

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 22, 2017
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS – DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION
NRD-2017-0033
4208 WILSHIRE PARKWAY
WILSHIRE WOODS HISTORIC DISTRICT**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1947 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled stone-veneered frame house with horizontal wood siding in the tympanum of the side gables; metal-framed casement window systems with horizontal wood siding below.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1947 by Brush and Bradfield, local real estate investors and developers. The first owners and occupants were William E. and Thelma Ruehlmann, who lived here until around 1950. William E. Ruehlmann was in the U.S. Air Force. From around 1951 to around 1979, the house was owned and occupied by Henry F. and Irene Sturgis. Henry Sturgis was a chemical engineer for the Jefferson Chemical Corporation.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is contributing to the Wilshire Woods Historic District, but is beyond the scope of any City survey to date.




STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, considering the invocation of the demolition delay for contributing houses within historic districts. This house is a classic example of Wilshire Woods development on a relatively modest scale and appears to be in excellent condition. Removal of this house will have a detrimental effect on the character of the historic district, as this house is remarkably intact, and conveys the principles of its post-World War II design to a very high degree. The applicant has not filed plans for new construction to date, so requesting a reconsideration of the decision to demolish this house will not have an impact on the timeline for release of the permit, if granted by the Commission.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 333'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

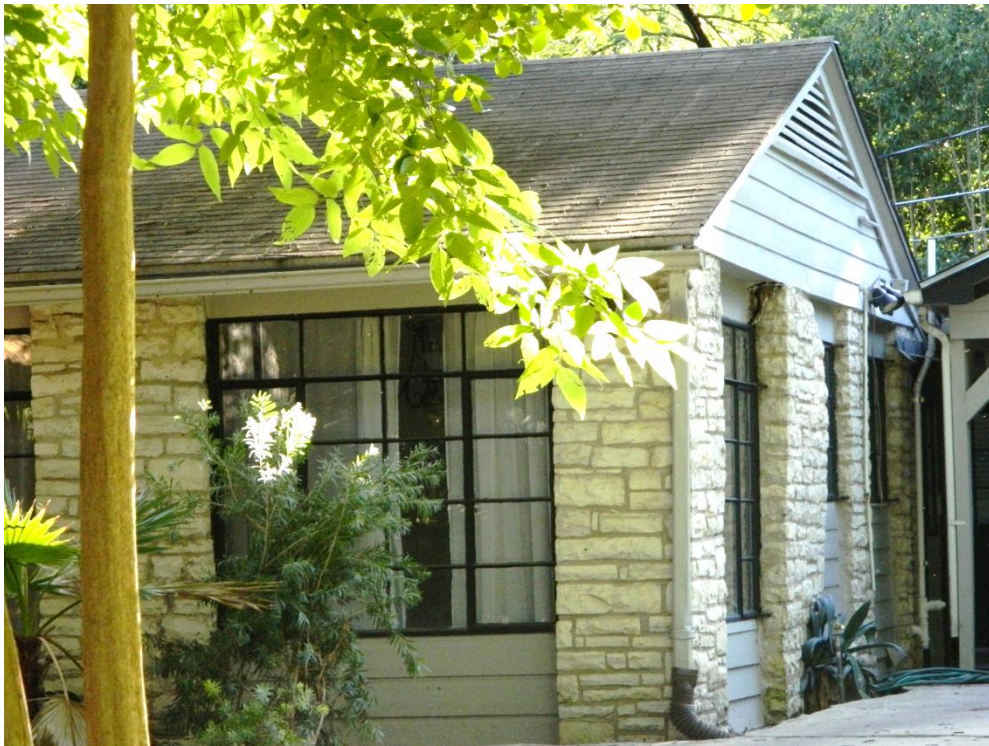
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4208 Wilshire Parkway
ca. 1947



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4208 Wilshire Parkway

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
May, 2017

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|---------|---|
| 1992 | Ana M. Pozo, owner
Employed by the State Department of Human Services |
| 1985-86 | Ana M. Pozo, owner
Employed by the State Department of Human Resources
NOTE: The directory indicates that Ana M. Pozo was a new resident at this address. |
| 1981 | Jerry F. and Maria P. Jones, owners
Lawyer |
| 1977 | Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1973 | Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Plant engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1968 | Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1965 | Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1961 | Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1957 | Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Supervisor, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1953 | Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis, owners
Chemical engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1952 | Henry F. and Irene Sturgis, owners
Engineer, Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard.
NOTE: Henry and Irene Sturgis are listed in the 1951 city directory for Port Arthur, Texas, where Henry F. Sturgis was an engineer. |
| 1949 | William E. and Thelma Ruehlmann, owners
U.S. Air Force
NOTE: Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis are listed at 1703 E. 38 ½ Street; he was a chemical engineer for Jefferson Chemical Corporation, 7114 N. Lamar Boulevard. |
| 1947 | The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: William E. and Thelma Ruehlmann are not listed in the directory. |

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Henry F. and Irene K. Sturgis (ca. 1951 – ca. 1979)

STURGIS, Henry Frank, 81, of Wimberley died Tuesday. Visitation 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Senior Citizens Center, Wimberley. (Thomason, Wimberley)

Obituary of Henry F. Sturgis
Austin American-Statesman, March 9, 1995

Irene Sturgis died December 6, 1997 in Weslaco, Texas. There was no obituary in the Austin newspapers.

Carlton Brush and
Tom Bradfield

4208 Wilshire Parkwa

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Wilshire Park

Masonry residence with car port attached

33937 5-20-47

\$4500.00

Owner

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Building permit to Brush and Bradfield for the construction of this house (1947)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. B 3692

Austin, Texas

Received of CARLTON BRUSH + TOM BRADFIELD Date 7-15-47Address 4208 WILSHIRE PARKWAYAmount TWENTY + NO/100 \$ 20.00Plumber BARRDate of Connection 8-12-47Size of Tap Made 3/4"Size Service Made 3/4"Size Main Tapped 6"From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2.5'From $\frac{1}{2}$ Prop. Line to Curb Cock 5'Location of Meter CURBType of Box LOCKDepth of Main in St. 3'Depth of Service Line 24"From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 3'Checked by Engr. Dept. 9-11-47 R.N.H.

No. Fittings	Size	Size of Tap
1	Curb Cock <u>5/8"</u>	<u>3/4"</u>
1	Elbow <u>3/4" COP</u>	
1	St. Elbow <u>3/4" (LOCK)</u>	
1	Teasing <u>3/4" COP</u>	
3	Reducer <u>3/4" COP</u>	
	Pipe <u>3/4" COP</u>	
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug <u>1 1/2"</u>	
1	Tee <u>1 1/2"</u>	
1	Stop <u>LOCK</u>	
1	Box <u>LOCK</u>	
1	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No. <u>W-323-602</u>	
	Req. No. <u>11/1/47</u>	

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Water service permit to Brush and Bradfield for this address (1947)

OWNER S. F. Sturgis ADDRESS 4208 Wilshire Pkway

PLAT 233 LOT 8 BLK D

SUBDIVISION Wilshire Parkway

OCCUPANCY bedroom and bath

BLD PERMIT # 115373 DATE 12-9-69 OWNERS 2,500

CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES several

WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # --

Frame addn to res.

Building permit to Henry F. Sturgis (S.F. Sturgis on the permit) for the construction of a frame addition (1969)