# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION OCTOBER 24, 2016 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2016-0697 1504 RICHCREEK ROAD

## **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, front-and side-gabled brick-veneered frame house with an inset carport to the left of the main block of the house; large, fixed-sash picture window in the front façade; other fenestration includes single and double 6:6 windows; shed-roofed entry hood on turned wood posts.

## RESEARCH

The house was built in 1961 by Ray Yates, the developer of Crestview. The first owners and occupants were Harry Leon and Elizabeth Austin, who lived here until around 1960. H. Leon Austin was an communications operation specialist for the FAA.

Around 1960, the house was purchased by Loyd and Phillis Skiles, who lived here through the 1990s. Loyd Skiles was from Denton, Texas, where his father and all of his brothers were tailors. Loyd was a salesman for Nash Phillips-Copus home builders when he and Phyllis moved into this house; he then was a retail manager for a business machine company, the proprietor of a copy shop, a printer, and later, an insulation installer.

## STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, but 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. The house is typical of the early construction in Crestview, and built by the developer of the subdivision, but lacks the architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.





# NOTIFICATIONS

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1"=208'

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# 1504 Richcreek Road ca. 1951



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1504 Richcreek Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office October, 2016

1992	Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners Retired
1985-86	Loyd and Phillis Skiles, owners Insulation installer
1981	Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners Insulation installer
1977	Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners Printer
1973	Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners Proprietor, Copy Shop (not listed in the directory).
1968	Loyd and Phillis Skiles, owners Branch manager, Sweda International, business machines, 3401-A N. Interregional Highway.

1965 Loyd and Phillis Skiles, owners Salesman, Stanley Reese School of Dance, 2733-A Exposition Boulevard. 1962 Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners Salesman, Nash Phillips Copus, home builders, 6300 Cameron Road. 1959 Harry L. and Elizabeth B. Austin, owners Employed by the Federal Aviation Administration NOTE: Loyd and Phyllis Skiles are not listed in the directory. 1955 Harry L. and Elizabeth Austin, owners Communications operator, Interstate Airway Communication Station 1953 H. Leon Austin, owner Operations specialist, U.S. Interstate Airway Communication Station NOTE: Elizabeth Austin is not listed in the directory; however, it appears that Harry Leon Austin married Elizabeth Ruby Bushnell in October, 1947 in Harris

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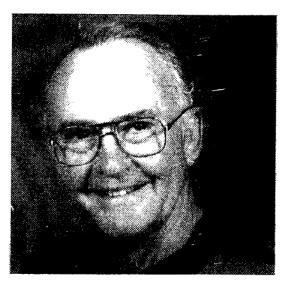
NOTE: Harry L. Austin is listed at 3910-A Bailey Lane; he had no wife listed, and worked as an operations specialist for the U.S. Interstate Airway Communication Station.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

## Loyd and Phyllis Skiles (ca. 1960 - )

County, Texas.

Loyd Skiles is listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 16-year old son of C.A. and Mrs. C.A. Skiles, who owned their home in Denton, Texas. Loyd Skiles was born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. His father and older brothers were all tailors.



## Loyd Skiles

Loyd Skiles, age 77, of Georgetown, Texas, formerly of Austin, Texas, passed away Sunday, April 8, 2001.

Mr. Skiles was a resident of Sun City for two years and was a member of the Assemblies of God Church. His greatest joys in life were helping people, spending time with his family and friends, and telling people about Jesus.

He is survived by his wife, Phylis Skiles, of Georgetown, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law, Lynn and Burl Nelson, of Diamond Head, Mississippi, and Susie and Gary Martindale, of Springfield, Missouri; brother, Duane Skiles of Austin, Texas; brothers and sisters-in-law, Van and Betty Skiles, of Houston, Texas, and Luke and Betty Skiles, of Cedar Park, Texas; and an aunt, Naoma Grant, of Round Rock, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in the Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Gary Martindale officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Royal Family Kids Camp c o Church of Glad Tidings, 2700 Northland Drive, Austin, Texas 78756.

Obituary of Loyd Skiles Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, April 10, 2001

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