

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 22, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0493
96½ RED RIVER STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1909 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof, frame dwelling with a Cumberland-style configuration of two front doors opening onto an almost-full-width hipped-roofed independent porch with a turned-baluster gingerbread-style frieze on turned wood posts; single 2:2 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1909; the first occupants were Frederick and Myrta Heiple, who lived here until around 1911. Frederick Heiple was the chief engineer for the Consumers Fuel and Ice Company. Enoch Robinson, the manager of the John Finnigan Company, hide and wool dealers, lived here with his wife, Dolores, from around 1911 to 1914, when he passed away. His widow rented the house out for several years, then the house was sold to George and Dora Roberts, who lived here until 1926, when they sold it to the Wendlandt family. George Roberts was a salesman for the Driskill Hotel Laundry. The Wendlandts were a prominent land-owning family in Austin, and rented this house out until the mid-1940s, when they sold it to Earl and Annie Stevenson, who had been their last renters. Among the Wendlandts' tenants was Mrs. Ethel Malavansos, a member of a prominent Greek-American family who operated a candy business on Congress Avenue. Earl Stevenson was a salesman; he and Annie lived here until his death in 1964; Annie Stevenson continued to live here for a short time, but then rented the house out. It has been a rental unit since that time, and has been converted to a duplex.

STAFF COMMENTS



The house appears in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) with a Priority 2 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, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

Location Map



 SUBJECT TRACT
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0493
 LOCATION: 96 1/2 Red River Street



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96½ Red River Street
ca. 1909



Detail of front porch spindlework and double front doors characterizing the Cumberland-style house.

OCCUPANCY HISTORY

96 ½ Red River Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
December, 2008

2000	Hand and Fingers Massage Rochelle Hall, proprietor
1996	The address is not listed in the directory.
1987	Abacus Answering Service Nanci Felice, proprietor NOTE: Nanci Felice lived at 1503 Barbara Avenue Sara L. Oden, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Sara L. Oden was a new resident at this address.
1981	Abacus Answering Service John Kaine, proprietor L.S. Johnston, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that L.S. Johnston was a new resident at this address.
1977	No return
1975	Valentino Escobar, Jr., renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Valentino Escobar, Jr. was a new resident at this address.
1972	Mrs. Pat A. Gregory, renter Manager, Studer's Photos, 917 Congress Avenue NOTE: The directory indicates that Mrs. Pat A. Gregory was a new resident at this address.
1969	William F. and Patricia L. Gregory, III, renters Firefighter, City Fire Department
1966	Annie M. Stevenson, renter Widow, Earl D. Stevenson No occupation listed
1963	Earl D. and Annie H. Stevenson, owners No occupation listed
1960	Earl D. and Annie H. Stevenson, owners Salesman, Rowley's (J.M. Rowley, proprietor), insurance, 2407 Sabine Street.

	Robert Bell, renter No occupation listed
1957	Earl D. and Annie Stevenson, owners Salesman (no place of employment listed)
1954	Earl D. and Annie Stevenson, owners No occupation listed
1952	Earl D. and Annie Stevenson, owners Salesman
1949	Earl D. and Annie Stevenson, owners Salesman Also listed are Edward M. and Velma Stevenson; Edward M. Stevenson was a driver for the Firestone Test Fleet.
1947	Earl D. and Annie Stevenson, owners Salesman, Watkins Products, 200 W. Mary Street Also listed are Edward M. and Velma Stevenson; Edward M. Stevenson was a salesman for Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1 st Street.
1944-45	Earl D. and Annie Stevenson (not listed as owners) Plant guard, Police Department Also listed are Edward M. and Beulah Stevenson; Edward M. Stevenson was in the U.S. Army.
1942	Alex Jordan, renter Beer, 206 Congress Avenue NOTE: Earl D. and Annie Stevenson are not listed in the directory. Edward M. and Beulah Stevenson are listed as living at 104 Congress Avenue. He was a supervisor at Superior Dairies, 600 E. 1 st Street.
1940	Terrell F. and Annie Hiesler, renters Fitter, Texas Public Service Company
1937	Terrell F. and Annie Hiesler, renters Gas fitter, Texas Public Service Company William H. and Nannie Riffe, renters Waiter, Longhorn Waffle Shop, 609 Congress Avenue
1935	Vacant NOTE: Terrell F. Hiesler is listed as an unmarried gas fitter for Texas Public Service Company and lived at 501 E. 15 th Street.
1932-33	Mrs. Ethel Malavansos, renter No occupation listed
1930-31	Mrs. Ethel Malabaso, renter No occupation listed

- 1929 Mrs. Ethel Malabazo, renter
Widow, Peter Malabazo
No occupation listed
Also listed is John Malabazo, proprietor of the Palace of Sweets, 420 Congress Avenue.
- 1927 James R. and Minnie Meredith, renters
Carpenter
NOTE: The Malavansos family lived at 600 W. 8th Street; Ethel Malavansos had no occupation listed; John Malabansos was a waiter for Peter Malavansos; Nick Malavansos was a soda dispenser at Manos Brothers, confectioners, 322 Congress Avenue; Peter Malavansos was a confectioner at 420 Congress Avenue, and lived at 503 ½ Lavaca Street.
- 1924 George B. and Dora Rogers, owners
Salesman, Driskill Hotel Laundry
- 1922 George B. and Dora Rogers, renters
Employed by the Driskill Hotel Laundry
Also listed is Irene Rogers, no occupation stated.
- 1920 Otto and Norma Fishbeck, renters
Clerk, MK&T Railroad Freight Depot
NOTE: George B. And Dora Rogers are listed as living at 820 Essex Avenue; he was a driver for the Home Steam Laundry Company.
- 1918 Buford J. and Addie Curtis, renters
Laborer
- 1916 William H. White
No occupation listed
- 1914 Enoch W. Robinson
Manager, John Finnigan Company, hide and wool dealers, 509 East Avenue.
- 1912-13 Enoch W. Robinson
Manager, John Finnigan Company, hide and wool dealers, 509 East Avenue.
- 1910-11 Enoch W. Robinson
Manager, John Finnigan Company, hide and wool dealers, 509 East Avenue.
- 1909-10 Frederick G. Heiple
Chief engineer, Consumers Fuel and Ice Company, southeast corner of 4th and Red River Streets.
NOTE: Enoch W. Robinson is listed as the manager of Thaddeus P. Robinson, a hide buyer, 509 East Avenue; Enoch W. Robinson lived at 1401 E. 2nd Street.
- 1906-07 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Frederick H. Heiple is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: There are houses at 98 Red River Street and 96 Red River Street (demolished in 1956), but this address is not shown.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**Frederick and Myrta Heiple (1909)**

The first listing of this address is in the 1909-10 Austin city directory, which lists Frederick Heiple, the chief engineer of the Consumers Fuel and Ice Company as the occupant. According to the 1910 U.S. Census, Frederick Heiple and his wife Myrta were living at 620 E. 1st Street, so he apparently moved out of this house by the time of the 1910 census report. Heiple was then 38 years old and had been born in Illinois. Frederick and Myrta Heiple's household on E. 1st Street included their three children and Myrta's father.

Enoch W. and Dolores Robinson (1910-1914)

Enoch W. and Dolores Robinson are listed in city directories from 1910 through 1914, and appear as the occupants of this house in the 1910 U.S. Census report. Enoch W. Robinson, a native of Texas, was then 42; Dolores was 28 and a native of Arkansas. They had been married for 11 years. Robinson was listed as a hide buyer with his own office.

Deed records indicate that Thaddeus P. Robinson, a hide buyer, sold this lot to his son, Enoch W. Robinson, in 1909, so it is unclear as to whether Frederick and Myrta Heiple were renting this house from the Robinsons or the first owners. Enoch W. Robinson was also a hide buyer, and eventually became the manager of John Finnegan Company, a hide and wool dealer located at 509 East Avenue. Robinson died in 1914, but his widow continued to own the property, renting it out for several years. She sold the house in 1919, and in 1920, it was purchased by George B. and Dora Rogers.

ENOCH W. ROBINSON IS DEAD

**Lived Here Most of Life—Prominent
Lodge Man.**

Enoch W. Robinson, aged 47 years, died at his residence, 92½ Red River Street, at 4:45 o'clock Wednesday morning. He was well known in Austin, having lived here practically all of his life, with the exception of a number of years which he spent in Fort Worth. He was prominent in lodge circles and was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World, also an active member of the Tenth Ward Fire Company.

He is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Robinson, two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Brydson and Mrs. J. A. Greathouse, and three brothers, T. P. and Richard Robinson of Austin and M. P. Robinson of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from his late residence. Dr. W. D. Bradfield will officiate at the house, and the services at the grave in Oakwood Cemetery will be held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

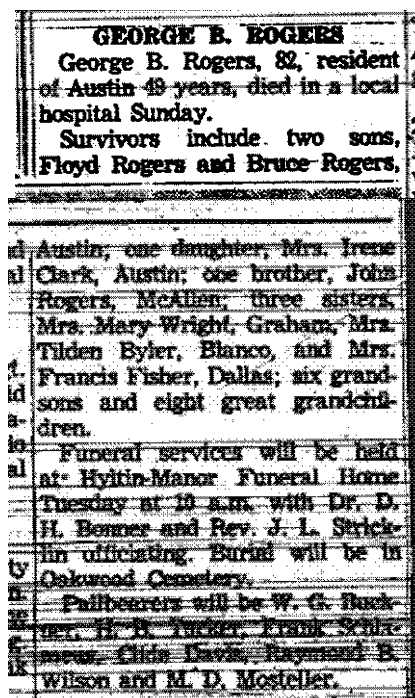
Austin Statesman, February 5, 1914

Otto and Norma Fishbeck (1920)

One of the renters of the house while Mrs. Robinson still owned it was Otto and Norma Fishbeck, who appear as the tenants of the house in the 1920 U.S. Census. Otto and Norma Fishbeck, both 27 at the time of the census report, had a 5-year old son, Wilton. All had been born in Texas, although both Otto Fishbeck's parents had been born in Germany. Fishbeck is listed as a cashier for the Katy Railroad in the census report. Norma Fishbeck did not have an occupation listed. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Otto Fishbeck living at 503 Guadalupe Street with his son Wilton, then 15. Fishbeck was divorced and listed his occupation as a book-keeper.

George B. and Dora Rogers (1920-1926)

George Rogers purchased the house in 1920; he worked for the Driskill Hotel Laundry. According to the 1920 U.S. Census, George and Dora Rogers owned a house at 820 Essex Avenue in Clarksville. George Rogers was then 43, had been born in Texas, and was a driver for a laundry. Dora Rogers was then 37, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. They had three children: Irene, 20; Floyd, 19, a laundry driver; and Bruce, 17. With them also lived a cousin, Floyd Cox, 17, who had no occupation listed. The Rogers family sold the house in 1926 to the Wendlandt family, who rented it out until it was purchased by Earl D. and Annie Stevenson.



Obituary of George B. Rogers, resident 1922-1924
Austin American, October 21, 1958

MRS. DORA E. ROGERS
 Mrs. Dora E. Rogers, 49, resident
 of Austin for 22 years, died at the
 family home, 4909 Avenue H, Sun-
 day morning. She is survived by
 a husband, G. R. Rogers; one

daughter, Mrs. Irene Clark of Ports-
 mouth, Ohio; two sons, Floyd R.
 Rogers and Bruce F. Rogers, of
 Austin; her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
 Otto Schlameus, of Austin; three
 sisters, Mrs. Sam Cox, Mrs. B. O.
 Wier and Mrs. R. B. Wilson; and
 two brothers, Frank Schlameus and
 Ben O. Schlameus, of Austin.
 Funeral services will be held from
 the Cook Funeral home Monday at
 5:30 p. m., with the Rev. H. C.
 Morrison officiating. Burial will
 be in Oakwood cemetery. Pall-
 bearers will be John D. Miller,
 David Woods, Clyde Buckner,
 Weldon Byler, Vernon Johnson and
 Melvin Buckner.

Obituary of Dora E. Rogers, resident 1922-1924
 Austin American, July 27, 1931

Ethel Malavansos (1929-1933)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows the house being rented by Ethel Maufrais and her daughter Thelma. Ethel Maufrais is likely the Ethel Malavansos shown in the city directories of the time as a renter here. Ethel was a 60-year old widow; Thelma was a 32-year old divorcee. Both had been born in Pennsylvania. Neither listed an occupation. Ethel Malavansos was a member of a prominent Greek-American family who ran a confectionary called the Palace of Sweets at 420 Congress Avenue in the 1930s.

MRS. ETHEL MALAVANSOS
 Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel
 Malavansos, 61, who died Saturday
 night, will be held from the Wilke-
 Manor Funeral home Wednesday
 at 3 p. m. with Rev. John Zografos
 of the Greek Orthodox church of-
 ficiating. Burial will be in the Oak-
 wood cemetery.
 Pallbearers will be Theo Carvis,
 Gus Palas, John Francis, Spero
 Marks, Mike Manos and L. G.
 Booth.

Obituary of Ethel Malavansos, resident 1929-1933
 Austin American, April 19, 1939

Terrell F. and Annie Hiesler (1937-1940)

Terrell F. and Annie Hiesler rented this house in the late 1930s. He was a gas fitter for the Texas Public Service Company. He and Annie are shown as the renters of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. Both were then 43 and both had been born in Texas. Terrell Hiesler is listed as a natural gas pipe fitter; Annie Hiesler had no occupation listed. Also listed at this address were Annie Hiesler's children (listed as step-children in the census report): James J. Routon, 24, a native of New Mexico who worked as a soda dispenser in a retail drug store; and Warren Routon, 26, a Texas-born dairy products salesman who had lived in Dallas in 1935. Warren Routon had a wife, 27-year old Wanelle, and a daughter, 3-year old Shirley. Annie's daughter, Martha Nunnellee, 14, also lived with them, as well as Terrell's mother, 63-year old widow Sadie Gallamore, and Terrell's sister, Thelma Graham, a 36-year old divorcee who was a practical nurse.

TERREL F. HIESLER

Terrell F. Hiesler, 65, of 1800 East First Street, died at the family residence Monday night. He was born in Austin and had been associated with the Southern Union Gas Company for 30 years, before his retirement in 1958, due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Hiesler; a daughter, Mrs. Herbert E. Cotton of Austin; two sons, Leslie E. Hiesler of Austin, and Jamie Hiesler of Liberty Hill; a sister, Mrs. Thelma Vollenberg of California; a brother, Howard Hiesler of California; nine grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Roy Jennings and Rev. George Fournier officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Obituary of Terrell F. Hiesler, resident 1937-1940
Austin Statesman, May 26, 1964

TERRELL F. HIESLER

Funeral services for Terrell F. Hiesler, age 65, 1000 East First Street, will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Jennings and Rev. George Fournier officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Ira Wilke, Elmo Emshoff, Delbert Thomas, Aubrey Pogue, Paul Childress, and Darrell Frick.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Annie Hiesler; a daughter, Mrs. Herbert E. Cotton of Austin; two sons, Leslie E. Hiesler of Austin, and Jamie Hiesler of Liberty Hill; a sister, Mrs. Thelma Volenberg of California, a brother, Howard Hiesler of California and 9 grandchildren.

Obituary of Terrell F. Hiesler, resident 1937-1940
Austin American, May 27, 1964

Earl D. and Annie Stevenson (1943-1967)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Earl and Annie Stevenson renting a house at 204 Red River Street in Austin. He was a night watchman at a printing company. With them lived their son, 29-year old Merritt, who was a filling station attendant. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Earl D. and Annie Stevenson residing in Scurry County, Texas. Earl Stevenson was then 45; Annie was 43; both had been born in Texas. Earl is listed as a farmer. They had 3 children: 19-year old son Merritt was working as a cook in a café; 18-year old daughter Edith and 16-year old son Edward had no occupations listed. The Stevensons are listed as living in Johnston County, Oklahoma in the 1920 U.S. Census report, where Earl is listed as a farmer. When Earl D. Stevenson registered for the draft in World War I, he was listed as a farmer living in Alvord, Wise County, Texas.

EARL D. STEVENSON
 Earl D. Stevenson, 78, of 96% Red River died Friday in a local hospital. He had been a resident of Austin for 31 years and was a member of East Avenue Baptist Church.
 He is survived by his wife of Austin; a daughter, Mrs. Edith McDougall of Austin; two sons, M. M. (Steve) Stevenson of Austin and Edward Stevenson of Freeport; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
 The body will be at Weed-Corley Funeral Home until Sunday when it will be taken to East Avenue Baptist Church for services at 2 p.m. Rev. Joel Thielepage and Rev. James Stone will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.
 Active pallbearers will be Lindy McMillan, Sid Rich, Gordon Stevenson, O. J. Stevenson, Christian Reinersten and Ralph Keller.

Obituary of Earl D. Stevenson, resident 1944-1963
 Austin American, September 14, 1963

EARL D. STEVENSON
 The body of Earl D. Stevenson will be at Weed-Corley Funeral Home until Sunday when it will be taken to the East Avenue Baptist Church for services at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Joel Thielepage and Rev. James Stone will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery under direction of Weed-Corley Funeral Home. The body will lie in state at the church for one hour preceding service.
 Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Mens Bible Class of East Avenue Baptist Church.
 Active pallbearers will be Lindy McMillan, Sid Rich, Gordon Stevenson, O. J. Stevenson, Christian Reinersten and Ralph Keller.

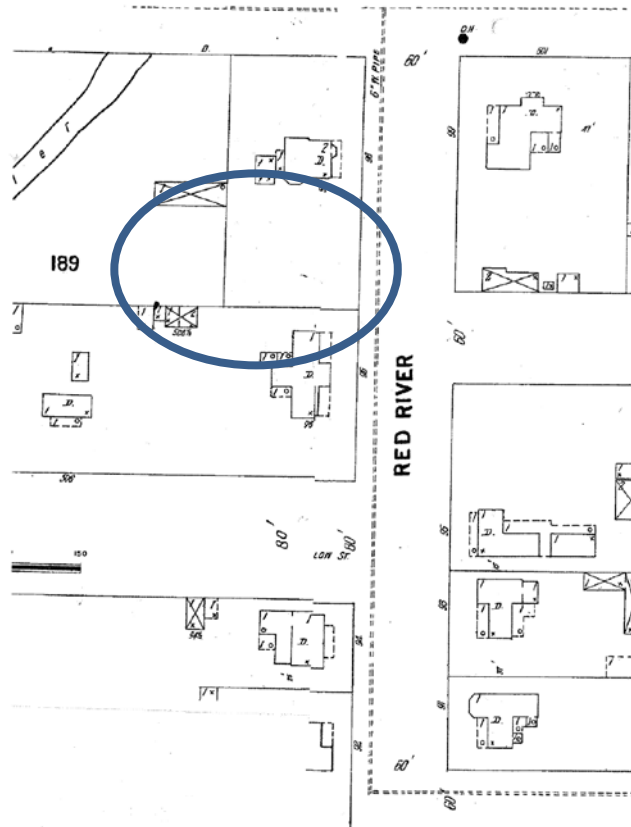
Obituary of Earl D. Stevenson, resident 1944-1963
 Austin American, September 15, 1963

MRS. E. D. STEVENSON
 Mrs. E. D. (Annie) Stevenson, 81, 96½
 Red River St., died in a local hospital
 Saturday. She was a member of the
 Kinney Avenue Baptist Church.
 She is survived by a daughter, Mrs.
 Edith McDougall of Austin; two sons, M.
 C. Stevenson of Austin and Edward
 Stevenson of Freeport; two sisters, Mrs.
 Milton Harris of Austin and Mrs. Lona
 Miller of Dallas; and three grandchildren.
 Funeral will be at the Kinney Avenue
 Baptist Church Sunday at 3:30 p.m. with
 Rev. Jack Livingston officiating. Burial
 will follow in Oakwood Cemetery under
 the direction of Cook Funeral Home. The
 body will lie in state at the church for
 one hour preceding the service.
 Pallbearers will be Sam Luna, Lindy
 McMillan, Sid Rich, O. J. Stevenson,
 Gordon Stevenson, and L. B. Council.

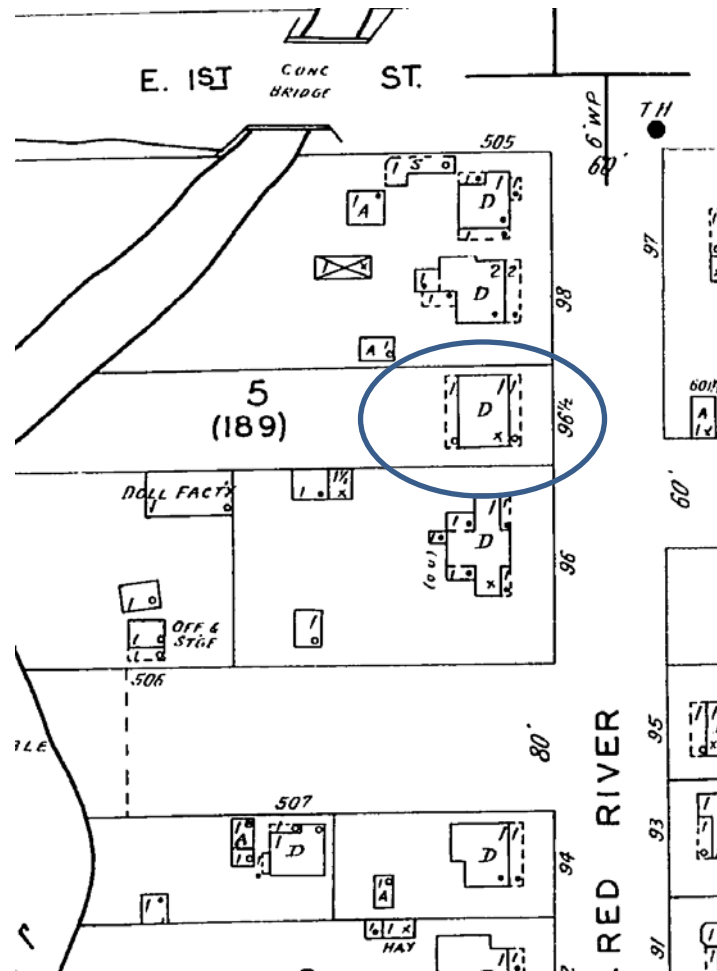
Obituary of Annie Stevenson, resident 1944-1967
 Austin American-Statesman, December 31, 1967

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps

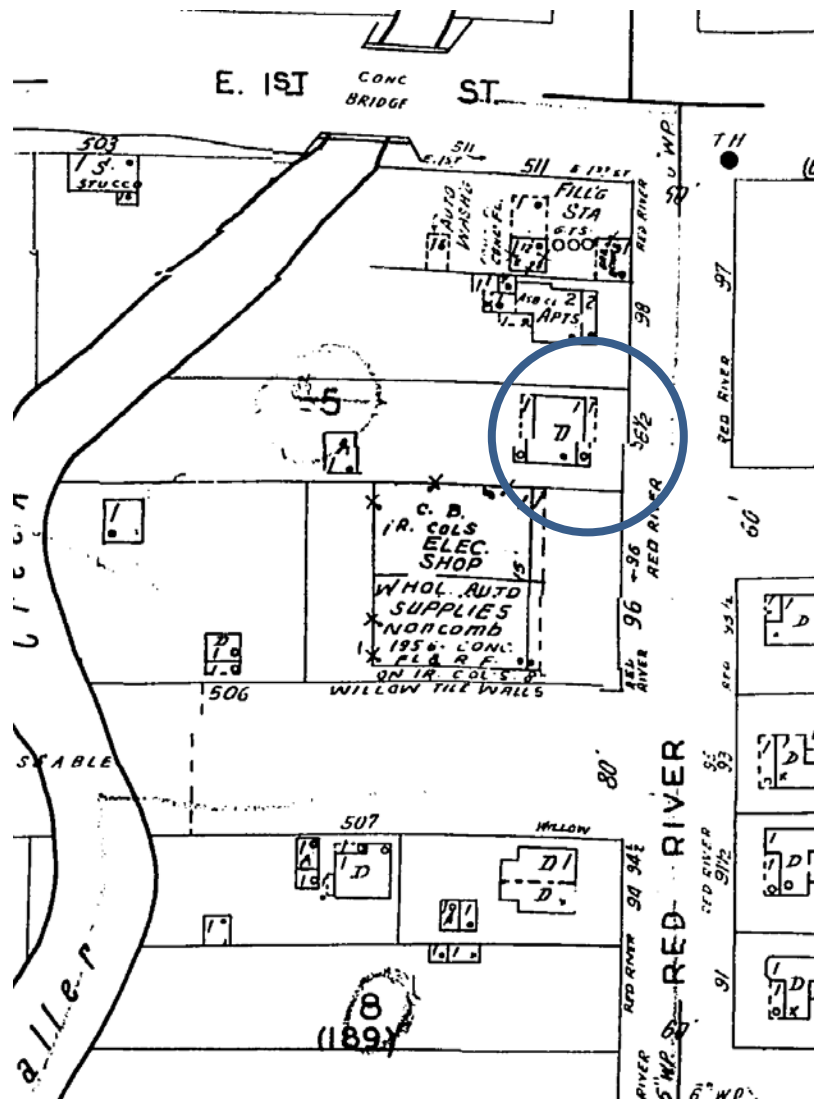
Note: This area of the city did not appear on Sanborn maps prior to 1900.



The house does not appear on the 1900 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map



1935 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map – the house appears as a one-story dwelling with a full-width one-story front porch.



The 1961 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map.

Building and utility permits

OWNER	B.P. Lorenz		96 ½ Red River	
	ADDRESS			
PLAT	10	LOT	C	BLK. 4
SUBDIVISION	Lucas Resub			
OCCUPANCY	res			
BLDG. PERMIT #	164072	DATE	5-3-77	OWNERS ESTIMATE 2000.00
CONTRACTOR	same		NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC#	SEWER TAP REC#			
repair and remodel res				

BID 2004

Building permit to repair and remodel the house (1977)