

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JUNE 27, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0405  
2101 PECOS STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, U-plan frame house with a central, recessed porch area; limestone wainscoting; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built by Robert R. and Ernestine Bridges in 1950. Robert R. Bridges was the son of a feed salesman from St. Louis, and grew up in Fort Worth. He attended school in Austin, and established the Bridges Farm and Ranch Supply in the 300 block of Neches Street, where he sold stock and poultry feeds, farm tools, and supplies. The business was not listed in the city directories of the mid- to late 1960s; he and Ernestine moved out of this house around 1972, and it was purchased by Professor Gerard Rohlich of the University of Texas.

Dr. Gerard Rohlich was born in Brooklyn, New York and was educated at Cooper Union and the University of Wisconsin. He taught at Carnegie-Mellon then the University of Wisconsin, before moving to Austin to teach civil engineering at the University of Texas in 1972. He was an “internationally-known authority on natural ecosystems” and developed studies in industrial wastes, lake and stream pollution, and oil-water separation at Wisconsin. At UT, he was a professor in environmental engineering as well as teaching in the LBJ School of Public Affairs. He retired from UT in 1980 but continued teaching one class each semester until just before his death in 1983.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then 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, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

## NOTIFICATIONS

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2101 PECOS STREET

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2101 Pecos Street  
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
2101 Pecos Street

From City Directories, Austin History Center  
Prepared by the City Historic Preservation Office  
April, 2016

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| 1992    | Gerard A. and Mary E. Rohlich, owners<br>Gerard: Professor, University of Texas<br>Mary: Tax examiner, IRS  |
| 1985-85 | Gerard A. and Mary E. Rohlich, owners<br>Professor, University of Texas   |
| 1981    | Gerard A. and Mary E. Rohlich, owners<br>Professor, University of Texas<br>Also listed is James W. Rohlich, a student at the University of Texas                                |
| 1977    | Gerard A. and Mary E. Rohlich, owners<br>Professor, University of Texas<br>Also listed are John Rohlich and Richard Rohlich, both students.                                     |
| 1973    | Gerard A. and Mary E. Rohlich, owners<br>Professor, University of Texas<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Gerard A. and Mary E. Rohlich were new residents at this address. |

- 1968 Robert R. and Ernestine Bridges, owners  
President, Bridges Farm and Ranch Supply (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory).  
NOTE: Gerard and Mary E. Rohlich are not listed in the directory.
- 1962 Robert R. and Ernestine Bridges, owners  
President, Bridges Farm and Ranch Supply (not listed in the alphabetical section of the directory).
- 1959 Robert R. and Ernestine Bridges, owners  
President, Bridges Farm and Ranch Supply, 307 Neches Street.
- 1955 Robert R. and Ernestine Bridges, owners  
President, Bridges Farm and Ranch Supply, stock and poultry feeds, farm tools and supplies, 307 Neches Street.
- 1952 Robert R. and Ernestine Bridges, owners  
President, Bridges Farm and Ranch Supply, stock and poultry feeds, farm tools and supplies, 307 Neches Street.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Robert R. and Ernestine A. Bridges are listed at 3209 Liberty Street; he was the proprietor of Bridges Farm and Ranch Supply, stock and poultry feeds, farm tools and supplies, 307 Neches Street. Robert and Ernestine Bridges were living at 3701 Kerbey Lane in 1947; his business and business address were the same as shown in the 1949 directory.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### **Robert R. and Ernestine Bridges (ca. 1950 – ca. 1970)**

Robert R. Bridges appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for Fort Worth, Texas as the 18-year old son of Robert W. and Mary Elizabeth Bridges, who owned their home. Robert W. Bridges was 44, had been born in Missouri, and was the sales manager for a feed mill. Mary Elizabeth Bridges was 44, had been born in Missouri. Robert R. Bridges had been born in Missouri and had no occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows that Bridges family living in St. Louis, Missouri, where Robert W. Bridges was a salesman for Purina mills.

### **Gerard and Mary Rohlich (ca. 1970 –. )**

#### **IN MEMORIAM GERARD A. ROHLICH**

Gerard A. Rohlich, retired professor of civil engineering and public affairs, died on September 16, 1983. He was 73.

Professor Rohlich was born on July 8, 1910, in Brooklyn, New York. He earned a bachelor's degree from Cooper Union School of Engineering in 1934. He received three degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, a bachelor's in 1936, a master's in 1937, and a PhD in 1940.

Dr. Rohlich taught at the Carnegie Institute of Technology. During World War II, he worked with the War Department's engineering office in Washington, D.C. Following the war, Professor Rohlich was briefly associated with the ESNA Corporation. In 1946 he embarked on a long career at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Professor Rohlich was an internationally known authority on natural ecosystems. His expertise included industrial wastes, water supply problems, and lake and stream pollution. He carried out research that resulted in ground-breaking concepts for oil-water separation, sludge digestion, eutrophication of surface waters, and activated sludge wastewater treatment. Professor Rohlich helped draft one of the country's first laws to protect the aquatic environment, the Wisconsin Water Resources Act.

Professor Rohlich joined The University of Texas at Austin in 1972 as C. W. Cook Professor of Environmental Engineering and professor in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. He officially retired from the University in 1980, but then taught one course each semester in civil engineering and public affairs until 1983.

Professor Rohlich was recognized by numerous organizations. He was awarded the Gordon Maskew Fair Medal and the Harrison Prescott Eddy Medal from the Water Pollution Control Federation. He also earned the Fuller Award from the American Water Works Association and the Karl Emil Hilgard Hydraulic Prize from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Dr. Rohlich was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1970, and he chaired the joint National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Engineering Committee on the Potomac Estuary. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Science Advisory Board of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A special tribute, "Gerard A. 'Gerry' Rohlich, Scholar, Professional Engineer, Gentleman," was published in April 1999 in *Environmental Engineer*, a publication of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers.

Professor Rohlich was survived by his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Murphy, and their ten children.

<signed>

John R. Durbin, Secretary  
The General Faculty

R. R. Bridges 2101 Pecos Street  
164 96 and 97

Tarrytown #4

Frame residence and garage attached.

42865 1-4-50

\$14,000.00

W. P. Woods

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Building permit to Robert R. Bridges for the construction of this house (1950)

Send, 164 + 143

### WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Received of R. R. BRIDGES No. 5009  
Address 2101 PECOS ST. Date 1-18-50  
Amount TWENTY & NO/100 \$ 20.00  
Plumber R. W. GISSSELL Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection	<u>1-18-50</u>	No. Fittings	Size
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4"</u>	1 Curb Cock	<u>5/8"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4"</u>	1 Elbow	<u>3/4" Copp.</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>	1 Street Elbow	<u>3/4" SUCR</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7.5'</u>	1 Drilling	<u>3/4" COPP</u>
From W- Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>43'</u>	1 Reducer	<u>4-3/4" COPP</u>
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>	36 Pipe	<u>4-3/4" COPP</u>
Type of Box	<u>WOOD</u>	Lead Comp.	
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>	Nipples	
Depth of Service Line	<u>2.5'</u>	Union	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>34'</u>	Plug	<u>1 Tee</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>FEB 13 1950 RB</u>	Box	<u>1 Box</u>
		Lid	<u>1 Lid</u>
		Valves	<u>1 Valve</u>
		Job No.	<u>W-323-502</u>
		P-T No.	<u>2101</u>

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Water service permit to Robert R. Bridges for this house (1950)



Receipt No.

13379

Application for Sewer Connection

No.

42036

Austin, Texas,

1-16-1950

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by

R.R. Bridges at 2101 Pecos Street,

further described as Lot 96 &amp; 97 Block — Outlot — Division

subdivision Tarrytown #4 Plat 164 which is to be used as a Residence

In this place there are to be installed 10 fixtures.

Plumbing Permit No.

37411

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line

3'-

Connected

43'- Ed W L L

(Location)

Date

2-27-50

By

Searcy

NOTE: Connection Instruction

Main 12.5' 14' B.R. Rock

Respectfully,

J. J. Schindler

Sewer connection application by Robert R. Bridges for this house (1950)

Robert R. Bridges

2101 Pecos St.

164

96 &amp; 97

Tarrytown #4

Detached CP and Storage

66358

4/19/57

650.00

owner

none

Building permit to Robert R. Bridges for the construction of a detached carport (1957)