

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 16, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-1021
1208 STOBAUGH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with stone veneer and a central side-gabled roof peak; central, partial-width, front-gabled independent porch on ornamental wood supports. Single and paired 8:8 Colonial Revival-styled fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1947; the earliest utility permit for this address dates from 1951, as this house was on the outskirts of town when it was built, and most likely relied on a well prior to city water service.

The house was built for Paul B. Williams and his wife, Leona, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Paul B. Williams was the youngest son of T.H. Williams, one of Austin's leading merchants, who had a ladies' clothing store at 5th Street and Congress Avenue for many years. Paul B. Williams had no occupation listed in the city directories of the late 1940s and early 1950s. After his father's death in 1954, the business was left to the children, including T.H. Williams, Jr., who had taken over management of the business from his father in 1938. Paul B. Williams is listed as the proprietor of the store in the 1959 and 1962 city directories; he is listed a retired after that. His wife, Leona, died in 1971, and he remained in this house until his death in 1987. His son-in-law, Glen Knipstein, was listed in the 1992 city directory as the renter of the property.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage adaptive re-use and rehabilitation of this house, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Plan, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. This house is a nice example of a post-World War II vernacular cottage with a stone veneer. There does not appear to be sufficient justification to warrant individual designation of this house – Paul B. Williams does not appear to have had a significant role in the running of his family's business, and the house lacks the requisite architectural significance for individual designation, but every effort should be made to rehabilitate and adaptively re-use this house, which represents the post-World War II development of Austin, and is the development of this neighborhood.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

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1" = 250'

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1208 Stobaugh Street
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1208 Stobaugh Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
November, 2015

- 1992 Glen T. Knipstein, renter
Employed by Texas Public Transportation (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory)
NOTE: The directory indicates that Glen T. Knipstein was a new resident at this address.
- 1985-86 Paul B. Williams, owner
Retired
- 1981 Paul B. Williams, owner
Retired
- 1977 Paul B. Williams, owner
Retired
- 1973 Paul B. Williams, owner
Retired
- 1968 Paul B. and Leona M. Williams, owners
Retired
- 1962 Paul B. and Leona M. Williams, owner
Proprietor (with Mildred W. Philibert, Lucille D. Williams, and T.H. Williams, Jr.),
T.H. Williams and Company, "Austin's Exclusive Ladies' Department Store," 500
Congress Avenue and 2709 Exposition Boulevard.
- 1959 Paul B. and Leona M. Williams, owner
Proprietor (with Mildred W. Philibert, Lucille D. Williams, and T.H. Williams, Jr.),
T.H. Williams and Company, "Austin's Exclusive Ladies' Department Store," 500
Congress Avenue and 2709 Exposition Boulevard.
- 1955 Paul B. and Leona M. Williams, owners
No occupation listed
- 1952 Paul B. and Leona M. Williams, owners
No occupation listed
- 1949 Paul B. and Leona M. Williams, owners
No occupation listed
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Paul B. and Leona M. Williams are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**Paul B. and Leona M. Williams (ca. 1947 – ca. 1987)**

Paul B. Williams appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 30-year old unmarried son of Timothy H. Williams, who lived at 2707 Rio Grande Street in Austin. Paul B. Williams had been born in Texas and was the book-keeper at a department store (presumably his father's, T.H. Williams and Company). Timothy H. Williams was 71, had been born in Arkansas, and was the owner of a department store. Besides Paul, Timothy H. Williams had two other children living with him: daughter Lucille, 36, a Texas-born teacher at the state university; and Timothy H. Williams, Jr., 30, who had been born in Texas and was the manager of the department store. Timothy H. Williams, Jr. was married: his wife, Nancy, was 29, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. She had lived in Galveston in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Paul B. Williams as the 20-year old son of T.H. and Mamie Williams, who owned their home at 2707 Rio Grande Street. Paul B. Williams had no occupation listed. His father was the dry goods merchant. Also shown in this census report is daughter Mildred, who was between Lucille and T.H., Jr. in age. T.H. Williams, Jr. was also listed as a dry goods merchant. None of the other family members had an occupation listed.

MRS. PAUL B. WILLIAMS
 Mrs. Paul B. Williams, 66, of 1206 Stobaugh, died in a local hospital Saturday. She had been a resident of Austin 30 years and was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church.
 Survivors are her husband, Paul B. Williams, Austin; a daughter, Mrs. Glen Roy Knapstein, Austin; a brother, Ed Moerbe, Thorndale; four sisters, Mrs. C. A. Wuenscke, Thorndale, Mrs. Dave Robertson, San Antonio; Mrs. Ben Synataske, San Antonio; and Mrs. Oscar Wuenscke, Wilson; and two grandchildren.
 Funeral will be Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Pastor Louis Paber will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Leona Williams
 Austin American, February 28, 1971

WILLIAMS, Paul B., 78, of Austin died Thursday. Services 3 p.m. today at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. (Weed-Corley)

Obituary of Paul B. Williams
 Austin American-Statesman, September 19, 1987