

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
AUGUST 25, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0688  
2005 SCENIC DRIVE**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Partial demolition of a ca. 1947 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, wing-and-gable plan, raised river rock-veneered frame house with a battered river rock-veneered exterior chimney; metal-framed casement windows; several frame additions with metal-frame casement windows; wood deck and detached carport.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house appears to have been built in 1947 by Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams. Fred F. Williams had worked in newspapers in his native South Carolina; he served in the Navy during World War II with Charles E. Green, the editor of the Austin American-Statesman, who got Williams and his wife to move to Austin in 1947 to work for the Statesman. Williams started as the Capitol Bureau correspondent for the paper; he was later the sports editor, and finally the City Editor. Ill health forced him to retire in 1967, and he went on to become the editor of the Texas Restaurant Association's magazine until his full retirement in 1980. He passed away in 1992.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

The applicant proposes the demolition of all of the frame additions, the stone patio, deck, and detached carport, leaving all of the river rock-veneered front walls in place. The basic configuration of the original part of the house will remain intact, with the river rock-veneered walls being the principal architectural feature of this house. The frame additions (some built in 1947) are to the rear and to the side of the house; the stone patio and deck and attached carport are to the north (left) side of the house. The owner proposes to extend the master bedroom and construct an attached garage to the house.

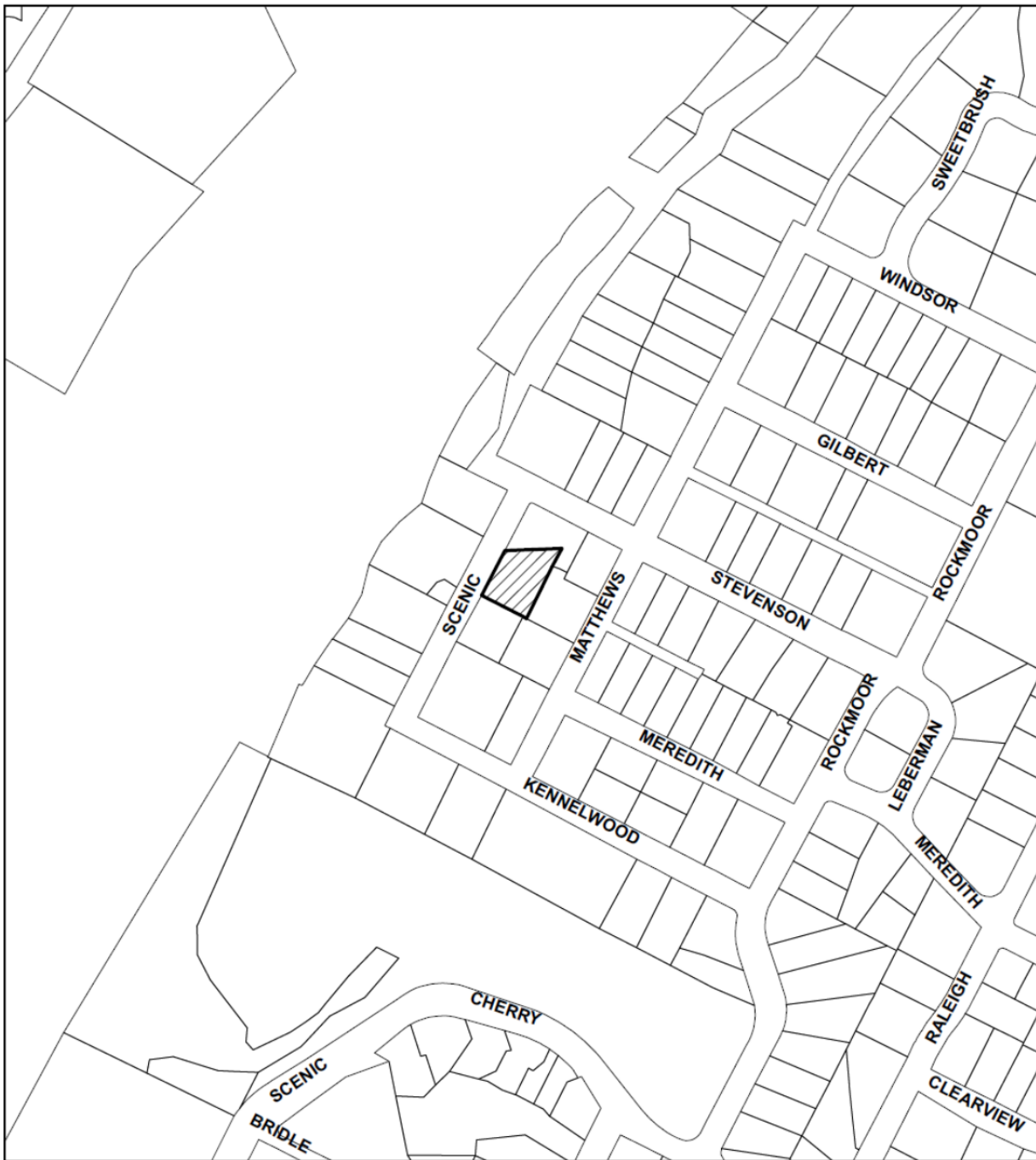
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

**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



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 244'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0688  
LOCATION: 2005 Scenic Drive

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2005 Scenic Drive  
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
2005 Scenic Drive

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

1992	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners Retired
1985-86	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners Retired
1981	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners Editor, Texas Restaurant Association, 2401 S. Interregional Highway.
1977	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners Editor, Texas Restaurant Association, 2401 S. Interregional Highway.
1973	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners Editor, Texas Restaurant Association, 2401 S. Interregional Highway.
1968	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners Public relations director, Texas Restaurant Association, 2708 N. Interregional Highway.
1962	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners City editor, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u> newspaper.
1959	Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners Editor, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u> newspaper.

- 1955 Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners  
City editor, Austin American-Statesman newspaper.
- 1952 Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners  
Sports editor, Austin American-Statesman newspaper.
- 1949 Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners  
Capitol Bureau correspondent, Austin American-Statesman newspaper.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Fred R. and Margaret R. Williams are not listed in the directory.

# Ex-'Statesman' editor dies of stroke at 75

## Williams worked on city, sports desks

By Enrique J. Gonzales  
American-Statesman Staff

Frederick Francis Williams, former city editor and sports editor of the *Austin American* and *Austin Statesman*, died Friday after suffering a stroke. He was 75.

Williams, known as Fred by his friends and colleagues, grew up in Easley, S.C., a town of about 2,000.

His wife, Margaret Rollins Williams, said all he ever wanted to be was a newspaper person. In high school, he worked part-time at the *Easley Progress* and dreamed of working in newspapers.

"He was just a very good writer," she said. "He read all the time. That's what he wanted to be."

After graduating from high school in 1934, he went to the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C., to study journalism. While he worked toward his degree, he worked part-time on the *Columbia Record*.

He graduated in 1938 and began working full-time at the *Columbia Record* as a sports writer.

On June 11, 1940, he and Margaret Rollins were married. The couple met while attending the University of South Carolina. She graduated with a degree in journalism in 1939.

Williams then landed a job in Atlanta as southern sports editor for the United Press, the forerunner of United Press International. There, he worked with David Brinkley, now a news commentator with ABC News.

After Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Williams signed up to join the Navy. In the summer of 1942, he began as an ensign in the Navy and was sent to Harvard University for a three-month crash course

in being an officer, his wife said.

During the war, he served in the Naval Air Transport Service in Hawaii. He left the Navy in November 1945 at the rank of lieutenant senior grade.

After the war, the Williamses returned to South Carolina, where he owned and ran a weekly newspaper called the *Timmonsville Times* in Florence County.

In 1947, the executive editor of the *Austin American* and *Austin Statesman*, Charles E. Green, invited Williams to work in Austin. Green and Williams had been Navy colleagues, his wife said.

He began as a reporter on the city desk, working on a variety of beats to learn the city. He became sports editor in 1948, and in 1951 he became city editor of the morning *Austin American* and afternoon *Austin Statesman*. He left the newspaper in 1967 after suffering health problems, his wife said.

From 1967 to 1980, Williams worked as editor of the trade magazine of the Texas Restaurant Association. He retired in 1980 because of health problems.

In his later years, he tended to his health. As a hobby, he grew flowers.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

In addition to his wife, Williams is survived by his son Frederick "Rick" Francis Williams Jr. of Garland; daughter Betsy Williams of Denver, Colo.; daughter Louisa Williams of Seattle; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the chapel of Weed-Corley Funeral Home Ltd. at 3125 N. Lamar Blvd.. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery at Hancock Drive and Bull Creek Road.

Obituary of Fred F. Williams  
*Austin American-Statesman*, July 18, 1992

Fred Williams 2005 Scenic Drive  
 West 1/2 of  
 165 3&4 5 - -

Laurel Heights

Rock and frame addn. to rear of res.  
 35900  
 12-1-47 \$2000.00

P. B. Teeple

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Building permit to Fred Williams for a rear addition (1947)

OWNER Fred F. Williams ADDRESS 2005 Scenic Drive  
 PLAT 165 LOT N. part BLK. 5 DIV  
 lot 3&4  
 SUBDIVISION Laurel Heights  
 OCCUPANCY Frame addn. to residence  
 OWNERS  
 BLD PERMIT # 86765 DATE 2/7/63 ESTIMATE 500.00  
 CONTRACTOR Texas Lumber Company NO. OF FIXTURES -  
 WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #  
 SCREENED IN PORCH  
 Permit #141756 - 4.8/74 - Living area - 70 sq. ft.  
 extend existing residence. Est. cost \$1,000.00  
 R.T.Davis, Contractor

Building permit to Fred Williams for a frame addition (1963) and a screened-in porch (1974)