

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2018**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**HDP-2018-0053**  
**1905 E. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1904 house that was moved to the current site in 1950. At its original location at 1408 Colorado Street, the house was two stories.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan front-gabled frame bungalow cottage with a partial-width front-gabled independent porch on single round columns; single 1:1 fenestration; transom over front door.

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**RESEARCH**

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This house was originally located at 1408 Colorado Street, where it was the home of a succession of middle-class families, including that of the chief clerk for the School Land Department at the General Land Office, the Casis sisters (for whom Casis Elementary School is named), small business proprietors, and several teachers. In 1950, the second story was removed from the house, and the remainder was moved to this site by Calvin G. Raleigh, and his wife Kay Frances Raleigh, who lived here until they separated in the early 1970s. Calvin G. Raleigh then went to live with his sister, Mae Hill, down the street at 1909 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and Kay Frances Raleigh continued to live in this house.

The only features remaining on the house that indicates its true construction date of ca. 1904 is the transom over the front door and the round columns; otherwise, the house has the appearance of a post-World War II cottage.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house was recommended as contributing to a potential Chestnut historic district by the East Austin Historical Survey (2016).

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame house that appears more like its ca. 1950 relocation date than its original construction date of ca. 1904. There is no architectural distinction to the house.
  - b. **Historical association.** The house was moved to its current site ca. 1950 by Calvin Raleigh, a laborer and television repair shop owner; he and his wife lived here until they separated in the early 1970s; there do not appear to be significant historical associations.
  - c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition if the house is structurally sound enough, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. Although the house has been determined to be contributing to a potential historic district, it does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  N
-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 150'

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2018-0053  
LOCATION: 1905 E. 16th Street

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1905 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1904 – but moved to this site from 1408 Colorado Street ca. 1950



Close up photo of the front door showing the transom.

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1905 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2018

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| 1992    | K. Frances Raleigh, owner<br>Retired   |
| 1985-86 | Mrs. K. Frances Raleigh, owner<br>Retired  |
| 1981    | Mrs. K. Frances Raleigh, owner<br>Retired  |
| 1977    | No return<br>NOTE: K. Frances Raleigh is not listed in the directory.  |
| 1973    | Kay F. Raleigh, owner<br>Maid, Cambridge Towers, 1801 Lavaca Street.<br>NOTE: Calvin G. Raleigh is listed at the home of his sister, Mae Hill, 1909-A E. 16 <sup>th</sup> Street. He was employed by KLRN – TV.  |
| 1968    | Calvin G. and Kay F. Raleigh, owners<br>Proprietor, Acme Radio and TV, 1604 E. 12 <sup>th</sup> Street.<br>Also listed is Virginia P. Raleigh, a student.  |
| 1965    | Calvin G and Kay F. Raleigh, owners<br>Proprietor, Acme Radio & TV, 1604 E. 12 <sup>th</sup> Street.   |
| 1960    | Calvin G. and Kay F. Raleigh, owners<br>Utility worker, University of Texas  |
| 1957    | Calvin G. and Kay F. Raleigh, owners<br>Steamfitter, University of Texas   |
| 1954    | Calvin G. and Kay F. Raleigh, owners<br>Steamfitter  |
| 1952    | Calvin G. and Kay F. Raleigh, owners<br>Warehouseman, Willard Manufacturing Company, luggage, 220 S. Congress Avenue.  |
| 1949    | Vacant<br>NOTE: The house was located at 1408 Colorado Street and moved to this location in 1950 by Calvin G. Raleigh.<br>NOTE: Calvin G. and Kay F. Raleigh are listed at the home of Calvin's sister, Mae Hill, at 1909 E. 16 <sup>th</sup> Street; he was a millworker for Longhorn Sash and Door, 2200 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street. The 1947 city directory shows him as a mechanic for Willard Manufacturing Company, luggage, 220 S. Congress Avenue; he and Kay lived at 1909 E. 16 <sup>th</sup> Street. |

- 1947 Clovis B. and Nellie H. Couch, renters  
Proprietor, Dixie Book Store, 819 Congress Avenue.  
Also listed is Glenna I. Couch, a student at the University of Texas.
- 1944-45 Clovis B. and A. Carlisle Couch, renters  
Proprietor, Dixie Book Store, 1004 Congress Avenue.
- 1941 Rose Haber, renter  
No occupation listed  
Also listed are Esther Haber, a student at the University of Texas; Lena Haber, a student; Maurice Haber, a popcorn vender at the Queen Theater, 700 Congress Avenue; and Samuel Haber, a laborer.  
NOTE: Clovis B. and A. Carlisle Couch are not listed in the directory.
- 1939 James A. and Elizabeth M. Cockrell, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1937 James A. and Elizabeth M. Cockrell, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1935 William R. and Gertrude Lee, renters  
Collector  
NOTE: James A. and Lizzie Cockrell are listed at 108 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street; neither had an occupation shown.
- 1932-33 Mrs. Gertrude Thompson, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1930-31 Edward F. and Louise V. Davenport, renters  
Proprietor, Opera House News and Cigar Company, 110 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1929 Ada Morgan, renter  
Clerk, State Department of Health
- 1927 Alva and Lutie Otting, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1924 Lila M. Casis, renter  
Professor, Romance languages, University of Texas.  
Also listed is Josephine Casis, a teacher at Palm School.
- 1922 Elzada McDaniel, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1920 Hubert T. and Ione Brewster, renters  
Office engineer, Bryant & Huffman (L.S. Bryant and T.E. Huffman, proprietors),  
civil engineers, 211-17 Littlefield Building.  
  
Miss Ethel E. Brown, renter  
Teacher, Palm School
- 1918 Mrs. Edna C. Patterson, owner  
Widow, John S. Patterson

- Clerk, State Department of Insurance and Banking
- 1916 R. Lee Carpenter  
Clerk, W.W. Deen & Sons grocers and coffee roasters, 222 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1914 Philas M. Loden  
No occupation listed
- 1912-13 Jennie (Mrs. W.B.) Hargis  
Saleslady, Charles Rosner, wholesale and retail dry goods, notions, millinery, ladies' ready-to-wear clothing, shoes, 504 Congress Avenue.
- 1910-11 James Ollie Coupland  
Chief clerk, School Land Department, General Land Office
- 1909-10 James Ollie Coupland  
Chief clerk, School Land Department, General Land Office
- 1906-07 James Ollie Coupland  
Chief clerk, School Land Department, General Land Office
- 1905 James Ollie Coupland  
Chief clerk, School Land Department, General Land Office
- 1903-04 Unknown  
NOTE: James Ollie Coupland is listed as boarding at the Millett Mansion, 902 Brazos Street. He was the chief clerk for the School Land Department at the General Land Office.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **James Ollie and Lucy Coupland (ca. 1904 – ca. 1912)**

The 1910 U.S. Census shows James O. and Lucy Coupland as the occupants of this house when it was located at 1408 Colorado Street. James O. Coupland was 53, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in the State Land Office. Lucy Coupland was of an unstated age, had been born in Mississippi, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Lucy Coupland's mother, Ellen Reagan, a 69-year old widow Mississippi-born widow with no occupation listed. Ellen Reagan's parents had both been born in Scotland.

Lucy Ellis Coupland died in 1917 in Rusk, Texas. James O. Coupland died in Rusk, Texas in 1931. He was a widower who had been born in 1853 in Texas and was a justice of the peace. Both are buried in Cherokee County, Texas.

##### **Jennie Hargis (ca. 1912 – ca. 1914)**

Jennie Hargis appears in the 1910 U.S. Census for Garrison, Nacogdoches County, Texas, as the wife of William B. Hargis. Jennie Hargis was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Her husband, William B. Hargis, 34, had been born in Texas to Louisiana-born parents, and was a school teacher. William B. and Jennie Hargis had 3 children: Werner, Herbert, and an un-named infant. She died in Austin in 1927. Her death certificate shows that she was a housewife, who had been born in 1877 in Livingston, Texas.

##### **Herbert and Ione Brewster (ca. 1919 – ca. 1921)**

**Ethel E. Brown (ca. 1919 – ca. 1921)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Ethel E. Brown as the renter of this house, when it was located at 1408 Colorado Street. Ethel E. Brown was 32, had been born in Texas, and was a teacher. With her lived her brother, Noel K. Brown, 27, who had been born in Texas and was a registration clerk in a state department.

Separately listed at this same address (on another page of the census report) are Herbert and lone Brewster. Herbert Brewster was 25, had been born in Texas, and was a civil engineer. lone Brewster was 23, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them. The Brewsters were living in Victoria, Texas by 1930, where Herbert Brewster was a civil engineer for a sand and gravel company; lone Brewster had no occupation shown. Her 1972 death certificate shows that Marie lone Brewster was living at 3209 Windsor Road at the time of her death. She was born in 1896 in Ennis, Texas, and was a married homemaker. She died on Christmas Day. Herbert Brewster died in Austin in 1985.

**James A. and Elizabeth Cockrell (ca. 1936 – ca. 1940)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows James A. and Elizabeth Cockrell living in a rented house at 304 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. James A. Cockrell was 70, had been born in Arkansas, and had no occupation listed. Elizabeth Cockrell was 67, had been born in Mississippi, and had no occupation listed. They had 6 male lodgers in their home, including a carpenter's helper, a metal worker, 2 salesmen, a mechanic on the dam, and a stenographer.

**Calvin G. and Kay Frances Raleigh (ca. 1950 – ca. 2009)**

Calvin Raleigh appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the 17-year old son of Pearl McKenzie, who rented her home at 1910. Calvin was a yardman for a private family. His mother, Pearl McKenzie, a 41-year old Texas-born widow, was a cook for a private family, as was his sister, May B. Hill, 21, who had been born in Texas.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows the family living in Precinct 6 of Travis County. Pearly McKenzie was a 30-year old widow who worked as a cook for a private family.

**RALEIGH, Calvin G., 77, of Austin died Friday. Services 11 a.m. Wednesday, Ebenezer Baptist Church. Burial Evergreen Cemetery. (Fuller-Sheffield)**

Death notice for Calvin G. Raleigh  
Austin American-Statesman, September 18, 1990



### Kay Frances Raleigh

Kay Frances Raleigh, 92 of Austin, went to be with her Lord on Monday, January 19, 2009. She was preceded in death by her parents William and Mary Hancock, one brother and five sisters. She is survived by an only daughter and granddaughter, Virginia Pearl and Agatha Christine.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 23, 2009 at King-Tears Mortuary. Interment Evergreen Cemetery.

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Obituary of Kay Frances Raleigh  
Austin American-Statesman, January 23, 2009

Calvin G. Raleigh

1905 East 16th St.

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Moved from 1408 Colorado St. -demolish 2nd sty.  
 Move residence onto lot & rep.& add fr.  
 addn.  
 45327 7-11-50 \$2200.00

H. M. Lott & J. R. Sharp

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Building permit to Calvin G. Raleigh to demolish the second story of the house at 1408 Colorado Street, move the rest to the current site, and construct a frame addition (1950)

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
 Austin, Texas

C No 7364

Received of LOTT LUMBER CO INC Date 9-26-50

Address 1905 E. 16

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 20.00

Plumber ? Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>10-5-50</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4" CP</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>2" CT</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7-5'</u>
From <del>W</del> -Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>30'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>OUR G</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOCK</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>2'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>14'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>11-2-50 BK</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock <u>5/8"</u>
1	Elbow <u>3/4" CP</u>
1	St. Elbow <u>3/4" CP</u>
1	Bushing <u>3/4" CP</u>
1	Reducer <u>2" x 3/4" TAP</u>
1	Pipe <u>3/4" CP</u>
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
	Plug
1	Tap <u>T16C</u>
1	Stop <u>1/2" WID</u>
1	Box <u>LOCK</u>
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>54-327-102</u>
	Req. No. <u>7</u>

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Water service permit for the current address of this house (1950)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT  
Austin, Texas

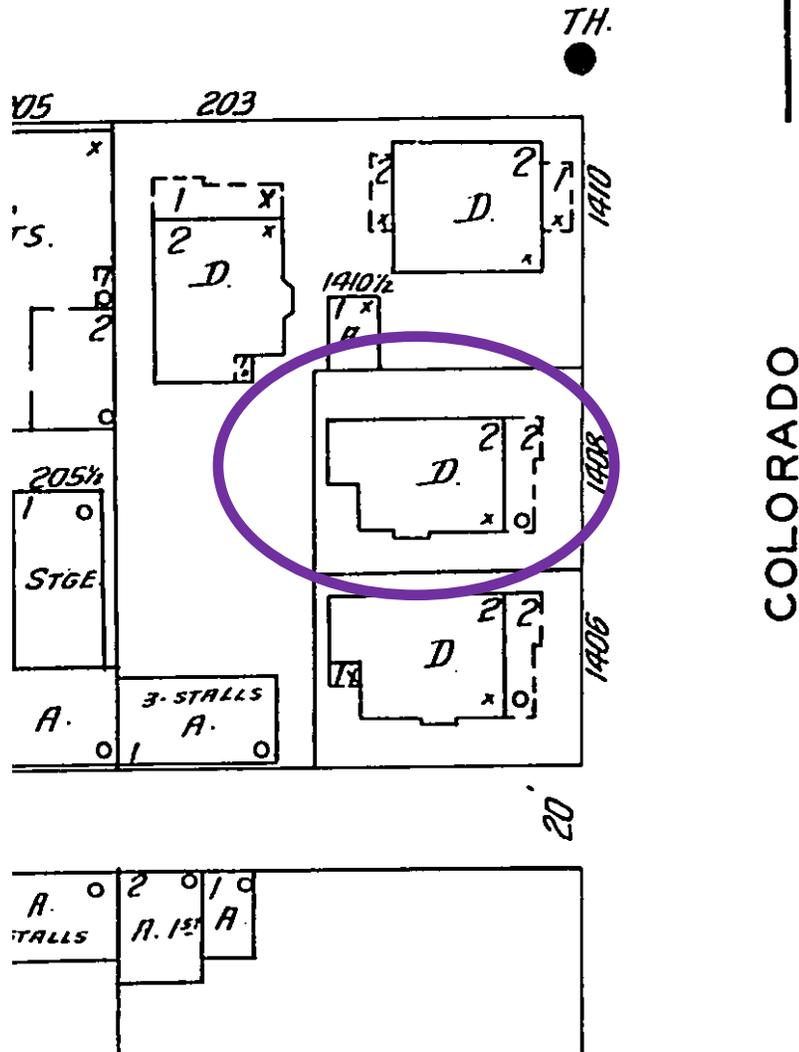
No. 26972A

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/26/1950  
 Address 1905 E. 16th  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Builder or Owner Calvin G. Raleigh Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 8 Block 9 O.L. 34 Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. 39

Date of Connection	10/11/1950	No. Fittings 15' Pipe 6" 2.85 Pipe Wyes 1 Bends .95 Reducers Plugs Sand Gravel Remix Stoppers Castings 1 Other tap .95 Labor: 7.44
By City	19' E/WLL	
By Plumber		
Checked By		
Size Main	8" Depth 4'	
Main Assign.	in alley	
Stub Depth	Prop. Line 3'	
Stub Location		
Book No.	B-232	
Paving Cut	No. _____	

Sewer

service permit to Calvin G. Raleigh for this address (1950)



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the two-story house at 1408 Colorado Street. The second story of the house was removed when it was moved to the current location.