

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS  
AUGUST 25, 2014  
NRD-2014-0063  
1013 Gaston Avenue  
Old West Austin

**PROPOSAL**

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Construct a 2-story addition to the house.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The applicant proposes the construction of a 2-story addition to the house that will modify the front of the house by changing windows, adding a brick addition to the front, converting the existing porch and garage to a two-story structure, and adding a large, 2-story addition to the left side of the house.

**HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY**

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The house was built in 1937 for Thomas C. and Mildred Green, who lived here until around 1948. Thomas C. Green was the superintendent of the City's Water Filtration Plant; the now-demolished plant at 2<sup>nd</sup> and San Antonio Streets was named for him. Terrance Watt, a prominent Austin physician and surgeon, and his wife, purchased the house from the Greens and lived here from around 1948 to around 1957. Watt was a member of a very prominent medical family – his father had been a doctor, and he was in practice with his older brother for many years. From 1957 until his death in 1994, the house was the home of Walter K. and Alice C. Long. Walter K. Long was also a prominent research physician, who was a renowned lecturer at the University of Texas. He was the son of Walter C. Long, one of the city's greatest civic leaders.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

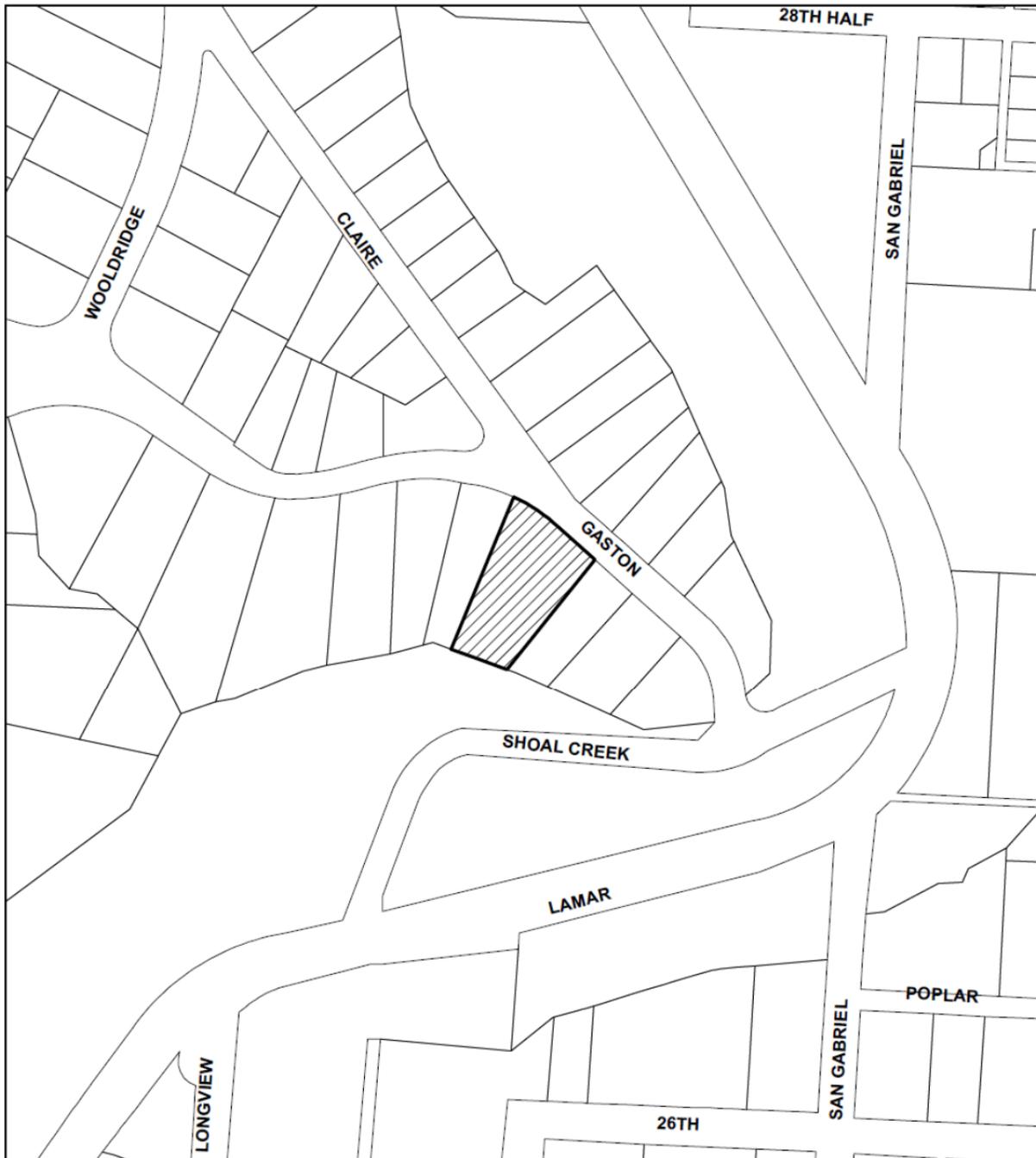
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The house is contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District, **but this project should be considered in terms of this house being designated as a historic landmark.** The house maintains its original French Provincial design and is associated with 3 very prominent Austin families – the Greens, the Watts, and the Longs. This house easily qualifies for landmark designation for its architectural style and for its historical associations. The proposed project will absolutely foreclose the opportunity to designate this house as a historic landmark, as it will completely and irrevocably change its historic appearance.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Initiate historic zoning.



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- SUBJECT TRACT
- PENDING CASE
- ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: NRD-2014-0063  
LOCATION: 1013 Gaston Avenue



1" = 196'

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1013 Gaston Avenue  
ca. 1937



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1013 Gaston Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
August, 2014

1992	Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners Retired
1985-86	Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners Lecturer, University of Texas
1981	Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners Lecturer, University of Texas
1977	Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners Lecturer, University of Texas
1973	Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners Lecturer, University of Texas
1968	Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners Lecturer, University of Texas
1962	Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners Physician, Medical Research (not listed in the directory)

- 1959 Walter K. and Alice C. Long, owners  
Physician, 509 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1955 Terrance N. and Mary Watt, owners  
Physician, 304 Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: Walter K. and Alice Long are listed at 1804 Pearl Street; he was a  
physician, with offices at 503 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1952 Terrance N. and Marian Watt, owners  
Physician, 1503 Guadalupe Street.
- 1949 Terrance N. and Marian Watt, owners  
Physician, 1503 Guadalupe Street.
- 1947 Thomas C. Green, owner  
Superintendent, City Water Filtration Plant  
NOTE: Terrance N. and Marian Watt are listed at 1106 Colorado Street; he was  
a physician (with Will E. Watt), Watt & Watt, physicians and surgeons, 508  
Capital National Bank Building, 114 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1944-45 Thomas C. and Mildred Green, owners  
U.S. Army
- 1941 Thomas C. and Mildred Green, owners  
Superintendent, City Water Filtration Plant
- 1939 Thomas C. and Mildred Green, owners  
Superintendent, City Water Filtration Plant
- 1937 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Thomas C. and Mildred Green are listed at 2101 Enfield Road; he was  
the superintendent of the City Water Filtration Plant.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Thomas C. and Mildred Green (ca. 1938 – ca. 1948)**

Thomas and Mildred Green are listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$35,000. Thomas Green was 38, had been born in Kentucky, and was the superintendent of the City Water Department. Mildred Green was 42, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Randle Eldridge Green, 15, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Tom C. Green living with his brother, George M. Green in a rented house at 811 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin. Tom C. Green was 28 and a chemist for the City of Austin. His brother was 21, also born in Kentucky, and was a salesman for a printing company. They had a lodger, McDonald Leech, 21, an Iowa-born jewelry merchant.

Mildred Green died in 1945.

## **Colonel Thomas Coleman Green, U.S. ARMY Retired**

**Colonel Thomas Coleman Green, U.S. ARMY Retired, died Friday, June 26, 1992.**

**He was born in Danville, Kentucky, later lived in Clifton Forge, Virginia, and then Brownwood, Texas, where he attended college.**

**Tom's father, Reverend George Green was a Baptist minister and was called to Austin as minister of the First Baptist Church in 1923.**

**Tom made Austin his home and was associated with the City Water Department. The Thomas C. Green Water Plant carries his name and is testimony of his fine service.**

**Colonel Green was a member of the Texas National Guard and World War II found him ready. He was with the 39th Combat Engineers and served in North Africa and Italy. Later he was in service in the Korean Conflict and after that had a tour of duty in Japan. His last military duty prior to retirement was one which placed him in charge of all ROTC activity in Texas.**

**After retirement from military duty, Governor Price Daniel appointed him to the position of Director of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. He was reappointed to this position by Governor John Connally. After twelve years in this capacity, he retired.**

**Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Ray Davis Green. Prior to her death and after retirement they enjoyed world travels.**

**During his life in Austin, he was active in civic and governmental affairs. He was active in Rotary, and was a charter member of the Headliner's Club.**

**The Masonic Lodge was big in his life. He was a member of Austin Lodge #12 A.F. & A.M., the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, and the Ben Hur Shrine Temple. He served his temple as Potentate in 1942. His membership in R.O.J. Court #35 began in 1933 and he served as Director in 1947.**

**Colonel Green is survived by his sister, Mrs. Bernice Green Ford of Clifton Forge, Virginia; a nephew, W. Kent Fort, Jr. and his wife, Ellen of Millboro Springs, Virginia; and the children of Kent and Ellen, Jeanette, Kent III, and Russell.**

**Funeral services will be held**

**10:00AM, Monday, June 29, 1992, in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location, with Reverend Don Long officiating. Masonic services will be held at the chapel under the auspices of Austin Lodge #12 A.F. & A.M. Interment will follow at the State Cemetery.**

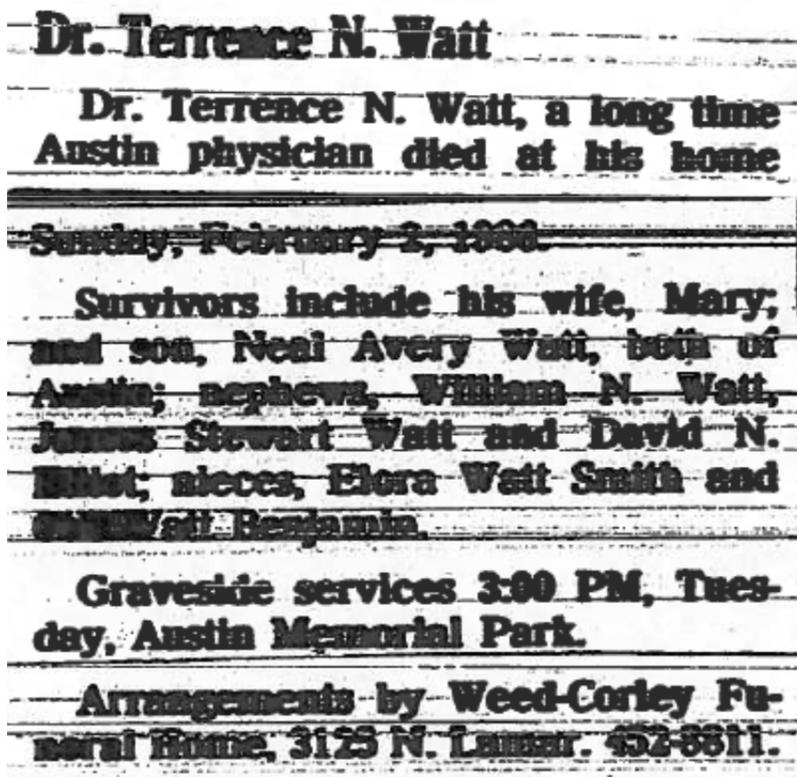
**Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Charlie Hardwicke, and all Past Potentates of Ben Hur Shrine Temple.**

**Memorial contributions may be made to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.**

**Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.**

**Terrance and Marian Watt (ca. 1948 – ca. 1957)**

Terrance and Marian Avery Watt appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as living in the home of her father, Charles N. Watt, at 1106 Colorado Street. Terrance Watt was 34, had been born in Texas, and was a medical doctor and surgeon. Marian Avery Watt was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Her father, Charles N. Avery, was 66, had been born in Alabama, and was the vice-president of Texas Quarries. Her brother, Charles N. Avery, Jr., was an attorney. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Terrance N. Watt as the 23-year old son of Olivia Watt, a 64-year old widow, who lived at 309 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, in a house she owned, and which was worth \$11,000. Terrance Watt had no occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census reveals that Terrance Watt was the son of North Carolina-born physician W. Leslie Watt. Terrance's older brother, W.E. Watt was also a physician.



Obituary of Terrance N. Watt  
 Austin American-Statesman, February 4, 1986

**Walter K. and Alice C. Long (ca. 1957 – 1994)**

Walter K. Long appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the son of Walter E. and Janet K. Long, who lived at 1 Green Lanes, in a house they owned, which was worth \$10,000. Walter K. Long was 21, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. His father, Walter E. Long, was the president of the city chamber of commerce.



### Walter Kaapke Long

~~Dr. Walter Kaapke Long, physician, research scientist, and university lecturer, died on Tuesday, January 4, at 3:10 AM in Austin, Texas. He was 74. The cause was complications resulting from a long illness with congestive heart failure.~~

From 1972 until 1986, Dr. Long taught vertebrate physiology pre-medical courses at the University of Texas in Austin, where he was an award-winning and immensely popular lecturer. Despite the large size of his classes, Dr. Long endeavored to get to know most of his students. In the 1980s, he spent at least six full-time weeks of the year interviewing students and writing meticulous evaluations for medical, dental, medical technology, physical therapy, pharmacy, and graduate school applications. His students have not forgotten his intense dedication to their needs and to teaching excellence. Indeed, as a fitting tribute, most of the fine doctors who sustained him through his ordeal

~~with congestive heart failure were~~  
 alumni of his classes. Among the  
 awards Dr. Long received are: the  
 National Chicano Health Organization  
 Outstanding Professor Award (1984),  
 the College of Natural Sciences Teach-  
 ing Excellence Award in Zoology  
 (1982), the College of Natural Sciences  
 Advisory Council Teaching Excellence  
 Award (1982), AMOCO Teaching  
 Award (1980), and the AED Premedi-  
 cal Education Teaching Award (1975).  
 Dr. Long was also listed as among the  
 "Twenty Best Instructors" in the Uni-  
 versity of Texas at Austin by UTMost  
 Magazine student polls in 1981 and  
 1982.

Much of Dr. Long's career prior to  
 teaching was devoted to medical re-  
 search. Primarily under grants from  
~~the National Institutes of Health, from~~  
 1959 to 1976, Dr. Long developed  
 methods for identifying genetically-  
 determined variant forms of a number  
 of human enzymes and investigated  
 associations between the variant en-  
 zyme forms and maladies such as  
 coronary artery disease, gout, diabe-  
 tes, and obesity. In the early 1960s, in  
 association with Dr. H. N. Kirkman,  
 Dr. Long discovered two new variants  
 of the enzyme glucose-6-phosphate.  
 Among his contributions to research  
 methodology, Dr. Long created starch  
 gel electrophoresis procedures to  
 identify variant forms of glutathione  
 reductase and glutamate dehydrogen-  
 ase. Dr. Long's research resulted in  
 more than a dozen articles in scholar-  
 ly scientific journals.

From 1945 to 1948, Dr. Long conducted medical  
 research at Boston City Hospital and worked as an  
 assistant in medicine at Harvard Medical

School. From 1949 to 1951, and again from 1953 to 1959, he practiced general internal medicine in Austin until, for health reasons, he retired to go into full-time research. He served at Fort Bliss, Texas, as a captain in the Army Medical Corps from 1951 to 1953.

Dr. Long was a life-long member of the University Presbyterian Church in Austin, where he served as an elder and deacon for many years. He treasured the "two great commandments," to love God and your neighbor as yourself, a commitment evidenced by his attentiveness, wisdom, gentleness, patience, and loving service to others.

Dr. Long was born January 26, 1919 in Austin, the son of Janet Kaapke Long and Walter Ewing Long, who was manager of the Austin Chamber of Commerce from about 1915 to 1949. He graduated from Austin High School in 1936, the University of Texas (as a Plan II major) in 1940, and Harvard Medical School, with honors, in 1943. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Long is survived by his wife of 43 years, Alice Cromer Long; his son, Walter Cromer Long; his sister, Janet Long Fish; two grandchildren, Rachel Janette Long and Walter Stephens Long; and three nephews, Russell Hamilton Fish III, Andrew Kaapke Fish, and John Colbert Fish, all of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday in the University Presbyterian Church with Reverend Nancy E. Reeves and Reverend Sharyn Reynolds officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery Annex.

Please make any memorial contributions to the charity of your choice.

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

Tom Green 1013 Gaston Ave.

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Shoal Terrace

brick-veneer residence

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Building permit to Tom Green for the construction of the house (1937)

Connection Charge \$12.00 Duplicate  
 Application for Sewer Connection. N<sup>o</sup> 13293A

Austin, Texas, April 5 1937  
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Tom Green at 1013 Gaston Ave Street, further described as lot 23, block \_\_\_\_\_, outlet 10, subdivision Shoal Terrace division 2, plat 59, which is to be used as a res

In this place there are to be installed 13 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully, F. J. Schmidt  
10-19-76  
1 1/2 DEEP AT-PL Stub Out 10' connected 48" W/L

Connected 4-26 1937 (at 50' curb)  
 Size of Main 4" stub inches. of cast  
 Size of Service 4 inches.  
2 1/2 Feet Deep at curb side of House  
11 Feet from Property Line  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Feet from Curb Line  
 Inspected by Boatright ✓  
 Connection made by Pelagos A-1046

Sewer connection application by Tom Green (1937)