

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 28, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0750  
1501 HILLMONT STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof, rock-veneered, frame house with a partial-width, hipped-roof entry porch on oversize plain, square, wood posts; metal-framed ribbon-style casement windows; the original garage has been enclosed.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1947-1948 by William Kutalek, who did not live here. The first owners and occupants of the house appear in the 1949 city directory: William Dieter, and his wife, Julia. William Dieter was a German-born mill superintendent for the Calcasieu Lumber Company. He and Julia lived here until around 1950. Roy and Ruth Krezdorn purchased the house at that time, and lived here until their deaths. Roy Krezdorn was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and obtained an engineering degree from the University of Texas. He worked as an engineer for the LCRA, and at the time he and Ruth purchased this house, he was an assistant professor of electrical engineering at the University of Texas. Around 1960, he established a consulting engineering firm, Texas Engineering Associates, with offices at 910 North Lamar Boulevard. By the mid-1960s, he had moved the offices of the firm to the house. He died in 1995; Ruth died in 2008.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

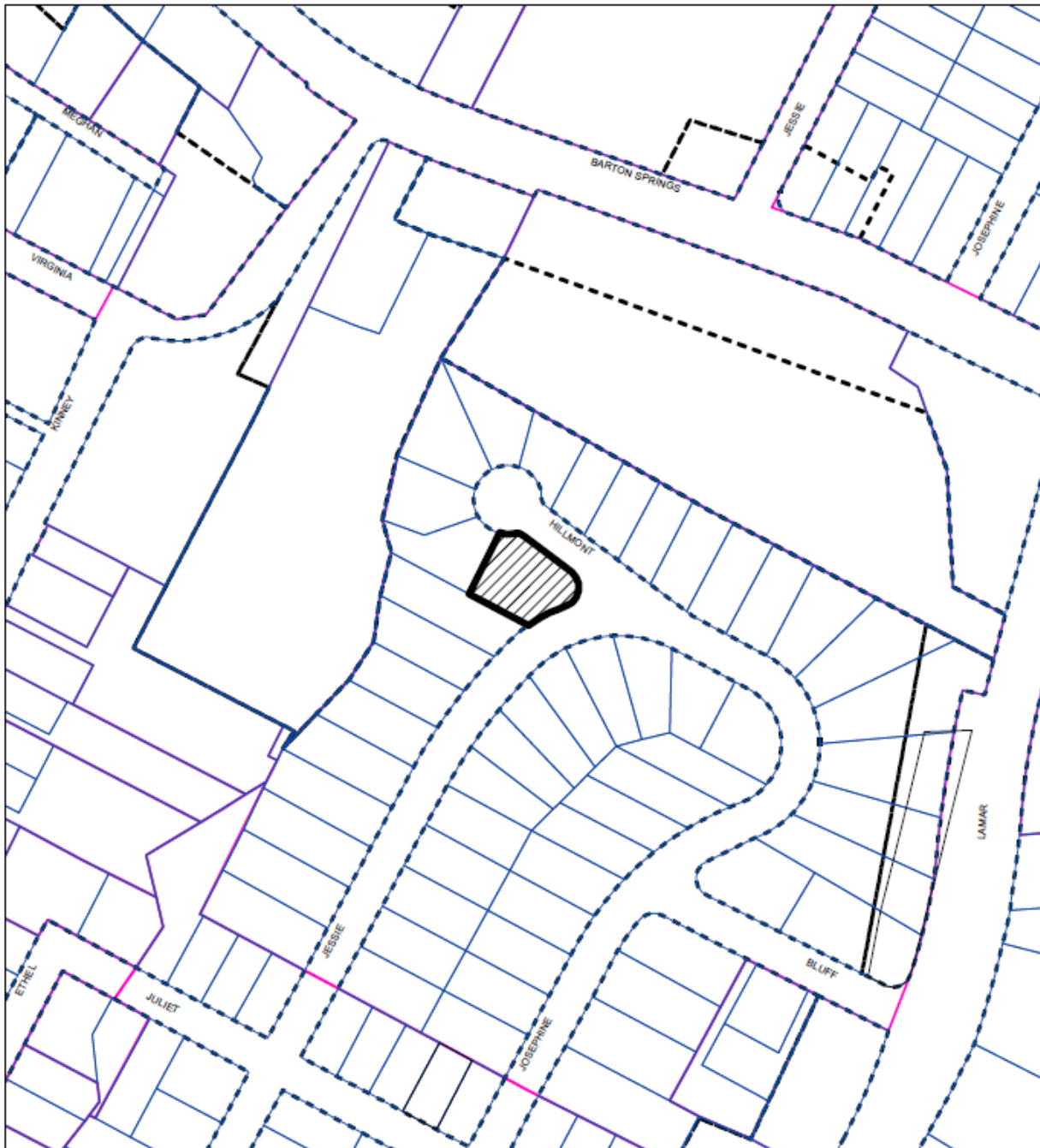
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has been significantly modified with the installation of the non-historic metal-framed ribbon windows and enclosure of the garage; it does not have sufficient historical nor architectural significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0750  
LOCATION: 1501 Hillmont Street



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1501 Hillmont Street  
ca. 1948





## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1501 Hillmont Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
September, 2013

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| 1992    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Retired  |
| 1985-86 | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Proprietor, Texas Engineering Associates, Inc. (office at the house)   |
| 1981    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Proprietor, Texas Engineering Associates, Inc. (office at the house)   |
| 1977    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Proprietor, Texas Engineering Associates, Inc. (office at the house)   |
| 1973    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Proprietor, Texas Engineering Associates, Inc. (office at the house)   |
| 1968    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Proprietor, Texas Engineering Associates, Inc. (office at the house)   |
| 1962    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>President, Texas Engineering Associates, consulting engineers, 910 N. Lamar Boulevard.   |
| 1959    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Assistant professor, University of Texas   |
| 1955    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Assistant professor, University of Texas   |
| 1952    | Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn, owners<br>Assistant professor, University of Texas<br>NOTE: William and Julia Dieter are listed at 501 Cater Drive; he was a department head at Calcasieu Lumber Company.  |
| 1949    | William and Julia Dieter, owners<br>Mill superintendent, Calcasieu Lumber Company, 301-11 W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street.<br>NOTE: Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn are listed at 1006 Milam Place; he was an assistant professor at the University of Texas. |
| 1947    | The address is not listed in the directory.<br>NOTE: William and Julia Dieter are listed at 901 W. 30 <sup>th</sup> Street. He was the mill superintendent for Calcasieu Lumber Company.  |

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

#### **William and Julia Dieter (ca. 1948 – ca. 1950)**

William and Julia Dieter appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 901 W. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, where they lived prior to purchasing this house. William Dieter was then 48, had been born in Germany, and was the superintendent of a lumber mill. Julia Dieter was then 46,

had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Frederick, 24, was a draftsman for an oil company; Juliet, 20, had no occupation listed.

### **Roy R. and Ruth M. Krezdorn (ca. 1950 – ca. 1995)**

Roy and Ruth Krezdorn appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of a house at 1607 Kenwood Avenue in Travis Heights. Roy Krezdorn was then 30, had been born in Louisiana, and was an engineer with the LCRA. Ruth Krezdorn was then 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them. In 1935, they had lived in Seguin, Texas.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **ROY R. KREZDORN**

Roy R. Krezdorn, retired professor of electrical engineering, died on February 10, 1995. He was 85.

Professor Krezdorn was born on January 30, 1910, in Shreveport, Louisiana. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1932. He earned his master's from The University of Texas at Austin in 1940.

Professor Krezdorn worked with the Texas Company in Louisiana. He served as chief electrical engineer with the Lower Colorado River Authority during the construction of three hydro-electric projects in the Hill Country. He also operated his own consulting company, Texas Engineering Associates, for 30 years.

Professor Krezdorn joined the faculty of the University in 1944, where he taught for 37 years. His academic specialization was electrical power and energy. He also served as assistant director of the Bureau of Engineering Research. In 1963 Professor Krezdorn was named a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

### **Memorial resolution for Roy Krezdorn by the University of Texas**



**Ruth (Fifi) Marie Krezdorn** Ruth M. Krezdorn, age 96 of Austin, died at home Friday, August 22, 2008, with her family by her side. She is survived by her two daughters, Sandra Olle and Fredricka (Riki) Krezdorn; grandchildren, Kim Ferraro, Leslie Belcher, Kelly Krezdorn and Amy Turcotte; four great-grandchildren. Ruth Krezdorn or, "Fifi" as she was fondly called by her family and friends, was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota and moved to Seguin, Texas, as a young girl when her father, William Kraushaar, became President of Texas Lutheran College. Fifi attended the University of Texas where she graduated Phi-Beta-Kappa, with a Bachelor's Degree in English. After graduation she taught English and Physical Education at Seguin High School until her marriage in 1935 to her husband of 60 years, Roy R. Krezdorn. Fifi moved to Austin with Roy in 1940 where she raised her two daughters, supported her husband's career as an electrical engineer and University of Texas Professor, and became active in many of Austin's cultural, societal and philanthropic organizations. Fifi was a past-President of the Women's Symphony League, past- President of the Junior Helping Hand now the Helping Hand Society, a 50-year member of the University (of Texas) Ladies' Club, and recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to community service, and for exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary of placing service above self. Although her contribution to society is notable, Fifi will undoubtedly be most remembered for her avid love of flowers, gardening and horticulture. Her beautiful greenhouse, full of rare tropical plants, was featured in many magazines and brought inspiration and joy to many. Fifi shared her flowers and her love for them in gardening shows, she researched and learned how to hybridize gesneriads, and joined several horticulturist clubs including the Gesneriad Society and the African Violet Society. Fifi was a loving mother, devoted wife, and warm and embracing grandmother. She carried herself with grace and style and inspired her family to follow her lead in living life to its fullest, using all of her God-given talents to serve others, and staying true to her moral and spiritual center. Fifi was the glue that kept her family together. She will be missed tremendously

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Rock veneer & frame res. with box gar  
35746 attached  
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Building permit to William Kutalek for the construction of the house (1947)