

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**JULY 22, 2013**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**HDP-2013-0460**  
**2304 LEON STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1938 house and a ca. 1939 garage apartment.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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The main house is a two-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with minimal Colonial Revival detailing, in the form of a broken swan's neck pediment and pilasters at the front door. The house has an asymmetrical composition, with the front entry offset to the right of the center of the façade; fenestration is single and paired 1:1. The garage apartment is a two-story, rectangular-plan hipped-roof frame building with single and paired 1:1 fenestration; the entry is offset to the left of the first floor, facing the street. Both buildings have synthetic siding.

**RESEARCH**

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Research indicates that there was a ca. 1901 house on this site, which was also a two-story house with a two-story front porch. Leon Street is not shown as a platted street on the 1900 Sanborn map, but the ca. 1901 house appears on both the 1922 and 1935 Sanborn maps. The attached occupancy history for this property includes that structure, in the very unlikely event that the current house is a remodeling of the ca. 1901 house. The ca. 1901 house was owned and occupied by Charles S. Kellum and his wife, Martha. Charles Kellum was a barber, who started off in the Driskill Hotel Barber Shop, and the Avenue Hotel Barber Shop before opening his own barber shop around 1914. He had several locations for his shop, including 1005 Congress Avenue (1914), 1504 Lavaca Street (1916 – 1921), 2107 Speedway (1921-1925), and 112 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street (1925 – 1935). He and Martha lived here until around 1938, when it is believed that the current house was constructed. The Kellums moved to an area north of the city in their later years; Charles Kellum died in 1947; his obituary mentions that he was a past president of the Austin Trades Council.

The current configuration of the house is reflected on the 1961 Sanborn map, which also shows the ca. 1939 garage apartment, for which there is a building permit. The style of the garage apartment differs somewhat from the style of the house, especially in roof form, which leads to a possible conclusion that the main house pre-dates the garage apartment, and could possibly be a massive remodel of the original ca. 1901 house built by the Kellums. There are no separate listings for the garage apartment in the city directories, so it is unknown who occupied that building. The main house was shown as a rental in the 1939 city directory; it was owned by trucker Claude R. Meeks and his wife Mary in 1941, and by tile contractor William E. Trafton and his wife, Ktie in 1944-45. By 1947, the house was occupied by Annie N. Baker, the widow of Dr. E.B. Baker of Hidalgo County. Annie Baker was a nurse, and moved to Austin from the Valley in the mid-1940s. She lived here until the mid-1950s, when the house was purchased by Only True Scarborough, and his wife, Melva. Scarborough was the son of Milam County farmers, who entered the painting and paper-hanging trades. Prior to living in this house in Austin, he and Melva had lived in Taft, Texas, El Campo, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana. He died in Tarrant County in 1975; he and Melva are buried there. After the Scarboroughs' residency in the house, it became an apartment building, which it remains to this day.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, and has had several non-historic alterations, including the application of synthetic siding, that do not warrant the completion of a documentation package.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0460  
LOCATION: 2304 Leon Street



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2304 Leon Street  
ca. 1938





ca. 1939 garage apartment to the rear of the main house

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2304 Leon Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
July, 2013

1992	Apartments
1985-86	Apartments
1981	Apartments
1977	Bob H. Powell, owner No occupation listed
1973	O. True and Melba Scarbrough, owners Painting contractor (office at the house)
1968	O. True and Melva Scarbrough, owners Building contractor (office at the house)
1962	O. True and Melva Scarbrough, owners Contractor (office at the house)
1959	O. True and Melva Scarbrough, owners Contractor (office at the house)

NOTE: Annie N. Baker is listed as living at 2301-A Rio Grande Street.

- 1955 Annie N. Baker, owner  
Widow, E.B. Baker  
Nurse  
NOTE: O. True and Melva Scarbrough are listed at 4504 Avenue H; he was a building contractor.
- 1952 Annie N. Baker (not listed as owner)  
Widow, E.B. Baker  
No occupation listed
- 1949 Annie N. Baker, renter  
Widow, E.B. Baker  
No occupation listed
- 1947 Annie N. Baker, renter  
Widow, E.B. Baker  
Furnished rooms
- 1944-45 William E. and Katie Trafton, owners  
Tile contractor
- Dan S. Dunham, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1941 Claude R. and Mary B. Meeks, owners  
Trucker
- 1939 Ola Wallace, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1937 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is Ruth Kellum, no occupation stated.
- 1935 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
No occupation listed  
Also listed is Ruth Kellum, a student at the University of Texas.
- 1932-33 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 112 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Also listed is Mamie E. Kellum, no occupation stated.
- 1930-31 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 112 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Also listed are Mamie Kellum, a student at the University of Texas; and Viola E. Kellum, a teacher.
- 1929 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 112 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Also listed are Mamie Kellum, a student at the University of Texas; Thomas B. Kellum, a law student with George E. Shelley, attorney, 728-30 Littlefield Building; and Viola Kellum, a teacher at John B. Winn School, 1901 East Avenue.

- 1927 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 112 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Also listed are Leona Kellum, no occupation stated; Thomas B. Kellum, a clerk for G.E. Shelley, lawyer, 728-30 Littlefield Building; and Viola Kellum, a teacher.
- 1924 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 2107 Speedway  
Also listed are Leona Kellum, a saleslady at E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue; Margaret Kellum, a teacher at John B. Winn School, 1901 East Avenue; Thomas B. Kellum, a stenographer for Fiset & Shelley, attorneys, 726-30 Littlefield Building; and Viola Kellum, a student at the University of Texas.
- 1922 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 2107 Speedway  
Also listed are Leona I. Kellum, a student at the University of Texas; Margaret Kellum, a teacher at John B. Winn School, 1901 East Avenue; and Thomas B. Kellum, a stenographer for Fiset & Shelley, attorneys, 726-30 Littlefield Building.
- 1920 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 1504 Lavaca Street  
Also listed are Leona Kellum, a student; Margaret Kellum, a teacher; and Thomas Kellum, a stenographer for Fiset & Shelley, attorneys, 726-30 Littlefield Building.
- 1918 Charles S. and Martha Kellum, owners  
Barber, 1504 Lavaca Street  
Also listed are Margaret Kellum, no occupation stated; and Thomas Kellum, a stenographer.
- 1916 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, 15054 Lavaca Street  
Also listed is Margaret Kellum, a student.
- 1914 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, 1005 Congress Avenue  
Also listed are Margaret Kellum and Thomas Kellum, both students.
- 1912-13 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, Burnham & Fehr, barbers and baths, 113 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1910-11 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, Burnham & Fehr, barbers and baths, 113 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1909-10 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, Burnham Brothers, barbers, 113 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1906-07 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, J.H. Gassaway, Avenue Hotel Barber Shop, 721 Congress Avenue.
- 1905 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, Driskill Hotel  
NOTE: The house is listed as 2302 Leon Street.

- 1903-04 Charles S. Kellum  
Barber, no place of employment listed  
NOTE: The house is listed as 2302 Leon Street.
- 1900-01 Unknown  
Charles S. Kellum is listed as a barber for J. Henry Gassaway at 607½ Congress Avenue; he lived at 106 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Charles S. and Martha Kellum (ca. 1901 – ca. 1937)**

Charles S. and Martha Kellum appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of a house in rural Travis County; their house was worth \$5,000. Charles S. Kellum was then 73, had been born in Georgia, and had no occupation listed. Martha Kellum was then 64, and had been born in Germany. With them lived their son, Thomas, 43, who had been born in Texas, and was a lawyer in private practice. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Charles and Martha Kellum as the owners of this house, which was worth \$9,000. Charles Kellum was a barber with his own shop. With them lived their children: Thomas, 33, a lawyer in a private office; Viola, 24, a public school teacher; Mary E., 20, a university student; and Ruth, 13, a public school student. The 1920 U.S. Census also shows the Kellums as the owners of this house. Charles is listed as a barber; son Thomas is listed as a stenographer in a law office; daughter Marguerite, 21, was a teacher; the four younger daughters, Leona, 16, Viola, 14, Mary E., 9, and Ruth K., 3, had no occupations listed. The 1910 U.S. Census shows the family at this same address, and shows that Mary E. was listed as Mamie. There was another son, Willfred, who was 9 at the time of the census report. Charles Kellum was a barber. The 1900 U.S. Census shows the family living at 1701 Brazos Street. Charles Kellum is listed as a barber.

**CHARLES S. KELLUM**

Charles S. Kellum, 81, died at his home north of Austin Friday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha A. Kellum; one son, Colonel T. B. Kellum of Austin; five daughters, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth of Beaumont, Mrs. George A. Harris of Houston, Mrs. Donald Redmond of Kingsville, Mrs. Eugene P. Crowell of Plainview and Mrs. Shelby T. Crosby of Pharr; one sister, Mrs. Milburn W. White of San Antonio; and one brother, Joe T. Kellum of Bastrop. He has been a resident of Austin for the past 45 years, a good

part of which he operated his own barber shop here. He was past president of the Austin Trades Council. Funeral services will be conducted at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home at 4:30 p. m. Sunday by Dr. Edmund Heinsohn and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Charles S. Kellum  
Austin American, March 29, 1947

**MRS. MARTHA A. KELLUM**

Mrs. Martha A. Kellum, 80, widow of the late Charles S. Kellum, died in Beaumont Tuesday. She was a longtime Austin resident but for the past year had been making her home with her daughter in Beaumont. Mrs. Kellum was a member of University Methodist Church over 50 years.

Survivors are one son, T. B. Kellum of Austin; five sisters, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Eugene P. Crowell, both of Beaumont, Mrs. George A. Harris of Amarillo, Mrs. Donald E. Redmond of San Antonio and Mrs. Shelby T. Crosby of Pharr.

Funeral services will be held at Weed-Corley Funeral Home at 4 p. m. Wednesday with Dr. Edmund Heinsohn officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Martha Kellum  
Austin American, July 18, 1956



Gravestone of Charles and Martha Kellum  
Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas

**THOMAS BUELL KELLUM**

Col. (Ret.) Thomas Buell Kellum, 75, died Friday morning.

He was a lifetime resident of Austin, a Methodist, a member of Hill City Masonic Lodge No. 456 and Austin Lodge No. 13, Scottish Rite Bodies, Ben Hur Shrine and York Rite Commandery. He was a Veteran of World Wars I and II and was a practicing attorney at the time of his death.

Survivors are four sisters, Mrs. Leona Harris and Mrs. Viola Redmond, both of Austin, Mrs. Mamie Crowell of Beaumont and Mrs. Ruth Crosby of Pharr; a nephew, William C. Harris of Austin; and several cousins.

Funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home with Rev. Don Redmond officiating. Graveside services will be under auspices of Hill City Lodge No. 456 with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Masonic Home and School in Ft. Worth through Hill City Masonic Lodge No. 456 care of Walter Cartwright.

Obituary of Thomas Kellum, the son of Charles and Martha Kellum  
Austin American-Statesman, December 11, 1971

**Annie N. Baker (ca. 1946 – ca. 1957)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Dr. E.B. and Annie Baker living outside Edcouch in Hidalgo County, Texas. Dr. E.B. Baker was then 68, had been born in Louisiana, and was a doctor with a private practice. Annie Baker was then 54, had been born in South Carolina, and was a nurse with a private practice. They had a son, E.B., Jr., 14, who had been born in Texas. The 1930 U.S. Census shows the Baker family living in a rented house in rural Hidalgo County. E.B. Baker is listed as a doctor of medicine; Anna had no occupation listed.

## **Annie N. Baker**

**Annie N. Baker, age 98, died Wednesday evening after a lengthy illness.**

**A native of South Carolina, Mrs. Baker served as a nurse with the American Red Cross during World War I. She moved to Texas in 1922, and to Austin in 1946. She was an active member of the University Methodist Church until her illness.**

**Mrs. Baker is survived by one son, E.B. Baker of Austin; and two nieces.**

**Funeral services are 10:00 AM, Saturday at Harrell Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bob Breihan officiating. Burial will follow in Capital Memorial Park.**

**Pallbearers will be M. Watson Frazer, Mike Nelson, Max Jones, Chester Kiefer, Augustine Rivera, and Randy Stump. Honorary pallbearers: Dr. Stephen Benold, Dr. Douglas Benold, and the staff of the Wesleyan Nursing Home in Georgetown.**

**Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home, South Lamar and Ben White at 4435 Frontier Trail. 443-1366.**

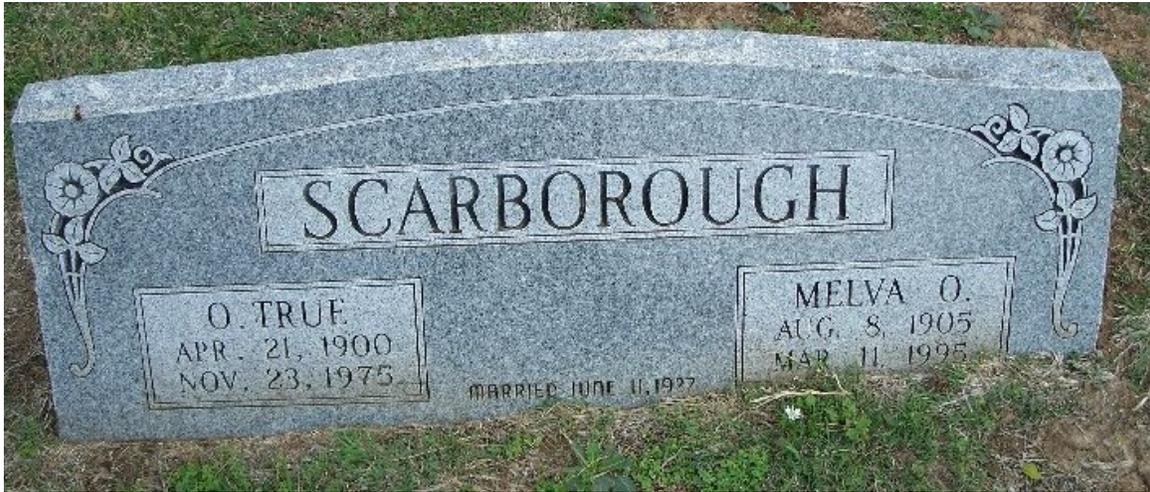
Obituary of Annie N. Baker  
Austin American-Statesman, November 15, 1985

### **O. True and Melva Scarborough (ca. 1957 – ca 1975)**

Only T. and Melva Scarborough appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Taft, San Patricio County, Texas. They rented their house there. He was then 29, had been born in Texas, and was a building painter. Melva Scarborough was then 24 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had a 1-year old daughter, Julia.

O. True and Melva Scarborough appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for Shreveport, Louisiana, where they were renting a house. O. True was a paper hanger and painter; Melva had no occupation listed. The census reports shows that they had lived in El Campo, Texas in 1935. In addition to Julia, they had two younger children: James, 4, had been born in Texas; and Jerry, 1, had been born in Louisiana.

O. True Scarborough died in Tarrant County in 1975, and is buried there. Melva Scarborough died in 1995.



Headstone of O. True and Melva O. Scarborough  
Benbrook Cemetery, Benbrook, Tarrant County, Texas

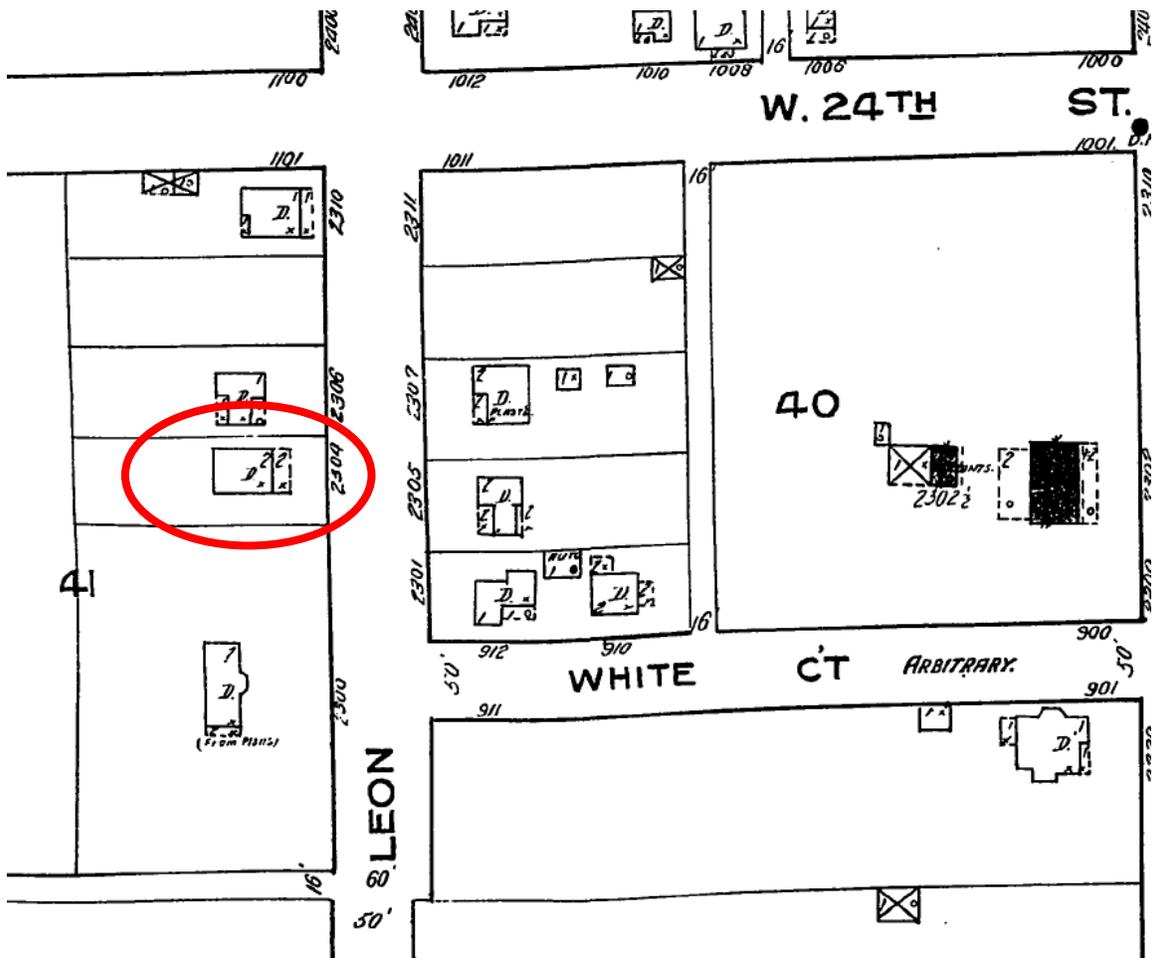
**CITY PERMITS:**

Mrs. Glad E. Wallace                      2304 E. Leon St.  
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    Wallace                      -  
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    frame garage apartment  
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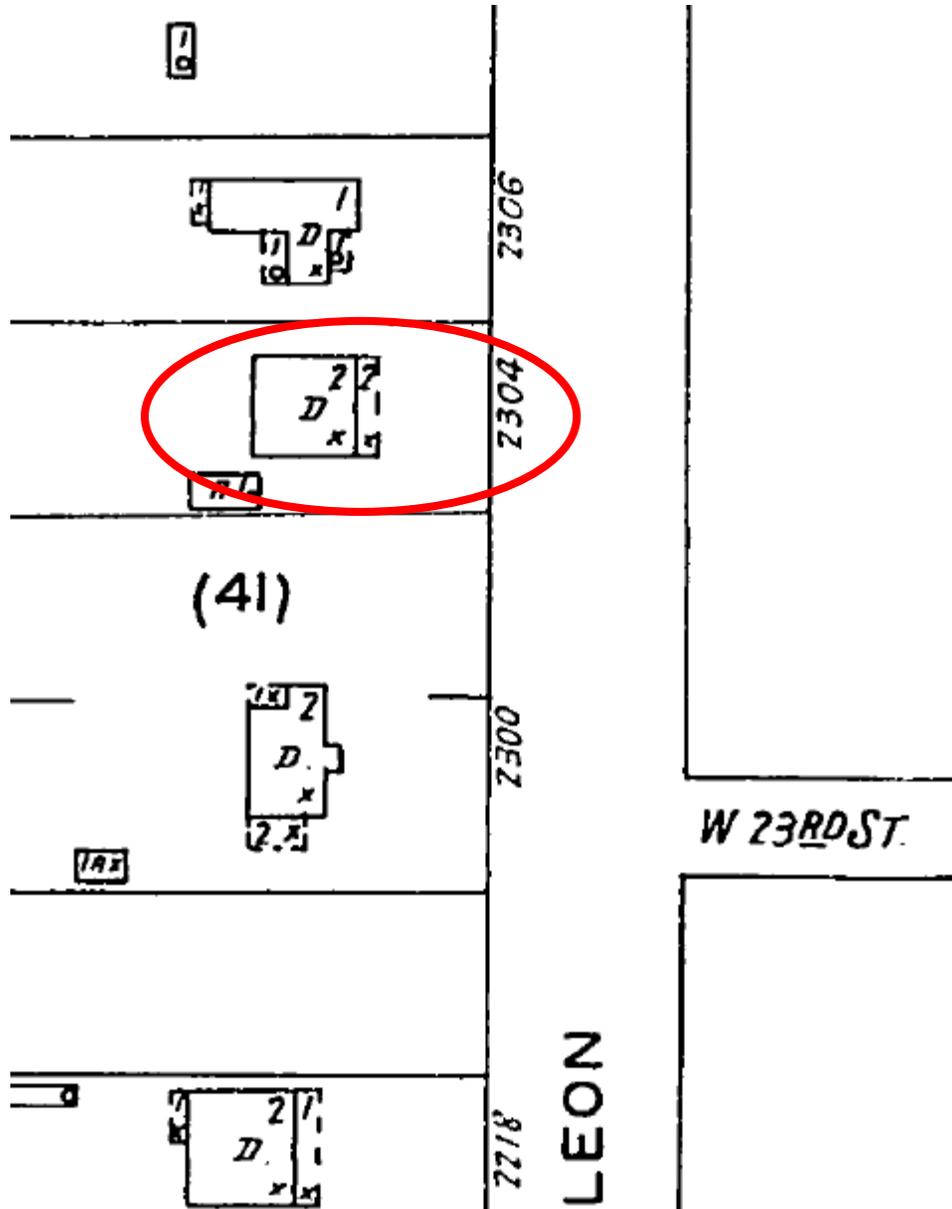
Building permit to Mrs. Wallace for the construction of the garage apartment (1939)



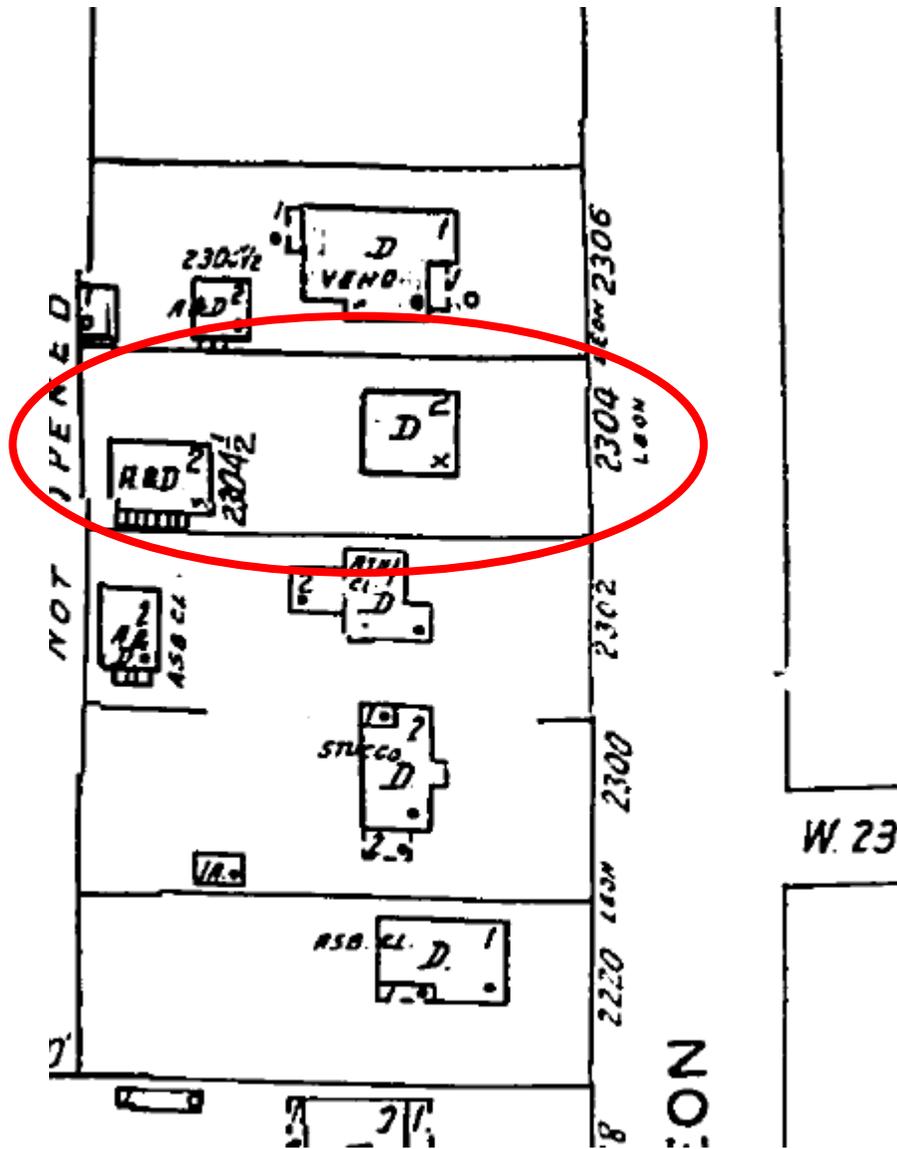
Leon Street is not shown on the 1900 Sanborn map of the neighborhood.



The house appears as a two-story house with a two-story front porch on the 1922 Sanborn map.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the same two-story with a two-story front porch configuration as the 1922 map above.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows a two-story house on this site, but without a two-story front porch. The two-story garage apartment, built in 1939, appears on the map.