

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 24, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-674  
2809 BRIDLE PATH**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, irregular-plan, hipped-and gabled-roofed stone-veneer frame cottage with a round-arched entry; single and paired 1:1 fenestration with 3:1 wood screens.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built around 1936; the first owners and occupants were Stanley and Ruth Lounsbury, who lived here until around 1943, when they moved to a house on Palma Plaza. While living in this house, Stanley Lounsbury was a salesman; the 1940 Census and his obituary show that he was the state distributor of automatic voting machines; after moving from this house, during World War II, he was the area rent director for the Office of Price Administration.

The house was a rental property until the mid-1950s, when Mrs. Wesley Swartz, a saleswoman at T.H. Williams & Company, a women's department store on Congress Avenue, is listed as the owner. She lived here until around 1958; since that time, the house has been a rental property with tenants including a salesman, a photographer, and students.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.





**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. While the house is a very good example of vernacular stone-veneered houses in West Austin, it lacks the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**  
CASE#: HDP-2016-0674  
2809 BRIDLE PATH



1" = 208'

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2809 Bridle Path  
ca. 1936



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2809 Bridle Path

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

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| 1992    | A: Lisa J. Dodson, renter<br>Artist<br>B: No return   |
| 1985-86 | Vacant  |
| 1981    | No return   |
| 1977    | No return   |
| 1973    | Royal Hurrington, renter<br>Student<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Royal Hurrington was a new resident at this address.  |
| 1968    | James C., Jr. and Ann Bones, renters<br>Photographer  |
| 1965    | Robert F. Earhart, renter<br>Student  |
| 1962    | Vacant  |
| 1959    | Walter L. and Ann Bent, renters<br>Salesman, Lone Star Photo Service, 2040 S. Lamar Boulevard.  |
| 1955    | Mrs. Wesley Swartz, owner<br>Saleswoman, T.H. Williams & Company, Austin's Exclusive Ladies' Department Store, 500 Congress Avenue and 2709-11 Exposition Boulevard.  |
| 1952    | Vacant  |
| 1949    | Ray L. and Mildred Morrison, renters<br>Salesman, J.C. Penney's, department store, 513-15 Congress Avenue.  |
| 1947    | Myron D. and Blanche K. Britt, renters<br>Salesman, National Gypsum (no listing in the alphabetical section of the directory).  |
| 1944-45 | Vacant<br>NOTE: Stanley H. and Ruth W. Lounsbury are listed at 1709 Palma Plaza; he was the area rent director for the Office of Price Administration. Also listed was Stanley H. Lounsbury, Jr., an agent for the American National Insurance Company. |
| 1941    | Stanley H. and Ruth Lounsbury, owners<br>Salesman   |

Also listed are Frances A. Lounsbury, a student; and Stanley H. Lounsbury, Jr., no occupation shown.

- 1939 Stanley H. and Ruth Lounsbury, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1937 Stanley H. and Ruth Lounsbury, owners  
Traveling salesman  
Also listed is Frances Lounsbury, no occupation shown.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Stanley and Ruth Lounsbury are listed at 11 Palma Plaza; he was a salesman.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Stanley and Ruth Lounsbury (ca. 1936 – ca. 1943)**

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Stanley H. Lounsbury as the 34-year old son of Steven and Sarah A. Lounsbury (spelled Lownsberry in the census report) of Jamestown, New York. Stanley H. Lounsbury had been born in Pennsylvania, and was a salesman. He was single.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Stanley H. and Ruth Lounsbury as the renters of this house (which has an address of 2807 Bridle Path). Stanley Lounsbury was 55, had been born in Pennsylvania, and as the state distributor for automatic voting machines. Ruth Lounsbury was 46, had been born in New York, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Frances, 21; and Brad, 18. Both had been born in New York and neither had an occupation listed.

Ruth Lounsbury's 1955 death certificate shows that she was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1891, and was a housewife. She was living at 1709 Palma Plaza at the time of her death.

Stanley Lounsbury's 1967 death certificate shows that he was born in 1885 in Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, and was living in Precinct 5 of Travis County at the time of his death. He was a sales representative and had served in World War I.

**MRS. RUTH W. LOUNSBURY**

Mrs. Ruth W. Lounsbury died at a local hospital Monday afternoon. She is survived by her husband, Stanley H. Lounsbury Sr. of Austin; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Evans of Las Piedra, Venezuela, a son, Stanley H. Lounsbury Jr. of Burnet; and three grandchildren. Mrs. Lounsbury, a resident of Austin 24 years, lived at 1709 Palma Plaza.

Funeral services will be held from the Cook Funeral Home Wednesday at 10 a.m. with Dr. Frederick E. Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Ruth Lounsbury  
Austin American, February 15, 1955

**STANLEY H. LOUNSBURY**

Stanley Harvey Lounsbury, 82, died in a local hospital Saturday. A resident of Austin for 35 years, he was a veteran of World War I, and was Regional Rent Director for O.P.A. during World War II. Before his retirement he was a sales representative for Automatic Voting Machine Corp.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Frances Evans, Karachi, Pakistan; son, Stanley H. Lounsbury, Jr., Austin; brother, Herman Lounsbury, Ossining, N. Y.; grandson, Roger Evans, Austin; two granddaughters, Miss Sharon Evans, Austin, and Mrs. Sandra Dunlap, Tallahassee, Fla.

Funeral will be Sunday at 3 p.m. from Cook Funeral Home with Rev. A. D. Eberhart officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Paul Farris, Carl Schultz, Charlie Barfield, Bill Helwig, Gordon Wallace, and Jimmy Fields.

Obituary of Stanley H. Lounsbury  
Austin American-Statesman, September 3, 1967

**STANLEY H. LOUNSBURY**

Funeral for Stanley Harvey Lounsbury, was held Sunday from the Cook Funeral Home with Rev. A. D. Eberhart officiating. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Paul Farris, Carl Schultz, Charlie Barfield, Bill Helwig, Gordon Wallace, and Jimmy Fields.

Honorary pallbearers were E. M. DeGeurin and Bill Logan.

Funeral story for Stanley Lounsbury  
Austin American-Statesman, September 4, 1967