational needs were uniquely challenging in segregation-era Texas. Above all, Grant encouraged educators and counselors to listen and learn from their pupils, and to foster an environment in which young people could speak freely about their feelings as they looked toward the future.

Grant's daughter, Deloria H. Grant, took possession of the home after his death in 1980. Grant, a Samuel Huston alumnus like her father, became a licensed vocational nurse who cared for some of Austin's most prominent families. Deloria H. Grant passed away in July of 2020.

STAFF COMMENTS

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to City Code:
 - a) *Architecture*. The house is constructed with Minimal Traditional influences.
 - b) *Historical association*. The house is associated with educator Boston P. Grant, III.
 - 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.

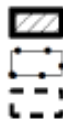
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider initiation of historic zoning based upon association with Boston P. Grant, III. Should the Commission choose not to initiate, encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then 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.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 250'



SUBJECT TRACT
PENDING CASE
ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-20-0384

LOCATION: 906 E 13TH STREET

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Occupancy History

City Directory Research, 2020

Note: Post-1959 directory research is unavailable due to facility closure.

1959	a. Boston P. Grant, owner b. Vacant
1957	a. Boston P. Grant, owner Counselor, Board of Education b. A.N. Johnson, renter Teacher, Anderson High School
1955	a. Boston P. and Julia Grant, owners Construction worker b. C.A. and Dorothy Wash, renters USAF
1952	Boston P. and Rachel Grant, owners Counselor, Anderson High School
1949	Boston P. Grant, owner Counselor, Anderson High School

Biographical Information

GRANT, Deloria H. Deloria H. Grant was born December 13, 1934 to the union of Boston P. Grant and Almeda Daniels Grant in San Marcos, Texas. She passed on July 16, 2020. She attended grade school in San Marcos, Junior High in San Antonio, and graduated from High School in Austin. She attended Prairie View University and Sam Huston College. She became a licensed vocational nurse, where she spent a lifetime in nursing. She specialized in private duty nursing, where her patients included notables such as the wife of the Texas Governor John Connally and the wife of Texas Board of Regent Chairman Frank Erwin. She was never married and had no kids. She is survived by her brother Ray L. Grant and his wife, Reba, of San Antonio and many nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends. Because of the concerns of spreading corona virus, the memorial service has been postponed. When it is determined to be safe a memorial will be scheduled. The Grant family thanks all the medical personnel, neighbors, and friends who helped during her illness. A special thanks goes out to Joann Vaughn, a neighbor and friend, who oversaw to her total needs.

Obituary for homeowner Deloria H. Grant, The Austin American Statesman via Legacy.com:
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?n=deloria-h-grant&pid=196645976>

GRANT, Boston P., III, 77, of Austin, died Friday. Services 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Wesley United Methodist Church. Survivors: mother, Mrs. Lizzie E. Grant of San Marcos; daughter, Deloris H. Grant of San Antonio; sons, Ray L. Grant of San Antonio, Boston P. Grant IV of Grand Prairie; 15 grandchildren. (Fuller-Sheffield)

The Austin American Statesman: Jan 29, 1980



JOHNSTON COUNSELOR AIDS PROFESSION
Boston Grant worked for better testing

As Counselor

He Stresses Aiding Pupils

By NELL LEE
Staff Writer

Boston P. Grant was one of the first persons certified as a school counselor in the State of Texas.

And, next year he will end his career with 26 years of service in the Austin school system — 26 of them as counselor—22 at the former Anderson High School and four at Johnston High.

When he graduated from college, he was to have gone to Gammon Theological Seminary to prepare for the ministry. This didn't develop, so he took a job teaching and decided he wanted to be a school administrator. This did not work out permanently, so he became a school counselor and the students at the former Anderson High School and Johnston High have benefited as a result.

Grant conducted the first career conference at Anderson in 1950 with a "Vocational Opportunity Campaign."

"One of his primary interests has been career guidance, and he has done several research studies along this line.

Grant has been instrumental in providing "local norms" for testing of black students, rather than using the national norms used to test all students.

A study made by Edward Moul in 1965 on 11th grade students at Anderson High where Grant was a counselor, showed these students were characterized by unusual patterns, not only of interest areas but of intelligence and achievement as well.

In the preface of his printed analysis, Moul gave "special acknowledgement" to Grant who, he said, "provided the spark which touched off this study, made available all the necessary data and provided much valuable information."

Grant developed a paper discussing techniques to be used by teachers in discussion groups with teenage students.

In the paper, he urged leaders to make students feel they can talk about their problems or difficulties.

Grant says leaders of student groups should be "willing to listen" and be "willing to confess your ignorance." He said it is important to maintain a sense of humor and "above all, be willing to laugh at your own blunders, your own boners. This is a most effective technique for building rapport with a group."

Grant said counseling had proved to be "very rewarding." He said it is also a big responsibility "when you consider you are influencing young people" in their life choices.

His "influencing" as a

counselor began in 1947 when he was assigned to Anderson. He stayed there until 1960 when he was transferred to Albert S. Johnston High.

Grant had many years as an educator before he entered the counseling field.

He was a mathematics teacher at Samuel Huston College in 1927-28. From there he went to Anderson where he worked as head of the math department until 1930.

The next assignment was as head of the math department and head coach at Samuel Huston College, then principal of the Negro High School in San Marcos from 1931-1947, just prior to coming to Austin.

Grant received his B.A. degree from Samuel Huston College. He attended Garrett Biblical Institute in the summer of 1926. He attended Colorado State College of Education several summers and received his master's degree there in 1943. He also studied at the University of Texas and North Carolina College at Durham.

Grant has extensive training in educational psychology.

He holds membership in the National Education Association, the Austin Association of Teachers and other similar organizations. Grant also is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He has three grown children, one a nurse, one a teacher at Dallas and the other is a methods engineer.

Grant says his ideas concerning discussion techniques were designed to modify or change student behaviors. "We see a definite need for this now," Grant said.

He said innovative practices were suggested at Anderson to improve the programs provided for the students to prepare them to make a better life for themselves.

The Austin Statesman: May 18, 1972

Career Talk Is Complete At Anderson

Students at L. C. Anderson High School heard some 50 persons discuss their professions this week at the school's annual Career Conference.

Boston P. Grant, counselor at Anderson High, served as coordinator of the two-day conference.

The students heard professors from The University of Texas, ministers, nurses, doctors, dentists, state workers, secretaries, newsmen, wholesalers, retailers, and business and professional people.

Dr. Connie Y. Conner, medical field consultant of the Texas State Health Department, led a discussion of boy-girl relations on the second day of the meeting.

A discussion of college life climaxed the conference. Several representatives from Texas Southern University at Houston, including Dr. Everette O. Bell, assistant to the president, led the discussion.

Anderson Had 7 At Institutes

Seven faculty members of the L. C. Anderson High School were recipients of study grants and attended various institutes during the summer of 1961.

Melvin J. Chambers and Marcus L. Pickard, science teachers, attended the National Science Foundation's Summer Science Institute for Secondary Teachers at Huston-Tillotson College here.

The Institute was attended by 50 teachers from eight states, and approximately 20 of the nation's leading educators and scientists were participants.

Chambers, who took a fundamental course in biology and an advanced course in chemistry, submitted a project, "Sunflower Pigments," for the Science Fair and his project placed second in the chemistry division of the Institute's Science Fair.

M. L. Pickard took two courses in chemistry.

Thomas J. Cleaver, biology teacher, participated in a nine-week Institute for Teachers of Science and Mathematics sponsored by the National Science Foundation at the University of Texas.

Boston P. Grant, counselor, took advantage of a Southern Education Foundation Fellowship for study in the North Carolina College's sixth-year program in school administration.



McDaniel, Vernon. *The Texas Standard*, Volume 34, Number 5, November-December 1960; Austin, TX. (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapht193802/m1/12/?q=ODESSA>) University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Prairie View A&M University.

Anderson High Sets Job Study

A vocational opportunity campaign for seniors at Anderson High School will be held March 13-15 at the school.

This eighth annual campaign, was announced by W. B. Campbell, principal of Anderson, and Boston P. Grant, general chairman.

The campaign will begin at 8:30 a. m. March 13 with a vocational forum for high school students. At 2:05 p. m. March 14 a college conference will be held, followed by a career conference at 7:30 p. m.

Labor union representatives will talk with the seniors on March 15.

A survey of seniors indicated interest in these areas: office or clerical, medical services, armed services, social work, craft apprenticeship, engineering, teaching, personal service, agriculture and law.

Most of the seniors planning to go to college indicated a preference for Texas Southern University. Others said they would like to attend the University of Texas, Prairie View State College, Houston-Tillotson, UCLA, Los Angeles City College, Michigan State College and Ohio State College.

The Austin American: Mar 4, 1956

Legendary former South Oak Cliff track coach Boston Grant dies at 87

MAY 24, 2011

Legendary former track and field coach Boston Grant, who treated his athletes like his own children and traveled the nation attending meets well into his 80s, died Sunday in Grand Prairie. He was 87.

Born May 3, 1924 in San Marcos, Grant coached track and field for 36 years and was best known for his time leading the South Oak Cliff program from 1972 to 1986.

At SOC, Grant coached four athletes to individual state championships and two 4x400 relay teams to state titles in 1981 and 1982. Grant's 1982 South Oak Cliff team, led by eventual NFL and SMU football player Roderick Jones, won the Class 5A state title with 50 points.

In his high school career, Grant produced 70 All-Americans and was named coach of the year 16 times. In 1999, Grant was inducted into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He's also a member of the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame and the Prairie View Athletic Hall of Fame.

Grant was so consumed with track and field that he traveled to Austin in early April to attend the Texas Relays, where up until last year he helped officiate the meet. After his return, his health declined and he was hospitalized.

"Everywhere we went, everyone knew him," said Michael Grant, one of four sons. "His friends called him Hawk. Most kids called him 'Dad.'"

Grant retired from full-time teaching in 1986 but became the sprint coach at SMU in 1988. Two years later, he held the same position at North Texas.

Obituary for Boston Grant III's son, Boston P. Grant IV, of Dallas. Dallas Morning News, 2011: <https://www.dallasnews.com/high-school-sports/2011/05/25/legendary-former-south-oak-cliff-track-coach-boston-grant-dies-at-87/>

Building Permits

B. T. Grant		906 East 13th Street	
41	39	-	41 B
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Demolish present residence and erect			
frame res.			
41212	6-9-49	\$6000.00	

Oliver B. Street

Building permit, 6-9-49

<h1 style="margin: 0;">WATER SERVICE PERMIT</h1>		D N°	831 <small>#12</small>
Austin, Texas			
Received of _____	Date _____		
Address 906 E. 13th St.			
Amount _____	\$12.20		
Plumber (Replace old service)	Size of Tap _____		
Date of Connection 12-19-0-D			
Size of Tap Made 3/4"			
Size Service Made 5/4"			
Size Main Tapped 6"			
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 19'			
From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 18'			
Location of Meter _____			
Type of Box _____			
Depth of Main in St. _____			
Depth of Service Line _____			
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 34'			
Checked by Eng. Dept. 3-23-51 AM			

No. Fittings	Corp. Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	Req. No.

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Water tap permit, 3-23-51

B.T. Grant

908 East 13th St

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Result of OL 42

Attached Carport & Frame Addn to East & Rear

65510

12-27-56

2500.00

Oliver. B. Street

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Remodel permit, 12-27-56

OWNER B. P. Grant ADDRESS 906 E. 13th St.

PLAT 41 LOT 39 BLK. DIV

SUBDIVISION Resub of outlet 41

OCCUPANCY Remodel & repair res and addn

BLD PERMIT #	89675	DATE	10-10-63	OWNERS ESTIMATE	2000.00
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CONTRACTOR	NO. OF FIXTURES
Arthur Parks	

WATER TAP REC # _____ SEWER TAP REC # _____

RES & ADDN TO STORAGE & PORCH

Painting exterior of house, brick ven. front new porch, new tile in two baths. General repairs.

Remodel permit, 10-10-63