# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DECEMBER17, 2012 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2012-0389 1905 W. 38<sup>TH</sup> STREET

#### **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, hipped-roof frame cottage with a partial-width side-gabled wraparound porch on plain, square, wood posts; ornamental front-facing gable; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

#### RESEARCH

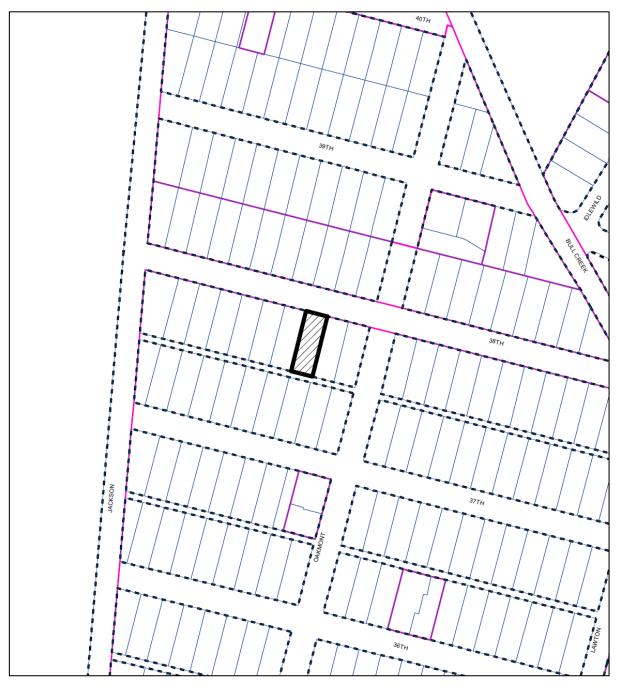
The house appears to have been built in 1935 by Mrs. Noves D. Smith, the widow of a prominent coal supply merchant in Austin, but she never lived here. The sewer service permit, dating from later in 1935 shows the owner as Donald D. Williamson, who, with his wife, Heloise, is listed as the owners and occupants in the 1935 and 1937 city directories. Donald Williamson was a chemical and civil engineer, who originally came from Rochester, New York, and was working as the laboratory chief for the State Highway Department at the time he and Heloise lived here. The house was a rental unit from around 1938 to around 1948, with tenants which included a storekeeper for the Austin State School, another lab assistant for the State Highway Department, and a geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey. By 1949, Joseph and Mildred McClure are listed as the owners and occupants in the city directories. He was the general manager for a life insurance company, and later became an agent for the Austin Insurance Company. The McClures lived here until around 1953. From 1954 until the mid-1960s, the house was the parsonage for the Shoal Crest Baptist Church on W. 34th Street. Later, it was purchased by John and Donna Underwood; he was a truck foreman for a concrete company. From the mid-1970s on, the house was a rental unit with a high turnover in tenancy.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any city survey.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage 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 of the property for archiving at the Austin History Center.





CASE#: HDP-2012-0389 LOCATION: 1905 W 38th Street



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1905 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street ca. 1935





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1905 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office December, 2012

1992 Brent D. and Stacy B. Wiltshire, renters

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Brent D. and Stacy B. Wiltshire were new

residents at this address.

1985-86 Robert Irvin, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Robert Irvin was a new resident at this

address.

1981 No return

1977 Charles Elder, renter

Student

NOTE: The directory indicates that Charles Elder was a new resident at this

address.

1973 Vacant

1969 John L. and Donna G. Underwood, owners

Truck foreman, Texas Redi-Mix Concrete, 2906 E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

1962 Rev. Joseph F. and Evelyn Frederick, owners

Pastor, Shoal Crest Baptist Church, 1310 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

1958 Rev. George W. and Joann Traver, renters

Pastor, Shoal Crest Baptist Church, 1310 W. 34th Street.

1954 Rev. William and Carol Suhr, renters

Pastor, Shoal Crest Baptist Church, 1310 W. 34th Street.

1952 Joseph P. and Mildred McClure, owners

Agent, Austin Life Insurance Company, 800 Lavaca Street.

1949 Joseph P. and Mildred McClure, owners

General manager, Franklin Life Insurance Company, 809 Capital National Bank

Building, 7<sup>th</sup> and Colorado Streets.

1947 William L. and Ruth Broadhurst, renters

William: Geologist, United States Geological Survey
Ruth: Typist, United States Internal Revenue Service

1944-45 William L. and Ruth M. Broadhurst, renters

William: Geologist, United States Geological Survey

Ruth: Deputy collector, United States Internal Revenue Service

1941 Charles E. and Tennie L. O'Dell, renters

Lab assistant, State Highway Department

1939	William D. and Lena Foster, renters Storekeeper, Austin State School
1937	Donald D. and Eloise Williamson, owners Laboratory chief, State Highway Department
1935	Donald D. and Heloise Williamson (not listed as owners) Laboratory chief, State Highway Department
1932-33	The address is not listed in the directory.  NOTE: Donald D. and Heloise Williamson are not listed in the directory.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

## DONALD D. and HELOISE WILLIAMSON (ca. 1935 – ca. 1938)

Donald and Heloise Williamson appear in the 1940 U.S. Census at 1508 Mohle Drive. Donald Williamson was then 42 years old, had been born in New York, and was a civil engineer for an asphalt institute. Heloise Williamson was then 35 and had been born in Tennessee. She had no occupation listed in the census report. The couple had three children: Richard, 16, Ruth, 8, and Donna, 6. Richard had been born in Tennessee; the two younger daughters had both been born in Texas.

Donald and Heloise Williamson appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Dallas. He was a chemical engineer for a laboratory. They rented their house.

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Donald D. Williamson's World War I draft registration card shows that he was living in Rochester, New York and that he was a student private in the Machine Gun Training Center at Camp Hancock, a U.S. Army Training Camp.

DONALD D. WILLIAMSON  Donald D. Williamson, of Lean- uer. weet a local hospital Fri- day. A member of the Episcopal Church, he had lived in Leander 30 years.  Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Heloise Williamson of Lean- der; son, R. H. Williamson of Aus- tin; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Mil- ler and Mrs. Donna Faulkner of Kingsport, Tenn., and light Austin; sister, Mrs. Roma Hill of grandchildren.  The body is at Hyltin-Manor Fu- neral Home pending completion of arrangements.	
Obituary of Donald D. Williamson Austin American, March 30, 1963	1

## DONALD D. WILLIAMSON

Funeral services for Donald D. Williamson will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home with Rev. Samuel N. Baxter officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Judge Townsley, Herbert Brewster, Tommy Black, William McKemie and Arthur Eatman.

Funeral notice for Donald D. Williamson Austin <u>American</u>, March 31, 1963

# Heloise Williamson

Heloise Williamson, age 89, a resident of Austin since 1937, died Friday, October 1, 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don D. Williamson.

Survivors include her three children, Dick Williamson and his wife, Claire of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Ruth

Miller and her husband, Dale of Austin, and Donna Faulkner and her husband, Royce of Austin; nine grand-children; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday in Austin Memorial Park with Reverend Anne Hoey

## officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Scierosis, 3636 Executive Center Drive, Austin, Texas 78731.

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

> Obituary of Heloise Williamson Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, October 3, 1993

## CHARLES E. and TENNIE O'DELL (ca. 1940 - ca. 1942)

Charles Ed and Tennie O'Dell appear in the 1940 U.S. Census at 1900 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, a house they rented. Charles was then 25, had been born in Texas, and was a laboratory assistant for the State Highway Department. Tennie O'Dell was then 23, and had been born in Texas. She listed Abilene, Texas as her prior home. The couple had a lodger, Albert Cupp, a 24-year old Texas-born laboratory assistant at the State Highway Department, who had previously lived in Tyler, and Tennie's mother, Louisa Glasgow, a 50-year old widow who had previously lived in Abilene. She had no occupation listed. The 1930 U.S. Census reveals that Charles Edd O'Dell was the son of Jess and Jessie O'Dell, farmers in Denton County.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Daniel F. and Viola Smith as the renters of this house, but they do not appear in the city directory listings. Daniel Smith was a 38-year old Texas-born research chemist for the State Highway Department. Viola Smith was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a young son, Daniel James Smith, 8.

## WILLIAM and RUTH BROADHURST (ca. 1943 – ca. 1948)

The 1940 U.S. Census report shows William L. and Ruth Broadhurst living in a rented house in Plainview, Texas, where William was a field geologist for the State Board of Water Engineers. William Broadhurst was then 34 and had been born in Indiana; Ruth was 30 and had been born in Oklahoma. They had a daughter, Patricia Anne, 7, who had been born in Texas, and a niece, Jacqueline Daniel, 5, who had been born in Oklahoma.

## Ruth Breedhurst

Ruth Broadhurst departed to her heavenly home on March 29, 1997, at the age of 87.

She is preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters and her only child, Patricia Broadhurst Shooter.

She is survived by her four loving grandchildren, Paul Shooter and his wife Harriet, Vanessa Neil and her husband Warren, Mary Russell and her husband Mark, Kathy Hurta and her husband Jerry; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Ruth loved her family. She was ready to help any of them when necessary and never passed up an opportunity for an extended visit. She took special joy in seeing her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren growing up.

Ruth also loved her antiques. She was an antique dealer in Lubbock for most of her life. She never lost the joy of mostly buying and sometimes selling almost anything collectible. Due to her lifetime of experience with antiques she was also in demand as a certified appraiser. Her house was her shop and it was absolutely full of her beloved things.

Ruth was always feisty and very independent at heart. But the Lord knew that she needed rest and He finally called her home where she will join family members who have preceded her in eternal peace and joy.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 1997, with Reverend John Walters officiating. Burial next to her daughter in Austin Memorial Park, 2800 Hancock Drive.

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Obituary of Ruth Broadhurst Austin\_American-Statesman, March 30, 1997



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William L. (Bill) Broadhurst June 1, 1905 - Nov. 14, 2008 Age 103

Bill Broadhurst was born in Illinois while Teddy Roosevelt was president. His family soon moved to a farm in Oklahoma before it became a state. After earning a geology degree from OU in 1928, Bill began working in the oil business, but was laid off twice during the Great Depression. He returned to farming during the 1930s, but the dust bowl era made success difficulf. In 1936, he settled into a career as a hydrologist and administrator for the US Geological Survey and the High Plains Water District in Lubbock. After his retirement from the USGS in 1973, Bill did not slow down and started to farm again in the Texas panhandle. Bill was a widower by then, but at an annual picnic in his hometown of Tuttle, OK, he became reunited with Nina Breese, a childhood friend. Later, at age 77, he and Nina were married. They enjoyed the best time of their life together for the next 16 years. Nina passed away in 1998, but Bill continued in active retirement for another 10 years.

Bill's life was not only long, it was full. He possessed a rare intelligence and incredible memory. He was an articulate, resourceful and innovative leader, always looking ahead. When adversity loomed, he would move through it with his trademark positive attitude.

Bill was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Moore, OK, where he made many friends. At age 99, Bill trusted Christ as his Savior. He has now moved into eternity and resides with the Lord in his bright and joyful heavenly home.

Bill's daughter Patsy preceded him in death. He is survived by his grandchildren, Paul Shooter and wife Harriet, Vanessa Neil and husband Warren, Mary Russell and husband Mark, and Kathy Hurta, plus many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services are on Saturday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ireland Funeral Home in Moore, OK. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery near Tuttle, OK. Special thanks to the staff at Beckett Meadows Assisted Living Facility, and to Hospice Austin Christopher House.

Obituary of William L. Broadhurst Austin American-Statesman, November 20, 2008

#### JOSEPH P. and MILDRED McCLURE (ca. 1948 – ca. 1953)

Joseph and Mildred McClure appear in the 1940 U.S. Census in a rented apartment at 1210 ½ West Lynn Street in Austin. Joseph McClure was then 42, had been born in Indiana, and was a life insurance agent. Mildred McClure was also 42, and had been born in Indiana. They had lived in Longmont, Colorado in 1935. They had two sons, Stanton, 16, who had been born in Wyoming, and Judson, 6, who had been born in Colorado.

## Joseph Perry McClure

Joseph Perry McClure, 97, died April 6, 1995.

He was a native of Princeton, Indiana, graduate of Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana, and Colorado University, Boulder, Colorado. He spent several years with Bankers Life, California, and Western States and Franklin Life in Springfield, Illinois; spent several years teaching in Denver, Colorado, Lander, Wyoming, and Longmont, Colorado; several years teaching the children in Cuibie, Brazil, and was principal in church schools in Colorado and California.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Mildred W.; and by all six of his brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his sons, Stan I. McClure of Houston and Judson P. McClure and wife, Nancy of Peekskill, New York; grandsons, Frank P. Mc-Clure of Pasadena, Bill McClure, Ben McClure, and David P. McClure and wife, Sandra, all of Peekskill, New York; granddaughter, Marcia K. Dockendorf and husband, John of San Antonio; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, including Martha Smith and husband, Harry of Princeton, Indiana, Lillian Rice of Franklin, Indiana, Billie Lou Anderson of Indianapolis, Indiana, Elizabeth Wallace of Pueblo, Colorado, and Robert Byer and wife. Eunice of Mitchell, Indiana.

Services are pending with Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress, California.

Memorials may be sent to Bethany Baptist Church in Long Beach, 2250 Clark, Long Beach, California 90815, telephone (213) 597-2411.

Obituary of Joseph P. McClure Austin American-Statesman, April 9, 1995

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