

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2018
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
NRD-2018-0065
2513 JARRATT AVENUE
OLD WEST AUSTIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

PROPOSAL

Demolish a one-story house built ca. 1940.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, cross-gabled, L-plan house built in the Minimal Traditional style; clad in brick siding. Windows are not visible due to screens.

RESEARCH

The house was constructed around 1940. Caspar “C. J.” and Laura Schmid were the longest-term residents, living in the house from around 1944 until at least 1992. Caspar worked as a farmer and manufacturer’s representative, while Laura worked in the Systems Administration Department at UT.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The house is a contributing property in the Old West Austin Historic District. It does not appear to meet the standards for designation as a historic landmark.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old, having been constructed ca. 1940.
- 2) The building appears to retain a high degree of integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code (Section 25-2-352). The property does not appear to demonstrate significance according to any of the criteria.
 - a. **Architecture.** The building is an intact example of the Minimal Traditional style, but does not appear to be architecturally significant.
 - b. **Historical association.** Caspar and Laura Schmid lived in the house for at least forty years. However, there do not appear to be significant historical associations.
 - c. **Archaeology.** The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d. **Community value.** The property does not appear to possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the community, Austin, or Texas as a whole.
 - e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the existing building, including consideration of a demolition delay, as the building is contributing to the historic district. Encourage relocation over demolition. If the Commission votes to release the demolition permit, then staff recommends 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.

Due to the building's location in a National Register historic district, the Commission must review and comment on the proposed plans for new construction prior to the release of the demolition permit. No plans have been received to date.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS
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1" = 167'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Primary (west) façade of 2513 Jarratt Avenue.

Occupancy History

City directory research, Austin History Center
By Historic Preservation Office staff
November 2018

- 1939 Address not listed
- 1941 Weldon and Winnifred Hart, owners
Sports editor, *Austin Statesman*
- 1944-92 Casper J. and Laura F. Schmid, owners
Casper worked as a farmer (1944, 1949); institutional and university broker (1955); manufacturer representative (1968); he retired by 1973. Laura worked as a statistician (or “stat.”) at UT (1968) and an executive assistant for the UT system (1973).
- Margo Schmid, student (1968 only)
- Libby A. Schmid, student (1977 only)

Background Research

Caspar (spelled Casper in city directories) “C. J.” Johann Schmid was born in 1903 in Glarus, Switzerland. He immigrated to the U.S. as a student in 1929, entering through

Brownsville, Texas. He worked as a cotton exporter and salesman for David C. Reed in the 1930s, then as a farmer and manufacturer's representative later in his career. He co-founded and served as president of the Capital Area Farm and Ranch Club and was also an active champion of the polio vaccine, serving as vice chair of the Travis County Foundation for Infant Paralysis in 1957. Schmid retired by 1973 and died in 1990 in Austin.

AUSTINITE FINDS WORLD SMALL IN UNIVERSE'S LARGEST CITY

By LIZ CARPENTER

The Statesman Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—“I think that man might be my brother,” C. J. Schmid, 2513 Jarratt in Austin, told his wife at LaGuardia Airport as she waited to board a plane for Switzerland.

Sure enough it was.

And so Schmid, who hadn't seen his twin brother for 20 years, was united with him in a surprise meeting in the largest airport in the largest city in the world.

Schmid, an associate of Dave Reed in Austin, has corresponded with his twin, Eugene, and his father (both of whom still live in Switzerland) ever since he left 20 years ago.

Pictures have been sent of Schmid's three-year-old son, John David. This summer Schmid de-

ecided that his son and wife would visit his family so he brought them to New York to put them on a plane last week.

The plane was 30 minutes late. During that time a plane from Switzerland arrived. Eugene Schmid, who was on a sudden and unexpected business trip to New York, arrived and walked through the airport. He spied a child that looked familiar. The more he looked at it the more it looked like his brother C. J.'s boy in Austin.

As the man stared, he attracted the attention of the child's father. The more the father looked at the man, the more he looked like his twin brother.

He mentioned this to his wife and then asked the stranger, “Are you looking for something particular?”

The man started blabbering in Swiss. C. J. had forgotten all the Swiss he knew but he used sign language and a few words that

came back to him. It didn't take long to figure out the relationship. So after putting Mrs. Schmid on the plane the brothers got together for a real celebration in the biggest little town in the world!

Forty-seven-year-old Schmid went to Austin in 1928 from Glarus, Switzerland.

He was a partner in C. R. Fix and Company at Austin, a cotton exporting firm, until about eight years ago when the firm was dissolved.

Long associated with the cotton world, he spent a number of years in India for a Swiss firm before going to Texas.

The Austin Statesman, 7/28/1947.

Caspar Johann (C.J. Schmidy) Schmid

Caspar Johann (C.J. Schmidy) Schmid, age 87, of Austin, Texas, died Saturday, October 6, 1990.

He was born in Glarus, Switzerland, and had resided in Austin since 1929.

He was one of the founders and past presidents of the Capital Area Farm and Ranch Club, a charter member of the Headliners Club, a charter member of the West Austin Rotary Club, and was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club, a member of the Ben Hur Temple, a charter member of the Austin Elks

Lodge, a member of the Woods and Water Club and the Power Squadron, and past president of the Austin Chapter of the March of Dimes.

Mr. Schmid is survived by his wife, Laura Frances; daughter, Margo Beltran of Houston; daughters and sons-in-law, Laurie and Frank Perez of Brownsville, and Libby and Wes Martin, of North Carolina; and two grandchildren, Jon and Laura Martin.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, in Austin Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary, 10/9/1990.

Laura F. Schmid was born in 1921 in Washington, D.C. She studied marketing at the University of Maryland and Ohio State University, then worked in UT's Systems Administration Department. She married Caspar Schmid between 1941 and 1943; the couple had five children. Laura Schmid died in 1998 in Austin.

December 21, 1998 | Austin American-Statesman (TX)

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LAURA FRANCES KING SCHMID

Laura Frances King Schmid, 77, of Austin, died December 17, 1998. She was a resident of Austin for the last 57 years.

Born in Washington, D.C. on August 12, 1921, Laura was the daughter of Thomas O. and Ruth Moses King. Laura went to the University of Maryland for the first two years of her higher education, graduating from Ohio State University with a B.S. in Marketing. She was employed with the University of Texas in the Systems Administration department.

Laura enjoyed playing bridge and duplicate bridge, as well as computers, gardening and cooking. A member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, the Texas Capital Bridge Association, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority she was also a member of the Ohio State Alumni Association.

Graveside funeral services will be held in Austin Memorial Park, 2800 Hancock Dr. at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 22, 1998, with The Reverend David B. Hodges of the Episcopal

Church of the Good Shepherd officiating.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, **Caspar Johann Schmid**; her son, John David Schmid; her daughter, Frances Jean Schmid; and her brother, Thomas O. King, Jr.; as well as her parents.

Survivors include her daughter, Margo Bullock and her husband, Edwin, of Houston; daughter, Laurie B. Schmid; daughter, Libby Martin and husband, Wes, all of Austin. Also surviving Laura are her three grandchildren, Jon Martin, Laura Martin and David Martin; her sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Ann King Admire and husband Paul of Fort Worth; and her sister-in-law, Sue King, of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The family wishes to thank Dr. James Pohl and his staff and the wonderful staff at Seton Medical Center.

For their desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd or to a charity of ones' choice.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Building Permits

Weldon D. Hart 2513 Jarrett
 159 - 7 S5' of 10 all of 11 N30' of 12 -
 Pemb. Hts.
 Brick Ventr Res. & Frame Garage
 19080 - 3-14-40
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Building permit for brick veneer residence and wood-frame garage issued to Weldon D. Hart, 3/14/1940.

WATER SERVICE PERMIT No. 17288
 Austin, Texas *see 158*

Received of Weldon Hart Date Mar 15, 1940
 Address 2513 Jarrett Ave.
 Amount Two And 50/100 \$ 2.50
 Plumber Smoot Size of Tap 1/2"

Lead Stub 765

Date of Connection	<u>3-16-40</u>	No. Fittings	
Size of Tap Made	<u>1/2"</u>	Curb Cock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Size Service Made	<u>1/2"</u>	Elbow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Size Main Tapped	<u>1/2"</u>	St. Elbow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>6'6"</u>	Bushing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>27'6"</u>	Reducer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Location of Meter	<u>10' W</u>	Pipe	
Type of Box	<u>12" x 12"</u>	Lead Comp.	
Depth of Main in St.	<u>2'</u>	Nipples	
Depth of Service Line	<u>2'</u>	Union	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>3'4" - 6"</u>	Plug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>A-12-40 LE</u>	Stop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Box	
		Lid	
		Valves	
		Job No.	<u>10118</u>
		Req. No.	<u>445703</u>

BENSON

Water service permit issued to Weldon Hart, 3/15/1940.

Connection Charge \$ # 2114 No 16673
 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.
 Austin, Texas, 3-15- 1940
 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 Weldon D. Hart
 at 2513 Garratt Ave Street
S. 5' 0" P 10' 0" of 11 1/2 N. 30'
 further described as lot of 12, block 7, outlot
 subdivision Perm. Hts, division _____, plat 159,
 which is to be used as a Res.
 In this place there are to be installed 8 fixtures

Sewer connection permit issued to Weldon D. Hart, 3/15/1940.