

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2022**  
**PR-2022-140670; GF-2022-154611**  
**1313 NEWTON STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Relocate a ca. 1927 house outside the city limits.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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The 2016 Bouldin Creek historic resource survey identifies the property as a Craftsman bungalow with wood siding. Its compound gabled roof, covered with corrugated metal, shelters a partial-width projecting porch, and triangular brackets are present at gable ends. Windows are wood and feature 3:1 wood screens.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house at 1313 Newton Street was built for Nora Eck as a rental property around 1927. Eck, who resided at 107 W. James Street<sup>1</sup> and for whom the subdivision was named, constructed other rentals in the neighborhood as well, including 1303, 1309, and 1311 Newton Street.<sup>2 3 4</sup> The home's earliest occupants were Carl and Ada Putnam, though Ada Putnam moved shortly after her husband's untimely death in 1932. The house was occupied by a series of short-term renters until Nora Eck's 1944 death, when its ownership passed to Maude H. Spencer and her son, Glen. Maude Spencer owned and operated a Red and White store for a short time, then worked as a seamstress. Captain Glen W. Spencer, an Air Force pilot, served in World War II after becoming an instructor and civilian pilot for the Browning Aerial Service. Spencer was the first student to graduate from a Civil Aeronautics Authority training program at Austin High School in 1940.<sup>5</sup>

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The 2016 Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Survey lists the property as a medium priority and a contributing property to a potential historic district.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building appears to be an intact Craftsman bungalow with replacement porch posts from the historic period.
  - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have 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 possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - 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**

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Release the relocation permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

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<sup>1</sup> "Rites Read At Home Here." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 26 Feb 1941: 6.

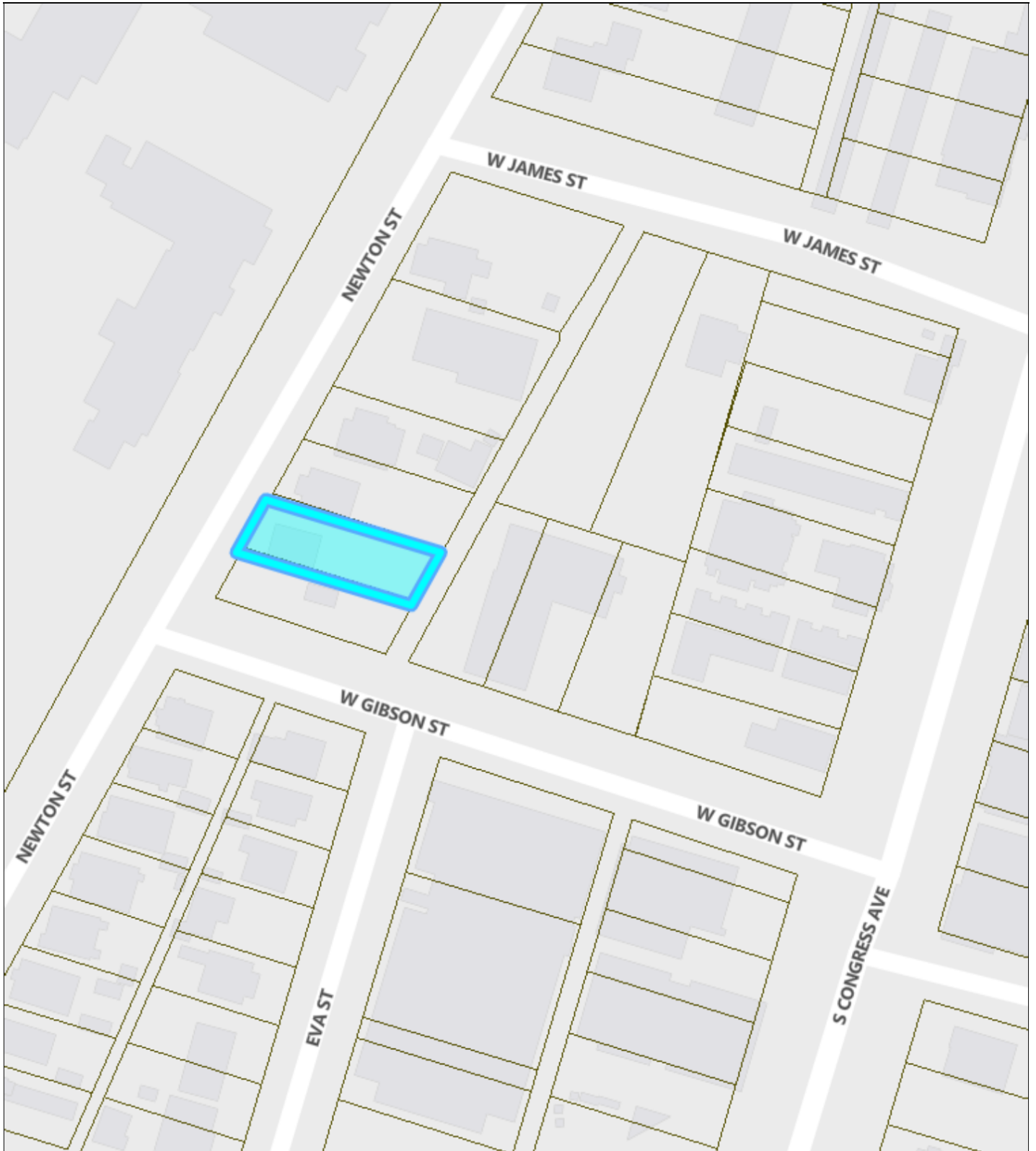
<sup>2</sup> *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 15 Sep 1926: 1.

<sup>3</sup> *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 26 July 1927: 10.

<sup>4</sup> *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 09 Oct 1930: 6.

<sup>5</sup> "First CAA Graduate." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 09 Jan 1941: 9.

## LOCATION MAP



1: 1200

Lot Lines

Lot Line

**GF 22-154611**

1313 NEWTON STREET



10/19/2022

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

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*Photos**Google Street View, 2022**Relocation permit application, 2022*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, September 2022

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| 1959 | Maude H. Spencer, owner (widow of W. H. Spencer)               |
| 1955 | Maude H. Spencer, owner (widow of W. H. Spencer)<br>Seamstress |
| 1952 | Maudie H. Spencer, owner (widow of W. H. Spencer)              |
| 1947 | Maude H. Spencer, owner<br>Spencer's Red & White Store         |
| 1944 | Maude H. Spencer, owner  |
| 1941 | Neil L. and Ila B. Coster, renters<br>Baker, John J. McNamara  |
| 1937 | Estin A. and Camilla Brown, renters                            |
| 1932 | Ada Putnam, renter (widow of Carl Putnam)                      |
| 1927 | Address not listed   |

*Historical information*

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| <h1>12 RESIDENCES</h1> <hr/> <h2>City Grants Permits<br/>for New Homes.</h2> <hr/> | <p>D. E. McArthur, 2202 Longview<br/>avenue, residence, \$3200.<br/>D. E. McArthur, 2200 Longview<br/>avenue, residence, \$3200.<br/>Henry Maerki, 605 West Seventh<br/>street, garage, \$75.<br/>Mrs. Nora Eck, 1311 Newton, res-<br/>idence, \$2065.<br/>Frank Buckley, 1101 East Second<br/>street, garage, \$60.<br/>Bessie Williams, 800 East 11th<br/>street, garage, \$75.</p> |
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12 RESIDENCES: City Grants Permits for New Homes. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 26 July 1927: 10.

**PUTNAM.**—Funeral services for Carl Putnam, 1313 Newton street, was who found beside his wrecked car on the Oak Hill road shot to death late Sunday, were held from the Thurlow Weed funeral home Tuesday at 4 p. m. Dr. H. C. Garrison officiated and interment was in Oakwood cemetery. Pallbearers were Walter Scholin, C. G. Lavender, Joe Davis, Newt Brunson, Adam Johnson and Lee Bowles. Hill City lodge No. 156, A.F.&A.M., had charge of services at the grave.

Mr. Putnam is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada Stiles Putnam; one son, Carl, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Murray Lindsey, and two brothers, Roger Putnam of Sandia and William Putnam of San Diego, Cal.

*The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 21 June 1932: 8.



## Future Fliers Finish First Course



Future fliers are these graduates of the first non-college ground course taught at Austin high school, now proud of the government flight scholarships they have won. At right, Miss Mary Miller, stenographer, learns the 'contact' order her first day at the field. Others in the class, shown in the group picture, are, left to

right, first row: William W. Barnes, Glen W. Spencer and Robert C. Wilson; back row: Lloyd A. Fry, Jr., Woodrow W. Bowden, Ellis A. Qualline, Eugene Bogle and Horace L. Holley, Jr. Tenth member of the scholarship group is Arthur L. Sentz of the state highway department, who was out of town when this picture was taken.

*Future Fliers Finish First Course. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 22 May 1940: 7.*

## First CAA Graduate



Glen Spencer, first Austin student to finish the CAA course has accepted a position as instructor at the University airport with the Browning Aerial Service. He also received training at Meacham field, Fort Worth.

Mr. Spencer has been employed by the highway department as payroll clerk for the past four years.

## Browning Now Giving Flight Training Here

An Austin institution which is contributing to the national defense program generally and to aviation in particular is the Browning Aerial Service at the University airport located on the Georgetown highway where some of the students now being given training are planning to enter the army or navy.

The Browning Aerial Service is now training students in flying under a civil aeronautics contract, and some of the civil pilot training students are now employed by Bob Browning, head of the aerial service, as instructors.

Glen W. Spencer, one of Mr. Browning's primary civil pilot training students who has been trained through an instruction school of the civil aeronautics authority, is now serving as an instructor under Mr. Browning.

*First CAA Graduate. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 09 Jan 1941: 9.*

*Browning Now Giving Flight Training Here. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 08 Mar 1941: 10*

**ECK**—Mrs. **Nora Eck**, 63, died at her home, 107 James street, at 7:50 a. m. Tuesday. Mrs. Eck was a member of the Southside Church of Christ. Survivors are one sister, Mrs. Annie Gregg of Littlefield, Texas, and one brother, A. K. Stewart of Austin. Funeral services will be held from the Southside Church of Christ at 3 p. m. Wednesday with the pastor, Jess Hall, officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood. The body will be at the Cook Funeral home until Wednesday afternoon.

45, division O.

Theodore Zuercher and wife to Maud H. Spencer July 5, 1944. \$2,810; lots 26 and 27 in the **Nora Eck** resubdivision.

Haron W. Mills and wife to Arthur Smith. July 14, 1944. \$2,610; lots 7 and 12.

*The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 04 Apr 1944: 11

*The Austin American* (1914-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 06 Aug 1944: 7.



**Awarded the Air Medal recently was Capt. Glen W. Spencer, 1313 Newton street.** He is serving with the air transport command in the India-China division.

**ON ACTIVE DUTY** — Captain Glen W. Spencer has been called to active duty with the Military Air Transportation Service at McChord AFB, Washington. With more than 8,000 hours flying time, he spent 750 hours in combat in Europe, North Africa and Asia during World War II. Before entering active duty, Capt. Spencer lived at 1313 Newton.

*FIGHTERS for FREEDOM* *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 18 Dec 1945: 9.

*ON ACTIVE DUTY.* *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 18 Jan 1951: 16.

## Permits

## APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas.

1921

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 Mrs. Nora Eck

at 1313 Newton Street

Sewer service permit, 1929

Mrs. Maude H. Spencer

1313 Newton Street

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~~20~~ 27 and 26~~18~~ - 2A -

- Nora Eck, Resub of Blk 2A &amp; A

Frame addition to rear of residence.

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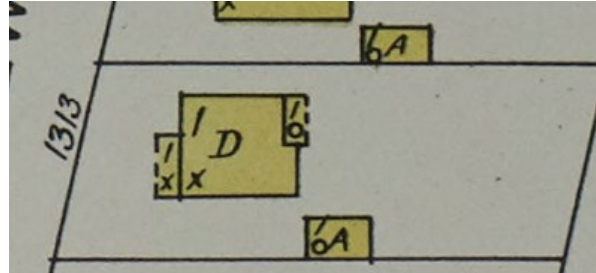
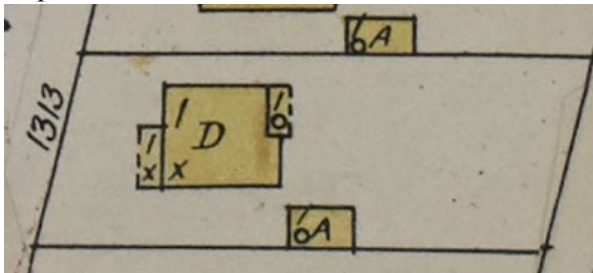
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Thomas Ates

4-7-72-128716-frn addn to residence 348 sq.ft.

Building permit, 1951

## Sanborn maps



Sanborn map, 1962 and 1935