

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2009-0035

HLC DATE:

September 28, 2009

PC DATE:

November 10, 2009

December 8, 2009

APPLICANT: Jo Sue Howard, owner

HISTORIC NAME: J.W. and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1801 West Avenue

ZONING FROM: MF-4 to SF-3-H

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from multi-family residence (MF-4) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from multi-family residence (MF-4) district to single family residence-Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 4-0 (Limbacher ill).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: November 10, 2009: Postponed the case at staff's request to December 8, 2009.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The house is listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: December 10, 2009

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Judge's Hill Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1920 house is an excellent example of Italian Renaissance Revival design, and the work of noted Austin architect Edwin Kreisle; the house was built by J.W. and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough, who lived here until their deaths. J.W. Scarbrough was the co-owner of Scarbrough's Department store in downtown Austin for 45 years and oversaw the renovation of the building into its current Art Deco design in 1931.

Architecture:

The house is a two-story rectangular-plan hipped roof stucco house which has been described as an example of Italian Renaissance Revival architecture. The house has

a symmetrical façade with a recessed central entry and a segmental-arched entry hood on carved brackets above the recessed vestibule. Fenestration on the first floor consists of paired Colonial Revival-styled 6:6 windows with a segmental-arched fanlight above; second-floor fenestration consists of single 6:6 windows with a pair of 4-light double-hung sash windows above the central entry. The house has a two-story sunroom/sleeping porch to the right (south) of the principal block of the façade, which has been enclosed. Windows on the ground floor of the side porch consist of paired casement windows; the windows on the second floor of the side porch are modern casement windows. The back of the house also has a large two-story porch which has been enclosed; windows on the ground floor consist of fixed-sash and single casements; windows on the second floor consist of modern casements, which have been installed over the original railing of the porch. The ground-floor porch enclosures were constructed by the Scarbrough family prior to 1976. The house has a slate roof with a pair of hipped dormers on the front and a single dormer on the rear. All dormers have louvered screens. There is a detached one-story stucco garage with a composition shingle roof.

Historical Associations:

The ca. 1920 house was designed by noted Austin architect Edwin Kreisle for J.W. (Will) and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough, who purchased this lot in 1916. Kreisle, an Austin native, graduated from what is now Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, and returned to Austin in 1911 to establish his architectural practice. Kreisle was a prolific architect in Austin, designing many houses, schools, churches, commercial buildings, and civic buildings, including several of Austin's older fire stations. He was known for his work in period revival styles, especially variations on Italian Renaissance Revival, Tudor Revival, and Colonial Revival, as well as for his use of carved wood and ornamental metal in his designs.

Will and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough were the first owners of this house and lived here until their deaths. Will Scarbrough was the son of Emerson Monroe (E.M.) Scarbrough, the owner of E.M. Scarbrough & Sons department store at 6th and Congress. E.M. Scarbrough (1846-1925) was a native of Alabama, and after service in the Confederate Army, moved to Texas in 1865. He clerked in country stores in Robertson County, Texas, began a timber supply business for railroads building through the area, and went into business with H.P. Hale, a merchant in Rockdale, Texas. E.M. Scarbrough was a mayor of Rockdale and served on that city's school board. After H.P. Hale's death, E.M. Scarbrough and R.H. Hicks continued the business and Scarbrough & Hicks. In 1889, E.M. Scarbrough moved his family to Austin for better schools and medical facilities, as his wife was very ill. In 1893, he opened the Austin branch of Scarbrough & Hicks, while R.H. Hicks remained in Rockdale. The store was originally in the Kreisle building at 414 Congress Avenue, then built the Scarbrough Building at 520 Congress Avenue in 1908-09. The new building was designed by Fort Worth architects Sanguinet and Staats and had the Scarbrough & Hicks store on the first and second floors, with offices above. E.M. Scarbrough set up a partnership with his two youngest sons, Will and Lem, in 1912, and when R.H. Hicks died in Rockdale, the business became known as E.M. Scarbrough and Sons. When E.M. Scarbrough passed away in 1925, Will and Lem continued the business. Will served as the general manager of the business, and later became president of the incorporated company. He and Lem contracted with Wyatt C. Hedrick of Fort Worth and Edwin Kreisle of Austin to update the building to its current appearance in 1931, transforming the building to an Art Deco

masterpiece with large picture windows and Art Deco ornamentation. The new Scarbrough's store is reputed to be the first retail store west of the Mississippi with air-conditioning.

Will Scarbrough oversaw the operation of the E.M. Scarbrough and Sons department store from 1925 until his death in 1960, and oversaw the updating and transformation of the building from its turn-of-the-century office building appearance to an Art Deco storefront. He continued to expand the business, adding new features and services to the store to maintain its premier position in downtown Austin's retail market. Will Scarbrough was also a significant civic and philanthropic leader in Austin; he actively supported many religious, educational and charitable organizations in Austin, and established the J.W. and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough Foundation to assist in charitable works.

Cornelia Rice Scarbrough (1889-1974) was originally from Galveston, attended the University of Texas at Austin, and was equally active as her husband in charitable work. She was a member of the Settlement Club as well as the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. After Will's death in 1960, she continued to live in this house until her death in 1974.

The house sat vacant for a few years after Mrs. Scarbrough's death; J.W. Scarbrough, Jr. sold the house in 1976 to Dr. Earl W. and Jo Sue Howard, who had moved to Austin that year for Dr. Howard's surgical practice. Dr. Howard, a native of Pearsall, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He completed his residence in general surgery at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and moved to Austin in 1976, purchasing this house as well as the additional Scarbrough property across 18th Street to the south of the Scarbrough house, where he moved the Hancock House in 1979 as his medical office. His wife, Jo Sue Howard, graduated from the University of Oklahoma, is a registered pharmacist, and managed her husband's surgical practice until his death in 2004. Jo Sue has also served as the president of the Judges' Hill Neighborhood Association.

PARCEL NO.: 02110103060000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 8, Block 11, A.K. Black Subdivision No. 1

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$11,378 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,098 (capped).

APPRAISED VALUE: \$947,286

PRESENT USE: Single-family residence.

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNERS:

Jo Sue Howard
1801 West Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

DATE BUILT: ca. 1920

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Restoration of deteriorated siding in 1977; relocation of the front drive and installation of the wrought iron fence and columns with driveway gates in 1982-83; addition of wood-frame casement windows to the second story of the south porch and curved northeast wing; installation of two stained glass windows.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): J.W. and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough (1920)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.

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J.W. and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough House
1801 West Avenue
ca. 1920



Rear of the house



Breakfast room wing -- added 1982



Detail of the front entry

A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

OK to go
CS
8-26-09

PROJECT INFORMATION:

#10334331

| DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| APPLICATION DATE: <u>Aug. 31, 09</u> | FILE NUMBER(S) <u>CHH-2009-0235</u> |
| TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____ | |
| TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____ | |
| TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____ | CITY INITIATED: YES / NO |
| CASE MANAGER <u>Steve Sadowski</u> | ROLLBACK: YES/NO |
| APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>M. Cervantes</u> | |

BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: JO SUE HOWARD
2. PROJECT NAME: J.W. & Cornelia Rice SCARBROUGH HOUSE
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): 1801 WEST AVENUE
ZIP 78701 COUNTY: TRAVIS

AREA TO BE REZONED:

| 4. ACRES : LESS THAN 1 | | (OR) | SQ.FT. 13,748 sq. ft. | | |
|--|--------------|--------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION: Single Family | | | | | |
| EXISTING ZONING | EXISTING USE | TRACT# | ACRES / SQ. FT. | PROPOSED USE | PROPOSED ZONING |
| MF-4* | residence | | 13,748 sq. ft. | residence | SF-Historic* |
| *Anticipating Planning Commission initiation of zoning case. | | | | | |

RELATED CURRENT CASES:

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE? | (YES / <u>NO</u>) | FILE NUMBER: _____ |
| 7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT? | (YES / <u>NO</u>) | FILE NUMBER: _____ |
| 8. SUBDIVISION? | (YES / <u>NO</u>) | FILE NUMBER: _____ |
| 9. SITE PLAN? | (YES / <u>NO</u>) | FILE NUMBER: _____ |

Shoal Creek - Watershed
Urban - ... in process

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: _____
Block(s) S 96 FT of W 138 FT & 10 FT X 46 FT of Outlet 19, Division E
Plat Book: _____ Page Number: _____
10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attached two copies)

DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:

11. VOLUME: 5681 PAGE: 2270 TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 02-1101-03060000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES ☒ NO
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) _____
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES ☒ NO
14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES ☒ NO (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)
TRIPS PER DAY: _____
TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S): _____

OWNERSHIP TYPE:

15. ☒ SOLE ☐ COMMUNITY PROPERTY ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ CORPORATION ☐ TRUST

If ownership is other than sole or community property, list individuals/partners/principals below or attach separate sheet.

OWNER INFORMATION:

16. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION
SIGNATURE: Jo Sue Howard NAME: Jo Sue Howard
FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-5517
STREET ADDRESS: 1801 WEST AVENUE
CITY: AUSTIN STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 78701
EMAIL ADDRESS: josuehoward@sbcglobal.net

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION
SIGNATURE: Phoebe Allen NAME: PHOEBE ALLEN
FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 444-328 OR 627-8170 cell
STREET ADDRESS: 2510 Cedarview Drive
CITY: Austin STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 78704
CONTACT PERSON: PHOEBE ALLEN TELEPHONE NUMBER: same
EMAIL ADDRESS: phoebezink@gmail.com

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY:

C. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

 8-25-09
Signature Date

Jo SUE Howard
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

 8-25-09
Signature Date

Jo SUE HOWARD
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

concerning
Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions,
Restrictive Covenants
and / or
Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, Jo Sue Howard have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,
(Print name of applicant)

restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at

1801 West Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701
(Address or Legal Description)

If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.

I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.

Jo Sue Howard
(Applicant's signature)

8-25-09
(Date)

TAX CERTIFICATE
Nelda Wells Spears
Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78767
(512) 854-9473

NO 6836

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02-1101-0306-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

HOWARD JO SUE
1801 WEST AVENUE
AUSTIN, TX 78701-1038

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 8 BLK 11 BLACK A K SUBD NO 1

ACRES 0.000 MIN% .0000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1801 WEST AVE AUSTIN

This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interest are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s):

| YEAR | ENTITY | TOTAL |
|------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 2008 | AUSTIN ISD | * ALL PAID * |
| | CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV) | * ALL PAID * |
| | TRAVIS COUNTY | * ALL PAID * |
| | TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT | * ALL PAID * |
| | ACC (TRAVIS) | * ALL PAID * |

SEQ 0-3

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| TOTAL TAX: | * ALL PAID * |
| UNPAID FEES: | * NONE * |
| INTEREST ON FEES: | * NONE * |
| COMMISSION: | * NONE * |
| TOTAL DUE ==> | * ALL PAID * |

TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2008 \$4,212.25

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2008 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.

The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).

Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 08/11/2009.

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: Barbara Hunt

F. 1: Historical Documentation - Deed Chronology

Deed Research for 1801 West Avenue

Tax Parcel Number: Ref ID2 Number: 02-1101-03060000
 Legal Description: S 96 FT of W 138 FT & 10 FT X 46 FT of Outlot 19, Division E
 Owner: Jo Sue Howard 477-5517

Deeds: Scarbrough House, 1801 West Avenue

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| Oct. 2, 1852 | S. G. Haynie to Lyman W. Alexander of Colorado County, Vol. F, pages 140-141. \$500 (Apparently SGH promised to sell the property before the original grant was recorded) |
| Nov. 17, 1854 | Samuel G. Haynie, land patent Vol. 2, No. 238 (+1863 Sandusky map) |
| July 8, 1869 | L.W. Alexander to John Horan, Vol. T, page 356-357, \$650 |
| June 10, 1870 | John A. Green & Catherine A. Horan (estate of J. Horan) to Eva H. Denny, wife of Charles A. Denny, Vol. T, pages 357-358, \$650 |
| Prior to 1879 | Lot Register 19 E, C.A. Denny (all 8 lots, valued @ \$2500) |
| 1884 | Lot Register 19 E, Miss T. A. Denny (all 8 lots, valued @ \$2000) |
| July 21, 1884 | Charles A. Denny/W.C. Denny to C. W. Firebaugh 61/291-294 (1/2) |
| July 21, 1884 | Tula A. Denny by W.C. Denny to Charles W. Firebaugh 61/291 (1/2) |
| June 24, 1911 | C.W. & Cora P. Firebaugh of NYC to Alice Raymond 246/34 |

[Denny-Firebaugh House: May 9, 1898. Firebaugh to Mrs. N.L. Holliday, Vol. 141, page 171 – Central 90' of W138' of 19E; Oct. 10, 1914- N.L. Holliday to Margaret Holliday, Vol. 265, page 519; Holliday to husband Clark, Clark to bank, bank to Delta Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi in 1927; Alpha Delta Pi to Cornelia Scarbrough on June 18, 1943, Vol. 721, page 163. Scarbrough to Ola S. Neighbors in August 1943; Neighbors to Moyer Oct. 1973]

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| Dec 26, 1916 | Alice & J.H. Raymond Jr. to John W. Scarbrough | 291/174 |
| Dec 31, 1976 | J.W. Scarbrough Jr. to Earl & Jo Sue Howard | 5681/2270 |

Occupancy (City Directories and present owner)

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|--------------|--|
| 1918 | 1801 West Avenue is vacant (Denny-Holliday House) 1802 West Avenue – Thaddeus Thomson (o) |
| 1920 | 1801 is not listed; 1802 – Thomson 1803 West – Clark, S.J. (o) |
| 1922-1974 | 1801 West Avenue: Scarbrough, J.W. & Cornelia (Will died 1960; Cornelia died 1974) |
| 1975-76 | Vacant |
| 1977-present | Dr. Earl & Jo Sue Howard (Earl died in 2007) |

J.W. & Cornelia Rice Scarbrough House

1801 West Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Compiled by Phoebe Allen, June 2009

SUMMARY

Architect Edwin C. Krelle (1888-1971) designed this Italian Renaissance Revival style home in 1920 for the prominent Austin family of John William Scarbrough, one of two sons of pioneer merchant Emerson Monroe Scarbrough. Will and his wife, the former Cornelia Rice, resided in the home for over 50 years, until their deaths. Dr. & Mrs. Earl Howard purchased the home from the Scarbrough estate; Mrs. Howard currently occupies the home.

The two-story masonry house is situated at the northeast corner of the intersection of West Avenue and Eighteenth Streets in the Judges' Hill neighborhood, a few blocks northwest of the Texas State Capitol and southwest of The University of Texas campus. The home faces West Avenue, the western boundary of the 1839 City of Austin. Many elegant, historic homes still line both sides of the avenue, including the adjacent Denny-Hollday House at 1803 West Avenue, a city and state landmark built circa 1870 to face east toward Rio Grande. The topography slopes gently from front to rear toward Rio Grande; the landscaping is extensive, featuring original stone walls in the rear garden and ironwork, including three distinctive gates, attributed to Fortunat Weigl.

The Judges' Hill neighborhood continues to experience controversial revitalization and conversion of some single family residences to professional offices. Across West Avenue is a series of three modern apartment and condominium buildings that have replaced older, original homes, including two just across the street from the Scarbroughs: the Richardsonian Romanesque Edward Mandell House home at 1704 West Avenue, built in 1891 and demolished in 1967, and the Angeline Townsend-Thad Thomson home at 1802 West Avenue, built in 1868 and demolished in 1962. The neighborhood is under consideration for a City of Austin Historic District.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The two-story stucco (cement plaster) house has a hipped, slate-shingle roof with exposed rafter ends, two front dormers and one rear dormer for ventilation, and two interior chimneys. The home features a deep overhanging cornice, arched pediment over the entry, and two elliptical arched windows with fan transoms on the main floor level. Four upper front windows have operable shutters.

Front windows are six-over-six and eight over eight, double hung with wood sashes. The enclosed south porch casement windows are four-over-four. The windows on the upper east/rear porch have casement frames with original rolling screen inside the windows.

The poured concrete foundation walls are on a concrete slab. A partial basement is at the rear of the home. The floor plan is asymmetrical. The detached, single-story, stucco garage and servants' quarters has a hipped roof with composition shingles.

The main level of the home is designed to entertain large numbers of people. Ceiling heights accommodate not only the human scale but respect and enhance the proportions of the spaces themselves. Most of the rooms on both levels open onto large porches overlooking the walled-in grounds and gardens. The south side porch has been glazed in and now serves as a reading/sun room. Several of the chandeliers are original to the home. Two original, built-in bookcases in the living room feature cornice molding and floral carvings. From the entry hall, the elliptical

staircase with square wood rails leads up to the second level, where the hardwood floors are without seams perpendicular to the grain.

A 1983 wrought iron rail fence, three feet in height, connected by concrete pillars, surrounds the house streetside. Brick walkways and drives lie inside the fence. The highly decorative, original wrought iron gates in the rear garden, balcony rail, and ironwork on the rear rock walls were created by Weigl Ironworks¹. Two gates are particularly interesting, one featuring a cactus, the other a series of lily pads. Low stone walls outline the property in front and continue as high retaining walls and standing walls in the rear garden. An original stone grotto with fountain and small pond is featured along the back, east wall of the property.

List and Date of Architectural Modifications

Extensive plumbing, rewiring, addition of dual pipe heating and AC system, update of the kitchen, and addition of butler's pantry were all completed by the Scarbroughs before 1976.

The Howards refinished the floors, rebuilt the low perimeter wall around the grounds, renovated the servants' quarters, refinished the exterior cement plaster, and stripped and repainted the exterior wood trim in 1977, with restoration by Dailey & Wann, AIA.

In 1982-83, the front, circular drive was slightly moved to the inside of the Magnolia tree, and the wrought iron fence and columns with two wrought iron driveway gates were added. The Howards also added the wooden Andersen windows in the upstairs, south porch, and the curved breakfast room wing on the northeast (rear) corner of the house. All other porches had been enclosed by the Scarbroughs prior to 1976. Two stained glass windows, not visible from the street, were added by the Howards.

EDWIN C. KREISLE (1888-1971), Architect

Well-known architect Edwin Kreisle, a native of Austin, received a degree in engineering from Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria, Illinois in 1907. Concurrently, he studied architecture through International Correspondence School courses. He opened his architectural practice in Austin in 1911.

Kreisle was responsible for more than 1000 Austin residences and numerous stores, churches, fire stations, schools and public buildings. He was co-architect for the first public housing project in the United States, "USA 1" (Chalmers Courts). He also designed fifteen fire stations as well as several stores, churches, and schools – including Fulmore Junior High School. His houses were known for their quality. He introduced the concept of the attached garage as an integral part of the structure.

A friend of the Pease heirs, notably Niles Graham, Kreisle was frequently consulted to help monitor the architectural development of the Enfield neighborhood. He designed and built many early Enfield homes, including 1702 Windsor (supervising architect with Atlee B. Ayers, 1919), a home for Dr. John C. Thomas (the father of Jack Scarbrough's boyhood friend) at Three Niles Road, his own Tudor-style home at Five Niles Road (1928; altered), the Watt-Scruggs House (1921) at 1502 Marshall Lane, as well as the Paul Simms Tudor style home at 212 West 33rd in Aldridge Place. Kreisle designed about 5,000 homes in the city, many in the suburbs of Old West Austin.

Kreisle was known for attention to detailing and reliance on the finish work of his friends, woodcarver Peter Mansbendel, who was a close friend of Niles Graham, and Mansbendel's

¹ Confirmed by Weigl's grandson Fritz Weigl in a visit to the home July 16, 2009.

apprentice, ironworker **Fortunat Weigl**.² According to Fritz Weigl, his grandson, "The work is consistent with Weigl work, probably that of my grandfather, Fortunat, possibly in the 20s or 30s." Mr. Weigl visited the Scarbrough House on July 16, 2009 to view the ironwork. "The iron work is of very high quality with many forgings. I think it is fully consistent with early Weigl work. All the scrolls are finished. The handles on the gate latches are right. The way the ends of the railings are treated at the newell posts is right. I can't imagine who else in Austin could have done it in that time frame. I especially like the gate with the lily pads and cattails."

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Outlot 19 of the original City of Austin was first purchased from the State of Texas by **S. G. Haynie**, as noted on the Sandusky map of 1840/63 in the General Land Office. **Dr. Samuel Garner Haynie** (1806-1877) was the son of Elizabeth Brooks (1787-1863) and **John Haynie** (1786-1860), pioneer circuit rider in the Austin-Bastrop area who established the first Methodist congregation in Austin in 1840. John's son **Samuel**, born in Tennessee, had come to Independence, Texas from Alabama in 1837, and in 1839 moved to Austin to practice medicine. Samuel Haynie married Hannah Maria Evans (1818-1898) in February 1841; they had six children. By 1840 Dr. Haynie owned several properties in Austin, including Outlots 10, 11 and 19 in the neighborhood west of the Capitol.

Haynie represented Travis County in the Fifth Congress of the Republic (1840-42) and moved to Independence, Texas in 1842. He returned to Austin in 1845 as a representative from Independence, and was a Travis County representative in the Texas Legislature in 1847. Haynie was appointed postmaster from Aug. 15, 1846 to March 15, 1852.³ He was elected Austin's mayor four times – 1850, 1851, 1863 and 1864. Haynie owned the **Austin Drug Store** in 1846, and in 1852 bought out the **Baker & Townsend** drugstore and established a large mercantile firm in his name at Fifth and Congress. Haynie bought a number of lots from the government and built several houses on them. Block 135 was to be the site for his future home, and there he "built fine new dwelling west of Capitol" in 1853, before financial difficulties at his mercantile company forced him to sell the house to its builder, Abner Cook, shortly after its completion. In 1867 Haynie owned and operated Avenue Hotel. In 1871 he graduated in medicine from the Medical Department of Soule University at Galveston and practiced medicine until his death. He was a personal friend and physician to Sam Houston.⁴

Haynie sold Outlot 19 to Lyman Alexander for \$500 in 1852, before his original patent was recorded in 1854. Alexander sold the block to John Horan in 1869, who in turn sold it to **Charles A. Denny** and his wife Eva in June of 1870. Denny was the son of William Gowdy Denny and Hanah Elizabeth Hall, who moved from Bastrop to Austin in 1865. W.G. Denny is listed in the

² "Kreisle Home Typifies European Style," West Austin News, June 26, 1987. Austin: Its Architects and Architecture (1826-1986), Austin Chapter AIA, 1986, page 67.

³ Barkley, Mary Starr. *History of Travis County & Austin 1839-1899*. Steck Co, Austin, Texas, 1967, p. 253.

⁴ Rossman, Loyce Haynie. *Rev. John Haynie: Ancestry, Life & Descendants 1650-1963*. Fredericksburg, Texas, 1963, page 63. *Handbook of Texas Online*, s.v.

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/HH/fhabn.html> (accessed April 28, 2009 Texas House of Representatives, Biographical Directory of the Texan Conventions and Congresses, 1832-1845.

City of Austin Directory as a bookkeeper with Sawyer, Ficklin and Scott, stage proprietors in 1872.

Among the first of the neighborhood's earliest structures (just north of where the Scarbrough House would later be built) was the one-story limestone cottage, built in 1870 for **Eva and Charles Adolphus Denny**. It originally faced east, on a lot that extended from West Avenue to Rio Grande. After Eva's death in childbirth in May of 1871, Charles enlarged the house and resided there with their daughter Tula and his new bride, Mary Barefield of San Antonio, until he sold the house in 1884. Originally listed on Sanborn maps as 1801 West Avenue, the address was changed to 1803 West Avenue in the early 1920s, with the addition of the Scarbrough House as 1801 West Avenue.

Outlot 19 was purchased by **C.W. Firebaugh** from the Dennys in July of 1884. Firebaugh lived in the Denny House from 1885 to 1898, according to City Directories. He worked for **W.H. Firebaugh & Company**, a wholesale and retail hardware store that carried tinware, wagon and carriage wood work; the store was located at 211-213 E. Pecan/6th Street. The 1890 City Lot Register indicates that Firebaugh owned all of Outlot 19 less the NW corner at a value of \$3,750.

Firebaugh further subdivided Outlot 19 in 1898 by selling the Denny house and its central 90 ft. by 138 ft. section of land to **Mrs. N.L. Holliday**, a widow who moved into the home with her six children (her eldest daughter was a physician/surgeon), her sister, and her mother.

In 1905 and 1906, Firebaugh sold two portions of the eastern half of the lot.

In 1911, the southwest corner lot was purchased by **Alice Raymond**. It was sold to the Scarbroughs in **December of 1916** by **Alice and James Hervey Raymond Jr.**, son of one of Austin's most noted early capitalists – the Treasurer of both the Republic and State of Texas.

The Scarbroughs also purchased the lot across 18th Street, directly south of their present home. Construction on the Scarbrough home, known as the "Casa," began in 1920, with **Edwin C. Kretzle** as architect.

The house had been vacant for over two years and was beginning to deteriorate when it was purchased from **Jack Scarbrough Jr.** in December of 1976 by **Dr. Earl W. Howard** and his wife Jo Sue, who undertook extensive restoration of the home.

The adjacent lot south of 18th Street was part of the transaction. The Howards moved the **1886 Hugh Hancock House**, now a city landmark, to the corner of 18th & West in 1979 to restore it for use as Dr. Howard's medical office.⁵

JOHN WILLIAM SCARBROUGH (1885-1960)

Will Scarbrough was born in Rockdale but resided in Austin from the age of four. He was a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was an All-Southern quarterback in 1904 and considered one of the great dropkick stars of all times. He was known for his great interest in educational and religious institutions and in various charities, and aided several Texas young people in attending his alma mater and the University of Texas through his benevolence.

Cornelia Quarles Rice Scarbrough (1889-1974) was the daughter of prominent Galveston native **Edwin Eldridge Rice (1842-1927)**, a Confederate veteran who started his career in real estate and insurance with *his* father, who had arrived in Galveston in 1839. Cornelia attended the University of Texas at Austin, class of 1910, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma

⁵ Howard, Jo Sue, "A History of 1801 West Avenue, Austin, Texas," August 22, 1978, Austin History Center House Building file.

social sorority.⁶ She was described in the *Austin Statesman* as "one of the most prominent and beloved society girls" in Galveston, and the Scarbrough-Rice wedding in 1912 was "one of the most important in the social annals" of Galveston.⁷

Cornelia was active in the Settlement Club and Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. The couple established the J.W. and Cornelia R. Scarbrough Foundation for religious, charitable and educational purposes in 1946. In 1975 the Foundation awarded 44 grants for a total of \$71, 512 in programs for civic interests, handicapped, youth, arts, higher education, and medical research.⁸

The couple resided in the Eugene Bremond-A.H. Robinson House at 404 W. Seventh Street after their marriage, and at the Nagle House in Judges' Hill, 1615 Pearl, for the two years prior to moving into their new West Avenue house.

The Scarbroughs purchased the West Avenue property in 1916 and resided there until their deaths. Will and Cornelia Scarbrough had one son, J.W. 'Jack' Scarbrough Jr, who was president of Scarbrough's at the time of his father's death. Jack had three children: John Lee, David, and Carol Elizabeth.

Guests at the Scarbrough's home included former Texas governors Miriam and James Ferguson and Allan Shivers, as well as Tom Moody, R. Niles Graham, Walter Long, and numerous civic leaders with whom Mr. Scarbrough worked on civic projects.⁹

SCARBROUGH & SONS

Will's father, **Emerson Monroe Scarbrough** (1846-1925) was co-founder of **Scarbrough and Hicks**, founded in 1893 on Congress Avenue. E.M. Scarbrough was born in northern Alabama. His father Lemuel died four years later, leaving a widow and 12 children, a dozen slaves, and a farm of three or four hundred acres well-stocked with cattle, hogs, sheep, mules, and horses. Emerson attended country schools and studied at night by the light of pine knots and tallow candles.

At the age of eighteen, Emerson joined the Confederate Army, as had four of his six brothers. He returned to the farm after the war ended, but shortly after his 21st birthday, headed for Texas with a thousand-dollar gift from his mother in his pocket.

He first clerked at Hale & Evans – country stores in Bryant Station and Hearne, and then contracted to supply timber to railroads before going into business with H.P. Hale and Company in Rockdale in 1874. After Hale's death in 1893, the store became **Scarbrough & Hicks**. E.M. Scarbrough served as mayor of Rockdale and chairman of the school board for a time; he helped persuade the railway to pass through Rockdale instead of Taylor.

E.M. Scarbrough married Ada Ledbetter of Cameron, Texas in 1877 and had four children—E.M. Jr., Julia, Ada Pearl, and **John William**—before his 1889 move to Austin, where his youngest son, Lemuel, was born. Austin offered better schools, medical facilities for his ailing wife, and a larger field for his mercantile business. For almost four years, Scarbrough lived in semi-retirement at his home on Whitis and 27th. His wife died the year before he opened a

⁶⁶ The Cactus, The University of Texas, 1910.

⁷ Austin Statesman, November 3, 1912.

⁸ Austin American, August 22, 1920; Scarbrough family biographical files, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.

⁹ Interviews by Jo Sue Howard with Joe Wells, cook for the Scarbrough family for 30 years, and with Mrs. J.W. Scarbrough Jr., July 1978; obituaries from the Scarbrough files at the Austin History Center.

“mammoth” Scarbrough & Hicks store in the three-story Kreisle building at 414 Congress on January 30, 1893.

Just nineteen months later, the “apartment” store moved to a larger space at 512-520 Congress, formerly Schoolherr’s & Philipson’s Dry Goods. The new location was the state’s fifth largest in size, with haberdashery on the ground floor, housewares in the basement, and ladies’ garments, furs, corsets, and millinery upstairs.

Designed in the Chicago style by Fort Worth architects Sanguinet and Staats, the **Scarbrough Building** was Austin’s first modern office building, built in 1908-09. The six upper floors accommodated 126 business offices, while the first two floors were created to house the finest department store in central Texas.

In 1912-13, E.M. Scarbrough set up a partnership with his two youngest sons, Will and Lemuel, and following the death of his partner, R.H. Hicks – who had remained at the Rockdale store – bought out his partner’s interest. Scarbrough & Hicks became **E.M. Scarbrough & Sons**.

After the death of the elder Scarbrough in 1925, Will and Lemuel continued what was to become a family tradition. Will became the general manager and later, when the firm was incorporated, president. He was a director of the firm at the time of his death in 1960.

Wyatt C. Hedrick, Inc. of Ft. Worth and **Edwin Kreisle** of Austin were the architects of the 1931 project to update the building in Art Deco style.¹⁰ “Scarbrough’s” – as it was known locally – reopened on September 14, 1931, and became the first retail store west of the Mississippi with “manufactured weather.”¹¹

Although Scarbrough’s closed its downtown location in February of 1983, the third generation (Jack Jr., Margaret Scarbrough Wilson— who took control in 1966, and her brother Lemuel) continued to operate the Scarbrough’s stores. Today’s fourth generation, Nancy Wilson Garrison, currently operates Scarbrough’s 38th and Lamar location.

DR & MRS. EARL HOWARD: 1976 - current

The Howards have been active preservationists in Austin for several decades and instigated the move, restoration and landmark designation of the adjacent **Hugh B. Hancock House** in 1979.

Jo Sue Howard, past president of the Judges Hill Neighborhood Association and current occupant and owner of the J.W. & Cornelia Rice Scarbrough House, is a registered pharmacist; she holds a B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma. In addition to various positions as a pharmacist in Austin, Temple, Galveston and Belton, Texas as well as Bethesda, Maryland, she managed the solo surgical practice of her husband from 1983-2004. She is currently a volunteer at St. David’s Hospital Pharmacy and the University Medical Center Brackenridge Hospital Pharmacy.

Earl Winfield Howard III, M.D. (1944-2007) grew up in Pearsall, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was Phi Beta Kappa. He studied medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where he was selected for Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, and completed his residency in general surgery at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He had a 35-year surgical practice, with 28 years in Austin (1976-2004), and was revered by his patients and respected by his colleagues. The Howards raised one daughter, Dr. Josie Howard, MD, in their Austin home.

¹⁰ *Austin Statesman* Jan. 22, 1931, p. 1, “Scarbrough’s Store Plans New Building on Old Site.”

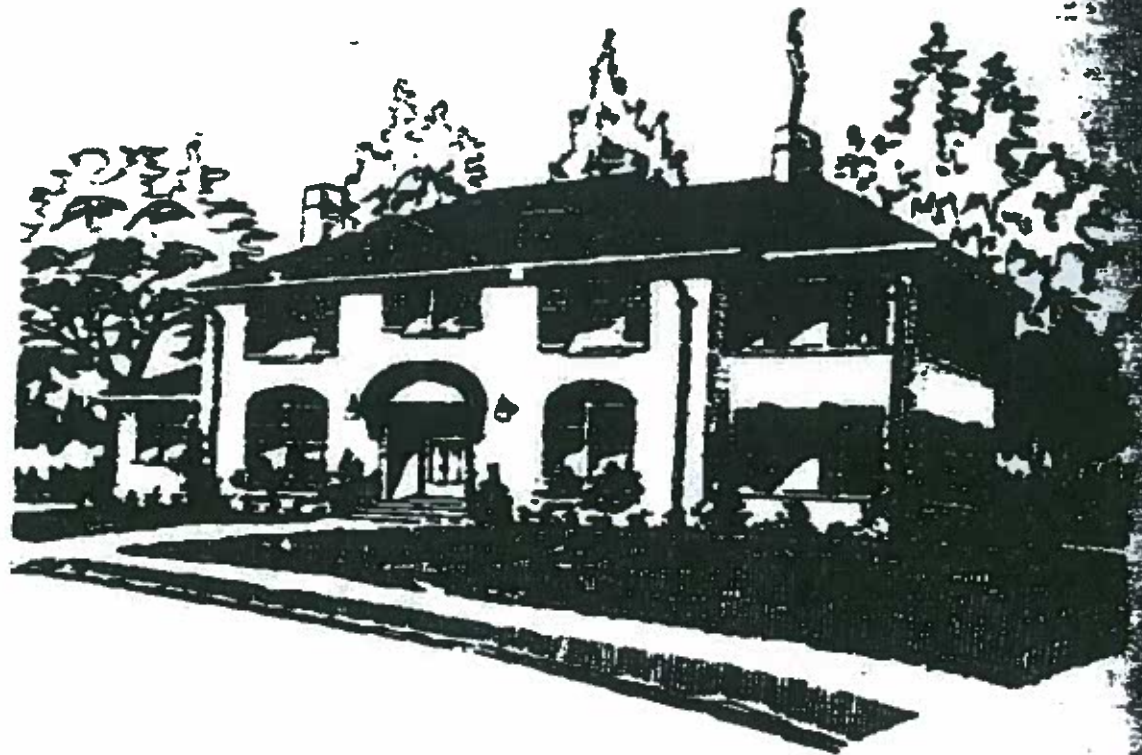
¹¹ *Austin Statesman* Aug. 12, 1956. “Scarbrough Store Soon Became Austin Institution.”

CONCLUSION

The J.W. Scarbrough House merits historic landmark status for its design by noted architect Edwin C. Kreisle as well as its importance to the City of Austin as the home of the prominent J.W. & Cornelia Rice Scarbrough family.

It is also commendable that the home continues to serve as a residence in a neighborhood where homes are increasingly utilized as businesses. The Judges' Hill Neighborhood Association supports the inclusion of this home into a future City of Austin and National Register Historic District.

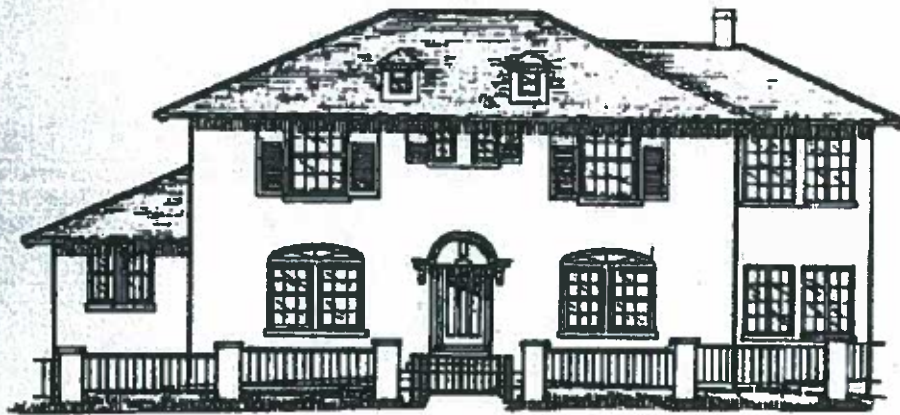
J. W. Scarbrough Residence Edwin C. Kreisle, Architect



The new home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scarbrough now being constructed is to be of the Italian Renaissance style of architecture and is to be of hollow tile and stucco with slate roof. It will have a large projecting cornice.

Large tapered living and sleeping porches add materially to the livableness of the house.

The main stairway will be elliptical and the second story will be reached with a disappearing stairway to give access to storage space in the attic.



J. W. SCARBROUGH HOUSE

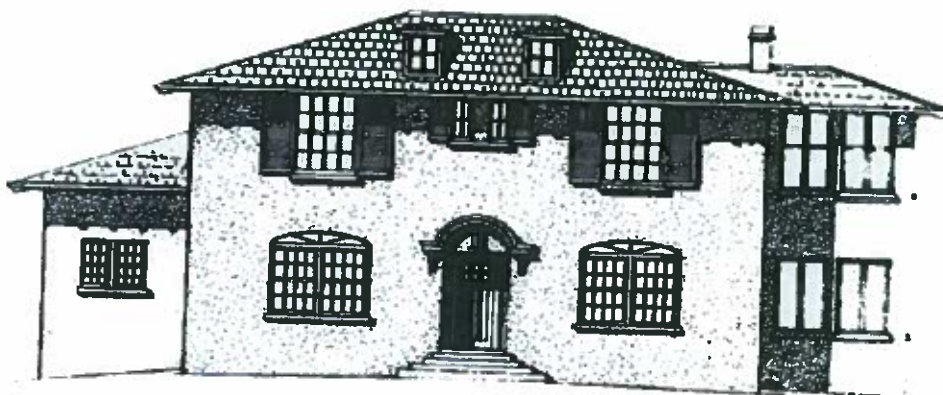
1801 West Avenue

Owners: Earl and Jo Sue Howard

In 1920, John William and Cornelia Rice Scarbrough commissioned architect Edwin C. Kriesle to design their "Casa." The Italian Renaissance revival house has slate roofing, deep overhanging cornice, arched pediment over the main entrance and elliptical arched windows on the first floor. From the entry hall, an elliptical staircase leads up to the second level, where the floors are full run hardwood, with no seams perpendicular to the grain. Most of the rooms on both levels open onto large porches overlooking the walled-in grounds and gardens.

The Scarbroughs lived in the house for over fifty years.

The house had been vacant for over two years and was beginning to deteriorate when it was purchased in 1976 by the Howards, who have undertaken extensive restoration.



The J.W. SCARBROUGH Home, 1920.
President of Scarbrough's. Now the
home of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Howard.



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To whom it may concern,

This evening, the Judges' Hill Neighborhood Association voted unanimously to support the zoning change of Jo Sue Howard's home at 1801 West Avenue, the Historic Scarborough Home, from MF-4 to SF-3-H.

Sincerely,

Ben Schotz, President

Scarbrough Rites Today

Statesman - March 6, 1931

The former president of E. M. Scarbrough and Sons, J. W. (Will) Scarbrough, died Thursday night after suffering a stroke earlier in the week.

Services are scheduled Friday at 4:30 p.m. at the Church of the

Good Shepherd. The Rev. Samuel Baxter will officiate and the body will be taken to San Antonio for cremation. Weed-Corley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Those who desire may make memorial contributions to their favorite charity.

Scarbrough, whose father was a founder of the business, was a director of the firm at the time of his death.

In respect to Scarbrough, the store was closed for business all day Friday.

Scarbrough was born in Rockdale but lived most of his life in Austin. His father, the late E. M. Scarbrough, was a co-founder of Scarbrough and Hicks in 1893 when Austin had a population of only 19,000. The store was one of the largest in Texas.

Complete ownership was acquired in 1913 and E. M. Scar-

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brough took his two sons in as partners. The sons, J. W. (Will) Scarbrough and Lemuel Scarbrough, became owners after the death of the elder Scarbrough in 1925.

Will Scarbrough became general manager and later president when the firm was incorporated. His son, J. W. (Jack) Scarbrough, now is president of the firm.

Will Scarbrough was a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., and was an All-Southern quarterback at Sewanee in 1904. He was considered one of the great dropkick stars of all times.

He remained active in affairs of the Sewanee alumni association and aided many Texas youths in attending the University of the South.

Although retired as president and continuing on as a director of the firm, which has been at the corner of Sixth and Congress for about half a century, Scarbrough's greatest interest was in educational and religious institutions and various charities here.

He and his wife established the J. W. and Cornelia R. Scarbrough Foundation for religious, charitable and educational purposes.

The Scarbrough firm has always been progressive. When first opened it was located in the 400 block of Congress Avenue, but it soon was enlarged and moved to its present location. The late E. M. Scarbrough built the city's first large office building at that site with the store on the lower floors. The store was completely air conditioned in 1921 to become the first large store in the country to be fully air conditioned.

Scarbrough's survivors include his widow, Mrs. Cornelia Rice Scarbrough; a son, J. W. Scarbrough Jr.; a brother, Lemuel Scarbrough; a sister, Mrs. Walter Fisher; and three grandchil-

Will Scarbrough Dies At 74; Funeral Today

J. W. Scarbrough, 74, former president of E. M. Scarbrough and sons, died Thursday at 6:20 p.m. at Seton Hospital.

Scarbrough, a director of the firm at the time of his death, suffered a stroke early Tuesday. The store will be closed Friday.

Born at Rockdale, John William (Will) Scarbrough resided most of his life in Austin. His father, the late E. M. Scarbrough, was a co-founder of Scarbrough and Flicks in 1893 when Austin had a population of only 19,000. The store was one of the largest in Texas.

In 1911, E. M. Scarbrough acquired complete ownership of the firm and took his two sons in partnership. The sons, J. W. and Lemuel Scarbrough, became owners after the death of the elder Scarbrough in 1925.

J. W. Scarbrough then became general manager. He later be-

came president of the firm when it was incorporated. His son, J. W. (Jack) Scarbrough Jr., now is president of the firm.

J. W. Scarbrough Sr. was a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. He was All-Southern quarterback at Sewanee in 1904 and was con-

SCARBROUGH CLOSES TODAY

E. M. Scarbrough and sons will be closed all day Friday out of respect to J. W. Scarbrough Sr., who died Thursday after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held Friday at 4:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd with the Rev. Samuel Baxter officiating.

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Scarbrough remained active in affairs of the Sewanee alumni association. He aided many Texas youths in attending the University of the South.

Scarbrough and his wife established the J. W. and Cornelia R. Scarbrough Foundation at the University of Texas. The foundation provides scholarships for students.

Scarbrough is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cornelia Rice Scarbrough; a son, J. W. Scarbrough Jr.; a brother, Lemuel Scarbrough; a sister, Mrs. Walter Fisher; and three grandchildren, John, Lee Scarbrough, David Scarbrough and Carol Elizabeth Scarbrough, all of Austin.

Funeral services for Scarbrough will be held Friday at 4:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd with the Rev. Samuel Baxter officiating. (See DIES, Page A-3)

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officiating. The body will be taken to San Antonio for cremation. Weed-Corley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

When the Scarbrough firm opened its store in Austin before the turn of the century, it was located in the 400 block of Congress. The firm soon enlarged and moved to the corner of Sixth and Congress. That corner of Congress Avenue has remained the site of the firm for about a half century.

The late E. M. Scarbrough built the city's first large office building at the site with the store on the lower floors. In 1931, the store was completely air conditioned to become the first large store fully air conditioned in the country.

J. W. Scarbrough Sr. continued to be director in the store after his retirement as president. However, his greatest interest was in educational and religious institutions and various charities in Austin.

J. W. Scarbrough Funeral Held

Funeral services for J. W. Scarbrough, 74, were held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd with the Rev. Samuel Baxter officiating.

Mr. Scarbrough, former president of E. M. Scarbrough and sons, died Thursday at 6:20 p.m. at Seton Hospital.

Scarbrough, a director of the firm at the time of his death, suffered a stroke early Tuesday.

He was known for his great interest in educational and religious institutions and various charities in Austin.

Scarbrough and his wife established the J. W. and Cornelia R. Scarbrough Foundation at the University in 1946 to provide scholarships for students. Last year the foundation presented grants of \$6,000 to be awarded in scholarships.

His brother, Lemuel Scarbrough, a few years ago instituted awards for excellence in teaching for University professors and Austin teachers.

Good Shepherd Rites Held for Scarbrough

Funeral services for J. W. (Will) Scarbrough, 74, former president of E. M. Scarbrough and Sons, were held Friday at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Rev. Samuel Baxter officiated. The body was taken to San Antonio by Weed-Corley Funeral Home for cremation.

The widely known merchant and civic leader died Thursday evening following a stroke suffered on Tuesday. He was born at Rockdale but resided in Austin most of his life.

His father, the late E. M. Scarbrough, was co-founder of the Scarbrough and Hicks store in 1893 on Congress Avenue. The Scarbrough family acquired full ownership of the firm, which now is

E. M. Scarbrough and Sons.

J. W. Scarbrough's son, J. W. (Jack) Scarbrough Jr., now is its president.

J. W. Scarbrough Sr. remained active in affairs at his alma mater the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., but he also held great interest in activities at the University of Texas.

He and his wife founded the J. W. and Cornelia R. Scarbrough Foundation dedicated to religious, charitable and educational activities.

Scarbrough is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cornelia Rice Scarbrough; a son, J. W. Scarbrough Jr.; a brother, Lemuel Scarbrough; a sister, Mrs. Walter Fisher, and three grandchildren all of Austin.

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Scarbrough Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Cornelia R. Scarbrough, wife of the late co-owner of Scarbroughs stores, died Monday in a local hospital.

She was the wife of the late John William Scarbrough, a former owner and operator of the Scarbroughs stores. Their interest in the stores have since been turned over to the family of co-owner Lem Scarbrough, according to Jack Scarbrough Jr.

Survivors include her son, J. W. (Jack) Scarbrough Jr., and three grandchildren.

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family



Earl Winfield
Howard, III, MD

Dr. Earl Howard passed away on November 25, 2007, at the age of 63.

He grew up in Pearsall, Texas and attended Pearsall High School. Dr. Howard graduated from the University of Texas at Austin where he was Phi Beta Kappa and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston where he was selected for Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. After completing residency in General Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Dr. Howard established a surgical practice in Austin in 1976. For over 35 years, he dedicated his life to the care of his patients. He was revered by his patients and respected by his colleagues. His kindness, patience, humor, and wisdom were truly a gift to us all.

Dr. Howard is survived by Jo Sue, his wife of 40 years, his daughter, Josie Howard, MD, of San Francisco, mother, Evelyn Howard, and sister, Holly Tyson, both of Fort Worth, and sister, Julianna Howard, of San Antonio. His father, Earl W. Howard Jr. preceded him in death.

The family would like to express its deepest gratitude to his caregiver and friend, Carolyn Kelly, for bringing joy and hope to the final years of his life, and to his physicians, Drs. David Morledge, Frank Robinson, and John Doty for their expert care. The family also extends its heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Howard's longtime medical assistant and devoted friend, Doris Prescott, and to Geronimo Briones for his many years of dedication.

Dr. Howard was an avid runner and a regular fixture at the Hike and Bike Trail Memorial contributions may be made in his name for the dedication of a bench on the Lady Bird Lake Trail. (The city requests that checks be made payable to the City of Austin and sent to the family.) Alternatively, donations may be made to the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy in his memory at www.curepsp.org

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com



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A HISTORY OF 1801 WEST AVENUE, AUSTIN, TEXAS

By Jo Sue Howard

The J. W. Scarbrough, Sr. Home, located at 1801 West Avenue, Austin, was for more than 50 years the home of a prominent Austin family. J. W. (Will) and Cornelia Scarbrough built the home in 1920, and resided here until their deaths. John William Scarbrough was born October 20, 1885, in Rockdale, but resided most of his life in Austin. His father, the late E. M. Scarbrough, was a co-founder of Scarbrough and Hicks in 1893, when Austin had a population of only 19,000. The store was one of the largest in Texas. Complete ownership was acquired in 1913 and E. M. Scarbrough took his two sons in as partners. The sons, J. W. (Will) and Lemuel, became owners after the death of the elder Scarbrough in 1925. J. W. (Will) Scarbrough then became general manager and later president when the firm was incorporated. He was a director of the firm at the time of his death on March 3, 1960.¹

J. W. (Will) Scarbrough, Sr. was a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and was an All-Southern quarterback at Sewanee in 1904. He was considered one of the great dropkick stars of all times. Mr. Scarbrough remained active in affairs of the Sewanee alumni association, and aided many Texas youths in attending the University of the South. He was known for his great interest in educational and religious institutions and various charities.¹

Cornelia Quarles Rice (born October 13, 1889-died May 13, 1974) was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Eldredge Rice of Galveston.² She attended the University of Texas at Austin, class of 1910, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority.³ She was described by the Austin Statesman as "one of the most prominent and beloved society girls" in Galveston, and the Scarbrough-Rice wedding of October 31, 1912, was called "one of the most important in the social annals" of Galveston.² ~~An account of the wedding is attached.~~

Among Mrs. Scarbrough's interests were Settlement House and the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.⁵

After their marriage, the Scarbroughs resided in the Bremond Block at 404 West 7th Street, Austin, the Eugene Bremond-A. H. Robinson house.

The Scarbroughs had one son, J. W. (Jack) Scarbrough, Jr., who was president of Scarbrough's at the time of his father's death. There are three grandchildren, John Lee, David, and Carol Elizabeth.¹ ~~Their heights at various ages has been recorded in the Scarbrough home on a door frame and has been preserved over the years.~~

The Scarbroughs established the J. W. and Cornelia R. Scarbrough Foundation for religious, charitable, and educational purposes in 1946.¹ In 1975 the foundation awarded 44 grants for a total of \$71,512 in these programs: civic, handicapped, youth, arts, higher education, and medical research.⁶

The land on which the Scarbrough house was constructed was originally granted to developer Louis Horst in 1847 by the State of Texas. ~~Transfers of the property are listed on an attached sheet.~~

Construction began on the J. W. Scarbrough home in 1920. The "Casa" was designed by the late Edwin C. Kreisle, Architect, in a revival of Italian Renaissance. The development of the concept was accurately carried in the massing of the elements of the structure, slate roofing, the deep overhanging cornice, arched pediment over the main entrance, and elliptical arched windows of the main floor level. The private living quarters on the second level have, as was traditional, operable shutters.

The main level of the Casa contains the public living areas designed to accommodate the large numbers of people sometimes entertained there. The ceiling heights accommodate not only the human scale, but respect and enhance the proportions of the spaces themselves. The rooms of the main level open onto large open porches looking over the walled-in grounds and gardens. One of these porches has been glazed in and now serves as a reading/sun room.

From the main entry hall, an elliptical staircase leads up to the private family living quarters. All the upper living area, save one, open onto covered porches with the same, but more dramatic, view of the grounds. The floors in this area have full run hardwood with no seams perpendicular to the grain.

The home had been vacant for over two years and was beginning to decline when it was purchased in December 1976 by Earl W. Howard, M. D., and his wife, Jo Sue, who now reside here with their daughter. The responsibility of restoration and construction maintenance of this beautiful home has been given to Dailey & Wann, A.I.A.

Some of the renovation measures taken over the years consist of extensive plumbing, almost total rewiring, dual pipe heating and air-conditioning system added, floors stripped and refinished, perimeter wall around the grounds rebuilt, servants' quarters attached to the garages renovated, kitchen updated and butler's pantry added, all exterior wood trim stripped and repainted with repainting and refinishing of exterior cement plaster to begin in the near future.

Some people of prominence known to have been entertained by the Scarbroughs in the home, although there were, no doubt, many others are former governors of Texas James and Miriam Ferguson⁷, Allan Shivers⁸, and Tom Moody⁹; R. Niles Graham⁷; Walter Long, manager of the Austin Chamber of Commerce⁷; and numerous civic leaders in Austin with whom Mr. Scarbrough worked on civic projects⁷.

This structure should be commemorated for its importance to the history of Austin as the home of this prominent Austin family. Mention should also be made of its continuing use as a residence in an area of the city moving more and more towards commercialization.

FOOTNOTES

¹biography of the Scarbrough Family, Austin-Travis County Collection, Austin Public Library

²Austin Statesman November 3, 1912

³The Cactus The University of Texas, 1910

⁴Correspondence from Helen Hargrave, friend of Cornelia Rice Scarbrough, August 18, 1978

⁵Interview with Mrs. R. M. Thomson, friend of Cornelia Rice Scarbrough, July 1978

⁶The Austin American August 22, 1920

⁷Interview with Leonardt Kreisle, PhD, son of architect Edwin Kreisle, July 1978

⁸Interview with Joe Wells, cook for the Scarbrough family for 30 years, July 1978

⁹Interview with Mrs. J. W. Scarbrough, Jr.