

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 18, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0591
4600 RIDGE OAK DRIVE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1966 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan building; side-gabled roof; brick veneer and vertical wood siding; aluminum-sash windows; double entry doors.

RESEARCH

4600 Ridge Oak Drive was built by Clarence T. Schneider and occupied by Keith and Tegwen Morrison from shortly after its construction until at least 1986. Keith Everett Morrison was born in 1910 in Hoisington, Kansas. He attended Bethany College, Kansas University, the University of Wyoming, and Yale University. His career began in agricultural economy and sheep ranching in Wyoming, then led to Texas in the late 1940s. From 1948 until 1980, Morrison worked as a professor of law at the University of Texas, where he specialized in tax law, with additional interests in electronic information retrieval and academic freedom. Keith Morrison died in 1998 in Austin.

Little information could be found about Tegwen Jones Morrison during research. She married Keith Morrison in 1945, and the couple had two children. Tegwen Morrison died in 1991 in Austin.

STAFF COMMENTS

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain a moderate degree of integrity. The attached carport has been infilled, and building permits indicate that windows have been replaced.
- 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 criteria.
 - a. **Architecture.** The house is designed in the Ranch style and does not appear to be architecturally significant.
 - b. **Historical association.** The house was occupied by Keith and Tegwen Morrison for at least twenty years, from around 1966 until at least 1986. 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 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.

The property does not appear to be eligible for designation as a historic landmark.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the existing building, then relocation over demolition; but release the demolition 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.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0591

LOCATION: 4600 RIDGE OAK DR

1" = 333'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Primary (south) façade of 4600 Ridge Oak Drive.



West elevation showing infilled carport (at right).

Occupancy History

Completed by Historic Preservation Office staff, November 2019

1965	Address no listed
1968	Keith E. and Tegwen Morrison, owners Professor, University of Texas
1973	Keith E. and Tegwen Morrison, owners Professor, University of Texas
1977	Keith E. and Tegwen Morrison, owners Professor, University of Texas
1981	Keith E. and Tegwen Morrison, owners Professor, University of Texas
1986	Keith E. and Tegwen Morrison, owners Retired
1992	William and Eleanor Gaston, owners Investor

Background Research

PROFESSOR **KEITH E. MORRISON** FEBRUARY 9, 1910 - FEBRUARY 8, 1998

Long-time University of Texas Professor **Keith E. Morrison** died quietly at home on Sunday morning, following a short illness.

Keith was born in a farming community in central Kansas, where he graduated from Hoisington High School in 1927. He attended Bethany College in Kansas for two years and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with an A.B. degree from Kansas University in 1931. He later received an M.S. degree from the University of Wyoming in 1939 and an LL.B. from Yale in 1948, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. From 1939, Mr. Morrison was an agricultural economist from the Wyoming Agricultural Extension Service and spent two years on a sheep ranch in Wyoming. From 1945 to 1955 he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Hoisington National Bank. In 1948 he joined the faculty of the University of Texas School of Law, eventually being promoted to full professor, retiring in 1980. He was also a visiting professor at Stanford University and Northwestern University and was a widely published author in the fields of Federal Income and Estate and Gift Taxation. He was a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and active in numerous faculty committees and conferences at the University of Texas. Keith married Tegwen Jones in 1945 and felt Tegwen was a fine asset to his career.

Because of Keith's broad business, banking and agricultural background, he was an outstanding teacher, lecturer and mentor to many young attorneys across the State. He loved chess, classical music and golf. To the end, Keith demonstrated great integrity, style, and grace and will be missed by all.

Keith is survived by his daughter, Megan Morrison Sawyer and husband, John, and granddaughter, KateLyn of Palo Alto, California; his son, Bruce T. Morrison and wife, Mary Leonard Morrison, and their daughter, Michelle Leonard Morrison of Austin, Texas; and his beloved brother-in-law, W. Bruce Smith of St. Louis, Missouri.

Keith is preceded in death by his wife, Tegwen Morrison, his grandson, Grantland Keith Morrison and his sister, Marjorie Morrison Smith.

Keith Morrison obituary, Austin American-Statesman, 2/12/1998.

Collection Summary

Creator: Morrison, Keith Everett, 1910-1996
Title: Keith E. Morrison Papers
Dates: 1950-1970
Abstract: Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, printed material, committee reports, and handwritten notes created and collected by Keith E. Morrison span twenty years of the law professor's work and research in the areas of electronic information retrieval and academic freedom.
Size: 4.6 linear ft. (11 boxes)
Language: English
Repository: [Special Collections, Tarlton Law Library, The University of Texas at Austin](#), 727 E. Dean Keeton St., Austin, TX 78705-3224, (512) 471-7263

Historical Background

Keith E. Morrison was a member of the University of Texas faculty of law from 1948 until his retirement. Prior to his joining the faculty, he worked as an agricultural economist for the Wyoming Agricultural Extension Service. From 1945-1955, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Hoisington National Bank. He served as a visiting professor at Stanford University during the summer of 1959 and at Northwestern University in the spring of 1962. While a member of the University of Texas School of Law faculty, he taught courses in federal income taxation, federal estate and gift taxation, and other tax related issues. He also served on a number of law school and university committees including Library, Curriculum, Summer School, and Standards of Work committees. He was a member of the Order of the Coif and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

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The first series is Electronic Information Retrieval. It documents Keith E. Morrison's electronic information retrieval activities, affiliations, and research. Subheadings indicate committees and projects to which Morrison directed his interests in electronic information retrieval, and are arranged by committee involvements, projects, and research.

The second series is Academic Freedom. Included in this series are correspondence, minutes, legal documentation and printed material related to academic freedom issues. These materials concern Morrison's involvement in tenure disputes, faculty rights and just termination procedures, as well as the campus and student unrest that marked the 1960s in both the United States and abroad. The series is divided into U.S./International Student Protests and Academic Freedom, University of Texas at Austin Student Protests and Academic Freedom, and Censorship and Intellectual Freedom.

Guide to the Keith E. Morrison Papers, Tarlton Law Library, Texas Law School.

Building Permits and Maps

OWNER	C. T. Schneider		ADDRESS	4600 Ridge Oak Drive	
PLAT	284	LOT	1	BLK	S
SUBDIVISION	Highland Park West				
OCCUPANCY	Residence				
BLD PERMIT #	100572	DATE	8-9-66	OWNERS ESTIMATE	40,000.00
CONTRACTOR	owner		NO. OF FIXTURES	15	
WATER TAP REC #	\$47237	SEWER TAP REC #	46581		
Erick Veneer & Frame Residence with Attached Carport					
2,379 sq.ft.					

Building permit for wood-frame residence with attached carport issued to C. T. Schneider, 8/9/1966.

SANITARY-SEWER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. 46581

Received of Clarence T. Schneider Date 8-9-66
 Address 4600 Ridge Oak Dr.
 Amount Eighty Dollars \$ 80.00
 Builder or Owner Self Plumber Self
 Lot 1 Block 5 Subdivision Highland Park West Plat No. 284

Date of Connection 1-4-67
 By City 6 W of ELL
 By Plumber Self

Checked By L. J. A.
 Size Main 6" Depth + 4' (Rock)
 Main Assign. 14 1/2' S of NE
 Stub Depth 5' Prop. Line 2'
 Stub Location 5' W of ELL
 Book No. B-1601 C 48.79
 Paving Cut 11-30.66 WET No. 12"

No.	Fittings	Size	Price
1	Pipe	12" Pipe	5.00
1	Wyes		
1	Bends		
1	Reducers		
1	Plugs		
1	Sand		
1	Gravel		
1	Remix		
1	Stoppers		
1	Castings		
1	Other		
Labor: 16 hrs @ 2.00			32.00
Material: 1 hr @ 1.50			1.50
Foreman: 1 hr @ 2.50			2.50
Total			87.35

Sewer tap permit issued to C. T. Schneider, 8/9/1966.

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. 47237

Received of Clarence T. Schneider Date 8-9-66
 Address 4600 Ridge Oak Dr.
 Amount Eighty Dollars \$ 80.00
 Plumber K & R Size of Tap 1/4"

SEC. 284 A.T.H.

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RESIDENTIAL WATER

Date of Connection 9-8-66
 Size of Tap Made 1/4" STUB IN PLACE
 Size Service Made
 Size Main Tapped
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7'
 From N. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 33'
 Location of Meter CORR
 Type of Box ROUND (L)
 Depth of Main in St.
 Depth of Service Line
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 11-30.66 WET

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Pipe	1/4" STUB IN PLACE
1	Corp. Cock	
1	Cop. to Iron ell	
1	Cop. to Cop. ell	
1	Cop. to Iron Coupling	
1	Cop. to Cop. Coupling	
1	Angle Stop	
1	5/8" x 1/4" BRASS	
1	3" x 1/4" BRASS	
2	Nipples	
1	Service Clamp	
1	Valve	
1	Meter Box (L) ROUND	
1	Lock Lid	
1	Drain Tile	
1	Drain Tile Lid	
1	Stop & Drain	
Job No. <u>82-32300-502</u>		
Foreman <u>H. J. Ketch</u>		
USE OF STUB <u>886508</u>		

Water tap permit issued to C. T. Schneider, 8/9/1966.

Permit records indicate that a porch, deck, bathroom, and dining room were added in 1990.