

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 21, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0807  
1808 TREADWELL STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1954 house designed and built by A.D. Stenger.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, L-plan stone-veneered frame house with a flared stone wall as the street-facing feature of the projecting gable; the carport was added to the house in 1962. The house exhibits several tenets of mid-century Modern design, including the extensive use of native materials in the stonework on the house, a long, low composition, and the flared stone wall on the street-facing projecting bay is typical of the non-traditional angles and lines which distinguish mid-century Modern architecture. Even the carport, built in 1962, reflects mid-century Modern design principles in its angled support poles.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was designed and built by local architect A.D. Stenger in 1954; Stenger was a master of the mid-century Modern style in Austin. The first owners and occupants were Frederick J. Knorre, Jr. and his wife, Evelyn, who lived here until around 1960. Frederick J. Knorre, Jr. was in the U.S. Air Force. He and Evelyn moved to Great Falls, Montana after leaving this house. The house was rented by Miguel and Gloria Enguidanos in the early 1960s; Miguel Enguidanos was a professor of Spanish at the University of Texas.

From the mid-1960s until very recently, the house was owned and occupied by James R. "Jim" Rudolph and his wife, Marjorie. Jim Rudolph was a professional athlete in his younger days, and had been the starting pitcher for the Milwaukee Braves in the 1940s. While living in this house, he was a credit investigator for the Retail Credit Bureau on Guadalupe Street, and later for Unifac, a national credit reporting agency. Marjorie Rudolph died in 2002; Jim Rudolph died in February, 2016.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is not listed in any City survey to date.




**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Postpone to December 19, 2016 to fully explore alternatives to demolition. A.D. Stenger houses are extremely important to the architectural history of Austin, and there are a fixed number of them remaining in the city limits. This house appears to be intact in its original design, and in good condition, and every effort should be made to preserve this Stenger house rather than demolish it. If the Commission does not vote to postpone the case, then staff recommends initiation of a historic zoning case. Staff cannot recommend release of the permit, but if the Commission votes to do so, then staff recommends 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" = 141'

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0807  
LOCATION: 1808 Treadwell

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1808 Treadwell Street  
ca. 1954



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1808 Treadwell Street

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

1992	James R. and Marjorie Rudolph, owners Investigator, Unifac (not listed in the directory)
1985-86	James R. and Marjorie J. Rudolph, owners Investigator, Unifac (not listed in the directory)
1981	James R. and Marjorie J. Rudolph, owners Investigator, Unifac (not listed in the directory)
1977	James R. and Marjorie J. Rudolph, owners Investigator, Unifac (not listed in the directory)
1973	James R. and Marjorie J. Rudolph, owners Investigator, Retail Credit Bureau, 1512 Guadalupe Street.
1968	James R. and Marjorie J. Rudolph, owners Investigator, Retail Credit Bureau, 1512 Guadalupe Street.
1965	Vacant

NOTE: James R. and Marjorie J. Rudolph are listed at 1815 Margaret Street; he was an investigator for the Retail Credit Bureau, 1512 Guadalupe Street.

- 1962 Miguel and Gloria Enguidanos, renters  
Professor, University of Texas  
NOTE: Miguel Enguidanos was a professor Spanish and Portuguese. He later went on to Vanderbilt University, where he taught from 1984 to 1986, when he passed away.
- 1959 Frederick J., Jr. and Evelyn Knorre, owners  
U.S. Air Force  
Also listed is Frederick J. Knorre, III, a student.  
NOTE: Frederick J. and Evelyn Knorre do not appear in Austin city directories after 1959. They are listed in the 1959 city directory for Great Falls, Montana – Frederick J. Knorre, Jr. was in the U.S. Air Force. Evelyn Knorre died in Missoula, Montana in 2011.
- 1955 Frederick J., Jr. and Evelyn Knorre, owners  
U.S. Air Force
- 1954 The house is listed as being under construction.  
NOTE: Frederick J. Knorre, Jr is not listed in the directory.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

James R. and Marjorie J. Rudolph (ca. 1966 – ca. 2016)

## **Marjorie Rudolph**

Marjorie Rudolph, age 69, lifetime resident of Austin, died Monday, April 1, 2002, after a long-term illness.

Marjorie is survived by her loving husband, James R. Rudolph to whom she was affectionately known as "My Little Lady". Also surviving her are their three children, Lee Rudolph, Charles Rudolph and Randy Rudolph; four grandchildren, Allen, Brandy, Christine, and Grace Eva; and her mother, Josephine Blanton.

She was deeply loved and cherished by her family. We miss her.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2002, at Harrell Funeral Home.

**Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home (Austin) 512 443-1366.**

Obituary of Marjorie Rudolph  
Austin American-Statesman, April 3, 2002

## **James R. "Jim" RUDOLPH**



James "Jim" R. Rudolph, age 87, died peacefully at home on Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Jim played at a professional level the sports of baseball, basketball, and football. He was most proud of being the starting pitcher for Milwaukee Braves in the 1940's. Jim served 4 years in the Air Force during the late 40's and early 50's. He was an avid fisherman and President of Austin Bass Club in the 60's and 70's, winning many local and State tournaments. After retirement, he enjoyed tree trimming and woodworking.

Jim married the love of his life, Marjorie, who preceded him in death. He is survived by a son, four grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Harrell Funeral

Home in Austin, TX. Graveside services will follow at 12:00 Noon at Forest Oaks Memorial Park in Austin, TX.

I will miss you Pop!

Obituary of James R. Rudolph  
Austin American-Statesman, February 18, 2016

A. D. Stenger 1808 Treadwell St.  
 106 2 2 0 - -  
 Southland-Park #1  
 frame & stone ven res w/ carport attached  
 56481 3-26-54 12,000.00  
 owner

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Building permit to A.D. Stenger for the construction of this house (1954)

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**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**

106  
E No 1385

Austin, Texas

Received of A. D. STENGER Date 7-13-54  
 Address 1808 TREADWELL ST.  
 Amount TWENTY AND NOTING \$ 20.00  
 Plumber MIDDLETON PLUMBING Size of Tap 3/4"

USE stub D-2623

Date of Connection	<u>7-19-54</u>
Size of Tap Made	
Size Service Made	
Size Main Tapped	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7.5'</u>
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock	
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOW</u>
Depth of Main in St.	
Depth of Service Line	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>8-13-54</u>

No. Fittings	Size
2	Curb Cock
	Elbow
2	St. Elbow
	Bushing 1" X 3/4"
	Reducer
	Pipe
	Lead Comp
2	Nipples
2	Union
	Plug
1	Tee
1	Step
1	Box
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>21323-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>4788</u>

Water service permit by A.D. Stenger for this address (1954)

Receipt No. 21728 Application for Sewer Connection No. 3520

Pust  
Austin, Texas, 7-13 1954

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 A. D. Stenger at 1808 Treadwell Street;  
further described as Lot 2 Block C Outlot \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
subdivision Southland Park Plat D6, which is to be used as a residence.  
In this place there are to be installed 6 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 7640  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 7-13-54 BT

Depth at Prop. Line 4' deep Respectfully,  
~~Street~~ } 2. SW of ELL Middleton  
Connected } (Location)  
Date 7-15-54  
By RANGEL

NOTE: Connection Instruction 8" Sewer in ST- 4' deep  
from 22' S of MSR. 6" Hub @ WLL A 2969"  
6" Hub @ ELL

Sewer connection application by A.D. Stenger (1954)

**Miguel Enguidanos** 1808 Treadwell St.  
**106 2 C**  
**Southland Park**  
**Frame Addition to front of Residence**  
**85977 11-13-62 500.00**  
**Texas Lumber Co. -**

**CARPORT**

Building permit to Miguel Enguidanos for the construction of the carport (1962)