

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0688
2005 SCENIC DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Partial demolition of a ca. 1947 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, raised river rock-veneered frame house with a battered river rock-veneered exterior chimney; metal-framed casement windows; several frame additions with metal-frame casement windows; wood deck and detached carport.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1947 by Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams. Fred F. Williams had worked in newspapers in his native South Carolina; he served in the Navy during World War II with Charles E. Green, the editor of the Austin American-Statesman, who got Williams and his wife to move to Austin in 1947 to work for the Statesman. Williams started as the Capitol Bureau correspondent for the paper; he was later the sports editor, and finally the City Editor. Ill health forced him to retire in 1967, and he went on to become the editor of the Texas Restaurant Association's magazine until his full retirement in 1980. He passed away in 1992.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

The applicant proposes the demolition of all of the frame additions, the stone patio, deck, and detached carport, leaving all of the river rock-veneered front walls in place. The basic configuration of the original part of the house will remain intact, with the river rock-veneered walls being the principal architectural feature of this house. The frame additions (some built in 1947) are to the rear and to the side of the house; the stone patio and deck and attached carport are to the north (left) side of the house. The owner proposes to extend the master bedroom and construct an attached garage to the house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0688
LOCATION: 2005 Scenic Drive

1" = 244'

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2005 Scenic Drive
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2005 Scenic Drive

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

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| 1992 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Retired |
| 1985-86 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Retired |
| 1981 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Editor, Texas Restaurant Association, 2401 S. Interregional Highway. |
| 1977 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Editor, Texas Restaurant Association, 2401 S. Interregional Highway. |
| 1973 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Editor, Texas Restaurant Association, 2401 S. Interregional Highway. |
| 1968 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Public relations director, Texas Restaurant Association, 2708 N. Interregional Highway. |
| 1962 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
City editor, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u> newspaper. |
| 1959 | Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Editor, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u> newspaper. |

- 1955 Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
City editor, Austin American-Statesman newspaper.
- 1952 Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Sports editor, Austin American-Statesman newspaper.
- 1949 Fred F. and Margaret R. Williams, owners
Capitol Bureau correspondent, Austin American-Statesman newspaper.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Fred R. and Margaret R. Williams are not listed in the directory.

Ex-'Statesman' editor dies of stroke at 75

Williams worked on city, sports desks

By Enrique J. Gonzales
American-Statesman Staff

Frederick Francis Williams, former city editor and sports editor of the *Austin American* and *Austin Statesman*, died Friday after suffering a stroke. He was 75.

Williams, known as Fred by his friends and colleagues, grew up in Easley, S.C., a town of about 2,000.

His wife, Margaret Rollins Williams, said all he ever wanted to be was a newspaper person. In high school, he worked part-time at the *Easley Progress* and dreamed of working in newspapers.

"He was just a very good writer," she said. "He read all the time. That's what he wanted to be."

After graduating from high school in 1934, he went to the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C., to study journalism. While he worked toward his degree, he worked part-time on the *Columbia Record*.

He graduated in 1938 and began working full-time at the *Columbia Record* as a sports writer.

On June 11, 1940, he and Margaret Rollins were married. The couple met while attending the University of South Carolina. She graduated with a degree in journalism in 1939.

Williams then landed a job in Atlanta as southern sports editor for the United Press, the forerunner of United Press International. There, he worked with David Brinkley, now a news commentator with ABC News.

After Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Williams signed up to join the Navy. In the summer of 1942, he began as an ensign in the Navy and was sent to Harvard University for a three-month crash course

in being an officer, his wife said.

During the war, he served in the Naval Air Transport Service in Hawaii. He left the Navy in November 1945 at the rank of lieutenant senior grade.

After the war, the Williamses returned to South Carolina, where he owned and ran a weekly newspaper called the *Timmonsville Times* in Florence County.

In 1947, the executive editor of the *Austin American* and *Austin Statesman*, Charles E. Green, invited Williams to work in Austin. Green and Williams had been Navy colleagues, his wife said.

He began as a reporter on the city desk, working on a variety of beats to learn the city. He became sports editor in 1948, and in 1951 he became city editor of the morning *Austin American* and afternoon *Austin Statesman*. He left the newspaper in 1967 after suffering health problems, his wife said.

From 1967 to 1980, Williams worked as editor of the trade magazine of the Texas Restaurant Association. He retired in 1980 because of health problems.

In his later years, he tended to his health. As a hobby, he grew flowers.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

In addition to his wife, Williams is survived by his son Frederick "Rick" Francis Williams Jr. of Garland; daughter Betsy Williams of Denver, Colo.; daughter Louisa Williams of Seattle; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the chapel of Weed-Corley Funeral Home Ltd. at 3125 N. Lamar Blvd.. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery at Hancock Drive and Bull Creek Road.

Obituary of Fred F. Williams
Austin American-Statesman, July 18, 1992

Fred Williams 2005 Scenic Drive
 West 1/2 of
 165 3&4 5 - -

Laurel Heights

Rock and frame addn. to rear of res.
 35900
 12-1-47 \$2000.00

P. B. Teeples

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Building permit to Fred Williams for a rear addition (1947)

OWNER Fred F. Williams ADDRESS 2005 Scenic Drive
 PLAT 165 LOT N. part BLK. 5 DIV
 lot 3&4
 SUBDIVISION Laurel Heights
 OCCUPANCY Frame addn. to residence
 BLD PERMIT # 86765 DATE 2/7/65 OWNERS ESTIMATE 500.00
 CONTRACTOR Texas Lumber Company NO. OF FIXTURES -
 WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #
 SCREENED IN PORCH
 Permit #141756 - 4.8/74 - Living area - 70 sq. ft.
 extend existing residence. Est. cost \$1,000.00
 R.T.Davis, Contractor

Building permit to Fred Williams for a frame addition (1963) and a screened-in porch (1974)