



**City of Columbia Historic Preservation Commission Application for
Most Notable Property**

**Community Development Department, Planning Division City of Columbia,
701 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201**

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Address Being Nominated 812 Edgewood

Date Property Built (if known) 1951

First Owner/Builder/Architect (if known) Sara Lockwood Williams

Current Owner's Name _____
*(properties may be nominated by non-owners but owners must give permission for photography/
videography of property- see page 2 for release)*

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **E-mail** _____

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NOTE: The following information provides a starting point for historic research on the property. However, a lack of information should not be a deterrent for an application. All properties chosen for Most Notable will have a history of the property compiled by a historic preservation professional. This history will be provided to property owners for their own records.

Has anyone of local, regional, or national historic note ever occupied the property? If so, whom?

The home was built in 1951 by Sara Lockwood Williams, the widow of Walter Williams, who founded the first school of journalism at the University of Missouri and later served as the University's president. Sara was an established journalist, teaching at schools in Texas and Rockford, Illinois as well as the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

While she lived at other locations in Columbia in the 1930's and 40's, the home at 812 Edgewood was built in conjunction with her decision to permanently return to Columbia in 1951.

Does the property have any notable or unusual architectural qualities? If so, please identify.

The home was built in an area known as Quarry Heights. It is believed the quarry was originally known as Stewart Quarry.

Have any recent renovations been performed that have helped restore the property? If so, describe them briefly.

Unknown

Is the property recognized by any other historic preservation organizations? If so, please identify.

Unkown

Please describe any other unusual or interesting attributes or stories about the property.

In her journals, Sara spoke of the property being on a lake (the quarry) overlooking a bluff. She mentioned chasing children off her property for fear they would fall off the bluff (a drop of 60 feet!), and she planned to put in hedges and later a brick wall for safety. At the time only barbed wired was in place. It is believed the stone from the quarry was used to build the MU white campus.

Originally the house address was 804 Edgewood. There was a renumbering of homes on Edgewood so that by 1960 Sara's home was now 812 South Edgewood.

Today the lake still exists and the area around it is now a private park for Quarry Heights homeowners.

Please attach current and/or early pictures of the property.

Not available

Owner's release for city public communications to photograph/video record around exterior property **and** for property information to be included online in an interactive historic map (*required for nomination*)

(signature)

(signature)

Owner's release for city public communications to photograph and video record up to three rooms/elements in the interior of the building *(optional- will require owner's presence)*

Rooms/elements of interest in the building's interior:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

(signature)

(signature)