

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 26, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
315 BOWIE STREET
HDP-2012-0347**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1921 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story rectangular-plan hipped-roof frame house with a central, partial-width, hipped-roof entry porch on plain round columns and a non-historic metal roof; paired and triple 1:1 fenestration with ornamental brackets and a shelf above the double and triple windows on the front of the house; non-historic metal roof; non-historic metal door with sidelights.

RESEARCH

The house is believed to have been built around 1921 for Thomas and Katie Lee Capps, who lived next door at 313 Bowie Street (now demolished). Capps was listed in the 1920 U.S. Census as living at 313 Bowie Street, and 315 Bowie Street was not listed as an address in the 1920 census report. Capps was a general agent for a labor union in the 1920 census report. The 1922 City Directory shows the Capps family at 315 Bowie Street (and another family at 313), but Capps' occupation is not listed in the directory. The Capps family lived here only for a short period of time – by 1924 they had rented the house out, and by 1927, they had sold the house to William and Margaret Schneider, and had moved back to their previous house at 313 Bowie Street.

William and Margaret Schneider owned and occupied this house from around 1926 to around 1975. William Schneider worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad for 42 years, as a switchman then later as an engineer foreman. He died in 1965; Margaret Schneider died in 1975; the house became commercial property after that, including a restaurant, and most recently, office space.

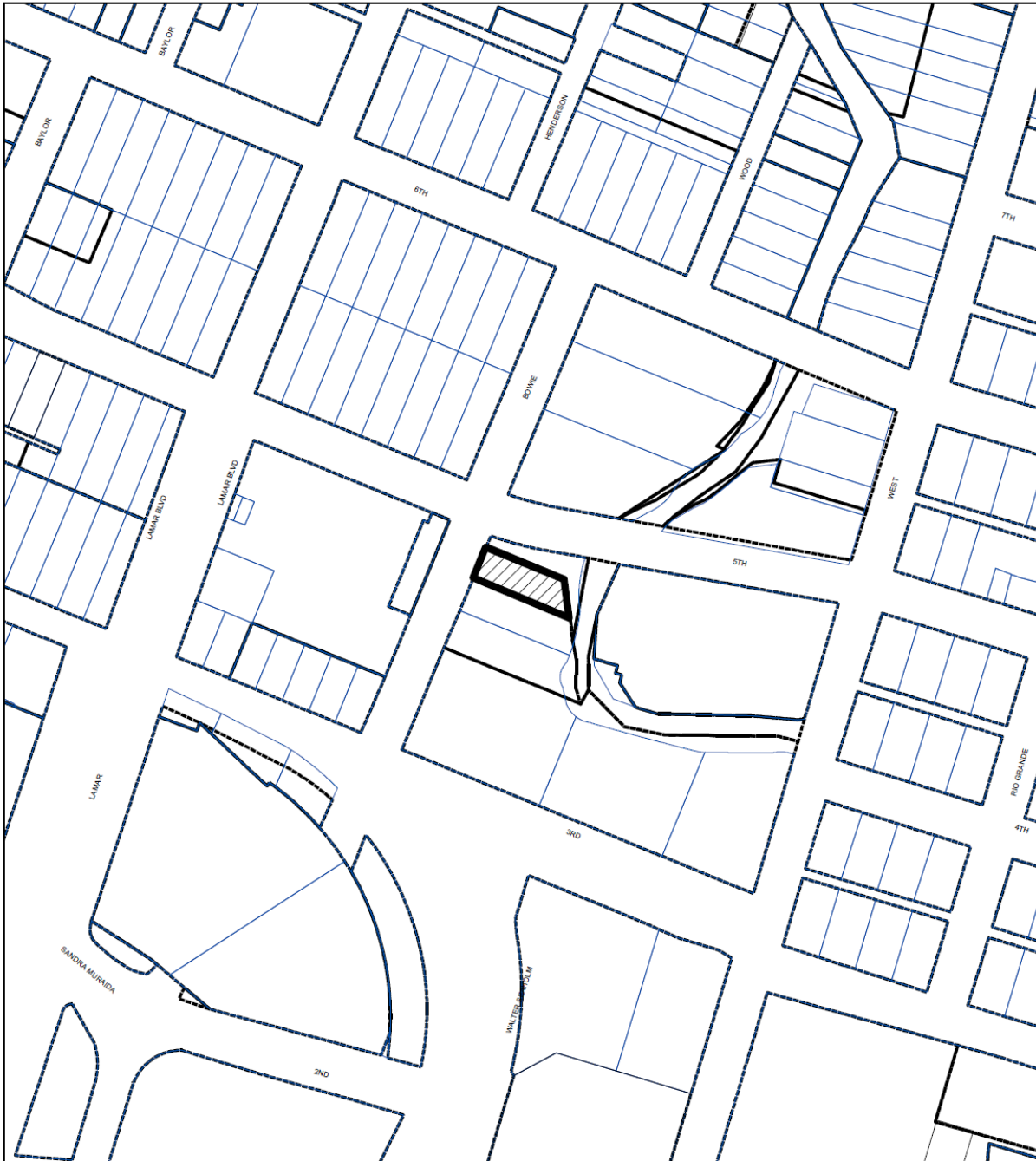
STAFF COMMENTS



The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the property.

LOCATION MAP



 SUBJECT TRACT
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0347
 LOCATION: 315 Bowie Street



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315 Bowie Street
ca. 1921





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 315 Bowie Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
October, 2012

1992	Landscape Engineering and Development Lamy Company, real estate Randolph Capital Land Development
1985-86	Reed Properties (F.M. Reed, proprietor) Property management and development
1980	Poth Construction Company (Robert J. Poth, proprietor)
1974	Margaret Schneider, owner Widow, William Schneider Retired
1968	Margaret Schneider, owner Widow, William Schneider No occupation listed

1963	William and Margaret Schneider, owners No occupation listed
1957	William and Margaret Schneider, owners No occupation listed
1952	Vacant NOTE: William and Margaret Schneider are listed as living at 2409 W. 8 th Street; neither had an occupation listed in the directory.
1949	Billy G. and June Mallard, renters Student, University of Texas
1947	William and Margaret Schneider, owners No occupation listed
1944-45	William and Margaret Schneider, owners Switchman, Missouri Pacific Lines
1941	William and Margaret Schneider, owners Switchman, Missouri Pacific Lines
1939	William M. and Margaret Schneider, owners Foreman, Missouri Pacific Lines
1937	William M. and Margaret Schneider, owners Engineer foreman, Missouri Pacific Lines
1935	William M. and Margaret Schneider, owners Switchman, Missouri Pacific Lines
1932-33	William M. and Margaret Schneider, owners Switchman, Missouri Pacific Lines
1930-31	William M. and Margaret Schneider, owners Engineer foreman, Missouri Pacific Railroad
1929	William M. and Margaret Schneider, owners Engineer foreman (no place of employment listed)
1927	William M. and Margaret Schneider, owners Engineer foreman, Missouri Pacific Railroad
1924	Albert and Katie Sanz, renters No occupation listed NOTE: William M. and Margaret Schneider are listed as living at 1611 E. 1st Street; he was an engineer foreman for the International and Great Northern Railroad.
1922	Thomas J. and Lee Capps, owners No occupation listed
1920	Vacant

1918 Vacant

1916 Vacant

NOTE: It is likely that the entries prior to 1916 are for the smaller, one-story house that existed on this site prior to the construction of the present house.

1914 Manuel Prado
Barber

1912-13 John W. Lowry
Laborer, City Water, Light, and Power Plant

1910-11 Warren J. Rigdon
Horse-shoer

1909-10 Millard E. Porter
Switchman

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

THOMAS J. and KATIE LEE CAPPS (ca 1921 – ca. 1923)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows T.J. and Lee Capps at 313 Bowie Street, which would have been just next door. In the 1922 city directory, they were listed as the owners and occupants of this house at 315 Bowie Street. T.J. Capps was then 54, had been born in Kentucky, and was a yardman for the railroad. Lee Capps was also 54 and had been born in Kentucky; she had no occupation listed. They had a son Clyde, 31, who had also been born in Kentucky and was a signal man for the railroad. The 1920 U.S. Census also shows the Capps family at 313 Bowie Street. The family then included Thomas J. and Katie L. Capps, along with their two sons, Archie, 24, and Clyde, 21, as well as a daughter, Laura, 17. Thomas J. Capps was the general agent of a labor union, Archie was a restaurant cook, and Clyde was an engineer. They owned this house, and 315 Bowie Street is not listed as an address in this census report. The 1910 U.S. Census has the Capps family living on either Rose or Crockett Street, just west of the railroad tracks. Thomas J. Capps was a yard-man for the railroad. Neither his wife, Lee, nor his children, Archie, Clyde, and Laura had any occupation listed.

Thomas Jefferson Capps died in Harris County, Texas, July 13, 1950.

WILLIAM M. and MARGARET SCHNEIDER (ca. 1926 – ca. 1975)

William and Margaret Schneider appear in the 1930 U.S. Census at this address; they owned the house, which was worth \$4,500. William was then 50 years old, and had been born in Texas. He was an engineer foreman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Margaret Schneider was then 36, had been born in Arkansas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived their daughter, Barbara, 17, born in Texas, and without an occupation listed in the census report, and a roomer, 57-year old Jack O. Rucker, a Texas-born engineer for the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows the Schneider family living at 1611 E. 1st Street, a house they owned. William Schneider is listed as a railroad switchman. Neither Margaret, nor young daughter Barbara had an occupation listed.

WILLIAM SCHNEIDER

William Schneider, 315 Bowie, died in a local hospital Saturday. He was retired from the Missouri Pacific Railroad after 42 years of service and was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral, Knights of Columbus and Sons of Herman Lodge.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Margaret Schneider; a daughter, Mrs. R. E. (Barbara) Pecot, Austin and two grandchildren.

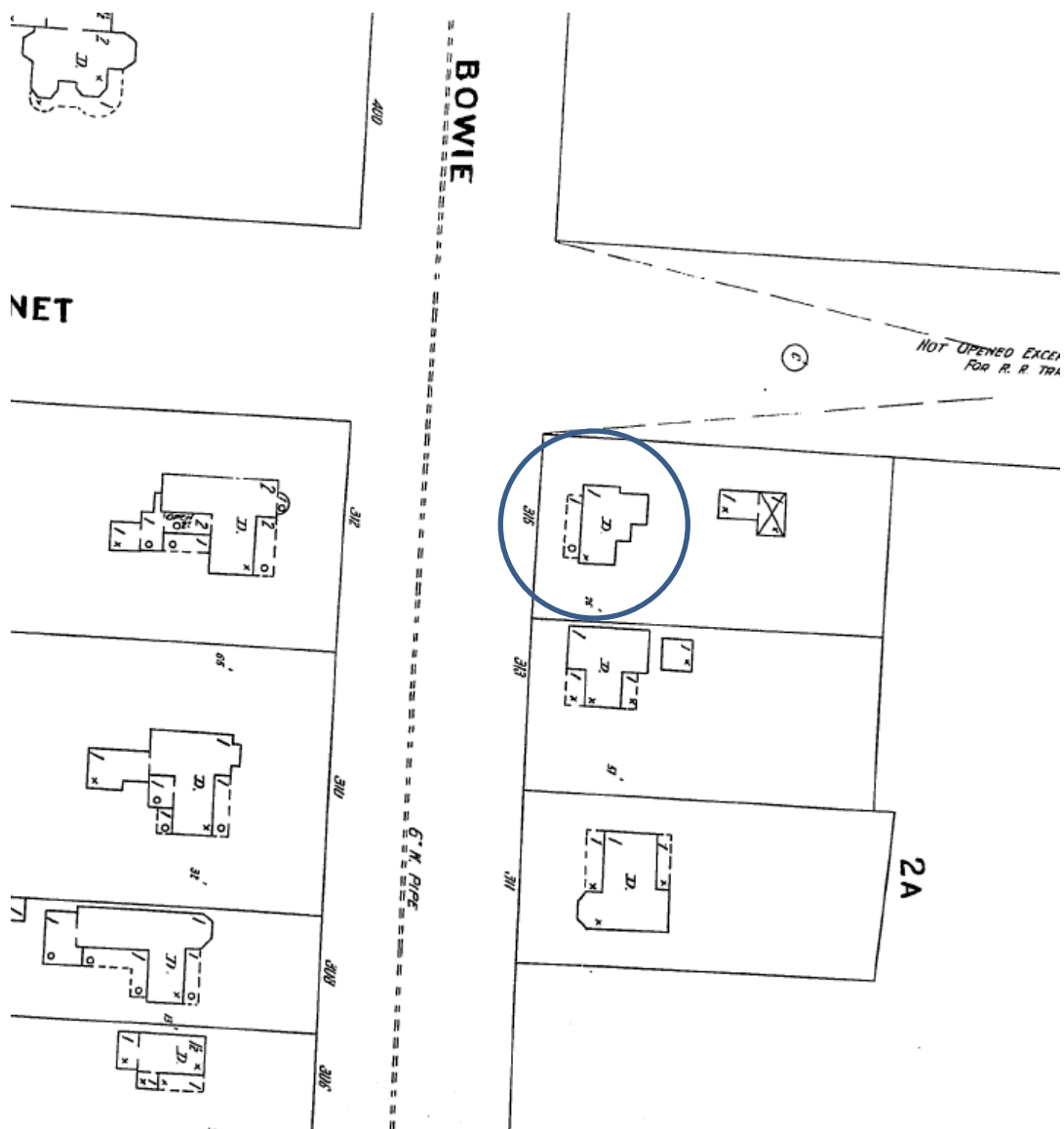
Rosary services will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. from Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Harold Zink, CSC, officiating. Requiem Mass will be held Monday at 9 a.m. from St. Mary's Cathedral with burial in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Chester Heep, W. W. McConnell, Ralph Schneider, Henry Trautwein, R. C. Lozano, and Alfred Vrana.

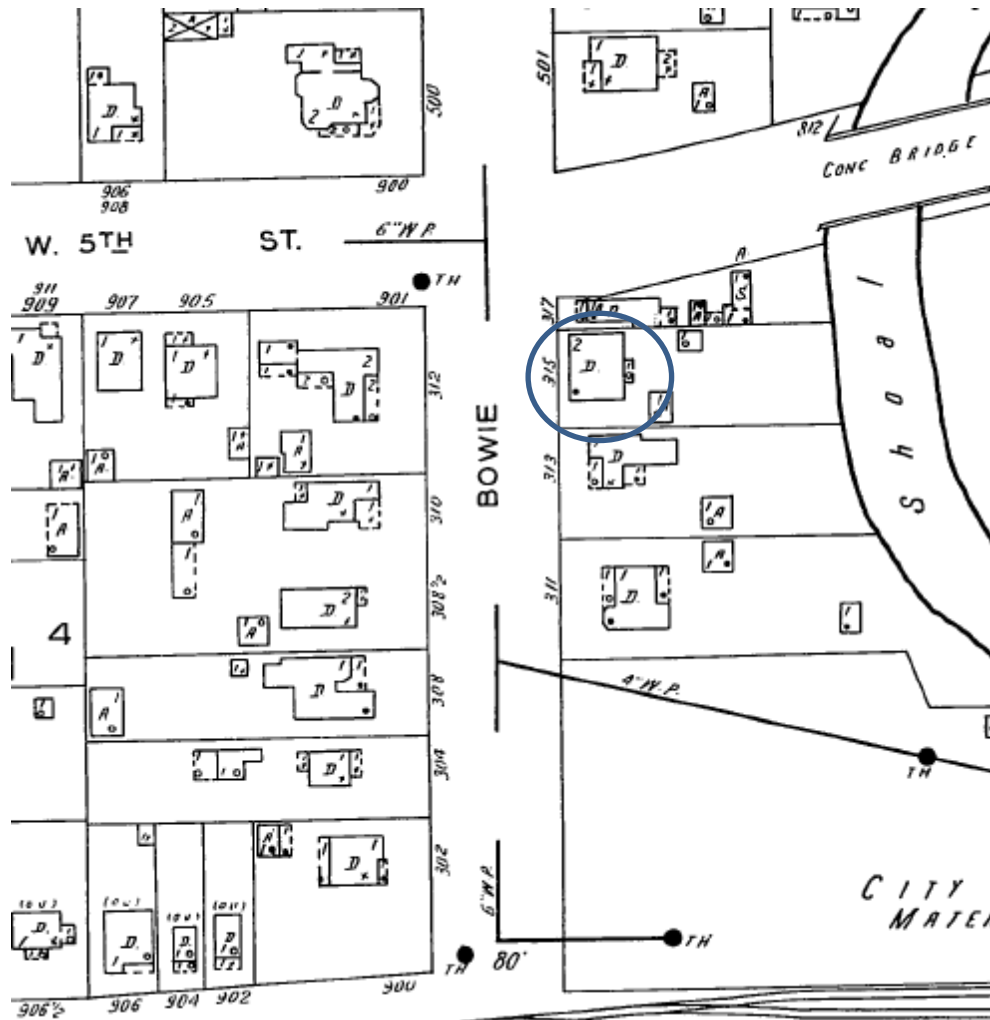
Obituary of William Schneider
Austin American-Statesman, April 11, 1965

SCHNEIDER, Margaret, 88,
of 1515 Forest Trail, died
Sunday. Services pending at
Cook-Walden. Survivors:
daughter, Mrs. Barbara
Schneider Pecot of Austin;
sister, Mrs. Hazel Datry of
Georgia; two grandchildren;
three great-grandchildren.
(Cook-Walden)

Obituary of Margaret Schneider
Austin American-Statesman, February 24, 1975

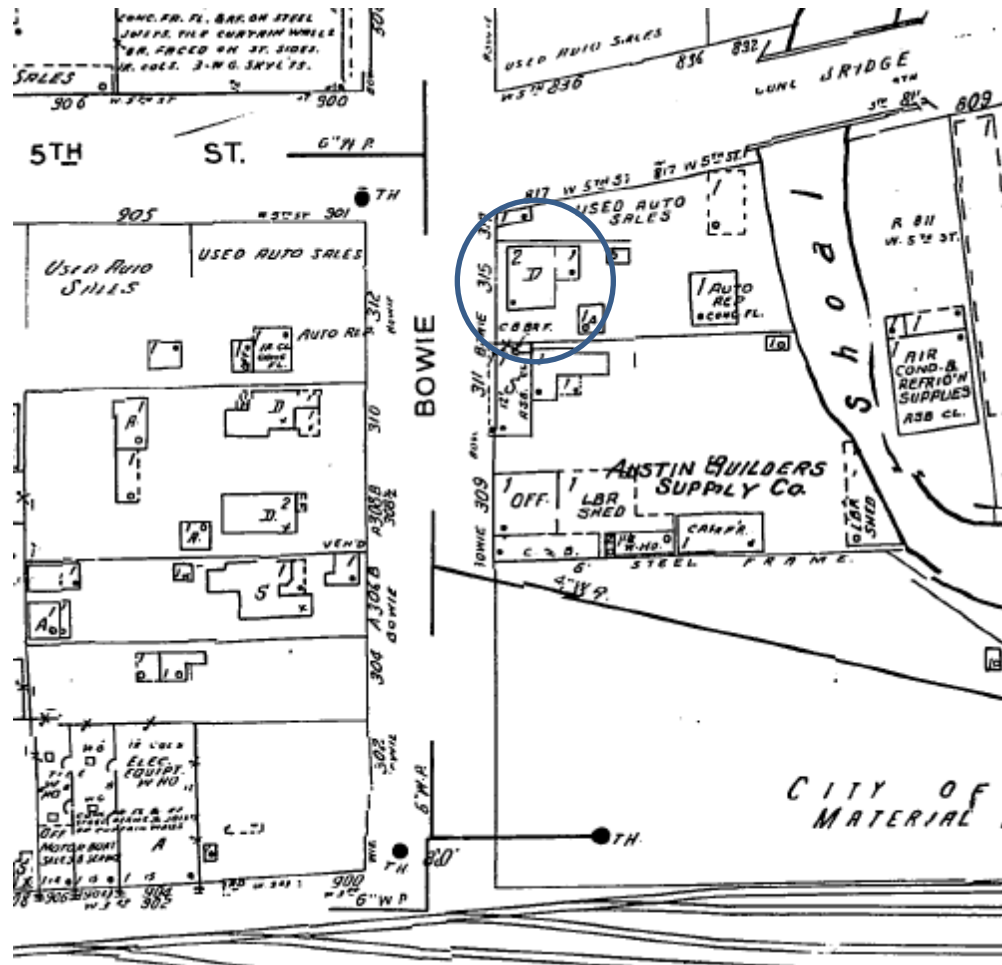


A house appears on the 1900 Sanborn map – however, it is a one-story house with an almost-full-width front porch; not the house that currently exists on the site.



The house appears on the 1935 Sanborn map. Note there is also a house labeled 313 Bowie; by 1961, the front of the house at 313 Bowie had been covered by a modern rectangular addition (see map below). The house shown as 311 Bowie Street does not appear with this same configuration in the 1961 map below; it is not known whether the house shown here as 311 Bowie Street was demolished or reconfigured. There is also a very small house just north of the subject house, labeled 317 Bowie Street.

This area of the city does not appear on the 1922 Sanborn map.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the house with a one-story rear addition. The former house at 313 Bowie Street now has a large rectangular front addition and bears the address of 311 Bowie Street; the house formerly shown as 311 Bowie is now 309 Bowie. The house shown on the 1935 map as 317 Bowie Street is now gone; the lot is now labeled used auto sales.

Wm. Schneider

315 Bowie St.

99

C of 4

5

Raymond Plateau
 accessory
 Frame commercial building

76032

4/20/60

350.00

Hunter De Gress

none

GARAGE

Building permit to William Schneider for the construction of a frame garage (1960)

OWNER	Robert J. Poth	ADDRESS	315 Bowie St.
PLAT	99	LOT	C of 4
		BLK.	5
SUBDIVISION	Raymond Plateau		
OCCUPANCY	Retail		
BLDG. PERMIT #	153829	DATE	12-18-75
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$6,000.00
CONTRACTOR	Poth Constr.	NO. OF FIXTURES	See Plan
WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	
remodel exising res garage to create comm bldg.			
parking spaces required 10 spaces			
1352 sq ft. Res - 1			
1064 sq ft. Retail			
2nd fl 5			
810 sq ft. retail rear bldg. 4			

Building permit to Robert J. Poth to remodel the garage to create a commercial building (1975)

OWNER	Robert J. Poth	ADDRESS	315 Bowie St.
PLAT	99	LOT	C of 4
SUBDIVISION	Raymond Plateau		
OCCUPANCY	Restaurant		
BLDG. PERMIT #	154067	DATE	1-5-76
CONTRACTOR	Mitchell Mays	OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$500.00
WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	
Remodel portion of 1st floor of existing residence to create restaurant - parking spaces required 1 addn. Total 11- xxx Health app 12-18-75			

Building permit to Robert J. Poth to remodel the ground floor of the house to create a restaurant (1976)

OWNER	SIGN PERMIT Robert J. Poth	ADDRESS	315 Bowie St.
PLAT	99	LOT	C of 4
SUBDIVISION	Raymond Plateau		
OCCUPANCY	Sign		
BLDG. PERMIT #	154706	DATE	2-5-76
CONTRACTOR	owner	OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$
WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	
erect sign - Sacre Bleu			
4-20-77 163720 remodel 2 story comm. bldg to create retail space on 1st floor and offices on 2nd floor and remodel 1 story bldg. @ xxx rear to create storage only			

Sign permit to Robert Poth for the Sacre Bleu restaurant (1976) and to remodel the house to create retail space on the ground floor and offices upstairs (1977)

A permit was issued in November, 1983 to remodel the building and construct an addition to create offices. A permit in January, 1995 was to enclose an existing deck to create office space.