

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JANUARY 27, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0002  
3215 BRIDLE PATH**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1949 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, irregular-plan, brick-veneered frame house with a hipped roof, a projecting front bay with a hipped roof to the left of the front entrance, partial-width, flat-roofed independent entry hood on a single plain, square brick post; multi-light metal-framed picture windows with side casements.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1949 by John Oran Rowlett and his wife, Ruby Jane. Rowlett was an analyst and accountant for the Texas Railroad Commission; he and Jane lived here until the mid-1950s. Roy Y. Martin, an attorney, and his wife, Margaret, owned and occupied the house from the mid-1950s through the early 1960s. Gladys Hopson, a widow, owned and occupied the house from the early 1960s until the late 1970s. Mrs. Hopson had been a secretary for the gas company in New Braunfels; she retired to this house in Austin.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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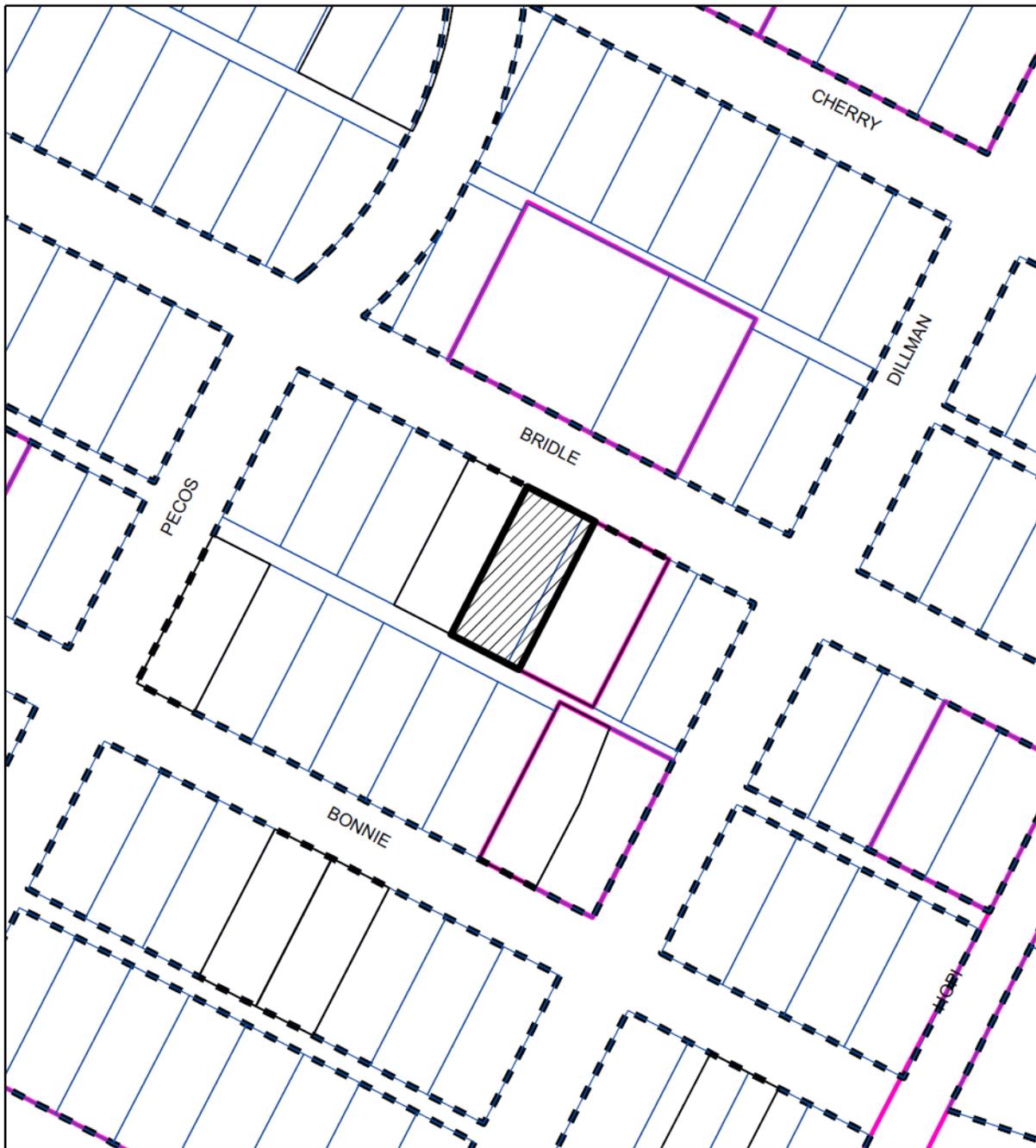
The house does not appear in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit after 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 have the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2014-0002  
LOCATION: 3215 Bridle Path



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3215 Bridle Path  
ca. 1949



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3215 Bridle Path

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
January, 2014

- 1992            R. Carolyn Kidd, owner  
Dean, Doc Hansen (not listed in the directory)
- 1985-86        R. Carolyn Kidd, owner  
Dean, Durham Nixon-Clay Business College, 119 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1981            R. Carolyn Kidd, owner  
Dean, Durham Nixon-Clay Business College, 119 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1977            Gladys Hopson, owner  
Widow, T.W. Hopson  
Retired
- 1973            Gladys Hopson, owner  
Widow, T.W. Hopson  
Retired
- 1968            Gladys Hopson, owner  
Widow, T.W. Hopson  
No occupation listed
- 1962            Gladys Hopson, owner  
No occupation listed
- 1959            Roy Y. and Margaret Martin, owners  
Partner (with William Yelderman), Yelderman and Martin, lawyers, 419-21 Perry-  
Brooks Building, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: Gladys Hopson is not listed in the directory.
- 1955            Roy Y. and Margret Martin, owners  
Partner (with William Welderman), Welderman and Martin, lawyers, 410 Perry-  
Brooks Building, 121 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. NOTE: The directory says "W"elderman  
rather than the Yelderman shown in the 1959 and 1952 directories.  
NOTE: John O. and Jane Rowlett lived at 2905 Bonnie Road; he was an analyst  
for the State Railroad Commission.  
NOTE: The 1954 directory shows Roy Y. and Margaret Martin at 2934 Pannell  
Street in Austin; he was a lawyer with no office address listed.
- 1952            John O. and Jane Rowlett, owners  
Analyst, State Railroad Commission  
NOTE: Roy Y. and Margaret Martin lived in Manor, Texas; he was a partner with  
William Yelderman in Yelderman and Martin, lawyers, with offices in the Perry-  
Brooks Building.
- 1949            John and Jane Rowlett, owners  
Accountant

NOTE: The directory shows John Rowlett at this address, but he has no occupation listed. The directory also shows John and Jane Rowlett, with his occupation as an accountant, living at 2512 Exposition Boulevard.

1947 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: John and Jane Rowlett are listed at 1011 Harper Lane; he was an accountant for the Texas Railroad Commission.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **John and Jane Rowlett (ca. 1949 – ca. 1954)**

J. Oran and Ruby Rowlett appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Georgetown, Texas, where they rented a duplex. J. Oran Rowlett was then 25, had been born in Texas, and was an automobile salesman. Ruby Rowlett was also 25, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Oran Rowlett as the 14-year old son of R.B. and Lucinda Rowlett, farmers in Williamson County, Texas who owned their own farm. Oran had no occupation listed in the census report.

#### **Ruby Jane Rowlett**

**Ruby Jane Rowlett of Austin died at a local hospital, May 22, 1985.**

**She was born December 2, 1904, in Georgetown, Texas; being the daughter of W.R. and Rosa Weirman Rogers; she married John Oran Rowlett, December 9, 1928, at the Methodist Parsonage in Georgetown.**

**She is survived by her husband, John O. Rowlett of Austin; one son, John Lewis Rowlett and his wife,**

**Addie of Charlottesville, Virginia; one daughter, Rose Ann and her husband, Alan Griffith of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Buelah Sansom, Mrs. Pat Brady, and Mrs. Ross Cole, all of Georgetown; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Lott Rogers of Georgetown, and Mrs. Charlie Rogers of Austin; and one granddaughter, Monica Jon Rowlett.**

**Funeral services will be Friday, May 24, 1985, 10:00 AM at Davis Funeral Chapel in Georgetown. Burial at Capital Memorial Park Cemetery.**

Obituary of Jane Rowlett  
Austin American-Statesman, May 23, 1985

## **John O. Rowlett**

John O. Rowlett, age 81, of Austin, passed away Thursday.

Mr. Rowlett was employed by the Texas Railroad Commission prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Rowlett.

Survivors include son, John Louis Rowlett and his wife, Abbie of Virginia; daughter, Rose Ann Rowlett and her husband, Allan Griffith of Westlake; granddaughter, Monica Jon Rowlett.

Mr. Rowlett will lie in state at the funeral home from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Friday, with graveside services following at 3:00 PM at Capital Memorial Park. Reverend Bruno Schmidt officiating.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

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Obituary of John O. Rowlett  
Austin American-Statesman, February 13, 1987

Roy Y. and Margaret Martin (ca. 1954 – ca. 1960)

## **Roy Y. Martin**

Roy Y. Martin, 71, of Austin, died Sunday, June 21, 1987 at a San Antonio hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM, Wednesday in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home with Reverend Ilene Dunn officiating. Interment will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Martin was the husband of Margaret Krause Martin; father and father-in-law of Laura Martin Cackowski and Ted Cackowski; father of Patricia Ann Martin and Mary Kay Martin, all of Austin; brother of Ray Martin, Bazil Martin, and Foshay Mar-

tin, all of Wichita Falls and Kathryn Martin of Dallas.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in memorials to Shriner's Burn Hospital.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

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Obituary of Roy Y. Martin  
Austin American-Statesman, June 23, 1987

**Gladys Hopson (ca. 1960 – ca. 1979)**

Gladys Hopson appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for New Braunfels, Texas, as the 45-year old widowed daughter of R.S. and Bertha Burke. Gladys Hopson had been born in Texas, and was a secretary for the public gas utility. She had a 16-year old daughter, Mary, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. Her father, R.S. Burke was a 71-year old Kentucky-born station agent for the railroad. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Gladys and Mary Hopson living with Gladys' parents in New Braunfels. Gladys is listed as a divorcee who did clerical work for the gas company. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Gladys as the wife of Tom Hopson; they rented a house in Waxahachie, Texas. Tom Hopson was then 30, had been born in Texas, and was the manager of a garage. Gladys had no occupation listed.

**Gladys (Burke) Hopson**

Gladys (Burke) Hopson, age 101, of Austin, passed away October 12, 1995.

After retiring as an executive secretary for United Gas Corporation in New Braunfels, she moved to Austin where she was an avid bridge player and contributed over 5,000 volunteer hours at St. David's Hospital.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Louise Nuhn and husband Kenneth of Austin; grandchildren, David and wife Patricia, Ann, Eric Jakobitz and wife Suzanne; great-grandchildren, Lauren Nuhn, Ben Nuhn, Eric Stephen Jakobitz, Dustin Jakobitz and Weston Jakobitz; and many loving and caring friends.

No services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made to St. David's Hospital Auxiliary Memorial Fund, Humane Society of Austin and Travis County, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home, 2620 S. Congress.

Obituary of Gladys Hopson  
Austin American-Statesman, October 13, 1995

John Rowlett  
4 and west 10' of  
143 3 7

3215 Bridle Path

Tobin & Johnson

Frame and brick veneer residence and  
41193 garage attached.  
6-7-49 \$4000.00

Robert B. Wilkes

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Building permit to John Rowlett for the construction of the house and attached garage (1949).  
Robert B. Wilkes is listed as the builder.

*Lot 4 & NW 10' of 3* *NW II*

### WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

**INDEXED** <sup>113</sup> <sub>8848</sub>

Received of ROBERT B. WILKES Date 7-5-49

Address 3215 BRIDLE PATH

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber BASEY Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 7-8-49

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 8"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'

From E Prop. Line to Curb Cock 18'

Location of Meter C. J. K. B.

Type of Box L. O. C. W.

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2.5'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main Over main

Checked by Engr. Dept. 8-17-49 R.W.M.P.

No. Fittings	Size	
1	5/8"	Curb Cock
1	3/4" Lot	Elbow
1	3/4" Lot	St. Elbow
1	3/4" Lot	Bushing
1	3/4" Lot	Reducer
1	3/4" Lot	Pipe
1	3/4" Lot	Lead Comp.
1		Nipples
1		Union
1		Plug
1		Tee
1		Stop
1		Box
1		Lid
1		Valves
		Job No. <u>W. 3215-502</u>
		Req. No. <u>V-7-49</u>

**INDEXED**

Water service permit to Robert B. Wilkes for this address (1949)

Receipt No. 12300 Application for Sewer Connection No. 40937  
 2nd Tap will cost \$87.00  
 2-23-71 Am Austin, Texas, 7-5-49  
 Under driveway, median top  
 To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—  
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by  
Bob Wilkes at 3215 Bridle Path Street,  
 further described as Lot 4 x W. 10' x 3 Block 7 Outlot          Division  
 subdivision Tobin & Johnson Plat 193, which is to be used as a res  
 In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 34615  
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3      5' at manhole      7-6-49  
 Respectfully,  
~~Stub Out~~ } approx 52' - E of WLL Bosey  
 Connected } (Location)  
 Date 8-11-49  
 By Lozano  
 NOTE: Connection Instruction 6" sewer in Bridle Path about 4' deep  
main 18" N 8 5 12      B-1557

Sewer connection application to Bob Wilkes for this address (1949)