

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 15, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-1028  
3201 BOWMAN AVENUE**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-and-a-half-story, Tudor Revival-style side-gabled, brick-veneered frame house with a steeply-pitched front-gabled entry bay with a recessed round-arched entry, a prominent, battered brick exterior chimney on the front of the house to the right of the front entry with a wrought-iron “S” ornamentation; single and paired 6:6 Colonial Revival-styled windows; front-gabled dormer; attached one-story side-gabled frame garage.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1940 by Joe Aubrey Shelby and his wife, Ida. Joe Aubrey Shelby was the son of L.E. and Mabel Shelby, and grew up on W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in a house that is a city historic landmark. His father was a very prominent businessman in town with a dry goods business. Joe Aubrey Shelby was a civil engineer for the State Highway Department. He and Ida lived here until around 1957, when they moved to a house on Balcones Drive. This house has a wrought iron “S” in the prominent exterior chimney, for the Shelby family who built it.

The next owner and occupant of the house was Mrs. Lucile Weller, who lived here from around 1957 until her death in 1987. Lucile was the widow of Dr. C. Burford Weller, a prominent physician in town, who died of a heart attack and stroke in 1935. She had taught school in several towns in South Texas before her marriage, and was principal of the Oak Hill School in the 1940s. She was very active in civic, arts, and philanthropic organizations in Austin, including the Austin Woman’s club, of which she was a charter member, and the Austin Art League Group. She was the director of circuits for the Texas Fine Arts Association (the precursor to the Austin Museum of Art), and was in charge of providing traveling art exhibits to commercial and public buildings throughout the state.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

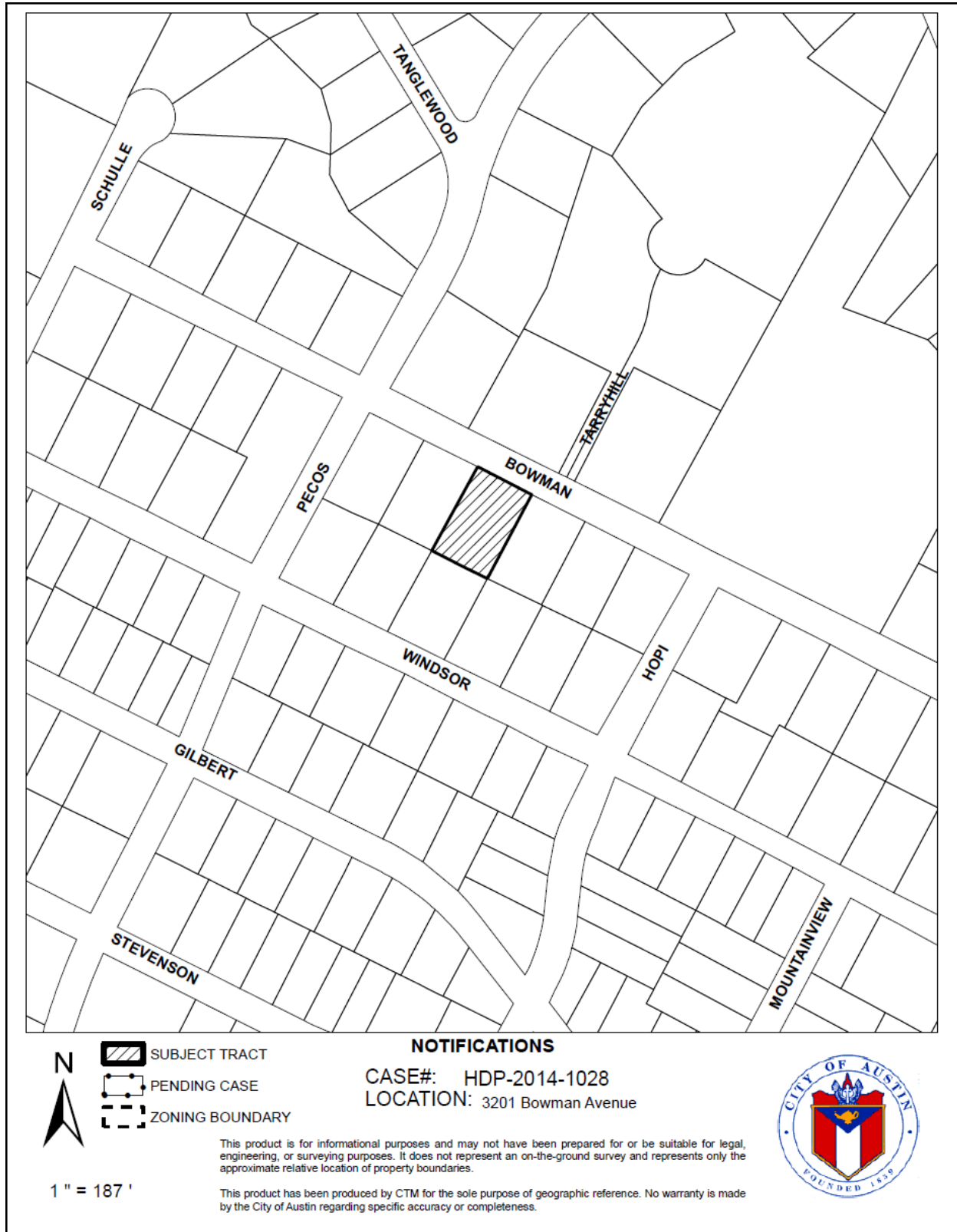
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and additions rather than demolition; the house is a very nice example of Tudor Revival architecture and is associated with the Shelby and Weller families. J.A. Shelby was a member of a very prominent commercial family and distinguished himself as an engineer at the State Highway Department; Lucile Weller was the wife of a very prominent physician, and was instrumental in the development of the Texas Fine Arts Association, which later became the Austin Museum of Art. If the Commission decides to approve the requested demolition permit, then staff recommends that the applicant complete 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 prior to release of the permit.

## LOCATION MAP





3201 Bowman Avenue  
ca. 1940



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3201 Bowman Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
December, 2014

1992	Karl H. Moeller, renter Associate, Booth & Newsom, lawyers, 816 Congress Avenue.
1985-86	C. Buford Weller, renter No occupation listed
1981	No return
1977	Lucille Weller, owner Widow, C. Buford Weller Retired
1973	Lucille Weller, owner Widow, C. Buford Weller Retired
1968	Lucille Weller, owner Widow, C. Buford Weller In charge of the Texas Fine Arts Association, 3809 W. 35 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1962	Lucille Weller, owner Widow, C. Buford Weller No occupation listed
1959	Lucille Weller, owner Widow, C. Buford Weller Director, Texas Fine Arts Association (Anne Webb, executive director), 3809 W. 35 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1957	Lucile Weller, owner Widow, C.B. Weller No occupation listed NOTE: Joe A. and Ida Shelby are listed at 3605 Balcones Drive; he was an engineer for the State Highway Department.
1955	Joseph A. and Ida Shelby, owners Field engineer, State Highway Department NOTE: Lucille Weller is not listed in the directory.
1952	Joseph A. and Ida Shelby, owners Engineer, State Highway Department
1949	Joseph A. and Ida Shelby, owners Field engineer, State Highway Department
1947	Joseph A. and Ida Shelby, owners Designing engineer, State Highway Department

- 1944-45      Joseph A. and Ida Shelby, owners  
Designing engineer, State Highway Department
- 1941          Joseph A. and Ida Shelby, owners  
Designing engineer, State Highway Department
- 1940          The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Joseph (J. Aubrey) and Ida E. Shelby are listed at 1502 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street;  
he was an engineer for the State Highway Department.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### **Joseph A. and Ida Shelby (ca. 1940 – ca. 1956)**

J.A. and Ida Shelby appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 1502 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, which was worth \$6,600. J.A. Shelby was 32, had been born in Texas, and was a civil engineer for the State Highway Department; Ida Shelby was 34, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Aubrey Shelby as the 21-year old son of Evart and Mabel Shelby, who owned their home at 1114 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin, a designated city historic landmark; Aubrey was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 9 Shelby children listed in the census report. Both Aubrey's parents had been born in Texas; his father was the proprietor of a retail dry goods store. None of the children had an occupation listed.

According to her death certificate, Ida Elanora Anderson Shelby was born in Manor, Texas to Charles O. and Antoinette (Olson), Anderson on December 29, 1905. She was a housewife. Joe Aubrey Shelby's death certificate shows that he was born October 21, 1907 in Austin to L.E. and Mabel C. (Wright) Shelby. He was an engineer for the Texas Highway Department. He was survived by his widow, Jessie B. Shelby.

**MRS. IDA A. SHELBY**

Mrs. Ida Anderson Shelby, 53, 3605 Balcones, died Sunday morning in a local hospital. A resident of Austin 37 years, she formerly lived near Manor. Mrs. Shelby was a member of the First Baptist Church and had attended Manor Public Schools.

She is survived by her husband, J. A. Shelby; one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Shelby Gipson, Dallas; four sisters, Mrs. Raymond Luckey, Mrs. H. C. Nelle and Mrs. Max Meier, all of Austin; Mrs. Andrew Stenholm, Elgin; three brothers, Van Anderson, Alfred Anderson, both of Austin and Willie Anderson, Melvin, Tex.

\* Funeral services will be held at Weed-Corley Funeral Home Monday at 2 p.m. Dr. Madison Scott and Dr. Tom Martin will officiate with burial in Memorial Park.

Obituary of Ida Shelby  
Austin American, October 26, 1959

**MRS. IDA A. SHELBY**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Anderson Shelby, 53, 3605 Balcones, were held Monday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Dr. Madison Scott and Dr. Tom Martin officiated and burial was in Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were W. Otis Belle, Mace Thurman Sr., Herbert Eldridge, Sam Huff, H. J. Beadle and J. A. Waller.

Funeral notice for Ida Shelby  
Austin American, October 27, 1959



**JOE AUBREY SHELBY**

Joe Aubrey Shelby, 60, 3605 Balcones Dr., died in a local hospital Friday. He was a lifetime resident of Austin and a member of the First Methodist church.

Mr. Shelby was a graduate of the University of Texas and was a Professional Engineer with the Texas Highway Dept. for the past 37 years. He was one of the founders of The Texas Society of Professional Engineers, A Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers and was an active participant in the National Highway Research Board.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Jessie B. Shelby, Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Brian Schuller, Miss Sheri Jo Shelby and Miss Carolyn Peyton, all of Austin; four sisters, Miss Martha Shelby, Austin; Mrs. George Leibowitz, Silver Springs, Md.; Mrs. Maclin Benagh Jr., Corpus Christi, and Mrs. Murray Smith, Guam; two brothers, M. D. Shelby, Bryan, and B. G. Shelby, Austin.

Funeral will be at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Sunday at 3 p.m. Rev. B. C. Schmidt will officiate. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Those who care to do so may make a memorial contribution to the Heart Fund.

Palibearers will be Major Don

Shelby, A. J. Sherrod, R. L. Lewis, J. A. Waller, Dr. Lansing Thorne, Sam Huff, Roger Spencer and Otis Nello.

Obituary of Joe Aubrey Shelby  
Austin American-Statesman, June 1, 1968

**Lucile Weller (ca. 1957 – 1987)**

Cyrus B. and Lucile Weller appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 1220 Lorraine Street in Austin, which was worth \$25,000. Cyrus B. Weller was 48, had been born in Texas, and was a physician with a general practice; Lucille E. Weller was 39, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Florence, 17; Edgar O., 13; and C. McLeary, 6. All of the children had been born in Texas; none had an occupation listed.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Lucile Weller as the owner of the house at 2607 Nueces Street in Austin, which was worth \$15,000. She was a 49-year old Texas born widow with no occupation listed. She lived alone.

## DR. C. B. WELLER SUCCUMBS TO STROKE

Dr. C. Burford Weller, 54, well known Austin physician, died Tuesday at 8:20 a. m. at Brackenridge hospital of a heart attack. The body was at Charles B. Cook funeral home pending arrangements for burial.

Dr. Weller was stricken Sunday about midnight. The decedent, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Weller, was a native of Austin and for a number of years prior to his death had engaged in the practice of medicine here with his brother, Dr. Clarence Weller. He lived with his family at 2607 Nueces street.

Dr. Weller is survived by his widow; four children, Burford Weller, Jr., of San Antonio, and Miss Florence Weller, Edgar Weller and McLeary Weller, all of Austin; two brothers, Dr. Clarence Weller of Austin and McLeary Weller of New York city; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson of New York city and Mrs. Eugene Sydnor of Richmond, Va.

Front-page story on the death of Dr. C. Burford Weller  
Austin Statesman, November 26, 1935



**DR. C. B. WELLER**

Funeral services for Dr. C. Burford Weller, 54-year-old Austin physician who died Tuesday at 8:20 a. m. at Brackenridge hospital following a heart attack were held in abeyance Tuesday night pending the arrival of relatives from the East. The body of Dr. Weller reposed at the Cook Funeral home.

Dr. Weller was stricken Sunday about midnight. He was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Weller and for a number of years had engaged in the practice of medicine here with his brother, Dr. Clarence Weller. He resided with his family at 2607 Nueces street.

Besides his widow, Dr. Weller is survived by four children, Burford Weller, Jr., of San Antonio, Miss Florence Weller, Edgar Weller and McLeary Weller, all of Austin; two brothers, Dr. Clarence Weller of Austin and McLeary Weller of New York city; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson of New York city and Mrs. Eugene Sydnor of Richmond, Va.

Funeral notice for Dr. C. Burford Weller  
Austin American, November 27, 1935

## THE DEAD

**WELLER**—Funeral services for Dr. C. B. Weller will be held from the Cook funeral home Friday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. F. G. Roesener officiating, assisted by Dr. Edmund Helmsohn. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery. Active pallbearers will be Dr. Malcolm Graham, Dr. Ralph Cloud, Dr. C. B. Lynn, Mark Wiginton, Tab Townsend and Leonard Robbins. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. William E. Williams, Dr. M. P. Smartt, Wofford Rathbone, Joe Cox, G. A. Kamrath, Dr. A. J. Kleberg, G. Flury, Dr. P. E. Suehs, Dr. A. F. Beverly, Dr. Joe Gilbert, Dr. J. W. McLaughlin, Bernard Steiner, A. M. Mittenberg, Ed Walker, Bernard Mollberg, Harry Smith, Wallace Miller, Max Arlitt, August Hartkoph, Tom Hill, Charles Sawyer, Ben Garza, J. O. Andre-wartha and many others to whom he was personally attached. Besides his widow Dr. Weller is survived by four children, Burford Weller, Jr., of San Antonio, Miss Florence Weller, Edgar Weller and McLeary Weller all of Austin; two brothers, Dr. Clarence Weller of Austin, and McLeary Weller of New York city; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson of New York city, and Mrs. Eugene Snyder of Richmond, Va.

Funeral notice for Dr. C.B. Weller  
Austin Statesman, November 27, 1935



### **Lucile Edgar Weller**

Lucile Edgar Weller, age 97, died Saturday, November 7, 1987 at her home in Austin following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Weller was preceded in death by her husband, C. Burford Weller, Physician and Surgeon, in 1935 and by her youngest son, Clarence MacCleary Weller, on February 15, 1987.

Mrs. Weller, born in Yoakum, Texas on October 4, 1890, was the eldest of the four children born to the marriage of Mary Greene Benbow and Henry

Brown Edgar. In 1893 the Edgar family moved to Cuero which Mrs. Welier called home until 1910 when she married Dr. Burford Weller and moved to Austin. Early in their marriage, Dr. and Mrs. Weller resided in the doctors' living quarters of Brackenridge Hospital.

Lucile Weller graduated from the teacher's college at Huntsville and began her teaching career at the age of 16. She taught school in several South Texas Communities and attended the University of Texas prior to her marriage. Throughout her life she continued to take courses at the University of Texas. During the early 1940's she served as principal of the public school in Oak Hill.

Mrs. Weller was a charter member of the Austin Woman's Club, past president of the Medical Auxillary and a long time member of the Austin Art League Group I in which she was active until late 1986. From 1953 until 1970 she served the Texas Fine Arts Association as Director of Circuits, a program of travelling exhibits she was instrumental in developing in her capacity as Vice President of the association. These fine exhibitions of modern art displayed in the banks, libraries and other public buildings of numerous smaller communities in Texas and even Mexico provided pleasure to many people who otherwise would not have had access to the world of art. In addition to serving as Vice President of the Texas Fine Arts Association from 1952 to 1953 and Director of Circuits for 17 years, Mrs. Weller served the association as Program Chairman from 1949 to 1952 and as Executive Secretary from 1965 to 1969.

In 1968 Mrs. Weller was selected as one of Austin's Outstanding Women by the Austin American-Statesman. On April 14, 1985 she was honored by the Texas Fine Arts Association in a special ceremony at Laguna Gloria Art Museum for her service as Director of Circuits and her many other contributions to the association.

Since her marriage Mrs. Weller had been a member of University United Methodist Church where Dr. Weller's parents were charter members.

Lucile Weller is survived by two sons; and one daughter, Cyrus B. Weller of San Antonio and Edgar O. Weller and Florence Weller Stubbs of Dallas; nine grandchildren, Stoney M. Stubbs, Jr., Betty Stubbs Prickett, Cyrus Edgar Weller, Susan Weller, Nelson Weller and Laura Weller, all of the Dallas area, Lucy Weller Fielder of Lockhart, Sarah Weller Daniel of El Paso and Mary Weller Cates of San Antonio; and seven great-grandchildren, Russell Stubbs, Timothy Stubbs, Gregg Prickett and Glenn Prickett all of the Dallas area, Jill Stubbs of College Station, Kiirstin Lee Daniel of El Paso and Frances Elizabeth Fielder of Lockhart.

Pallbearers include her grandsons and great-grandsons.

Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 1987 at 11:00 AM, Weed Corley Funeral Home. Burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the Texas Fine Arts Association or Laguna Gloria Art Museum, 3809 West 35th Street, Austin, Texas 78703.

Arrangements provided by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-8811.

Obituary of Lucille Weller  
Austin American-Statesman, November 9, 1987

J. A. Shelby

3201 Bowman Ave.

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Monte Vista

brick veneer res. & gar.attached

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Building permit to J.A. Shelby for the construction of the house and attached garage (1940)



## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas  
J. A. ShelbyNo 17969  
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Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date June 10, 1940

Address 3201 Bowman

Amount Two and 50/100 - - - \$ 2.50

Plumber Burleson

Size of Tap 1/2

Date of Connection 6-12-40

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'

From V Prop. Line to Curb Cock 48'

Location of Meter O. U. R. P. L. I. N. E

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. C. U. R. B. 12"

Depth of Service Line 12"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main H. N. M.

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-15-40 LE

Changed to 6" main on  
See B. T. 7.082

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No. Fittings	Size	
1	Curb Cock 5/8	✓
	Elbow	
	St. Elbow	
1	Bushing 3/4 x 1/2	✓
1	Reducer 3/4 x 1/2	✓
5	Pipe 3/4 O. P. P. E. R.	
1	Lead Comp. 3/4 O. P. P.	
1	Nipples 2" x 3/4 TAP SLEEVE	
1	Union 3/4 O. P. T. O. I. R. O. N.	
	Plug	
1	TEE TILE	
1	Stop TILE LID	
1	Box LOCK	
1	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No. O. H. E. R. L. O. F.	
	Req. No. 47891	

SHIRLEY

Water service permit to J.A. Shelby for this address (1940)