

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2009-0036

HLC DATE:

September 28, 2009

PC DATE:

November 10, 2009

APPLICANT: Nicolas Shumway, owner

HISTORIC NAME: A.W. Brill House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1109 W. 9th Street

ZONING FROM: SF-3-NP to SF-3-H-NP

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from family residence, neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) district to family residence, neighborhood plan – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence, neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) district to family residence, neighborhood plan – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 4-0 (Limbacher ill).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence, neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) district to family residence, neighborhood plan – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning. Vote:

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: Old West Austin Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1907 house is an excellent example of Queen Anne architecture and is associated with August W. Brill, one of Austin's foremost saddle-makers and leather dealers; his son Arno also grew up in this house – Arno was one of the most famous leather holster craftsmen in the Southwest.

Architecture:

One-and-a-half story wing-and-gable plan Queen Anne-style frame house with cutaway corners and brackets on the tri-partite bay window in the projecting front

gable and clipped side gables of the main roof of the house; a partial-width hipped-roof independent porch with turned posts and balusters, a large, central front-gabled dormer with fishscale imbrication; 1:1 fenestration. The house has a two-story addition to the rear which was constructed in 2002; the addition is complementary in style, materials, and massing to the original part of the house.

Historical Associations:

The house was built in 1907 for August W. and Ida Brill, who moved here from 604 W. 9th Street. The house was one of the first on this section of W. 9th Street; the 1900 Sanborn map does not detail this area of the city at all, and city directories show only a few houses at the time the Brill House appears. Deed records indicate that August and Ida Brill purchased this property from G.M. Brass and wife (the Brasses lived across the street) in 1906, and then contracted with F.O. Blomquist in 1907 to construct this house, as evidenced by a mechanic's lien.

August W. Brill was born near Welcome in Austin County, Texas in 1872, and died in Bandera County in 1954. Brill began his career in leatherwork as a clerk for William T. Wroe and Sons, manufacturers of saddles, harnesses, horse collars, buggies, carriages, and road wagons, with offices and salesrooms in the 400 block of Congress Avenue and a factory in the 100 block of E. 5th Street. By 1913, Brill had set up his own company in the 200 block of E. 6th Street; Wroe was still in business on Congress Avenue. The 1912-13 city directory lists Brill as a manufacturer and dealer in saddles, harnesses, saddlery hardware, leather shoe findings, horse collars, buggies, road and spring wagons, or almost exactly the same business as W.T. Wroe and Sons. Brill moved from 204 E. 6th Street to 218 E. 6th Street by 1918, and to 302 E. 6th Street by 1930, where he was still in business at the time he moved from this house to 3212 Gilbert Street in West Austin around 1945. August and Ida Brill had 3 sons: Arno, who became very well known throughout Texas as a leather holster-maker (and whose daughter, Idanell, became Mrs. John Connally), Lionel, who worked as a salesman for his father's leather business, and Virgil, who was a geologist for an oil company in San Antonio. August W. Brill had one of the most successful and prominent leather businesses in Texas, transitioning from manufacturing harnesses and saddles to carrying leather goods and shoe manufacturers' supplies.

August Brill sold the house to his son, Lionel, in 1944. Lionel Brill then sold the property to H.A. and Wilma Jamison in 1945. The Jamisons sold the property to Charles A. and Edna Duffy in 1946, who then sold it to Hardeman (Hardy) Roberts later that same year. Hardy Roberts sold the property the same day he bought it to his son, Ben Hardeman Roberts, and his wife Audrey. Ben Roberts was a contractor and carpenter, and is listed as the owner of the property through the late 1950s. Werner Winter, an associate professor of linguistics at the University of Texas, and his wife Ingrid are listed as the owners of the house in the early 1960s; from the mid-1960s through the late 1980s, John M. and Sandra K. Weinstock owned and occupied the house. John Weinstock is a professor of Germanic languages and Scandinavian studies at the University of Texas. The Weinstocks sold the property to the current owner, Nicolas Shumway, who is a professor of Spanish language and literature at the University of Texas, with special emphasis on the history and culture of Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico.

PARCEL NO.: 01090104100000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 7, Block A, Outlot 2, Division Z, Raymond's Subdivision

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$10,534 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,000 (capped).

APPRAISED VALUE: \$819,000

PRESENT USE: Single-family residence.

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNERS:

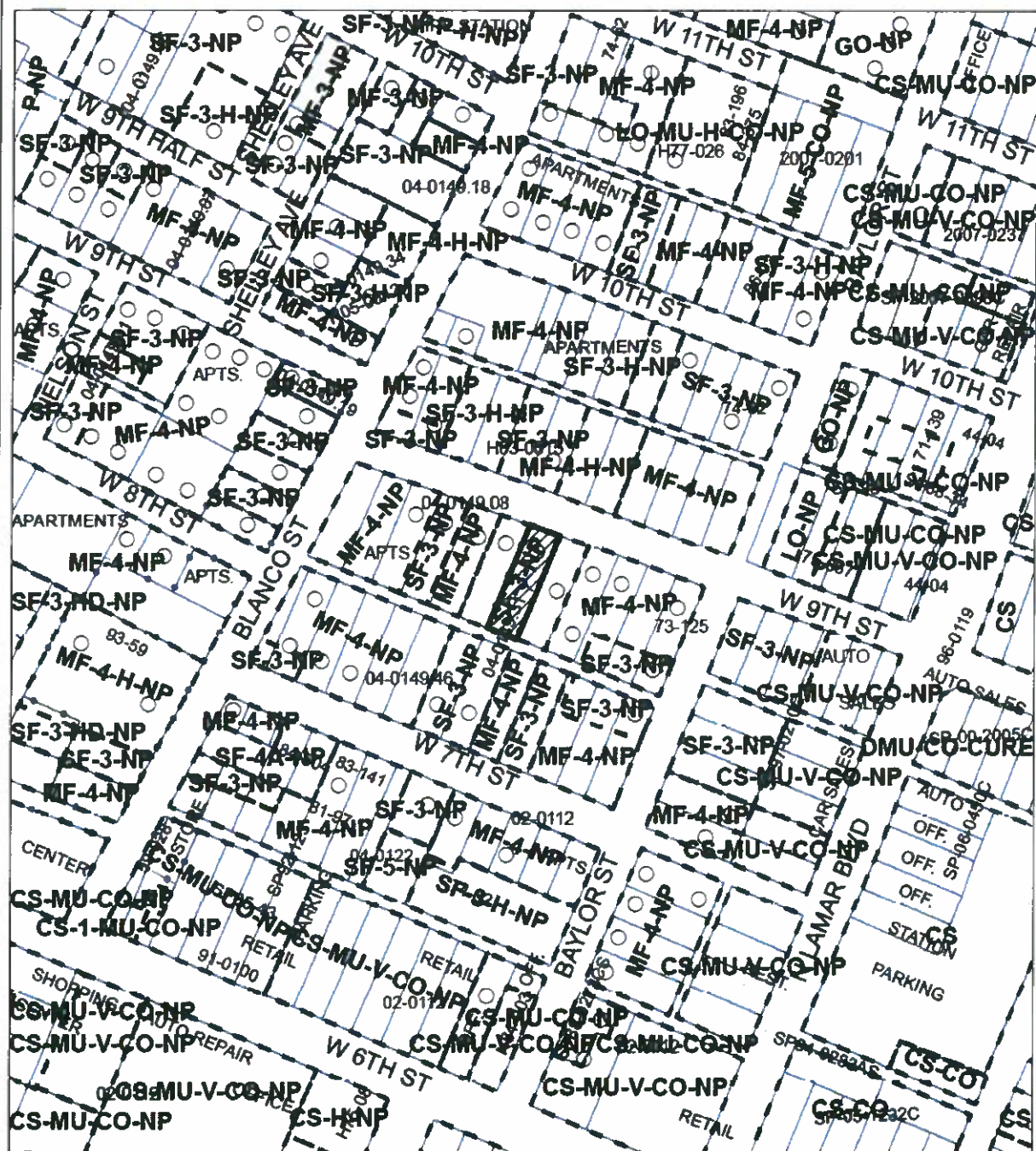
Nicolas Shumway
1109 W. 9th Street
Austin, Texas 78703




DATE BUILT: ca. 1907

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: A second-story addition was constructed on the back of the house in 2002.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): August W. and Ida Brill (1906)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY
-  PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2009-0036
 ADDRESS: 1109 W 9TH ST
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES
 GRID: H23
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



1" = 200'

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A.W. and Ida Brill House
1109 W. 9th Street
ca. 1907

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1109 W. 9th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
September, 2009

1987	John M. Weinstock, owner Associate dean, University of Texas
1981	John M. Weinstock, owner Associate dean, University of Texas
1976	John M. and Sandra K. Weinstock, owners Associate professor, University of Texas
1971	John M. and Sandra K. Weinstock, owners Assistant professor, University of Texas
1967	John M. and Sandra K. Weinstock (not listed as owners)

Assistant professor, University of Texas

1963 Werner and Ingrid Winter, owners
Associate professor, University of Texas

1960 Werner and Ingrid Winter, owners
Associate professor, University of Texas

1957 Benjamin H. and Audrey E. Roberts, owners
Foreman, Central Feed and Seed Company (Odas Jung, proprietor), office, 208 Nueces Street.

1954 Ben and Audrey E. Roberts, owners
Contractor/carpenter, office at the house.

1952 Hardy and Rachel Roberts, owners
No occupation listed

Jack E. and Lillian Schwartz, renters
Jack: Student, University of Texas
Lillian: Typist, Walter Tips Company
NOTE: Ben H. and Audrey E. Roberts are listed as living at 2600 S. 4th Street; he was listed as a cabinet maker for DC Store Fixtures, 2507 S. Lamar.

1949 Hardy and Rachel Roberts, owners
No occupation listed

1947 Hardy and Rachel Roberts, owners
Engineer, Dairies Industries (not listed in the main directory)

1944-45 August W. Brill, owner
Manager, A.W. Brill Company (Lionel K. Brill, Ben J. Riske, proprietors),
wholesale leather and shoe findings, dealers in shoe manufacturer's goods and
supplies, 302 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Hardy and Rachel Roberts are listed as living at 908 E. Riverside Drive;
he did not have an occupation listed in the directory.

1942 August W. Brill, owner
Leather dealer, 302 E. 6th Street
Also listed are Lionel I. and Mary Brill; he was a salesman for August W. Brill.

1940 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Leather dealer, 302 E. 6th Street.
Also listed is Lionel K. Brill, a clerk for A.W. Brill.

1937 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Leather dealer, 302 E. 6th Street.
Also listed are Lionel K. and Mary Brill; he was a salesman for A.W. Brill.

1935 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Leather dealer, 302 E. 6th Street
Also listed are Lionel K. and Mary Brill; he was a salesman for A.W. Brill.

1932-33 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Leather dealer, 302 E. 6th Street

Also listed are Lionel K. and Mary Brill; he was a salesman for A.W. Brill.

- 1930-31 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Wholesale and retail leather and shoe findings, saddlery and harnesses, 302 E. 6th Street.
Also listed are Lionel and Mary Brill; his occupation was not listed in the directory.
- 1929 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Wholesale and retail leather and shoe findings, saddlery and harnesses, 302 E. 6th Street.
Also listed are Lionel and Mary Brill; he was a salesman for A.W. Brill.
- 1927 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Harness works, 218 E. 6th Street.
Also listed are Lionel and Mary Brill; he was a salesman for A.W. Brill.
- 1924 August and Ida Brill, owners
Saddlery, harness and vehicular jobber of leather and shoe findings, 218 E. 6th Street.
Also listed are Virgil A. and Carrie Brill; he was a salesman for A.W. Brill.
NOTE: Lionel and Ouida Brill are listed as living at 1410 Congress Avenue; he is listed as a traveling salesman for A.W. Brill.
- 1922 August and Ida Brill, owners
Saddlery, harness and vehicular jobber of leather and shoe findings, 218 E. 6th Street.
Also listed is Virgil A. Brill, no occupation stated.
NOTE: Lionel and Oida Brill are listed as living at 907 Blanco Street; he was a salesman for A.W. Brill.
- 1920 August W. and Ida Brill, owners
Saddlery, harness and vehicular jobber of leather and shoe findings, 218 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Lionel and Vida Brill are listed as living at 607 Baylor Street; he was a deputy collector for the Internal Revenue Service.
- 1918 August W. and Ida Brill
Manufacturer and dealer in saddlery, harnesses, and leather and shoe findings, buggies, road and spring wagons, also a dealer in Inter-State automobiles, 218 E. 6th Street.
Also listed is Lionel Brill (no wife listed), no occupation stated.
- 1916 August W. Brill
Manufacturer and dealer in saddlery, harnesses, and leather and shoe findings, buggies, road and spring wagons, also a dealer in Inter-State automobiles, 218 E. 6th Street.
- 1914 August W. Brill
Manufacturer and dealer in saddles, harnesses, saddlery hardware, leather shoe findings, horse collars, buggies, road and spring wagons, 204 E. 6th Street.
Also listed are Arno Brill, a student, and Lionel Brill, a student.
- 1912-13 August W. Brill
Manufacturer and dealer in saddles, harnesses, saddlery hardware, leather shoe findings, horse collars, buggies, road and spring wagons, 204 E. 6th Street.

NOTE: William T. Wroe is listed as being in the same business with salesrooms at 417-19 Congress Avenue and the factory at 111-15 E. 5th Street.

- 1910-11 August W. Brill
Salesman, William T. Wroe and Sons (William T. and Samuel K. Wroe, proprietors), manufacturers, wholesale and retail saddles, harness, saddlery hardware, leather shoe findings, horse collars, buggies, carriages, and road wagons, 417-19 Congress Avenue and 117 E. 5th Street.
- 1909-10 August W. Brill
Clerk, William T. Wroe and Sons (William T. and Samuel K. Wroe, proprietors), manufacturers, wholesale and retail saddles, harness, saddlery hardware, leather shoe findings, horse collars, buggies, carriages, and road wagons, 421-23 Congress Avenue and 117 E. 5th Street.
- 1906-07 The address is not listed in the directory. August W. Brill is listed as a clerk for William T. Wroe and Sons and lived at 604 W. 9th Street.

NOTES:

August Brill appears in the 1880 U.S. Census as the 8-year old son of Henry and Louise Brill who lived in Welcome, Austin County, Texas. Henry Brill, then 36, was born in Prussia and listed his occupation as a farmer. Louise Brill, then 31, had been born in Texas to Prussian-born parents; her stated occupation was "keeping house." August Brill was born in Texas.

The 1900 U.S. Census shows A.W. and Ida Brill residing in Precinct 5 of Austin County, Texas. A.W. Brill was then 28 years old; Ida Brill was then 25, and had been born in Texas to German-born parents. They had been married for 5 years and had 2 sons: Arno, age 3, and Lionel, age 2. A.W. Brill listed his occupation as a saddler.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows August W. and Ida Brill living at 1109 W. 9th Street. August W. was then 37 years old; Ida was then 35; they had been married for 14 years. By the time of this census report, son Virgil had been born; he was 4 years old; Lionel was 11, and Arno was 13. August W. Brill listed his occupation as the manager of a saddlery.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows August W., Ida, and Virgil Brill at this address; Lionel and Arno had moved out of the house by that time. Brill was listed as a saddle and harness maker with his own store.

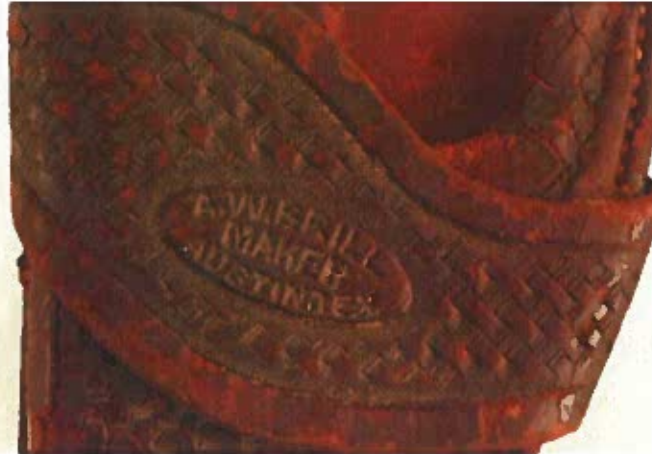
The 1930 U.S. Census shows August, Ida, Lionel, and his wife Mary Brill at this address. August Brill as listed as the proprietor of a leather shop; Lionel Brill was listed as a salesman for a leather shop. Arno Brill, his wife, Kathleen, 5 children, and a live-in maid were listed as living at 901 West Avenue. Arno's occupation was listed as a leather wholesaler. Virgil Brill, his wife Carrie, and 2 children were living in San Antonio, where he worked as a geologist for an oil company.

A.W. Brill Company History

Arnold 1932	W. 1933	Brill Saddle	Austin, Leather	Texas Worker
1940s - 1950s Leather Worker / Gun Leather Designer				

The early career of Arnold W. Brill was as a Saddle Maker and Leather Worker in his own small business in Austin, Texas in 1932 - 1933. This short attempt at opening his business this shortly after the depression was ill advised and by the mid 1930s it is believed that Arnold W. Brill was working at the S. D. Myres Company, in their Border Patrol Equipment Division. Acquiring the much needed knowledge of holster making and design was probably greatly enhanced working at S. D. Myres Company known for their quality materials and workmanship. By the 1940s A. W. Brill was sought out by many lawman, military, competitors and gun enthusiasts to design and make their gun leather. It was at this time through the 1940s and 1950s that A. W. Brill produced gun leather as good or better than you could get anywhere and he ran a very successful business as well as he acquired fame in the industries related to his products.

History of Arno W. Brill's saddle-making and leather business in Austin, from Vintagegunleather.com



Maker's mark of Arno Brill's holster
From Vintagegunleather.com

**A. W. Brill, 82,
Died in Bandera**

A. W. Brill, 82, died Sunday night at his home at Pipe Creek in Bandera County.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church, Masons, Shriners, Woodmen of the World, and Sons of Herman.

He is survived by two sons, Arno Brill of Bandera and Virgil Brill of New Braunfels; six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services have been tentatively set for Monday afternoon at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of August W. Brill
[Austin American](http://AustinAmerican.com), September 13, 1954

Arno Brill Succumbs In Houston Hospital

Arno 34 - 8/3/68

Arno W. Brill, longtime Austin resident and father of Mrs. John Connally, died Friday at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston following a long illness.

Doctors at the University of Texas hospital reported Brill died suddenly of an embolus. He had been a patient in and out of the hospital for more than 20 years.

Brill was born Nov. 13, 1896, at Industry of a pioneer Texas family. He had lived in Austin for the past 63 years and was proprietor of Brillville, a community development center on Lake Travis since 1948.

Brill and his father, who was known as A. W. Brill,

established the A. W. Brill Leather Company in Austin just after the turn of the century.

The father and son team operated the leather firm for nearly half a century. They developed and built the Brill Holster, which was worn by many peace officers in Texas.

Governor and Mrs. Connally honored the Brills on their 50th wedding anniversary last Christmas day with a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

Brill was a 32nd degree Mason and was a deacon in the Bee Caves Baptist Church. In addition to his widow, Kathleen, and daughter, Mrs. Connally, he is survived by another daughter, Mrs. William R. Bryant of Sherman; two sons, Bill Brill of Floresville and Bob Brill of Littleton, Colo.; a brother Virgil A. Brill of San Antonio; 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial will be at the Oakwood Cemetery annex.

The services will be conducted by Rev. Joe Griffin of Weatherford and Rev. Clinton Kersey, pastor of the Bee Caves Baptist Church.

Mrs. Brill requested that no flowers be sent to the funeral. Memorial offerings may be sent to the Arno Brill Memorial Fund at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.



UPI Telephoto
ARNO BRILL
Died Friday

Obituary of Arno Brill with a brief history of the family leather business
Austin American-Statesman, August 3, 1968