

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0523
4005 BALCONES DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch; exterior stone chimney; integral garage. It appears that many of the windows in the house have been recently replaced.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1953 by Joe and Eleanore Rude, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Joe Rude was the chief radiologist at Brackenridge Hospital. He studied at UTMB in Galveston and served as a radiologist for Bergstrom Air Force Base and the Austin State Hospital. Eleanore Rude was born in Germany but grew up in New York City, where she worked in the radiology department of a hospital – that is where she met and married Joe Rude. The family moved to Austin in 1953.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, 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.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 134'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0523
 LOCATION: 4005 Balcones Drive

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4005 Balcones Drive
ca. 1953





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4005 Balcones Drive

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
July, 2016

1992	Elenore W. Rude, owner Retired
	Robert J. Buell, renter Student
1985-86	Mrs. Joe C. Rude, renter Retired
1981	Elenore W. Rude, owner Retired
1977	Elenore W. Rude, owner Widow, Joe C. Rude No occupation listed
1973	Joe C. and Elenore Rude, owners Physician, Brackenridge Hospital
1968	Joe C. and Elenore Rude, owners Physician, Brackenridge Hospital
1965	Joe C. and Elenore Rude, owners Radiologist, Brackenridge Hospital Also listed is Joe C. Rude, III, a student.
1962	Joe C. and Elenore Rude, owners Radiologist, Brackenridge Hospital
1959	Joe C. and Elenore Rude, owners Radiologist, Brackenridge Hospital Also listed are Elizabeth C. Rude and Franklin J. Rude; neither had an occupation shown.
1955	Joe C. and Elenore Rude, owners Physician, Brackenridge Hospital Also listed is Elenora J. Rude, a student.
1954	Joe C. and Eleanore Rude, owners Radiologist
1953	The street is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Joe C. and Eleanor Rude are listed at 1300 San Antonio Street; he was a radiologist at Brackenridge Hospital.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Joseph C. (Joe) Rude as the 24-year old son of Joseph C. and Ella Rude of Jester, Greer County, Oklahoma. Joseph C. Rude was born in Oklahoma and had no occupation listed. His father, Joseph C. Rude, 67, had been born in Texas and was a farmer who owned his own farm. Joe had an older brother, Isaac, 28, who had been born in Oklahoma and worked on the family farm.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Joe C. Rude as a patient at the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas. He was 35, had been born in Oklahoma, and was a doctor in private practice. He had lived in Dallas, Texas in 1935.

Joe C. Rude 's 1974 death certificate shows that he was born in 1905 in Granite, Oklahoma, and was a radiologist. He was living at this house at the time of his death.

Brack Radiologist Joe Rude Dies

Joe C. Rude II, 4005 Balcones, chief radiologist at Brackenridge Hospital, died Monday.

Serving at Brackenridge for over 20 years, Rude also headed radiology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and served as consultant radiologist to Bergstrom Air Force Base and the Austin State Hospital. He also was named national consultant to the Surgeon General.

Rude also was a Diplomate of the American Board of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, Fellow, American College of Radiology, member of the Aerospace Medical Association and ~~the American~~ and Texas Medical Associations.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eleanore Wallenfels Rude of Austin; two sons, Franklin Joe Rude, M.D., of Kingsport, Tenn. and Joe Christopher Rude III, M.D., of

Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. Walter F. Buell of San Antonio and Mrs. Lynwood Kreneck of Lubbock; a sister, Lilly Cross of Mangum, Okla.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

News story on the death of Joe Rude
Austin American-Statesman, September 9, 1974

RUDE, Joe C., M.D., 68, of 4005 Balcones Dr., died Monday. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Joe C. Rude of Austin; sons, Franklin Joe Rude, M.D. of Kingsport, Tenn. and Joe Christopher Rude III, M.D. of Atlanta, Ga.; daughters, Mrs. Walter F. Buell of San Antonio and Mrs. Lynwood Kreneck of Lubbock; sister, Lilly Cross of Mangum, Okla.; and eight grandchildren.

Obituary of Joe Rude
Austin American-Statesman, September 9, 1974



Eleonore Wallenfels Rude

Eleonore Wallenfels Rude, 101, went to be with the Lord on December 5, 2007. She was born in Marburg, Germany on April 23, 1906.

Eleonore was one of five children that Elisabeth and Hermann Wallenfels raised in Germany during World War I. Immigrating in 1927 to New York City at nineteen, she learned English by babysitting and working as a seamstress before being admitted to Lenox Hill Hospital Nursing School. She then worked as a Registered Nurse at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York and met her future husband Dr. Joe C. Rude while taking care of Radiology patients.

They married in the Dutch Re-form Church in Brooklyn, New York. Following their marriage, they moved often following the CCC camps across the nation during the Depression. Then World War II brought about many more unsettling moves including a desperate escape to Italy from Germany and back to America by Eleonore and two young children in 1939. The young family finally settled in Austin, Texas in 1953 after stops in North Carolina, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Galveston, Texas. She lived in Austin, where she was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, until death reunited her with her beloved husband Joe who passed away in 1974.

Eleonore Wallenfels Rude is survived by her daughter Eleanor Kreneck and her husband, Lynwood, of Lubbock, Texas; her son Franklin Rude, M.D., and his wife, Phillis, of Nacogdoches, Texas; her daughter Elizabeth Buell and her husband, Walter, M.D., of Austin, Texas; and her son Joe C. Rude III, M.D., and his wife Carolyn, of Atlanta, Georgia. Eleonore also was survived by 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service following at 6:00 p.m. Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 10, 2007 at Austin Memorial Park on Hancock. (512) 453-2320.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to American Heart Association or Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Austin.

Obituary of Eleonore Rude
Austin American-Statesman, December 7, 2007

W. L. B. E. good

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

D No 8864
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Received of MRS. JOE R. RUDE Date 8-11-53

Address 4005 BALCONES DRIVE

Amount THIRTY 4 NO/100 370.00

Plumber G. B. BARNHART Size of Tap 1"

Date of Connection 7-10-53

Size of Tap Made 1"

Size Service Made 1"

Size Main Tapped 8" C.T.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6.5'

From N. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 1.5'

Location of Meter Front

Type of Box Tack

Depth of Main in St. 2

Depth of Service Line over main

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main over main

From Eng. Dept.

No.	Fittings	Size
	Curb Cock	
	Elbow	
	St. Elbow	
	Bushing	
	Reducer	
	Pipe	
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
	Tee	
	Stop	
	Box	
	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No.	
	Req. No.	

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Water service permit to Elenore Rude (1953)

Austin, Texas

Perm II

Received of J. B. Myler Date 6-14-55
Address 4005 Balcones Dr.
Amount _____ \$ _____
Builder or Owner J. E. Pude Plumber _____
Lot J. C. Pude Tr. Block Subdivision _____ Plat No. _____

Date of Connection 5-25-55
By City 3' W/ELL
By Plumber _____
Checked By Searcy
Size Main 8" Depth _____
Main Assign. 14.5' N/SPL
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line 2'
Stub Location _____
Book No. A-3570
Paving Cut _____ No. _____

No.	Fittings	Size	Price
15'	Pipe	6" Conc.	3.30
	Pipe		
	Wyes		
1	Bends		1.10
	Reducers		
	Plugs		
	Sand		
	Gravel		
	Remix		
	Stoppers		
1 hr.	excavator truck		.50
1	Other Tap		.75
6 hrs	comp 1 ham		3.00
	Labor: 20 hrs		24.60
	1 hr		1.90
			35.15

Sanitary sewer service permit for this address (1955)