

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022  
PR-2022-092566; GF-2022-103084  
4008 N. LAMAR BOULEVARD**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1926 residence converted to a furniture store and salon. The building was demolished without a permit in spring 2022.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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The house at 4008 N. Lamar Boulevard is a one-story gabled building with a full-width porch supported by boxed columns and enclosed by a wood railing. It is clad in horizontal wood siding and features single and paired 1:1 wood windows.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house at 4008 N. Lamar, also addressed as 4106 Morningside, was constructed in the 1920s for Ira G. and Hetra Gardenhire. Ira Gardenhire, a barber, managed the Stephen F. Austin Hotel barbershop before opening his own establishment. He died in 1945, leaving the home to his widow. Hetra Gardenhire remained in the home until her death in 1970. Her brother-in-law, H. E. Gardenhire, opened a furniture store in the house in 1973; it has housed retail and personal services since then.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The 2020 North Central Austin historic resource survey lists the building as contributing to a potential historic district.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

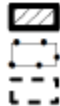
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate to high integrity. The porch has been modified for commercial use.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building is constructed in the Craftsman style.
  - b. Historical association. There do not appear to be significant historical associations.
  - c. Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. Community value. The property 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**

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No action.

# LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT  
PENDING CASE  
ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-103084

LOCATION: 4008 N LAMAR BLVD.

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### *Photos*



*Demolition application, 2022*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, June 2022

1959      Hetra Gardenhire, owner

1955 Hetra Gardenhire, owner  
 1952 Hetra Gardenhire, owner (widow of Ira G. Gardenhire)  
 1947 Hetra Gardenhire, owner  
 James N. Gardenhire, renter  
 1944 Ira G. and Hetra Gardenhire, owners  
 Barber  
 1941 Ira G. and Hetra Gardenhire, owners  
 Varsity Barber Shop  
 1937 \*Address likely changed to 4106 Morningside Drive\*  
 Ira G. and Hetra Gardenhire, owners  
 Manager, Stephen F. Austin Hotel Barber Shop  
 1935 Ira G. Gardenhire, owner  
 1932 Ira G. and Hetra Gardenhire, owners  
 Barber, Austin Hotel Barber Shop  
 1929 Ira G. and Hetra Gardenhire, owners  
 Barber  
 1924 Address not listed

## Permits

OWNER John Keir ADDRESS 4008 N. Lamar Blvd.  
PLAT 77 LOT 10 & 11 BLK 1  
SUBDIVISION Lees Hill  
OCCUPANCY Retail - Used Furniture  
BLD PERMIT # 147173 DATE 1-7-75 OWNERS ESTIMATE 1000.00  
CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES  
WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist  
 Remodel Exist. Res. to create Comm. Bldg. & Bring to  
 Min. Stdrs.  
 Parking Req. 3

OWNER H. E. Gardenhire ADDRESS 4008 North Lamar Blvd.  
PLAT 77 LOT 10 & 11 BLK 1  
SUBDIVISION Lees Hill Addn.  
OCCUPANCY Furniture Store  
BLD PERMIT # 137914 DATE 8-21-73 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$1,000.00  
CONTRACTOR Manchaca Const. Co. NO. OF FIXTURES see plans  
WATER TAP REC # exist SEWER TAP REC # exist  
 Remodel exist. bldg. to create Furniture Store

OWNER H. E. Gardenhire ADDRESS 4008 North Lamar Blvd.  
 PLAT 77 LOT 10 & 11 BLK 1  
 SUBDIVISION Lee's Hill  
 OCCUPANCY Residence  
 BLD PERMIT # 111981 DATE 3-13-69 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$1,000.00  
 CONTRACTOR Allen Ellison NO. OF FIXTURES  
 WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist  
 Remodel and repair frm res and bring to min stdrs.

I. G. Gardenhire 4008 Morningside Ave.  
 77 - 1 10-11 -

Lee's Hill Addn.

build sleeping porch (screen), reroof res.  
 202n - 9-21-37

Wm. Corwin 4106 Morningside Ave.  
 77 7 and 8 3 - -

Lees Hill Addn.

Add two bedrooms to residence (rear).  
 41890 9-6-49 \$600.00

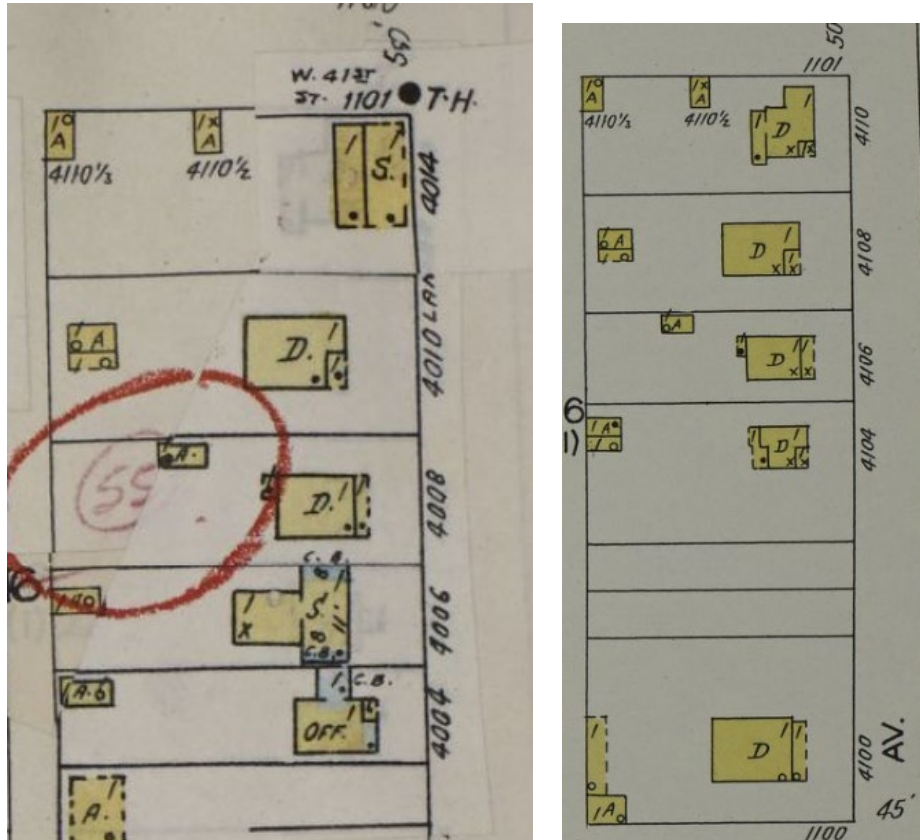
Owner

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas N°A 7883  
 M. J. H. Melam Address 4008 Morningside Ave.  
 Plumber L. L. Latham Size of Tap 1/2 Date 7/2/24  
 Foreman's Report.  
 Date of Connection 7/3/26

Water service permit, 1926



## Sanborn Maps



Sanborn map, 1962; Sanborn map, 1935

## Historical information

## Obituary

**GARDENHIRE:** Ira Gilbert Gardenhire, 56, died in a local hospital Tuesday night. He had lived in Austin 23 years and was a member of the University Church of Christ. He is survived by his widow of Austin; his father, James N. Gardenhire of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Elaine Burleson of Fort Worth and Mrs. M. B. Pollock of Stanton; and seven brothers, W. L. Gardenhire of O'Donnell, Grady and Clarence Gardenhire of Lamesa, Thad Gardenhire of Sulphur, Okla., Lawrence, J. N. and Eugene Gardenhire all in the army. Funeral services will be held from Cook Funeral home at 2 p. m. Thursday. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

### MRS. HETRA GARDENHIRE

Funeral services for Mrs. Hetra Gardenhire, 72, of 4006 North Lamar, were held Monday at University Church of Christ with Minister Richard F. Daughtry officiating. Burial followed in Austin Memorial Park under direction of Cook Funeral Home.

*The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 28 Mar 1945: 11.

*The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 12 Oct 1970: 31.