

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2020-0432  
1811 DRAKE AVENUE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story house with horizontal wood siding, 2:2 paired and single aluminum replacement windows, and cross-gabled roof clad in composition shingles. A gabled partial-width porch supported by Classical columns shelters the central entrance.

**RESEARCH**

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The building at 1811 Drake Avenue was constructed in 1936 by Louis and Rena Hall. The Halls alternately occupied and rented out the home until approximately 1947. Afterwards, it was owned and occupied by Samuel E. Williams, a student at the University of Texas, and his wife Lucille. Williams operated an air conditioning company and lived at 1811 Drake Avenue until at least 1957. By 1959, the Williamses had sold the property to Carl G. Barho.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352).
  - a) *Architecture*. The house displays Minimal Traditional and Cape Cod influences.
  - b) *Historical association*. The house does not appear to have significant historical associations.
  - 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 appear to have significant community value.
  - 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**

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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



1" = 333'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2020-0432

LOCATION: 1811 DRAKE AVE

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

*Photos*



*Source: City Historic Preservation Office, 2020*



*Source: [Realtor.com](https://www.realtor.com), 2019*



*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, 2020

Note: Post-1959 directory research unavailable due to facility closure.

- 1959 Carl G. Barho, owner
- 1957 Sam E. and Lucille Williams, owners  
President, Williams Gaines Air Conditioning, 5412 Lamar Blvd
- 1955 Sam E. and Lucille Williams, owners  
President, Williams Gaines Air Conditioning, 5412 Lamar Blvd
- 1952 Sam E. and Lucille Williams, owners  
President, Williams Gaines Air Conditioning, 1306 San Jacinto
- 1949 Sam E. and Lucille Williams, owners  
President, Williams Gaines Air Conditioning, 1306 San Jacinto
- 1947 Sam E. Williams, owner  
Student, UT
- 1944 Robert W. and Kathleen Hanson, renters  
USA
- 1941 Louis F. and Rena Hall, owners  
Salesman, Bradford Paint Co.
- 1939 B. N. and Frances Holman, renters  
Salesman, Swann-Schulle Co.
- 1937 Louis F. and Rena Hall, owners  
Salesman, Bradford Paint Co.

*Biographical Information*

**SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS**  
 Samuel E. Williams, 49, of 4610 Frontier Trail, died in a local hospital Tuesday morning following a short illness. He was a real estate salesman and was a member of the Presbyterian Church.  
 Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lucille Williams.  
 Funeral arrangements are pending completion at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home.

*The Austin Statesman: Dec 1, 1970*

## Miss Rotsch To Wed Today

### Congregational Church Is Setting of Rites

Miss Lucille Rotsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rotsch of Theodor Low heights, will become the bride of Sam E. Williams Sunday at 5 p. m. at the First Congregational church. He is the son of Mrs. Elva Williams of Minden, La., and S. E. Williams of Wichita Falls. The Rev. Milton E. Maxwell will read the ceremony.

The altar will be banked with fern and large baskets of white gladiolas and asters. Mrs. Peter Maniscalco will play "At Dawning" and "To a Wild Rose" during the ceremony.

Miss Helen Winkler will be maid of honor and Miss Ellen Sue Rotsch, niece of the bride, will be junior bride's maid.

#### Sheer Navy Suit

Best man will be Phil D. Dixon and Carlisle Blalock of Beaumont and Marvin Luedcke of Taylor will serve as ushers.

The bride will wear a sheer suit of navy blue trimmed in white wool and white pearl buttons. Her hat will be white with a blue veil and her corsage of white gardenias. She will be given in marriage by her father.

The reception following the ceremony will be in the garden of the bride's home. The table will be laid with a cream lace cloth over green satin and centered with a bowl of garden flowers. The three-tiered wedding cake will be surmounted with white and doves and surrounding with orange blossoms. Mrs. Lloyd W. Taylor will preside at the punch bowl, and Mrs. Cecil C. Rotsch will serve cake.

#### Both U. T. Ex-Students

Miss Rotsch is a graduate of Austin high school and attend the University of Texas. Mr. Williams, the nephews of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McCormick of Austin, is a graduate of Electra high school and attended the university. He is now

employed at the magnesium plant. The couple will reside at 407 West 27th street.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Williams, Mr. Don Williams of Monroe, La., Mrs. Elva Williams, Miss Mary Frances Still of Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin C. Lued and children of Dallas.

*The Austin American: Aug 23, 1942*

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*The Austin American: Sep 29, 1946 and Aug 23, 1953*

Permits

L. F. Hall

1811 Drake Avenue

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121 10,11,12

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Fairview Park

Residence

*Building permit, n.d.*