

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JANUARY 25, 2021  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
GF 2020 191587  
702 KEASBEY STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Partially demolish and construct a two-story addition with roof deck to a one-story, ca. 1930 house. Construct a pool and new deck.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Partially demolish existing building, including rear addition and deck.
- 2) Construct a new two-story addition with roof deck. The proposed addition, set back approximately 22', begins immediately behind the ridgeline of the existing roof. It is clad in corrugated metal, stucco, and horizontal wood siding with steel screen accents. It features a flat roof with compound roofline. Fenestration includes composite casement windows, picture windows, and fixed windows of varying sizes and orientations. The roof deck is topped by a metal guardrail with transparent panels.
- 3) Construct a pool and deck to the rear of the addition.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story side-gabled bungalow with gabled partial-width front porch supported by decorative metal columns. The house features decorative bargeboards and brackets, exposed rafter tails, horizontal wood siding, a corrugated metal roof, and screened 1:1 wood windows.

## **RESEARCH**

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The building at 702 Keasbey Street was constructed around 1930 for Charles "Charley" Ivy Robertson and his wife Lela Barber Robertson. They were the home's sole owner-occupants until at least 1959. Charles Robertson worked for the University of Texas as a repairman, foreman, and carpenter for his entire known tenure in the house. After Charles passed away in 1965, Lela and their daughter, Ideal Robertson Lane. Lela Robertson passed away five years later; Ideal Lane remained in the home until her own death in 1980.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

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### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a) *Architecture*. The house is constructed in the Craftsman style.
  - b) *Historical association*. The house does not appear to have 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.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate alterations to historic properties. Applicable standards may include:

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

The original roof will be partially demolished to accommodate the addition. A 1961 rear addition and shed will be demolished as well. The character-defining features at the historic portion of the house's primary façade will remain intact.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

The new work is differentiated by its massing, flat roof, modern cladding materials, two-story massing, and modern fenestration patterns and materials. While the addition is set back from the original house, its massing atop the house, roof deck height, flat roof, varied cladding materials, and irregular fenestration patterns are not compatible with the historic portion of the building.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

If the addition were removed in the future, significant work would be required to restore the building's essential form beyond the ridgeline. The front of the house would be unimpaired.

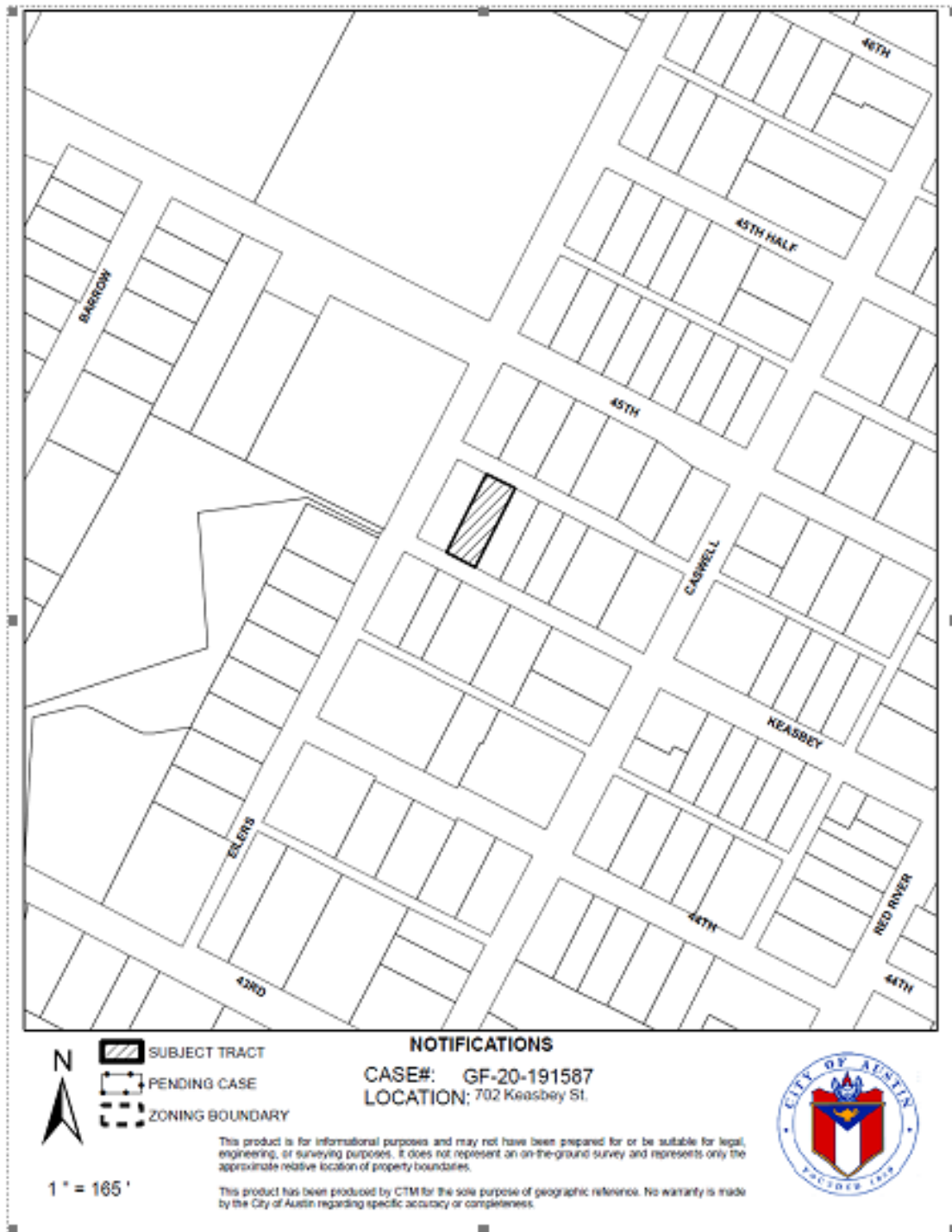
The proposed project somewhat meets the applicable standards.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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



## PROPERTY INFORMATION

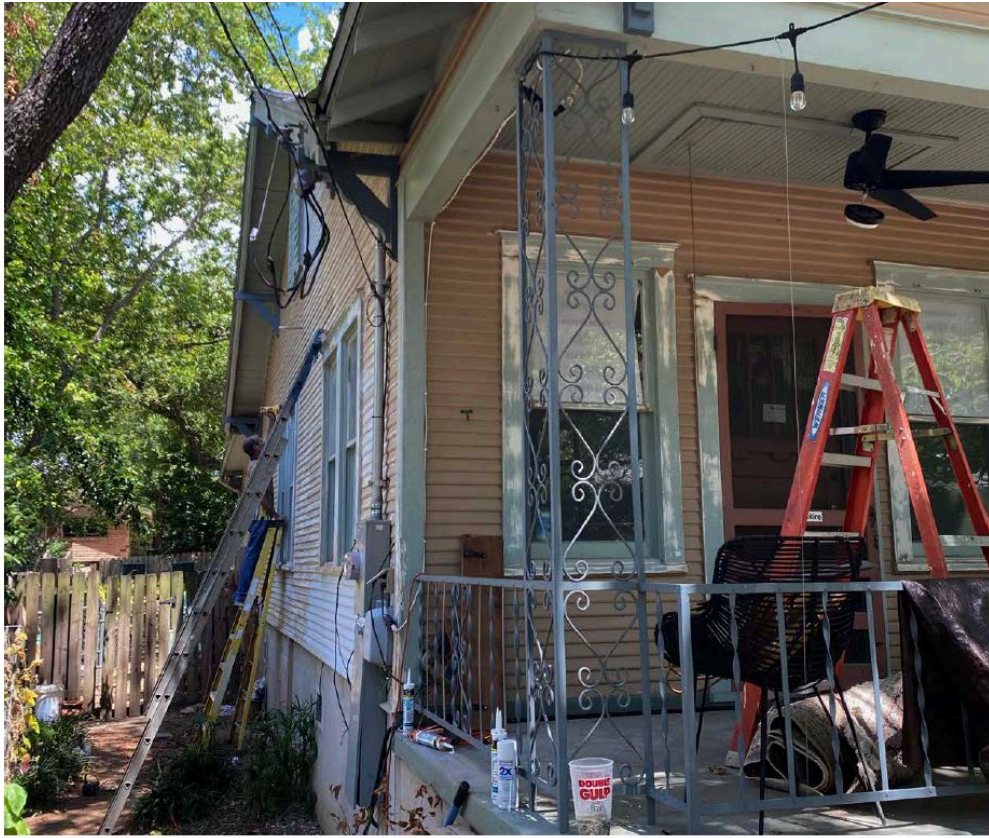
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### *Photos*

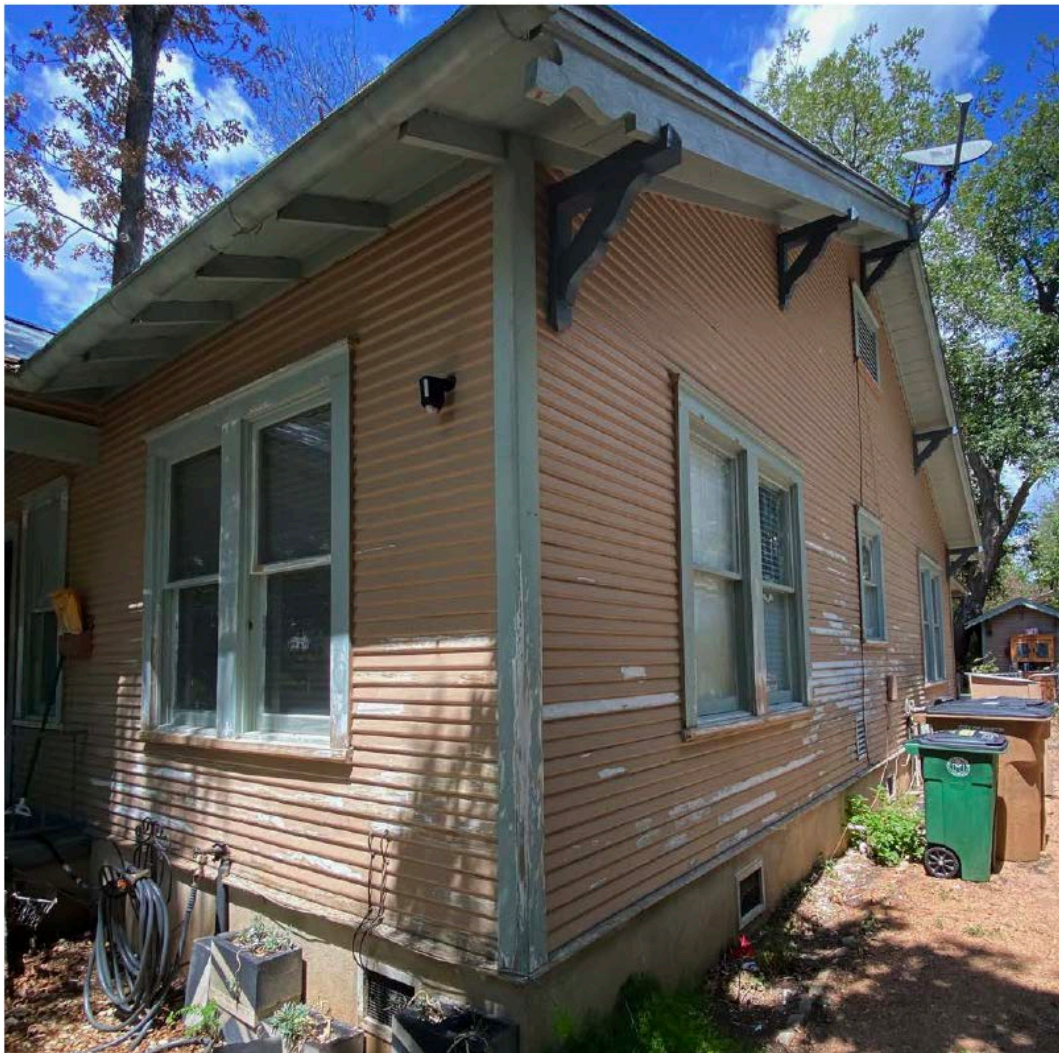


*Source: Google Street View, accessed 2021*

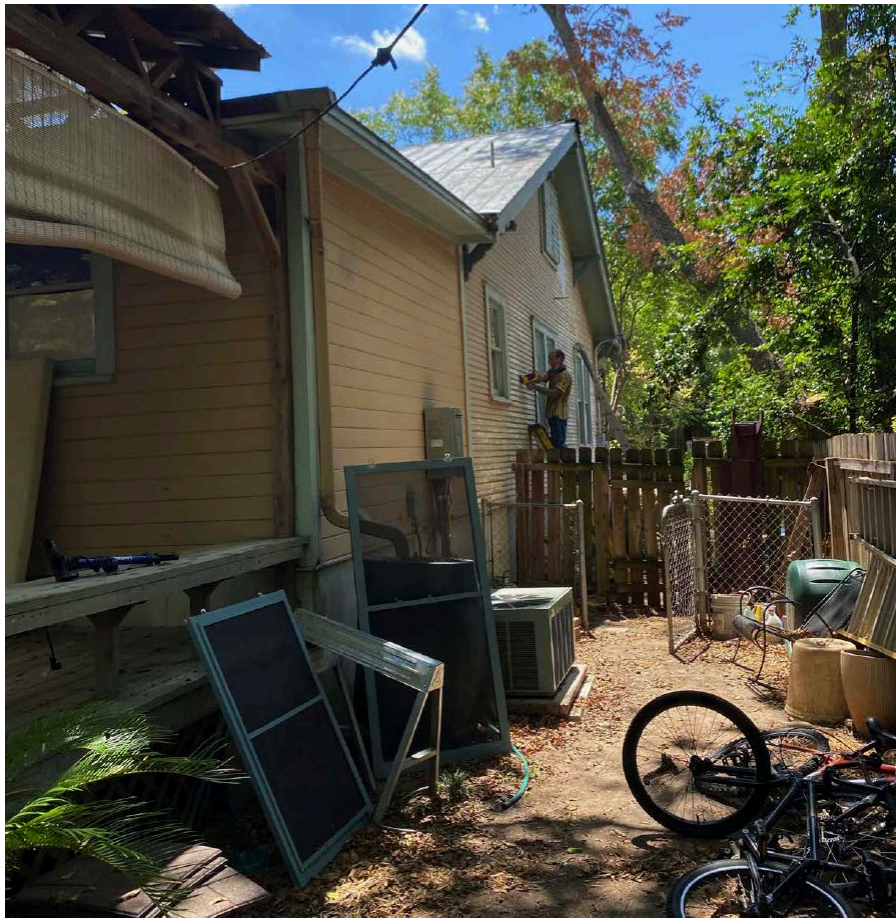












### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, 2020

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

1959	Charles Ivy and Lela Esther Robertson, owners Carpenter, UT
1957	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Carpenter, UT
1955	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Carpenter, UT
1952	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Carpenter, UT
1949	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Foreman, UT
1947	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Carpenter, UT
1944	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Foreman, UT
1941	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Foreman, UT
1939	Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners Foreman, UT

1937 Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners  
Repair foreman, UT

1935 Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners  
Repair foreman, UT

1932 Charles I. and Lela Robertson, owners  
Foreman, UT

1929 Address not listed

### *Biographical Information*

#### **CHARLES I. ROBERTSON**

Charles I. Robertson, 81, of 702 Keasby Lane, died in a local hospital Monday morning. He was a member of the Hyde Park Christian Church, was a retired maintenance foreman at the University of Texas and had been a resident of Austin for 40 years. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lela Robertson of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. D. W. Lane and Mrs. Ben Garner, both of Austin; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services are pending at the Hytlin-Manor Funeral Home. **LANE, Mrs. Ideal (Shorty), 64, 702 Keasby Lane, died Wednesday. Graveside services 10 a.m. today at Austin Memorial Park. (Hytlin-Manor)**

*The Austin Statesman*, Dec 20, 1965; *The Austin American Statesman*, Mar 15, 1980.

THE STATE OF TEXAS } 2648 0001  
County of Williamson }

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for Williamson County, Greeting:

You are hereby Authorized to Solemnize the Rites of Matrimony Between  
Mr. Charlie Robertson and Miss Lela Barber

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official signature and seal of office, at office in Georgetown  
the 10 day of March, 1905

✓ [SEAL] Thos. H. Flavin  
Clerk of County Court, \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

I, J. L. Lawhage, hereby certify that on the 12 day of March, 1905  
I united in Marriage Mr. Charlie Robertson and Miss Lela Barber  
the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1905  
J. L. Lawhage, a minister of the Gospel

Returned and filed for record the 15 day of March, 1905, and recorded the 27 day of March, 1905  
Thos. H. Flavin  
County Clerk, \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

*Marriage license for Charlie Robertson and Lela Barber Robertson, 1905*



***For Sale***

On easy terms or will consider  
some clear trade: attractive new  
bungalow No. 702, Keasby Street  
in Ridgetop. \$3,450.00.

**Walter Bremond, Jr.**  
at  
Republic Bank & Trust Company

STATE OF TEXAS		227-01-2 227-01		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		33X 22 22		STATE FILE NO.		81750	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Travis b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Austin c. LENGTH OF STAY in <sup>hr</sup> 40 yrs. d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION St. Davids Hospital e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				2. RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Travis c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Austin d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 702 Keasby Lane e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
3. NAME OF DECEASED (a) First CHARLES (b) Middle IVY (c) Last ROBERTSON 4. DATE OF DEATH December 20, 1965											
5. SEX Male 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>				8. DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 7, 1884 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 81 10. UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days Hours 11. UNDER 24 HRS Minutes							
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, give if retired) ret. Maint. foreman 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Univer. of Texas 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Texas 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY USA											
13. FATHER'S NAME Andrew S. Robertson 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary E. Brundrige 15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (no, or no/unborn) (If yes, give war or dates of service) no 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 463-60-3291 17. INFORMANT Mrs. Lela Robertson											

STATE OF TEXAS		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		STATE FILE NO.	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Travis</div>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Texas</div>		b. COUNTY <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Travis</div>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Austin</div>		c. LENGTH OF STAY in l. b. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">60 Years</div>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Austin</div>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">St. David's Hospital</div>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">702 Keasby Street</div>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS?	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS?		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Lela Barber</div>		(a) First <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Barber</div>		(c) Last <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Robertson</div>	
4. DATE OF DEATH <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">December 7, 1975</div>		5. SEX <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Female</div>		6. COLOR OR RACE <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">White</div>	
7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">April 25, 1884</div>		9. AGE (In years last birthday) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">91</div>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Housewife</div>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Own Home</div>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Beaukiss, Texas</div>	
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">U. S. A.</div>		13. FATHER'S NAME <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Ben F. Barber</div>		14. MOTHER'S M maiden name <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Jennie Elizabeth Farn</div>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or dates of service) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">No</div>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">463-60-3291-D</div>		17. INFORMANT <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Mrs. Ben Garner</div>	
18. SIGNATURE OF DECEASED (If available)		19. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">(Daughter)</div>		20. SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES	

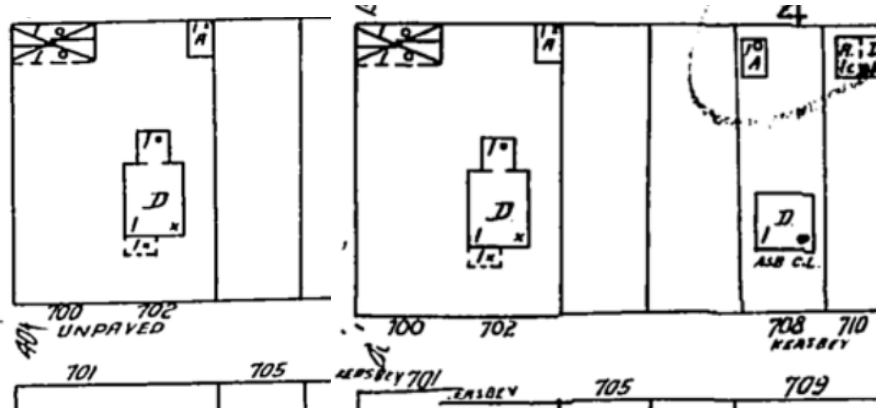
*Death certificate for Lela Esther Robertson, 1975*

STATE OF TEXAS *227-012 227-01* **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** *4297* STATE FILE NO. **21910**

1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>Ideal Robertson Lane</b>			2. SEX <b>female</b>	3. DATE OF DEATH <b>March 12, 1980</b>	
4. RACE <b>Caucasian</b>	5a. WAS THE DECEDENT OF SPANISH ORIGIN? <b>no</b>	5b. IF YES, SPECIFY MEXICAN, CUBAN, PUERTO RICAN, ETC. <b>n/a</b>	6. DATE OF BIRTH <b>April 23, 1915</b>	7. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>64</b>	IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days Hours Minutes
8a. PLACE OF DEATH - COUNTY <b>Travis</b>		8b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Austin</b>		8c. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Brackenridge Hospital</b>	
9. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <b>widowed</b>		10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Austin, Texas</b>	11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>	12. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? <b>no</b>	13. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) <b>none</b>
14. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>459-20-2364</b>		15a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>housewife</b>		15b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>homemaking</b>	
16a. RESIDENCE - STATE <b>Texas</b>	16b. COUNTY <b>Travis</b>	16c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, show rural) <b>Austin</b>	16d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>702 Keasbey Lane</b>		16e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <b>yes</b>
17. FATHER'S NAME <b>Charles Robertson</b>		18. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Lela Barber</b>		19. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT <i>Henry L. Robertson</i> Daughter	
20. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), (c)) <b>INTERNAL CAUSE</b>					

Death certificate for Ideal Robertson Lane, 1980

## Maps



1935 Sanborn map and 1962 Sanborn map

## Building Permits

C. I. Robertson 702 Keasbey St.  
 82 16 and 17 4  
 Ridgetop Annex  
 Frame Addition to Accessory Building  
 81095 8/30/61 100.00  
 Owner

Shed to cross property line onto lot 16; 1' from shed to rear property line

## STORAGE SHED

Addition and shed permits, 1961



## APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas

5-12-1941

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 C. I. Robertson  
at 702 Keasbey Street,  
further described as lot 17, block 4, outlet  
subdivision Ridge Top Annex, plat 83,  
which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed

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

3 DEEP Respectfully

Sewer tap permit, 5-12-41

WATER SERVICE PERMIT  
Austin, Texas

MM No 38569

Received of MRS. C. I. ROBERTSON

Date

Address 702 KEASBEY St.

Amount

Plumber

Date of Connection 4-3-63

Size of Tap Made

Size Service Made

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7'

From EAST Prop. Line to Curb Cock

Location of Meters (S.W. WEST METER)

Type of Box TWO-WAY

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept.

No. Fittings	Size
Pipe	
Corp. Cock	
Cop. to Iron ell	
Cop. to Cop. ell	
Cop. to Iron Coupling	
Cop. to Cop. Coupling	
Angle Stop	
Stop	
Bushing	
Nipples 8" x 3/4" BRASS	
Service Clamp	
Valve	
Meter Box	
Lock Lid	
Drain Tile	
Drain Tile Lid	
Stop & Drain	
Job No. W 523-502	
Foreman K. Keasbey	

Water tap permit, 4-3-63