

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MARCH 27, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0091
1804 STAMFORD LANE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled house with a full-width inset porch on plain, square wood posts; single Colonial Revival-styled 8:8 fenestration; one-story, front-gabled single-bay garage to the left of the house.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1939; the first occupant was Casper Giesen, who lived here as an unmarried man for a year or so before he married the former Margaret Campbell of Pemberton Heights. He and Margaret lived here until around 1943, when they moved to a house on Bee Caves Road west of Austin. C.T. Giesen was the publisher of the Bergstrom Air Force Base weekly newspaper. Mrs. Giesen was a society hostess whose culinary and artistic talents were recognized in a news story in the Austin Statesman in 1954, when she and her husband had already moved from this house, which they rented, to Bee Caves Road.

The house remained a rental property until around 1946., housing military families. Around 1948, the house was purchased by M. Allen Forbes, Jr., a physician; he and his wife Norma lived here until around 1955. Robert Turpin and his wife, Elizabeth, owned the house in the mid-1950s; he was an assistant professor at the University of Texas. From the late 1950s until the early 1970s, the house was owned and occupied by the Rev. Edwin Shaw and his wife, Zelda. Rev. Shaw was the director of the Methodist Student Center at the University of Texas. Zelda Shaw was employed by the public schools, and later worked as an office secretary in the Medical Park Tower on W. 35th Street.

From the mid-1970s through at least the early 1990s, the house was owned and occupied by R. Max and Frances Slaughter. R. Max Slaughter was an accountant for the IRS.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.




STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but 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. The house, while typical of the residential buildings in this neighborhood, does not have sufficient architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 155'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0091
LOCATION: 1804 Stamford Ln.

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1804 Stamford Lane
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1804 Stamford Lane

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
March, 2017

1992	R. Max and Frances H. Slaughter, owners Accountant
1985-86	R. Max and Frances H. Slaughter, owners Accountant
1981	R. Max and Frances H. Slaughter, owners Accountant, IRS
1977	R. Max and Frances H. Slaughter, owners Supervisor, IRS
1973	R. Max and Frances H. Slaughter, owners Supervisor, IRS
1968	Edwin P., Jr. and Zelda D. Shaw, owners Edwin: Department director, University of Texas Zelda: Office secretary, Medical Park Tower NOTE: R. Max and Frances B. Slaughter are listed at 4303 Shoalwood Avenue; he was an administrative assistant at the U.S. Geological Survey.
1964	Rev. Edwin and Zelda D. Shaw, owners Edwin: Director, Methodist Student Center, University of Texas Zelda: Employed by the public schools.

- 1961 Rev. Edwin and Zelda D. Shaw, owners
Pastor, Wesley Foundation, 2434 Guadalupe Street.
- 1957 Robert D. and Elizabeth Turpin, owners
Assistant professor, University of Texas
NOTE: Edwin and Zelda Shaw are not listed in the directory.
- 1953 M. Allen, Jr. and Norma Forbes, owners
Physician, 607 W. 14th Street.
- 1949 M. Allen, Jr. and Norma Forbes, owners
Physician, 407 W. 15th Street.
- 1947 James M. and Frances Smith, owners
U.S. Army
NOTE: Marrell Allen Forbes, Jr. and Norma Forbes are listed at 1407 Newfield Lane; he was a physician with no office address shown.
- 1944-45 Hugh J. and Rose Morano, renters
U.S. Army
- 1941 C.T. and Margaret Giesen, renters
C.T.: No occupation listed
Margaret: Saleslady, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1940 C.T. Giesen, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: Margaret Giesen is not listed in the directory.
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: C.T. Giesen is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

C.T. and Margaret Giesen (ca. 1939 – ca. 1943)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Casper Giesen as the renter of this house. He was 36, had been born in Illinois, and was the manager of a finance company. He was single, and had lived in San Antonio in 1935. He had a lodger, James Crandell, 26, who had been born in Illinois, and was a field representative for a mortar corporation. He had lived in rural Bureau County, Illinois in 1935.

His 1954 death certificate shows that Casper Theodore Giesen was living on Bee Caves Road at the time of his death from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was born in 1904 in Hamilton, Illinois and was a publisher of the Bergstrom Jet Gazette. His wife, Margaret, was the informant.

Her 1981 death certificate shows that Margaret C. Giesen was living in Austin at the time of her death, but that she died at Methodist Hospital in Houston. She was a widow who had been born in Munday, Texas in 1913; her usual occupation was a secretary. The 1940 U.S. Census shows her (listed as Margaret Campbell) as the 26-year old daughter of Finis and Minnie Campbell, who owned their home at 1518 Preston Avenue in Austin. Margaret had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in a retail dry goods store. Her father was a Tennessee-born proprietor of a confectionery.

CHOW LINES

Novel Cranberry Salads Resemble Miniature Colorful Christmas Trees

By MARY MAE HARTLEY

All the glitter and sparkle and excited flurry of Christmas preparations at the C. T. Giesen home on the Bee Caves Road may closely resemble that of mystical Santa Claus Land.

Although Captain Giesen, who is publisher of the Bergstrom Air Force Base weekly, Jet Gazette, and his wife do not have boys and girls of their own, children of relatives and friends just "can't wait" each year for that "special" package from the Giesens or a party at "Margaret and Cap's."

Mrs. Giesen has been so busy hand-painting gifts, fashioning her own variety of unique decorations and wrapping presents in different and colorful styles that she is just now getting around to her annual Yuletide cooking.

Her culinary specialties are a tiered cake trimmed to represent a gay Christmas tree which traditionally forms her table centerpiece and delightful congealed cranberry salads, also trimmed to look like Christmas trees.

Pretty, vivacious Mrs. Giesen, who sometimes helps her husband in the newspaper office, spends her very busy days grooming her gardens, making talks to Garden Clubs and fashioning clever decorations for all festive occasions.

For Holidays

For her Christmas dinners she has made a red cloth trimmed in colorful and dainty hand-sewed figures of Yuletide origin. Among the decorations in the living room is a gold-glittered driftwood piece centering the mantle. On the limbs are hand-made figures playing tiny instruments and in the candleholders are—not candles at all—but red and white striped Christmas paper rolled up to resemble tall bright candles.

Under the large tree are packages, the wrappings of which are as interesting—almost—as the contents. For instance, on one package, Mrs. Giesen has glued doll faces made of gilded half-shells of walnuts, with hats made of gold seals.

Mrs. Giesen says when her friends have anything they don't want, they just bring it to her—and she usually finds some way to turn it into a fanciful decoration, wrapping or what-have-you.

In fact, her home, a charming combination of ranch and New England motifs, is filled with her paintings and handwork.

Most of the home, which the couple bought some seven years ago and have redecorated and added to, features walls of redwood plywood—even in the bath. Ceilings are low-slung in comfortable New England style, and the ranch-type living room is hospitable with its rock fireplace and open-beamed ceiling.

With such warmth and charming decor, it is no wonder friends and relatives love going to the Giesen home. This Christmas many of them will eat Mrs. Giesen's special cranberry salads.

Twinkling Cranberry Christmas Tree Salad

Crush one pound-can of canned or home made jellied cranberry sauce. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot water, and heat thoroughly.

Soak one envelope of gelatin in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water five minutes, then add to hot cranberry sauce.

When mixture begins to congeal fold in $\frac{1}{3}$ cup ground or diced celery, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup chopped dates, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup chopped nuts and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt.

Pour into cone-shaped paper drinking cups and support cups in

small glasses. Chill in refrigerator until firm. Place on lettuce and peel off paper cups, leaving cone-shaped red cranberry tree.

The colorful red salad on a piece

of green lettuce can be gaily trimmed with bands of softened cream cheese, either left white or tinted green.

The recipe makes six trees.



Staff Photo

ARTISTIC MRS. G. T. (CAP) GIESEN

Trimming cranberry Christmas tree salads.

News story on the culinary talents of Margaret Giesen

Austin Statesman, December 17, 1954

The Giesens had moved out of this house at the time the story was published.

NOTE: Cap Giesen died 2 days after this story was published.

M. Allen, Jr. and Norma Forbes (ca. 1948 – ca. 1955)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows M.A. Forbes, Jr. and Norma Forbes living in a rented house in San Diego, California. M.A. Forbes, Jr. was 26, had been born in Texas, and was a physician in the Navy Hospital. He had lived in Dallas, Texas in 1935. Norma Forbes was 23, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. She had lived in Austin in 1935. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Marrell A. Forbes, Jr. as the 16-year old son of Marrell A. and Vance A. Forbes of San Antonio, Texas. Marrell A. Forbes, Jr. had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father was a physician specializing in children's medicine.

Edwin and Zelda Shaw (ca. 1959 – 1971)

Edwin P. and Zelda Shaw were married in 1948 and divorced in Travis County in 1978.

Frank Rundell

1804 Stamford Lane
So. 54¹/₂' of

18

3

Westfield A

Rock veneer residence-box garage attached

253n - 1/3/39

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Building permit to Frank Rundell for the construction of this house (1939)

Com. ~~15169~~ **#737** **N 15169**
Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, 1-7 1939

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
 City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions

on premises owned by Mrs R. M. Brelsford

at 1804 Stamford Lane Street

further described as lot 5542 block 3, outlot

subdivision Westfield A division, plat

which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance
 charge.

2 DEEP

Respectfully,

AT - PL

Stub Out

Connected 1-30 1939 Permit Pld

Size of Main 4 inches.

Size of Service 4 inches. OK 7-26

4 Feet Deep in ST 213

312 Feet from Property Line

1 Feet from Curb Line Con 1-5

Inspected by Boatright of 7 L L

Connection made by Terazas 1

10-1939 B-1218

Sewer connection application for this address (1939)

OWNER Raymond Max Slaughter ADDRESS 1804 Stamford Lane
 PLAT 163 LOT 54.2' of 3 BLK 18
 SUBDIVISION Westfield A
 OCCUPANCY storage
 BLD PERMIT # 117696 DATE 6-22-70 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$1,000
 CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES 0
 WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #
 frame addn. to res (above carport)
 400 square feet
 2-3-78 170311 complete inside of frm addn above c/o to create
 den 400 s.qft. \$1,000.00

Building permit to R. Max Slaughter for a frame addition (1970) and for a remodel permit to the addition (1978)