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Historic Assessment

Property Address: 429 Harriman Place

1. Application Details

Applicant: Scott Allen
Type: Historic Landmark Designation
Date Received: 11 October 2024

2. Findings

The structure at 429 Harriman Place is a one-story dwelling, built circa 1916. Scott Allen currently owns the property. The subject property is located in the Collins Gardens neighborhood, just north of U.S. Highway 90, and one block east of the Frio City Road commercial corridor. It is situated midblock on Harriman Place, between Marian Street and Frio City Road, just east of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad tracks, and two blocks south of the west end of Collins Gardens Park.

Located on the near south side of San Antonio, Collins Gardens is bounded primarily by Oriental Avenue on the north, Roslyn Avenue on the south, Nogalitos on the east, and Frio City Road on the West. There is also a small, triangular portion of the neighborhood extending north from Oriental Avenue bounded by Floyd Avenue and Interstates 35 and 10 (formerly Hale Avenue). The neighborhood is named for Captain F.F. Collins, a Texas pioneer who bought the farmland between Nogalitos and the Missouri-Pacific Railroad and built a house, which was later destroyed by fire. After Captain Collins' death the land was purchased by developer B.G. Irish and Company and platted in 1928. The Collins Garden neighborhood is comprised of three original plats: Collins Courts and Southolme, platted by Moore and Irish in 1913, and Collins Garden. The area is characterized by a mixture of Craftsman Bungalows and Folk Victorian homes. According to the 1924 Sanborn maps, this is one of the first six homes on this block of Harriman Place, which is in the area that became known as the San Fernando Addition. The original Collins Estate was situated nearby, between the railroad tracks and the parks (where the San Antonio Police Department station is now located).

429 Harriman Place first appears in the 1918 City Directory as the home of Gussie and Albert J. Loehman, who worked as an operator for the Southwest Telephone Company. After retiring from the telephone company, Loehman served as president of the San Fernando Water Company for the last 20 years of his life, and owned the home until his death in 1974. He is interred in Sunset Memorial Park.

Scott Allen purchased the property in April 2022.

3. Architectural Description

The subject property is a single-story Craftsman cottage built circa 1916, with a hipped, standing-seam metal roof with overhanging eaves, and a half-width front entry porch on the right side. There is a vented dormer on the front section of the roof, and the concrete front porch is supported by decorative wrought iron posts. There are two concrete steps leading up to the front porch, and two concrete steps into the front door on the left edge of the porch. A wooden wheelchair ramp has been added on the right edge of the porch, leading up from the concrete ribbon driveway.

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The left side of the front façade features a square single-sash window, and there is a paired set of single-sash windows above the porch. The left façade features a set of casement windows near the front façade, two sets of paired single-sash wood windows to the right of a wooden porch with wood railing and four steps, and a one-over-one wood window to the left of the porch. The canopy over the porch is supported by wooden triangle brackets. The right façade has three sets of paired single-sash windows, and a smaller one-over-one bathroom window. There is a rear addition on the northeast corner of the original plan, and there is a set of three single-sash windows on the rear façade of the extension. The walls of each façade are covered with wooden clapboard siding. The back yard is enclosed by chain-link fencing, and the left side of the property is enclosed by vertical wooden fencing, creating a dog run.

Character-defining features of 429 Harriman Place include:

- Metal roof with overhanging eaves and vented dormer
- Half-width front porch
- Wooden clapboard siding

4. Landmark Criteria

The property meets six criteria under UDC 35-607(b):

- **5: Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;** as an example of a 1910s Craftsman cottage.
- **8: Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship;** as an early example of a Craftsman cottage that is representative of the Collins Gardens neighborhood.
- **13: It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic or cultural motif;** based on its location in the Collins Gardens neighborhood, which has been determined as a district eligible for National Register designation.

5. Staff Recommendation

A property must meet at least three of the 16 criteria used to evaluate eligibility for landmark designation, and this assessment determines that 429 Harriman Place meets this threshold. Further research may reveal additional significance associated with this property.



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1. 429 Harriman Place – Front façade



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2. 429 Harriman Place – Right façade (East)



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3. 429 Harriman Place – Northwest oblique

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4. 429 Harriman Place – Rear

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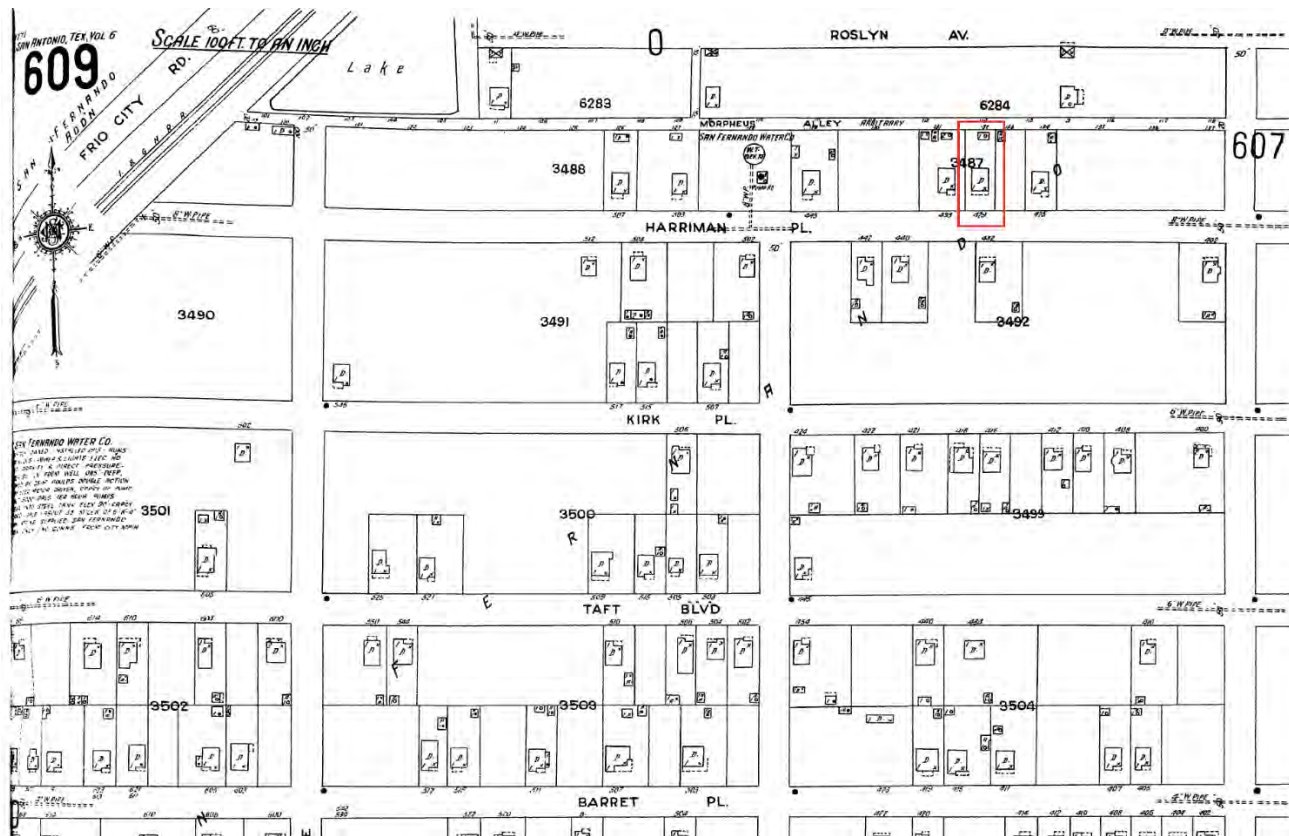
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5. 429 Harriman Place – Wheelchair ramp detail



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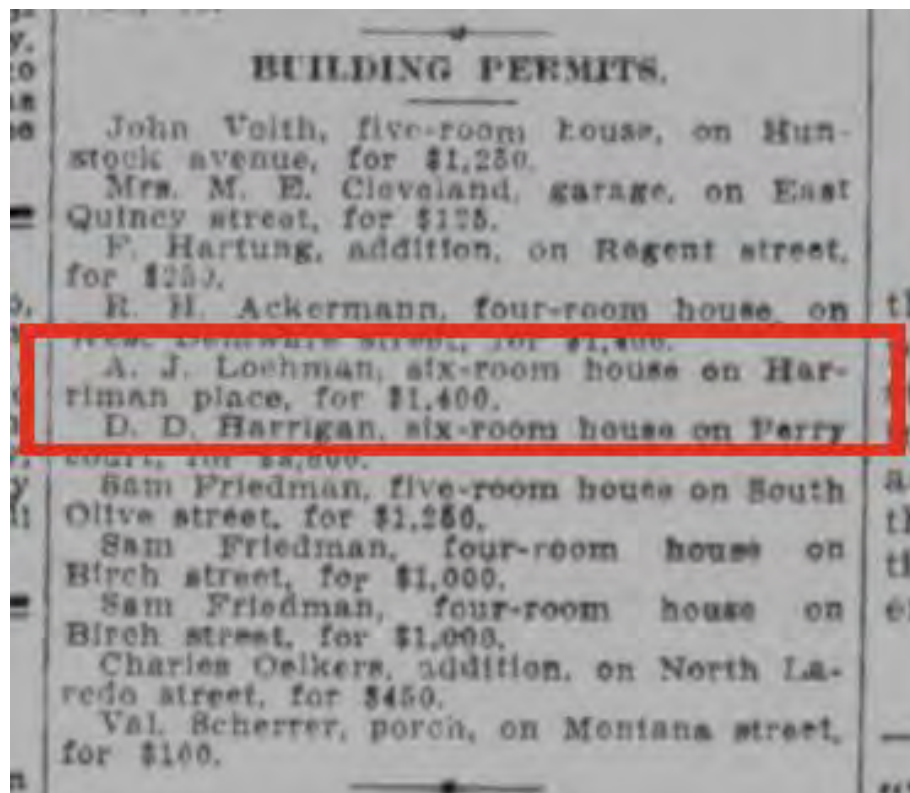
6. Sanborn Map (1924), Vol. 6, Sheet 609

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7. *San Antonio Light* (March 5, 1916), pg. 11

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BUILDING PERMITS

Six building permits for new construction worth \$1,174 were issued Friday at the city building inspector's office. They follow:

S. Cora Anderson, repairs, Warren Street, \$75.

Otto A. Tatsch, remodeling, West Lullwood Avenue, \$400.

A. L. Copeland, repairs, Cincinnati Avenue, \$150.

Dolores H. de Saenz, repairs, Monterey Street, \$105.

Sam Granato, repairs, West Johnson, \$500.

A. J. Loehman, shed, Harriman Street, \$94.

8. San Antonio Express (March 12, 1932), Pg. 14



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RESIDENCES FLOODED

A roaring torrent leaped the banks of an artificial creek in a small neighborhood on Monroe and Parker streets, near South Presa and East Mitchell streets, flooding residences, leveling fences, and drowning hundreds of chickens and pigeons.

Between eight and nine feet deep, the churning flood waters washed up fence posts which were three and four feet in the ground, according to Joseph A. Buckholdt, 147 Monroe street. At his home alone, Buckholdt said, 100 chickens were drowned. Residents also lost scores of pigeons, he reported.

Heavy hail bombarded scores of houses in a 10-block area in San Fernando and Collins Gardens additions for 20 minutes, inflicting severe damage to roofs.

BIG HAIL STONES

A. J. Loehman, 429 Harriman place, reported the brunt of the damage was borne by homes on Taft boulevard and Harriman, Kirk, Thompson, and Barrett places.

The hail stones were the size of goose eggs, Loehman said, and covered the ground. Trees and other vegetation were almost denuded.

The rainfall was apparently centered on downtown San Antonio. Kelly field, to the south, reported a 2.66-inch rain and Randolph field, to the northeast, only a .75 inch



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LOEHMAN

Albert J. Loehman, age 82, of 429 Kerriman Place, died Friday. He was a retired telephone pioneer and president of the San Fernando Water Co. for the past 20 years, and member of Bluebonnet Lodge No. 1219 A. F. & A. M. Survivors: Wife, Mrs. Gussie Loehman; sons, Roland A. Loehman, Keuslan, Berwin M. Loehman, Lloyd K. Loehman, both of San Antonio; sister, Lorra O'Gay, Los Angeles, Calif.; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Service Monday at 1 o'clock in the Colonial Chapel of the Porter Loring Mortuary, the Rev. Dan Delaplain officiating. Pallbearers: B. A. Loehman, Jr., Lloyd K. Loehman, Jr., Joel Loehman, Gaza Telle, Bill Zenigraff, Howard Loehman, Henry Loehman, Jan Loehman, Ronald E. Loehman. Those who desire may send memorial gifts to the charity of their choice. Interment in Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements with

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10. San Antonio Express And News (April 7, 1974), pg. 58

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