

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
AUGUST 25, 2014  
NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT PERMITS  
NRD-2014-0083  
2109 HARTFORD ROAD  
OLD WEST AUSTIN

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1938 house that is contributing to the Historic District.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, cross-gabled, brick house with a projecting front gable containing a smaller front-facing gable containing a round-arched doorway and battered walls; single and paired 6:6 and 8:8 fenestration; non-historic metal roof.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1938 by Patterson Tearl, a local real estate investor. The first owners and occupants were Hjalmar and Hulda Knape, who moved here from a house on San Antonio Street. Both Hjalmar and Hulda Knape were Swedish immigrants. Hjalmar Knape got into the printing business, and was publishing the Austin Dispatch newspaper and the Texas Posten, a Swedish-language paper, in addition to commercial printing jobs. He and Hulda lived here until around 1946. The house was then owned and occupied by Weldon W. and Lucille Darst for about 2 years – he was the chief switchman for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. By 1948, the house had been purchased by Thomas H. Lockhart and his new wife, Martha. Thomas Lockhart was a widower, who had started off in the home building business, then went into real estate and insurance. By the time he purchased his house, he was a real estate and insurance broker, with offices first at 911 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and later at 902 N. Lamar Boulevard. He lived here until around 1970. From then on, the house was owned and occupied by David R. and Rosario Baxter; Baxter was the editor of the magazine of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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, for archiving at the Austin History Center, and not until the Commission reviews the plans for any new construction on this site. While the house has some associations with Hjalmar Knape, who was a leader in Austin's Swedish community and the publisher of the city's Swedish-language newspaper, his house at 1402½ San Antonio Street, which still stands, had a much more significant association with his life and career, and would be the better candidate for landmark designation.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: NRD-2014-0083  
LOCATION: 2109 Hartford Road



1" = 166'

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2109 Hartford Road  
ca. 1938



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2109 Hartford Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
August, 2014

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| 1992    | David R. and Rosario Baxter, owners<br>Editor, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine  |
| 1985-86 | David R. and Rosario Baxter, owners<br>Editor, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine  |
| 1981    | David R. and Rosario Baxter, owners<br>Editor, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine  |
| 1977    | David R. and Rosario Baxter, owners<br>Head, news staff, State Department of Parks and Wildlife   |
| 1973    | David R. and Rosario Baxter, owners<br>Head, news staff, State Department of Parks and Wildlife   |
| 1968    | Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart, owners<br>Insurance, 902 N. Lamar Boulevard.<br>NOTE: David R. Baster is listed at 1725 E. 38 <sup>th</sup> Street; he was in the U.S. Army. |
| 1962    | Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart, owners   |

- Insurance, 902 N. Lamar Boulevard
- 1959 Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart, owners  
Insurance, 902 N. Lamar Boulevard
- 1955 Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart, owners  
Associate, Paul Pfeifer, real estate, 506 Littlefield Building.
- 1952 Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart, owners  
Real estate, 911 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1949 Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart, owners  
Insurance, 911 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1947 Weldon W. and Lucille Darst, owners  
Chief switchman, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
NOTE: Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart are not listed in the directory.
- 1944-45 Hjalmar T. and Hulda Knape, owners  
Proprietor (with W.T. Knape, Dallas, Texas), Knape Printing Company,  
commercial printers, 303 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1941 Hjalmar T. and Hulda Knape, owners  
Proprietor, Knape Printing Company, commercial printers, 303 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Hjalmar T. and Hulda Knape are listed at 1402½ San Antonio Street; he  
was the manager of Knape Printing Company, 103-05 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and  
publisher of the Austin Dispatch, 103-05 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Hjalmar T. and Hulda Knape (ca. 1939 – ca. 1946)**

Hjalmar and Hulda Knape appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$4,750. Hjalmar Knape was 62, had been born in Sweden, and was the owner of a printing plant. Hulda Knape was also 62, had been born in Sweden, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 lodgers: Cleo Key, 21, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed; he had lived in Eastland, Texas in 1935; and M. Bradford Gardner, 32, who had been born in Connecticut and was an English instructor at the University of Texas. He had lived in Hartford, Connecticut in 1935. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Hjalmar and Hulda Knape as the owners of the house at 500 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Hjalmar Knape was listed as a publisher and printer. They had a son, Wilbur, 19, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

**MRS. HULDA W. C. KNAPE**

Mrs. Hulda Wilhemina Carlson Knape, 74, died at her home, 1402 1-2 San Antonio Street, Tuesday.

She had been a resident of Austin the past 26 years and a member of the Methodist Church 25 years.

Survivors include her husband, Hjalmar Knape; a son, Wilbur T. Knape, Dallas.

The body is at the Wilke-Connelly Funeral Home and services await the arrival of out-of-town relatives and completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Hulda Knape  
Austin American, December 6, 1950

**MRS. HULDA W. C. KNAPE**

Funeral services for Mrs. Hulda Wilhelmina Carlson Knape will be held Friday at 9 a.m. at the Wilke-Donnelly Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin H. Vance of the First Methodist Church officiating.

The body will be taken to Brady for services and burial there at 3 p.m.

Pallbearers will be S. M. Ekdahl, A. B. Beddow, George Carlson, Gerald Knape, Preston Laws and R. R. Ridgeway. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Philquist, Harris Philquist, Will Hart, and W. R. Nabours.

Mrs. Knape, who died Tuesday, had been a resident of Austin for the past 46 years and a member of the First Methodist Church for the past 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, Hjalmar T. Knape of Austin and one son, Wilbur T. Knape of Dallas.

Funeral notice for Hulda Knape  
Austin American, December 7, 1950

# Knape Rites Scheduled For Sunday

Funeral services for H. T. Knape, 80, pioneer Austin publisher, will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. The Rev. Don Benton, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, will officiate.

Knape, one of the publishers of the Texas Posten, a Swedish language newspaper published here, and publisher of the former Austin Dispatch, died Friday night in a Fort Worth hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Brady Cemetery in Brady.

Knape's career in journalism began in 1897 when he went into partnership with two brothers, M. J. and Otto Knape, and a cousin, Carl Knape. The men became publishers of the Texas Posten a year after it started publication.

In 1932 Knape disposed of his Posten interest to his brother, Otto, and started publishing the Austin Dispatch. The Dispatch was published for seven successive years until it was sold to a Houston man in 1939. He changed the paper's name to the Austin Tribune.

The Texas Posten is still in operation, serving an estimated 8,000 Swedish readers in and around Austin. Knape's nephew, Gerald, is now publisher. He took over the newspaper's operation after 60 years of service.

Survivors include one son, Wilbur T. Knape of Dallas; and three brothers, M. J. Knape of Houston, Otto Knape of Austin and Fritz Knape of Sweden.

Honorary pallbearers will be stewards of the First Methodist Church, of which Knape was a member of the board.

Obituary of Hjalmar T. Knape  
Austin American-Statesman, May 26, 1957

**H. T. KNAPE**  
Funeral services for H. T. Knappe, 80, were held Sunday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Don Benton officiating. The body was taken to Brady where graveside services were held Sunday afternoon. Burial was in Brady Cemetery.

Funeral story on H.T. Knappe  
Austin American, May 27, 1957

**Thomas H. and Martha Lockhart (ca. 1948 – ca 1970)**

Thomas H. Lockhart appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owner of the house at 3908 Duval Street. He was a 60-year old Illinois-born widower who was the manager of an insurance and loan business. With him lived his 2 daughters: Josleen, a 29-year old divorcee who had been born in Cuba, and who had no occupation listed; and Frances, 24, who had been born in Kansas and was a saleslady in a department store. The 1930 U.S. Census shows that Thomas H. Lockhart had been married to a woman named Susie, who had been born in Missouri. The 1930 U.S. Census also shows Thomas H. Lockhart as a home builder.

**T. H. LOCKHART**

**T. H. Lockhart, 93, of 4643 Shoal Creek Blvd., died in a Temple Hospital Friday afternoon.**

He had been a resident of Austin since 1929 and a member of the Central Christian Church where he had been an Elder for many years. Lockhart was a member of the Austin Stamp Club and a veteran of the Spanish American War. He was past state Commander of Spanish American War Veterans and was appointed Brevet Brigadier General in the Texas National Guard. Lockhart was in the insurance business in Austin from 1929 to 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Martha Lockhart of Austin; four daughters, Josleen Lockhart, Frances Lockhart and Mrs. Sterling Sasser Jr., all of Austin and Mrs. Richard F. Miller of Angola, West Africa; a sister, Mrs. F. A. Fuller of Tyler; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral is pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Thomas H. Lockhart  
Austin American-Statesman, June 2, 1973

**T. H. LOCKHART**

Funeral for T. H. Lockhart, 93, of 4603 Shoal Creek Blvd., who died in a Temple hospital Friday, will be Sunday at 1 p. m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home, Dr. James Stoner and Dr. John Barclay officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers are Judge Roy Archer, Dr. L. C. Procter, Men's Bible Class, W. E. Simpson and Kenneth Robertson.

Active pallbearers will be Sterling Sasser, Sr., Dr. S. O. Baggett, Major Thomas White, Wallace Scott, Sr., Mel Miller and T. T. Smith.

Funeral notice for Thomas H. Lockhart  
Austin American-Statesman, June 3, 1973

Patterson Tearle 2109 Hartford Rd.

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Pease Estate # 2

Brick veneer residence - frame garage

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Building permit to Patterson Tearle for the construction of the house (1938)

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

No. **10659**

Received of **Pat Tearle** Date **July 8, 1938**

Address **2109 Hartford Rd**

Amount **Two and 50/100--** \$ **2.50**

Plumber **Brydson** Size of Tap **1/2"**

Date of Connection	<b>7/1/38</b>
Size of Tap Made	<b>1/2"</b>
Size Service Made	<b>1/2"</b>
Size Main Tapped	<b>2"</b>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<b>95"</b>
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<b>43'</b>
Location of Meter	<b>CURB</b>
Type of Box	<b>IRON</b>
Depth of Main in St.	<b>2'</b>
Depth of Service Line	<b>2'</b>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<b>29'</b>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	<b>5/8"</b>
Elbow	
St. Elbow	
1 Bushing	<b>1/2" x 1/2"</b>
1 Reducer	<b>1/2" to 1/4"</b>
30' Pipe	<b>3/4" COPPER</b>
1 Lead-Comp.	<b>3/4" COPPER</b>
Nipples	
1 Union	<b>1/2" to 1/2"</b>
Plug	
Tee	
1 Stop	<b>IRON</b>
1 Box	<b>IRON</b>
1 Lid	
1 Valve	<b>IRON</b>
Job No.	<b>16048</b>
Req. No.	<b>16048</b>

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Water service permit to Pat Tearle for this address (1938)

