

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**NRD-2019-0050**  
**2515 HARRIS BLVD.**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL**

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Construct a second-story rear addition to a ca. 1936 house, rebuild existing side and rear additions, replace existing detached carport with garage, and replace windows, dormers, and awning at main (west) façade.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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2-story masonry Colonial Revival house with side-gabled composition shingle roof, 6:6 wood windows, wood-clad dormers, and portico with decorative brackets and column fronts.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Enlarge and replace windows and dormers on west façade with 6:6 wood windows and masonry dormers. Add operable wood shutters. Replace door. Replace portico with awning. Replace composition shingle roof.
- 2) Remove and replace first-floor rear and side additions. South: Remove first-floor gable and replace bay glazing with 6-light fixed-pane windows. Reconfigure and replace existing porch glazing with French doors and fixed-pane windows. Add standing-seam metal hipped roof to first floor. North: Remove existing windows and door at addition. Replace windows on original building with 2 2:2 windows at second floor and 6:6 enlarged window with shutters at first floor. Rear: Reconfigure first floor to create covered patio and add a door.
- 3) Construct a rear second-floor addition with masonry cladding and 4:4 wood windows.
- 4) Remove existing detached carport. Replace with 2-story wood-clad garage with gabled standing-seam metal roof and 2:2 wood windows.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1936 by salesman Val F. Aldred and his wife Clara. The Aldred family lived there until 1968, with Mrs. Aldred remaining in the home after her husband's death in 1958. The home was then purchased by Norman Fischer, a radio and TV station broker, and his wife Cecile. The Fischers lived in the house until at least 1992.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The property is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that there is not sufficient significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark under the criteria set forth in City Code:

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain a high degree of integrity.
  - a. **Architecture.** The building displays characteristics of the Colonial Revival style.
  - b. **Historical association.** There do not appear to be any significant historical associations

- c. **Archaeology.** The building was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The building 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.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate projects in National Register historic districts. Applicable standards include:

*2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided. 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.* The proposed project will remove original windows and enlarge window openings, thus altering the building's original fenestration pattern.

*9. New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.* The proposed additions are differentiated from the original building by fenestration patterns, massing, and roofline changes. The majority of proposed work affects non-original additions; however, spatial relationships would be altered at the secondary Wathen Street façade by adding second-floor volume.

*10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.* Removal of the proposed addition could affect the integrity of the rear and side elevations.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Retain original windows and fenestration pattern if possible to maintain the property's contributing status.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage applicant to implement Committee recommendations, then comment on and release the permit.

# LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

### NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2019-0050  
LOCATION: 2515 Harris Blvd.



1" = 135'

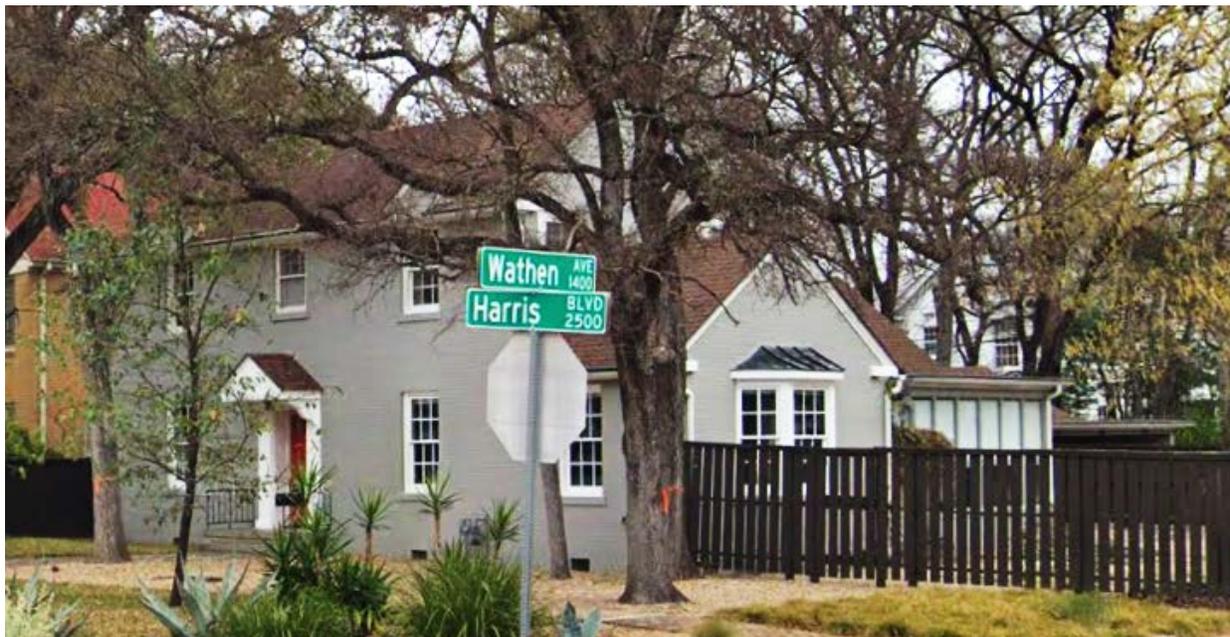
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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

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### *Photos*



*Street View, 2019*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, Austin History Center

By City Historic Preservation Office, September 2019

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| 1935    | Address not listed.  |
| 1939    | V. F. and Clara Aldred, owners<br>Salesman<br><br>Jack A. Aldred, renter<br>Student, U of T<br><br>Val Jean Aldred, renter<br>Student, U of T                      |
| 1941    | V. F. and Clara Aldred, owners<br>Salesman, Burrough's Adding Machine Co.<br><br>Jack V. Aldred, renter<br>Student, U of T<br><br>Emma L. McMillon, renter<br>Maid |
| 1944-45 | Val F. and Clara Aldred, owners<br>Salesman, Burrough's Adding Machine Co  |

- 1947 Val F. and Clara Aldred, owners  
Salesman  
Colonel E. Dougherty, renter  
Salesman
- 1949 Val F. and Clara Aldred, owners  
Salesman  
Substitute librarian, Christian Science Reading Room
- 1952 Val F. and Clara Aldred, owners  
Lucia Brewington, renter  
Maid
- 1955 Val F. and Clara Aldred, owners  
Konko Sales Co.
- 1959 Mrs. Clara Aldred, owner (wid. Val F.)
- 1962 Mrs. Clara Aldred, owner (wid. Val F.)
- 1965 Mrs. Clara Aldred, owner (wid. Val F.)
- 1968 Mrs. Clara Aldred, owner (wid. Val F.)
- 1973 Norman and Cecile R. Fischer, owners
- 1977 Norman and Cecile R. Fischer, owners  
Norman Fischer & Associates, 3810 Medical Pkwy.
- 1981 Norman and Cecile R. Fischer, owners  
Commercial broker
- 1986 Norman and Cecile R. Fischer, owners  
Radio and TV broker, 1209 Parkway
- 1992 Norman and Cecile R. Fischer, owners  
President, Norman Fischer & Associates radio and TV broker, 1209 Parkway

### *Biographical Notes*

#### **VAL F. ALDRED**

Val F. Aldred of 2515 Harris Avenue died at his home early Friday morning.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara M. Aldred; a daughter, Mrs. Harry Newman of San Antonio; a son, Jack V. A. Aldred of Houston; two grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Ed Cunningham of Hutchinson, Kan., and Mrs. Ed Furman of Utica, Kan.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Cook Funeral Home.

*The Austin Statesman*; 11-21-58

**NEW STORE SET  
FOR CEREMONY**

Mayor Tom Miller will preside over a brief ceremony Thursday at 8 p. m. that will formally open the new Werner and Aldred men's furnishings store at 709 Congress avenue.

Owners and operators of the new store, J. Harold Werner and Val F. Aldred, will be joined by members of their new organization in welcoming the public to an inspection of the institution, but no merchandise will be sold during the evening.

*The Austin Statesman*; 8-11-36

#### **XI—LEGALS**

##### **97—Legal Notices**

Aldred and Werner is dissolved. Mr. J. H. Werner is retiring from the business and the business will hereafter be conducted under the name of Val F. Aldred. Under the dissolution agreement Mr. Aldred has assumed the payment of all obligations owing by the firm. March 6th 1937.

Signed: **VAL F. ALDRED,**  
Signed: **J. H. WERNER.**

*The Austin American*; 3-7-37



Open house at the new Werner & Aldred store for men at 907 Congress avenue will be held Thursday evening by the proprietors of the new store, shown here, with an interior view of the elaborate store. At left is shown J.

Harold Werner and below is Val. F. Aldred. The interior view shows the cut-outs that designate the departments and the modern new fixtures that have been installed in the new store. Note the stream-lined walls, with the fixture sections built in.

*The Austin Statesman; Aug 12, 1936*



**HORSE SHOW** — Settlement Home Horse Show Club Chairman Mrs. Bob Miller, right, and treasurer for the club, Mrs. Norman Fischer, center, make preparations for decorating the club and serving guest Mrs. David Ford and other Horse show visitors. Club membership entitles one to special parking and courtesy lounge privileges

at the two day show Nov. 20-21 at Camp Mabry. This year's show will feature Jumper, Hunter and Arabian Classes, and proceeds will benefit the Settlement Club Home, 1600 Peyton Gin Road. Invitations to club members are currently being mailed. Any inquiries may be directed to Mrs. Miller at 478-7648. (Staff Photo by Ray Cobb)

*The Austin Statesman; Oct 24, 1971*

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1973, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission which requests consent to the assignment of license of Station KTAP, Austin, Texas (970 kHz), from Kingstip Communications, Inc. to Advance, Inc.

The officers and directors of Kingstip Communications are: Henry B. Tippe, John R. Kingsberry, V. Victor Ludington, William R. Yordy, and J. B. Bell, Jr. All of the stock is owned by Kingstip Inc.

The officers, directors and stockholders (10 per cent or greater) of Advance, Inc. are: R. Miller Hicks, Elizabeth Hicks, Norman Fischer, and Charles B. Smith.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection at 908 West 19th Street, Austin, Texas, during the hours of 9 a.m. thru 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

*The Austin American Statesman; Nov 30, 1973*

*Building Permits*

Val F. Aldred

2515 Harris Boulevard

~~159~~  
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blk. 11 lot 9

Pemberton Heights Sec. 2

Residence

173 - 10/13

*Building permit, 10-13-36*

Connection Charge \$ 1.00

Application for Sewer Connection.

No 13066

Austin, Texas, Dec. 28 193 6

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instruc-

tions on premises owned by VAL. F. ALDRED

at 2515 HARRIS BLVD Street,

further described as lot 9, block 11, outlot:

subdivision PEMBERTON HGTS, division SECT. 2, plat 157,

which is to be used as a RES.

*Sewer tap permit, 12-28-36*

