

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 24, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2017-0294
4104 IDLEWILD ROAD

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, mostly rectangular-plan, shallow hipped roofed frame house with minimal International-style architectural features, including multi-light casement windows; brick veneered foundation skirt and synthetic siding; other fenestration includes paired 2:2 windows; partial-width inset porch on an ornamental metal post; integral garage.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1950 by Harry D. Adair, and his wife, Joan, who lived here until around 1990. Harry D. Adair was in the insurance business; he worked as an insurance adjuster until around 1960, when he became an insurance agent. He opened his own insurance office on San Antonio Street in the late 1960s, but was working for another agency in the early 1970s, and as an investigator for the State Board of Insurance from the late 1970s through the mid-1980s. Joan D. Adair worked as the office manager for Spiegel's, a women's clothing store on Congress Avenue in the early 1950s, when she and Harry bought this house. She then became the credit manager for two different car lots in the 1950s, and then worked at Austin National Bank as a teller supervisor.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

The house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is typical 1950s ranch-style house with minimal International Style influences, but not sufficiently distinguished within its style to qualify for architectural merit.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was the home of a man who had several roles in the insurance business in Austin, and his wife, who worked as a credit manager for car lots before becoming a teller at Austin National Bank.
- c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group. The house is an anomaly in Ridgelea, which is characterized by minimal traditional houses built in the late 1940s.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

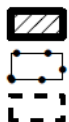
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 250'



SUBJECT TRACT

PENDING CASE

ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2017-0294
4104 IDLEWILD ROAD

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4104 Idlewild Road
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4104 Idlewild Road

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

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| 1992 | Timothy and Naomi Tilton, owners
Employed by the U.S. Postal Service
NOTE: The directory indicates that Timothy and Naomi Tilton were new residents at this address. |
| 1985-86 | Harry D. and Joan D. Adair, owners
Examiner, State Aboard of Insurance |
| 1981 | Harry D. and Joan D. Adair, owners
Harry: Investigator, State Board of Insurance
Joan: Assistant cashier, Austin National Bank, 501-15 Congress Avenue. |
| 1977 | Harry D. and Joan D. Adair, owners
Harry: Investigator, State Board of Insurance
Joan: Employed by Austin National Bank, 501-15 Congress Avenue. |
| 1973 | Harry D. and Joan D. Adair, owners
Harry: Assistant, Central Insurance Agency, 1010 Lavaca Street.
Joan: Teller supervisor, Austin National Bank, 501-15 Congress Avenue. |

- 1968 Harry D. and Joan D. Adair, owners
 Harry: Proprietor, Harry Adair Agency, insurance, 507 San Antonio Street.
 Joan: Teller supervisor, Austin National Bank, 501-15 Congress Avenue.
- 1965 Harry and Joan Adair, owners
 Harry: Agent, Southern Insurance, 420 W. 5th Street.
 Joan: Teller, Austin National Bank, 501-15 Congress Avenue.
- 1961 Harry and Joan Adair, owners
 Agent, Southern Insurance, 420 W. 5th Street
- NOTE: Joan Adair is not separately listed with an occupation.
- 1957 Harry D. and Joan D. Adair, owners
 Harry: Adjuster Southern Insurance Company, 420 W. 5th Street.
 Joan: Credit manager, Carr's Motor Sales, Lincoln and Mercury automobiles, 501 W. 6th Street.
- 1954 Harry D. and Joan D. Adair, owners
 Harry: Insurance adjuster
 Joan: Credit manager, Howard Kuhlman, automobiles, 501-03 W. 6th Street.
- 1952 Harry D. and Dorothy (Joan Dorothy) Adair, owners
 Harry: Adjuster, Service Fire Insurance Company, 401 Littlefield Building.
 Dorothy: Office manager, Spiegel, women's clothing, 608 Congress Avenue.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: Harry D. and Joan D. Adair are listed at 1804 Waterston Avenue. He was an insurance adjuster; she was the credit manager for Spiegel's women's clothing, 608 Congress Avenue.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Harry D. and Joan D. Adair (ca. 1950 – ca. 1990)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Harry Adair as the 20-year old son of Raleigh T. and Stella Adair, who rented their home at 807 Theresa Avenue in Austin. Harry Adair had been born in Texas, and was an attendant at a filling station. His father, Raleigh T. Adair, 46, had been born in Georgia, and was an auto salesman. Stella Adair, Harry's mother, was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Harry had an older brother, Raleigh T. Adair, Jr., 21, who had been born in Texas, and was a new worker.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows the Adair family living in a rented house in Manor, Texas, where Harry's father, Raleigh T. Adair, was a barber. No other family member had an occupation listed.

Harry D. Adair

Harry D. Adair, of Austin, born March 26, 1920, Manor, Texas, to Raleigh and Stella Adair, died Sunday, February 14, 1993.

On September 29, 1944, he married Joan Gillman in Liverpool, England.

He attended schools in Austin and after his service in the Army during World War II, received his BA degree in January 1949 from the University of Texas. He was in the insurance business most of his life, retiring from the State Board of Insurance in 1987. He was also active in the National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raleigh Sr. and Stella Adair, and brother, Raleigh Adair Jr.

Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Joan Adair; sons and daughters-in-law, Roy J. and Cecella Adair and Ronnie D. and Catherine Adair; daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Kent Talley; 11 grandchildren, Roy D. Adair of Jacksonville, Florida, and Ronnie Adair, Renee Adair, J. Allen Adair, Andrew R. Adair, Amanda Adair, Natalie Adair, Darryl O'Brien, Sheri G. O'Brien, Billy Kris Talley and Kody Lane Talley, all of Austin; three great-grandchildren; aunt, Fay Jones; and numerous cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday in the Weed-Corley Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Research, 360 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

The family wishes to express thanks for the loving care provided by the staff of the Care Inn Nursing Home in San Marcos and to Dr. Charles Anderson of San Marcos.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Harry D. Adair
Austin American-Statesman, February 16, 1993



Joan Dorothy Adair

Joan Dorothy Adair, 82, died February 27, 2004. She was born January 22, 1922, in Grimsby, England, to Albert Edward Gillman and Violet (Grayson) Gillman. She met and married Harry Dwight Adair during World War II in England and moved to the United States after the war.

She retired from the Austin National Bank after a long and distinguished career as head teller. She was an accomplished life master at bridge and spent many happy times with her friends at the Bridge Studio in Austin and playing in tournaments around the United States.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother and sister; her loving husband, Harry Dwight Adair and her son, Ronnie Dwight Adair.

She is survived by one son, Roy J. Adair and wife, Cecelia; one daughter, Vicki Talley and husband, Kent; her daughter-in-law, Catherine Adair; three nieces and one nephew; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 2:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78705.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705 (512) 452-8811. You may view memorials online at www.wcfish.com

Obituary of Joan Dorothy Adair
Austin American-Statesman, February 29, 2004

Harry D. Adair 4104 Idlewild Road
 186 16 and south 35' of 17 - - -

Ridgelea

Frame residence with attached garage.

44201 4-12-50

\$9000.00

E. J. McGuire

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Building permit to Harry D. Adair for the construction of this house (1950).

16 + S 35' of 17

WATER SERVICE PERMIT C No 6361

Austin, Texas

Received of E. I. McGuire Date 6-8-50

Address 4104 IDLEWILD Rd

Amount TWENTY TWO HUNDRED 20.00

Plumber THE BASEY CO Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection 6-16-50

Size of Tap Made 2"

Size Service Made 2 1/2"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'

From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 20'

Location of Meter Curb

Type of Box Jack

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 7.5'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-7-50 RU

No. Fittings	Size	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	P. No.
2	3/4" x 1/2"			Brass													322-322	

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Used Stub B-6422

Had water

Water service permit to E.I. McGuire, builder, for this address (1950)

60' - Lbs
 Receipt No. 14564 Application for Sewer Connection Duplicate
 No. 26147A
 Austin, Texas, 6-9- 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
E. I. McGuire at 4104 Idlewild Street,
 further described as Lot 16 & S. 35' of 17 Block 186 Outlot — Division Res.
 subdivision Ridglea Plat 186, which is to be used as a Res.
 In this place there are to be installed 7 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 38489
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'

Sub-out } 35' - S. N. L.
 Connected (Location).

Date 6-19-50

By Ramon

NOTE: Connection Instruction

6' trench, install 5' deep
Main 14.5' W. E. R. 6' stub BV 666
35' ft South of north lot line

Sewer connection application by E.I. McGuire, builder, for this address (1950)

Harry D. Adair

4104 Idlewild Rd.

186 16 & S. 35' of 17

Ridglea

Frame Addition rear of residence.

75319

2/15/60

EXISTING 2500.00
 4.11.75

E.I. McGuire

none

FAMILY ROOM

Permit #141303 - 3/15/74 - Harry Adair owner

Remodel & addn. to res. Utility room extension of garage
 138 sq. ft. Est. cost \$9,000.00 (Bob Rankin Constr.)

Building permit to Harry D. Adair for a frame rear addition for a family room (1960), and to
 remodel and add a utility room (1974)

OWNER Harry Adair ADDRESS 4104 Idlewild Rd.
PLAT 186 LOT 16 & S 35' of 17 BLK
SUBDIVISION Ridgelea
OCCUPANCY res
BLD PERMIT # 148730 DATE 4-11-75 OWNERS
ESTIMATE \$1300.00
CONTRACTOR Fred Griffin NO. OF FIXTURES
WATER TAP REC # exist SEWER TAP REC # exist
remodel existing res -

Building permit to Harry Adair to remodel the house (1975)