# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION AUGUST 27, 2018 PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS NRD-2018-0050 2112 NEWFIELD LANE OLD WEST AUSTIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

### PROPOSAL

Demolish a one-story house built ca. 1946.

### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, side-gabled, rectangular-plan house with a full-width front porch; clad in stone veneer and wood siding with 6:6 double-hung wood-sash windows.

### RESEARCH

The house was constructed around 1946. George and Sarah Holland lived there from the early 1950s until at least 1992. Both the Hollands were longtime Austin residents. George worked as a steel and iron worker; Sarah was involved with Alpha Xi Delta sorority alumnae events.

### STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The property is contributing to the Old West Austin Historic District. It does not appear to meet the standards for designation as a historic landmark.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old, having been constructed ca. 1946.
- 2) The building appears to retain a high degree of integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code (Section 25-2-352). The property does not appear to demonstrate significance according to any of the criteria.
  - a. **Architecture.** The building is built in the Minimal Traditional style. It does not appear to be architecturally significant.
  - b. **Historical association**. Curtis and Sarah Holland lived in the house for at least forty years. However, there do not appear to be significant historical associations.
  - c. **Archaeology**. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. **Community value**. The property does not appear to possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the community, Austin, or Texas as a whole.
  - 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 of the existing building, including consideration of a demolition delay, as the building is contributing to the historic district. If the Commission votes to release the permit, then staff recommends 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.

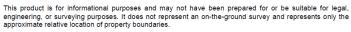
Due to the building's location in a National Register historic district, the Commission must review and comment on the proposed plans for new construction prior to the release of the demolition permit. No plans have been received to date.





# NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2018-0050 LOCATION: 2112 NEWFIELD LANE



1 " = 250 '

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### Photos



East (primary) façade and north elevation of 2112 Newfield Lane.

## Occupancy History

City directory research, Austin History Center By Historic Preservation Office staff August 2018

1952-92 Curtis G. (George Curtis) and Sarah C. Holland, owners
Curtis Holland is variously listed as a steel worker and iron worker in city
directories (1952-55, 1961-68), with no employer named. In 1957 he is listed as a
supervisor at McGee Construction Co. In 1971, no occupation was listed for
Curtis; by 1977, he had retired. In 1965, G. Curtis Jr. is also listed as living at
2112 Newfield Lane; he was a student.

### Background Research

George Curtis (or Curtis George) Holland was born in 1916 in Rogers or Holland, Texas, approximately 75 miles northwest of Austin. He is listed as a new Austin resident in a 1933 newspaper article, living at either 2514 Guadalupe or 405 W. 26th Street. By 1936, he was working for the City of Austin and living at 612 W. 30th Street. In 1941, he purchased the property at 2112 Newfield Lane for \$10 from the Austin Mutual Life Insurance Company, then constructed the house in 1946. He worked as a steel and iron worker and was involved with the Shriners. George Holland died in 2008 in Austin.

Sarah Cornelia Darby Holland was born in 1917 in Austin. She attended Austin High School and UT, joining the Alpha Xi Delta sorority; she remained active with sorority alumnae events in following years. In 1940 she married George Holland, and the couple moved to Corpus Christi. They had at least one son. By 1952, they had returned to Austin and moved into 2112 Newfield Lane, where they lived at least until 1992. Sarah Holland died in 2017 in Texas.

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Water service permit issued to George C. Holland, 9/17/1946.

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Building permit for wood-frame house and garage issued to George C. Holland, 10/14/1946. Notes on additional permits issued in 1975 and 1976 are typed at the bottom of the permit; more detailed applications are on following pages.

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