

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
 DECEMBER 17, 2018
 PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
 NRD-2018-0073
 4200 WILDWOOD ROAD
 WILSHIRE HISTORIC DISTRICT

PROPOSAL

Demolish a one-story house built ca. 1948.

ARCHITECTURE

1-story, side-gabled, rectangular-plan house; clad in stone veneer and vinyl siding with fixed and single-hung aluminum-sash windows; flat-roofed carport with stone columns.

RESEARCH

The house was constructed around 1948 for UT football coach Eck Curtis and his wife Maurine, who lived there until about 1954. Henry and Frieda Studtman moved into the house by 1955 and lived there until about 1986. Henry owned Studtman Photo Service.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The house is a contributing property in the Wilshire 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.
- 2) The building retains a moderate degree of integrity. Windows and siding appear to have been replaced.
- 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 does not appear to be architecturally significant.
 - b. **Historical association.** Eck and Maurine Curtis only lived in the house for six years. Henry and Frieda Studtman lived in the house for about thirty years. There do not appear to be significant historical associations with the house.
 - 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. Encourage relocation over demolition. If the Commission votes to release the demolition 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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2018-0073

LOCATION: 4200 WILDWOOD RD



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Primary (east) façade of 4200 Wildwood Road.



Wildwood Road, with 4200 Wildwood in the center.

Occupancy History

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

- 1944 Address not listed
- 1949-52 Eck and Maurine Curtis, owners
 Assistant coach, UT (1949); coach (1952)
- 1955-86 Henry W. Jr. and Frieda J. Studtman, owners
 Henry owned Studtman Photo Service (222 W. 19th Street, laeter 222 W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard); Frieda worked as the office secretary for the company (1962-68).
- 1992 Unit A: Brice H. and Gavi Baines
 Account executive, Capital Fuleron Gr.
 Unit B: Vacant

Background Research

Eck Curtis was one of Texas's most successful high school football coaches for two decades, pioneering the T offensive formation in the southwest. He was an assistant football coach at UT from 1946 until 1954, when he took a job in Lubbock as Texas Tech's athletic director. He lived at 4200 Wildwood for fewer than six years.

Henry William Studtman (or Studtmann) was born in 1905 in Falls or Riesel, Texas, to a church minister. His father became the first president of Concordia Lutheran College in 1926 and moved his family to Austin. Henry married Frieda Schroeder in 1928. By 1930, the couple lived on the Concordia campus near Henry's family while Henry worked as a bookkeeper at a bank. Ten years later, he was still working as a bank teller (at American National Bank) and living next to his brother Carl on East Avenue. By the time Henry and Frieda Studtman moved into 4200 Wildwood Road around 1955, they had opened Studtman Photo Service, a photography store. Henry Studtman died in 1984 in Travis County.
 1981-2011

Frieda Marie Studtman (nee Schroeder) was born in 1907 in Oklahoma to a farming family. She moved to Austin between 1920 and 1928, when she married Henry Studtman. The couple had at least one child. She worked as the office secretary for Studtman Photo Service, at least for a few years in the 1960s, then worked as a housewife. She died in 1981 in Travis County.

STUDTMAN PHOTO FIRM PLANS TO OPEN CAMERON VILLAGE UNIT

Henry Studtman of the Studtman Photo Service, 19th and Lavaca Streets, Saturday announced his firm will open a second camera store in the new Cameron Village Shopping Center about Sept. 1.

The store has acquired a leased space in the center but is waiting for fixtures and equipment to arrive before announcing its opening for public patronage.

Meanwhile, patrons in Austin and Central Texas are urged to buy their films for their vacation tours at Studtman's and have them developed upon their return. Should the camera be found not working properly, it can be repaired and restored to efficient

operation in the camera repair department of the Studtman Photo Service.

This is one of the largest and most complete camera repair departments to be found anywhere in Central Texas and during the last few years many camera fans in nearby Central Texas cities have brought their cameras in for repairs.

For customers who want to present a gift for a birth or other anniversary, they will find at Studtman's a complete line of cameras—both still and movie types—as well as movie projectors. A camera is a gift that keeps on giving and for the vacationing tourist it is an accessory to complete enjoyment of a trip—providing pictures for the memory book or the travelogue.

In its film developing section, one day service is given on black and white pictures, being delivered at 5 p.m. each day if the film is brought in by 9 a.m. For color work a longer time is required for finishing since Studtman uses the Eastman process in motion picture film, Kodachrome slides and Kodacolor.

Newspaper article about Studtman Photo Service, The Austin Statesman, 7/26/1958.

Studtman Stores Provide Modern Photo Service

With warm mild weather heralding the approach of the spring and a return to outdoors sports and other activities, picture taking will be in order for Austin and Central Texas camera fans.

These patrons are extended an invitation to visit the two stores of the Studtman Photo Service located in the University area at 19th and Lavaca Streets and in Cameron Village at 5312 Cameron Road.

This firm, headed by **Henry Studtman**, offers a complete photographic service to both amateur and professional pho-

tographers in Austin and Central Texas.

The Studtman stores stock a complete line of cameras and projectors as well as imported cameras and accessories. A complete line of Hallmark greeting cards for various occasions, including Easter just a month away, and stationery are available.

The Studtman Photo Service has available both still and movie cameras for sale and for rent for use in those picture tours of Austin and Central Texas during the spring season. A full line of accessories, including film, is carried and a one-day service is given on developing of black and white film.

Newspaper article about Studtman Photo Service, The Austin Statesman, 3/5/1966.

Building Permits

Eck Curtis	4200 Wildwood Road
233	12 2 - -
Wilshire Wood	
Stone veneer res. with gar. attached	
37282	
4-13-48	\$5500.00
Tom Bradfield	

Building permit issued to Eck Curtis, 4/13/1948.

Receipt No. 9487 Application for Sewer Connection No. 24088

Austin, Texas, 4-13-48

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Eck Curtiss at 4200 Willwood Street, further described as Lot 12 Block 2 Outlot Division subdivision Wilshire Ward Plat 233 which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 8 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 29382

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3' Respectfully, PRB 4-20-48

Stub OUT Connected 8' N. 14 S. L.L. (Location) PRB

Date 5-14-48

By James Molder

NOTE: Connection Instruction Insertion at 1st stop main 14 1/2'
W. 8' R.
6" Stub at S.L.L. in St. Sta. 3+56.5 A:1567

Water service permit issued to Eck Curtiss [sic], 4/15/1948.

Lot # 12 Block 2 Wilshire Ward WATER SERVICE PERMIT MM E No. 30286 233 opague

Austin, Texas

Received of H. W. Studtman Date 3-13-62

Address 4200 Willwood Road

Amount NINETY AND NO/100 \$ 90.00

Plumber SPR BCT Size of Tap 1 1/2"

Date of Connection 3-27-62

Size of Tap Made 1 1/2"

Size Service Made 1 1/2"

Size Main Tapped 6" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 8'

From South Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box ROUND

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main OVER

Checked by Engr. Dept. 4-9-62 SnP

No. Fittings	Size	Description
1	1 1/2" C.I.	Pipe
1	1 1/2"	Corp. Cock
1	1 1/2"	Cop. to Iron ell
1	1 1/2"	Cop. to Cop. ell
1	1 1/2"	Cop. to Iron Coupling
1	1 1/2"	Cop. to Cop. Coupling
1	1 1/2"	Angle Stop
1	1 1/2"	Stop
1	1 1/2"	Bushing
2	1 1/2"	Nipples
1	1 1/2"	Service Clamp
1	1 1/2"	Valve
1	1 1/2"	Meter Box
1	1 1/2"	Lock Lid
1	1 1/2"	Drain Tile
1	1 1/2"	Drain Tile Lid
1	1 1/2"	Stop & Drain
1	1 1/2"	Job No. <u>W323-502</u>
1	1 1/2"	Foreman <u>A. Powell</u>

Replaces 1st tap c-416

Water service permit issued to H. W. Studtman, 3/13/1962.

OWNER	H. W. Studtman	ADDRESS	4200 Wildwood Rd.
PLAT	233	LOT	12
		BLK	2
SUBDIVISION	Wilshire Wood		
OCCUPANCY	Remodel Res.		
BLD PERMIT #	91494	DATE	4-6-64
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	2000.00
CONTRACTOR	Darrell Cummings		NO. OF FIXTURES
			1
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
	Residence		
	New Cabinets, new floor covering, new sink, electric		
	appliance (stove, hood, etc.)		

Building permit issued to H. W. Studtman for interior renovation work, 4/6/1964.