

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 21, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0697  
1504 RICHCREEK ROAD**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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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**

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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**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 208'

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2016-0697  
1504 RICHCREEK ROAD

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1504 Richcreek Road  
ca. 1951



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1504 Richcreek Road

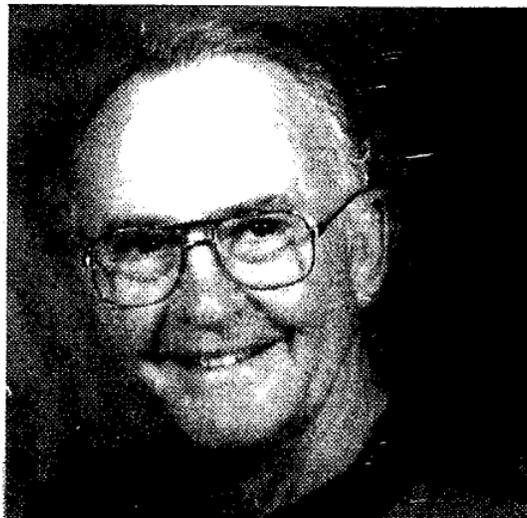
City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
October, 2016

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| 1992    | Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners<br>Retired   |
| 1985-86 | Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners<br>Insulation installer  |
| 1981    | Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners<br>Insulation installer  |
| 1977    | Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners<br>Printer   |
| 1973    | Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners<br>Proprietor, Copy Shop (not listed in the directory).  |
| 1968    | Loyd and Phyllis Skiles, owners<br>Branch manager, Sweda International, business machines, 3401-A N.<br>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 County, Texas.
- 1952 The address is not listed in the directory.  
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 - )**

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 American-Statesman, April 10, 2001

Ray Yates 1504 Richcreek Dr.

318 34 and west 30' of 36 P - -

Crestview #7

Brick veneer residence and frame garage

49034 9-10-51

\$10,000.00

Owner

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Building permit to Ray Yates for the construction of this house (1951)

15/36

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 9997

see 311

Received of: Ray FLATE S Date 10-22-51

Address 1504 RICH CREEK Rd

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 20

Plumber F. B. PRICE'S Size of Tap 3/4

Date of Connection	1-10-52	
Size of Tap Made		
Size Service Made		
Size Main Tapped		
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	7.5'	
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock		
Location of Meter	CURB	
Type of Box	LOG	
Depth of Main in St.		
Depth of Service Line		
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main		
Checked by Engr. Dept.	2-7-52 RC	

No. Fittings	Size
Curb Cock	
Elbow	
St. Elbow	
Bushing	
Reducer	
Pipe	
Lead Comp.	
Nipples	3/4" S&P.C.V.
Union	
Plug	
Tee	1" 410
Step	
Box	
Lid	
Valves	
Job No.	W-323-502
P. eq. No.	117 P&P

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Water service permit to Ray Yates for this address (1951)

Receipt No. 17642 Application for Sewer Connection No. 29209A

Austin, Texas, 10-22-1951

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 Ray Yates at 1504 Rich Creek Rd Street,  
further described as Lot 34+W. 30' x 36' Block 7 Outlot — Division —  
subdivision Crestview # 2 Plat 318 which is to be used as a Res  
In this place there are to be installed 3 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 44933  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 2'

3' at stub  
Respectfully, 11-12-51

~~Stub Out~~  
Connected to on W.L.L.  
(Location)

F.B. Driggs

Date 11-21-51

By amana

NOTE: Connection Instruction 8" Sanitary Lt ± 4' dia  
man 14.5' H of 5" R 6" Stub 2' W of W.L.L. A 25' 23

Sewer connection application by Ray Yates for this address (1951)