# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JUNE 25, 2018 PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS NRD-2018-0042 3306 BEVERLY ROAD

### 3306 BEVERLY ROAD OLD WEST AUSTIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

#### **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1949 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled building; clad in wood siding with 6:6 double-hung wood-sash windows.

#### RESEARCH

The house was constructed by Stewart Watt around 1949. By 1955, Carl and Amelia Gidley had purchased and were living in the property, where they remained until at least 1977. Carl worked as an assistant state auditor at the State Employment Commission and Amelia was a teacher.

#### STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

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

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is over 50 years old, having been constructed ca. 1949.
- 2) The building retains 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. Carl and Amelia Gidley occupied the property for at least twenty 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 property's location in the National Register historic district, the demolition permit will not be released until the Commission has reviewed and commented on plans for new construction.





# NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2018-0042 LOCATION: 3306 Beverly Road

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1 " = 134 '

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

## Photos



South elevation and east (primary) façade of 3306 Beverly Road.

## Occupancy History

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

1949	Under construction
1952	Charles W. and Nancy B. Sharp, owners Students, UT
1955-77	Carl L. and Amelia P. Gidley, owners Carl worked as the assistant state auditor for the State Employment Commission; Amelia was a teacher at county schools (1955) and Pleasant Hill School (1962). By 1968, both were listed as retired.
1986	Bruno E. and Louise Schroeder, owners Retired

1992 Bruce Grant

No occupation listed

#### Background Research

Carl L. Gidley was born in 1893 in Texas into a large family, one of eleven children. (The family's surname was spelled Giddley in the 1900 and 1910 censuses.) When Carl was seven, his family was living in Calvert, where his father worked as a livery-stable keeper; by 1910, they had moved to Milam County, where his father worked as a farmer. Carl began his career as an accountant for an oil company, then moved to the State Employment Commission as an assistant state auditor. He was active in the Shriners and the Order of the Eastern Star, affiliated with the Masonic order. Mr. Gidley died in 1987 in Johnson City, Texas.

Amelia Pettit Gidley was born in 1896 in Texas. She married Carl Gidley around 1922; it does not appear that the couple had children. She worked as a sixth-grade teacher at Pleasant Hill School and was active in religious and social groups, including the Young Womans' Missionary Society of First Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star with her husband. Mrs. Gidley died in 1978 in Austin.

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Building permit issued to Stewart Watt and Frank Sefcik, 6/7/1949. The permit also notes an addition to the garage by Arthur Honnicutt, 7/23/1971.

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