

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 22, 2017
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS – DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION
NRD-2017-0033
4208 WILSHIRE PARKWAY
WILSHIRE WOODS HISTORIC DISTRICT

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled stone-veneered frame house with horizontal wood siding in the tympanum of the side gables; metal-framed casement window systems with horizontal wood siding below.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1947 by Brush and Bradfield, local real estate investors and developers. The first owners and occupants were William E. and Thelma Ruehlmann, who lived here until around 1950. William E. Ruehlmann was in the U.S. Air Force. From around 1951 to around 1979, the house was owned and occupied by Henry F. and Irene Sturgis. Henry Sturgis was a chemical engineer for the Jefferson Chemical Corporation.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is contributing to the Wilshire Woods Historic District, but is beyond the scope of any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, considering the invocation of the demolition delay for contributing houses within historic districts. This house is a classic example of Wilshire Woods development on a relatively modest scale and appears to be in excellent condition. Removal of this house will have a detrimental effect on the character of the historic district, as this house is remarkably intact, and conveys the principles of its post-World War II design to a very high degree. The applicant has not filed plans for new construction to date, so requesting a reconsideration of the decision to demolish this house will not have an impact on the timeline for release of the permit, if granted by the Commission.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2017-0033
 LOCATION: 4208 Wilshire Pkwy

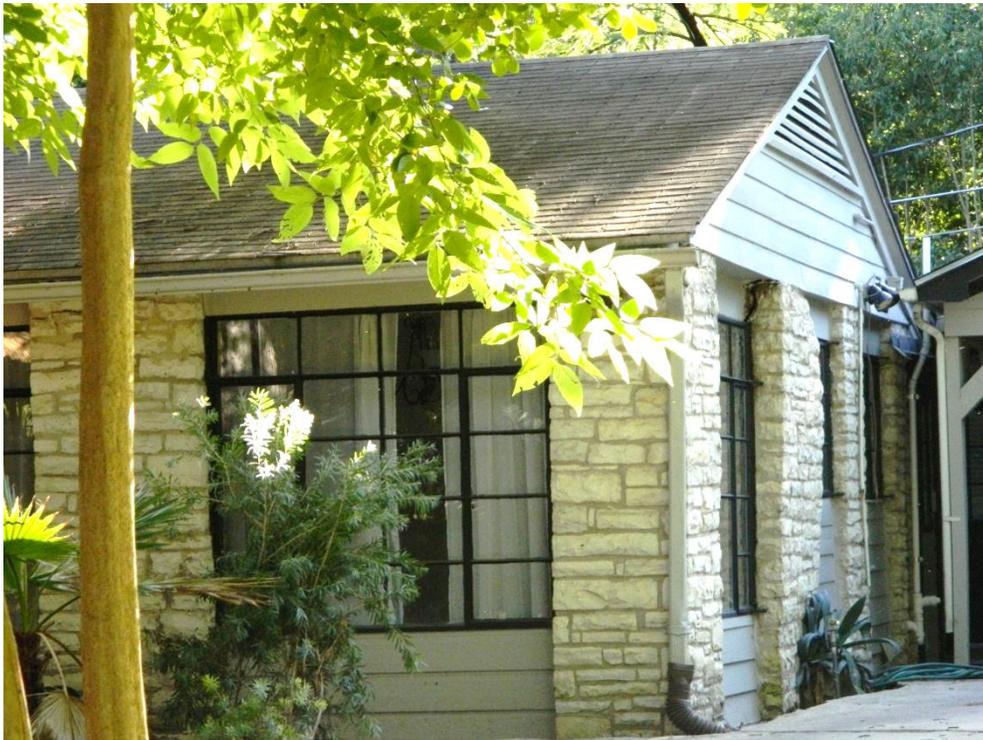


1" = 333'

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4208 Wilshire Parkway
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4208 Wilshire Parkway

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

- 1992 Ana M. Pozo, owner
Employed by the State Department of Human Services
- 1985-86 Ana M. Pozo, owner
Employed by the State Department of Human Resources
NOTE: The directory indicates that Ana M. Pozo was a new resident at this address.
- 1981 Jerry F. and Maria P. Jones, owners
Lawyer
- 1977 Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1973 Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Plant engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1968 Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1965 Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1961 Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1957 Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1953 Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Chemical engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1952 Henry F. and Irene Sturgis, owners
Engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
NOTE: Henry and Irene Sturgis are listed in the 1951 city directory for Port Arthur, Texas, where Henry F. Sturgis was an engineer.
- 1949 William E. and Thelma Ruehlmann, owners
U.S. Air Force
NOTE: Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis are listed at 1703 E. 38 ½ Street; he was a chemical engineer for Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: William E. and Thelma Ruehlmann are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis (ca. 1951 – ca. 1979)

STURGIS, Henry Frank, 81, of Wimberley died Tuesday. Visitation 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Senior Citizens Center, Wimberley. (Thomason, Wimberley)

Obituary of Henry F. Sturgis
Austin American-Statesman, March 9, 1995

Irene Sturgis died December 6, 1997 in Weslaco, Texas. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

Carlton Brush and Tom Bradfield	4208 Wilshire Parkway
233 8	- - -
Wilshire Park	
Masonry residence with car port attached	
33937 5-20-47	\$4500.00
Owner	

Building permit to Brush and Bradfield for the construction of this house (1947)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. **B 3692**

Austin, Texas

Received of **CARLTON BRUSH + TOM BRADFIELD** Date **7-15-47**

Address **4208 WILSHIRE PARKWAY**

Amount **TWENTY + NO/100** **20.00**

Plumber **BARR** Size of Tap **3/4"**

Date of Connection **8-12-47**

Size of Tap Made **3/4"**

Size Service Made **3/4"**

Size Main Tapped **6"**

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **2.5'**

From \backslash Prop. Line to Curb Cock **5'**

Location of Meter **CURB**

Type of Box **LOCK**

Depth of Main in St. **3'**

Depth of Service Line **24**

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main **3'**

Checked by Engr. Dept. **9-11-97 R.N.H.**

No. Fittings	Size	Material
1	5/8"	Curb Cock
1	3/4"	Elbow
4	3/4"	St. Elbow
1	3/4"	Flashing
3	3/4"	Reducer
		Pipe
		Lead Comp.
		Nipples
		Union
1	1 1/2"	Plug
1	1 1/2"	Tee
1	1 1/2"	Stop
1	1 1/2"	Box
1	1 1/2"	Lid
		Valves
		Job No. W-323-602
		Req. No. W-11-102

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Water service permit to Brush and Bradfield for this address (1947)

OWNER S. F. Sturgis **ADDRESS** 4208 Wilshire Pkway

PLAT 233 **LOT** 8 **BLK** D

SUBDIVISION Wilshire Parkway

OCCUPANCY bedroom and bath

BLD PERMIT # 115373 **DATE** 12-9-69 **OWNERS ESTIMATE** 2,500

CONTRACTOR Owner **NO. OF FIXTURES** several

WATER TAP REC # -- **SEWER TAP REC #** --

Frame addn to res.

Building permit to Henry F. Sturgis (S.F. Sturgis on the permit) for the construction of a frame addition (1969)