

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0783
606 AND 608 E. 3RD STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish two 19th century houses.

ARCHITECTURE

606 E. 3rd Street

One-and-a-half story, rectangular-plan mansard-roofed frame house with Cumberland-style double front doors and single 2:2 windows on the ground floor; partial-width independent porch on turned wood posts and with a spindlework frieze. Single and paired 1:1 windows in hipped-roof dormers projecting from the mansard roof. The house appears to have been originally one story with a hipped roof; the second-story mansard-roofed addition was made between 1900 and 1935.

608 E. 3rd Street

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof frame house with a full-width independent porch on turned wood posts; glazed front door; single tall 2:2 windows.

RESEARCH

606 E. 3rd Street

The house at 606 E. 3rd Street is believed to have been built around 1892 – it was a simple, one-story frame house with no front porch, as depicted in the Sanborn maps of 1894 and 1900. At some point between 1900 and 1935, according to the depictions in the Sanborn maps, the house was enlarged to its current 2 stories and a front porch added. It is more likely that this transformation occurred closer to 1900 than later, as the second story is a mansard-roofed addition, and the front porch has a spindle frieze, both of which would have been popular still at the turn of the 20th century.

The house appears to have been built (or at least first occupied) by Mrs. Louisa Huston, the widow of a surgeon and physician who served in the Confederate Army. Mrs. Huston was born Louisa Dryden in Virginia in 1825, and married James Huston in Callaway County, Missouri in 1841. According to an affidavit she filed for a pension claim on her husband's military service, she had lived in Travis County since 1875. She and her husband had made their home at what is now E. 1st and Water Streets before he died in 1878. She then moved from that house to a house on the east side of Red River Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets until the early 1890s. Whether the house that stands now was existing in the 1890s or whether Mrs. Huston built it is unclear, and will require further research into real estate records. However, it does seem clear that after around 1892, Mrs. Huston was living at this address on the north side of 3rd Street (rather than her former house on the south side of 3rd Street). She lived here until her death in 1901. Towards the end of her life, she shared the house with her daughter, Allie Huston Turner. After Mrs. Huston's death in 1901, the house was occupied by her daughters, Allie Huston Turner and Lizzie Stricklin, both widows. Allie Turner died (of nervous exhaustion) in 1914. Her daughter, Mattie Turner, who had been a dressmaker living on Willow Street, moved in with her aunt Lizzie Stricklin. These two women lived together in the house until Lizzie Stricklin's death in 1936. After that, Mattie Turner lived here until her death in 1952.

The house became a rental property after Mattie Turner's death, and then became commercial property in the 1980s, as an antique shop owned by W. Cleigh Nease and Thomas B. Cowley.

608 E. 3rd Street

The house at 608 E. 3rd Street appears to date from an earlier time than the house at 606 E. 3rd Street; it is also, even when comparing the original sections of both houses, a more modest dwelling. The house appears on the 1894 Sanborn map as well as the 1900 map as a simple box with a full-width front porch. The maps of 1935 and 1961 show that additions were made to the back of the house, but the original look and façade of the house retain their historic appearance.

Unlike the house next door at 606 E. 3rd Street, which was maintained by the same family for generations as their family residence, this house has been a rental unit for the majority of its existence. Although staff believes that the house dates from the 1880s because of its architectural characteristics, city directory research only takes us as far back as 1903, and more research is needed to complete the history of this house. The house was rented by a series of working-class families in the early 1900s, including a waiter, a cook, barbers, a clerk at a news and cigar parlor, an electrician, and a beer truck driver. Several of the early tenants were of German heritage, dovetailing with the German family who owned the store and houses at the corner of 3rd and Red River Street at the turn of the 20th century. In the mid-1950s, Mabel Walker, the owner of the Walker Rest Home next door at now-demolished houses just to the east of this house, lived here for a short time. Like the house next door, it was vacant for a short period in the early 1980s, then became a commercial property, housing an interior design firm.

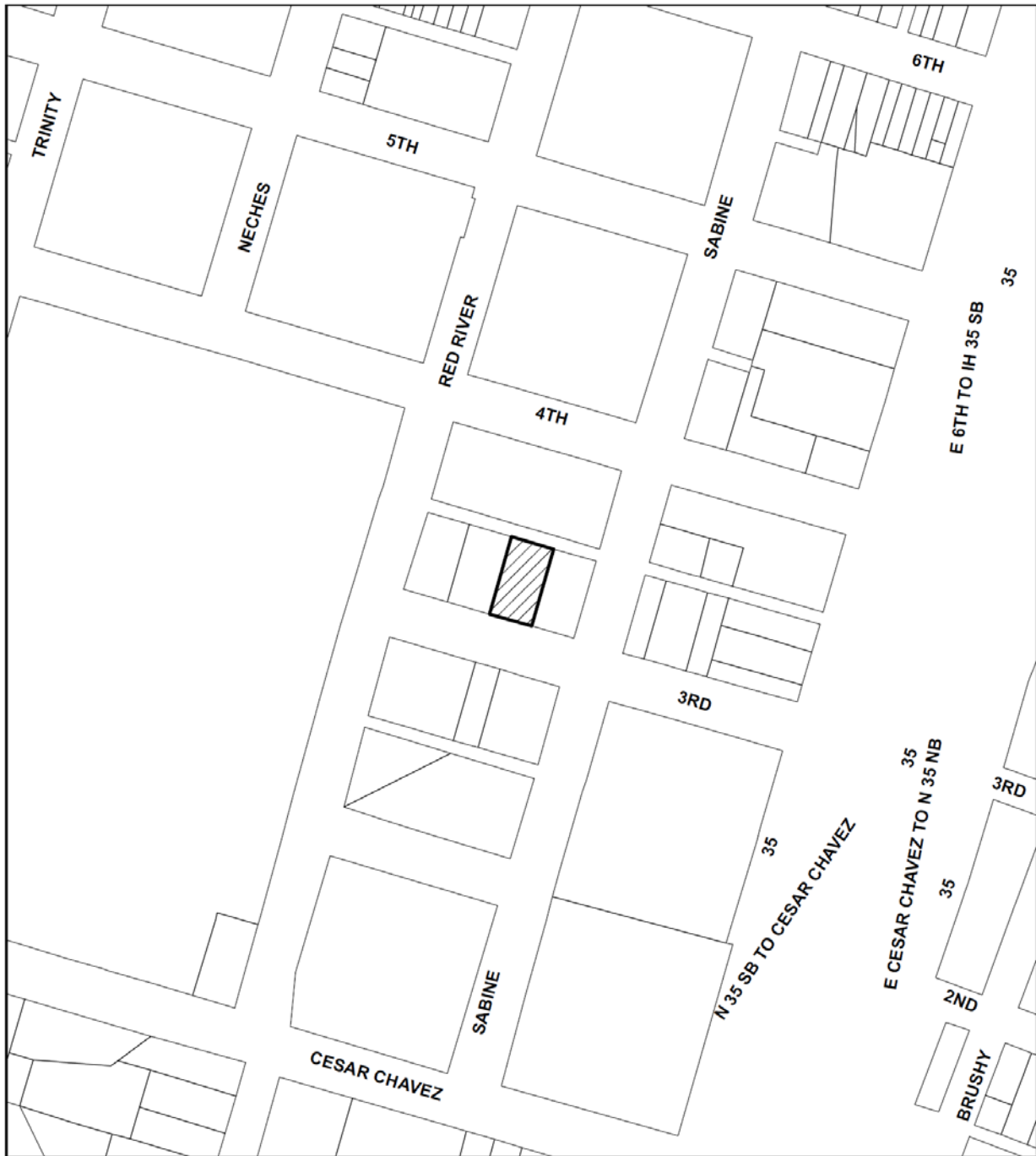
STAFF COMMENTS

Both houses are listed as Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Either postpone to October 26, 2015 to evaluate alternatives to demolition, or initiate historic zoning cases on both properties. These houses have been fully restored, and convey their historic appearance to a very high degree. They are adjacent to the Waterloo Compound and the Wedding House, both historic landmarks with German-American histories, and should be preserved on-site as part of the context of early development in Austin. In addition, staff needs more time to fully research the history of these houses beyond the resources available at the Austin History Center to delve into the real estate records indicating ownership of the houses over the years and possibly tracking owners to occupants in the city directories prior to 1905, where cross-reference indexes do not exist.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2015-0783
Address: 606 E 3RD STREET



1" = 200'

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606 E. 3rd Street
ca. 1892 with modifications between 1900 and 1935



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 606 E. 3rd Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
August, 2015

1992	Waterloo Compound Antiques W. Cleigh Nease and Thomas B. Cowley, proprietors
1985-86	Waterloo Compound Antiques W. Cleigh Nease and Thomas B. Cowley, proprietors
1981	Vacant
1977	Edwin Edwards, renter Retired
1973	Edwin Edwards, renter Retired
1968	Edwin Edwards, renter Painter
1962	Carrie Smith, renter

	Widow, Mark Smith No occupation listed
1959	Carrie Smith, renter Widow, Mark Smith No occupation listed
1955	Edwin Edwards, renters Painter
1952	Mattie Turner, renter No occupation listed
1949	Mattie Turner, renter Widow, R.E. Turner No occupation listed
1947	Mattie Turner, renter Widow, Robert Turner No occupation listed
1944-45	Mattie Turner, renter No occupation listed
1941	Mattie Turner, renter Widow, Robert E. Turner No occupation listed Also listed are Matthew and Annie Cumming; he was a laborer for the Texas Public Service Company, 422 Congress Avenue.
1939	Mattie Turner, renter Widow, Robert E. Turner No occupation listed
1937	Mattie Turner, renter Widow, Robert Turner No occupation listed
1935	Lizzie Stricklin, renter Widow, Jarrott Stricklin No occupation listed Also listed is Mattie Turner, the widow of Robert Turner; she had no occupation shown.
1932-33	Lizzie Stricklin, owner Widow, Jarrott Stricklin No occupation listed Also listed is Mattie Turner, the widow of Robert Turner; she had no occupation shown.
1930-31	Lizzie Stricklin, owner Widow, Jarrott Stricklin No occupation listed

Also listed is Mattie Turner, the widow of Robert Turner; she had no occupation shown.

- 1929 Lizzie Stricklin, owner
Widow, J.W. Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Mattie Turner, a dressmaker.
- 1927 Lizzie Stricklin, owner
Widow, Jarot Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Mattie Turner, the widow of R.E. Turner; she was a dressmaker.
- 1924 Lizzie Stricklin, owner
Widow, Jaret W. Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Mattie Turner, no occupation shown.
- 1922 Elizabeth Stricklin, renter
Widow, Jarrett W. Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed are Alex and Melissa Alexander; neither had an occupation shown in the directory; and Mattie Turner, a dressmaker.
- 1920 Elizabeth Stricklin, renter
Widow, Jarrett W. Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Mattie Turner, no occupation shown.
- 1918 Elizabeth Stricklin, owner
Widow, Jarett Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Mattie Turner; she had no occupation shown.
- 1916 Elizabeth Stricklin
Widow, Jarrett Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Mattie Turner; she had no occupation shown.
- 1914 Elizabeth Stricklin
Widow, James Stricklin
No occupation listed
NOTE: Mattie Turner is listed at 306 Willow Street; she had no occupation shown.
- 1912-13 Lizzie Stricklin
Widow, J.W. Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Allie Turner, the widow of M.M. Turner; she had no occupation shown.
- 1910-11 Allie Turner
Widow, M.M. Turner
No occupation listed

Also listed is Lizzie Stricklin, the widow of J.W. Stricklin; she had no occupation shown.

- 1909-10 Allie Turner
Widow, M.M. Turner
No occupation listed
Also listed is Lizzie Stricklin, the widow of J.W. Stricklin; she had no occupation shown.
- 1906-07 Allie Turner
No occupation listed
NOTE: Lizzie Stricklin is not listed in the directory.
- 1905 Lizzie Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Allie Turner, no occupation shown.
- 1903-04 Lizzie Stricklin
Widow, J.W. Stricklin
No occupation listed
Also listed is Allie Turner, the widow of M.M. Turner; no occupation shown.
NOTE: Louisa Huston is not listed in the directory.
- 1900-01 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
Also listed is Allie Turner, the widow of M.M. Turner; no occupation shown.
NOTE: Lizzie Stricklin is not listed in the directory.
- 1898-99 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
Also listed is Allie Turner, the widow of M.M. Turner; no occupation shown.
NOTE: Lizzie Stricklin is not listed in the directory.
- 1897-98 Neither Louisa Huston nor Allie Turner are listed in the directory.
- 1895-96 Eliza Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
Also listed is Marion M. Turner, a farmer.
NOTE: Lizzie Stricklin is not listed in the directory.
- 1893-84 Allie (Mrs. M.M.) Turner
No occupation listed
Also listed is Louisa Huston, the widow of James Huston; she had no occupation shown.
NOTE: Lizzie Stricklin is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: It appears that this house was built in 1892-93. Earlier listings show an address of 601 E. 3rd Street, which would have been on the opposite side of the street. Further confirmation of this is that the city directories of the early 1880s show Louisa Huston living on the east side of Red River Street between Cypress (3rd) and Live Oak (2nd) Streets, which would correspond to the south side of 3rd Street, rather than the north side of the street, where the house is located.

- 1891-92 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
NOTE: Neither M.M. nor Allie Turner are listed in the directory.
NOTE: Mrs. Huston's house is listed as 601 E. 3rd Street, at the corner of Red River Street.
- 1889-90 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
NOTE: Mrs. Huston's house is listed as 601 E. 3rd Street, at the corner of Red River Street.
- 1887-88 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
NOTE: Mrs. Huston's house is listed as 601 E. 3rd Street, at the corner of Red River Street.
- 1885-86 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
NOTE: Mrs. Huston's house is listed as 601 E. Cypress (3rd) Street, at the corner of Red River Street.
- 1881-82 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
NOTE: Mrs. Huston's house is listed as being on the east side of Red River Street between Live Oak (2nd) and Cypress (3rd) Streets.
- 1879-80 Louisa Huston
Widow, James Huston
No occupation listed
NOTE: Mrs. Huston's house is listed as being on the east side of Red River Street between Live Oak (2nd) and Cypress (3rd) Streets.
- 1877-78 James Huston (who died in 1878) is listed at the southeast corner of Navasota and Water (1st) Streets. He had no occupation listed.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Lizzie Stricklin appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the owner of this house, which was worth \$1,500. She was a 78-year old widow who been born in Missouri and had no occupation listed. Mattie Turner is listed as a roomer in the house. She was a 69-year old widow who had been born in Texas, and was a dressmaker. They had another roomer, Emmett P. Miller, a 33-year old divorced man who had been born in Texas and worked as a machinist in a blueprint company.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Mattie Turner and Lizzie Stricklin at this address. Lizzie Stricklin was a 68-year old widow who is listed as the owner of the house; Mattie Turner was a 59-year old widow who is listed as the renter. Neither woman had an occupation listed.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Lizzie Stricklin living in this house with her sister, Allie Turner. Lizzie Stricklin was a 58-year old widow who had been born in Missouri and had no occupation listed. Allie Turner was a 60-year old widow who had been born in Missouri and had no occupation listed.

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Mattie Turner as the wife of R.E. Turner; they lived at 1421 Willow Street in Austin. R.E. Turner was a 40-year old Texas-born day laborer. Mattie Turner was 39, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 6 children: Mackie, 23; Lizzie, 15; Annie, 13; Lora, 11; Alice, 8; and Paul, 3.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Mattie Turner as a 49-year old widow living at 306 Willow Street. She worked as a dressmaker. She had 2 children living with her: Alice, 18; and Paul, 13. Neither of the children had an occupation listed.

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Allie Turner as the daughter of [?] Huston, who lived at this address. Neither was employed.

Mrs. Louisa Huston's application for a Confederate pension for her husband, James Huston shows that she was living at 606 E. 3rd Street in Austin at the time of her application. She was married to James Huston on May 4, 1841 in Callaway County, Missouri. He was a surgeon in the Confederate Army and served from the beginning to the end of the war. She had lived in Travis County since 1875.

Louisa Huston died in Travis County June 25, 1901. She is buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Allie M. Huston Turner died in 1914. Her death certificate shows her address at 606 E. 3rd Street; she died of nervous exhaustion at the age of 64.

MORTUARY

MRS. ALLIE TURNER.

Mrs. Allie Turner, 64 years of age, died yesterday afternoon at 3.10 o'clock at her home, 606 East Third Street. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Stricklin of Austin.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Funeral services of Mrs. Allie Turner who died yesterday afternoon, will be held this (Monday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, 606 East Third Street. Rev. Mr. Lilly will officiate. The pallbearers will be: W. E. Booth, J. S. Booth, J. B. Parnell, Henry Petrie, T. P. Givens, S. M. Powell. Interment will be made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary and funeral notice for Allie Turner
Austin Daily Statesman, November 23, 1914

Mattie Turner died in Galveston on April 23, 1952 at the age of 91. Her death certificate shows that she was a resident of Austin at the time of her death, and a widowed housewife.

MRS. MATTIE TURNER

Mrs. Mattie Turner a native and lifelong resident of Austin died Wednesday in a Galveston Hospital. She had been visiting in Galveston for several weeks. She was a charter member of The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Austin.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. W. P. Mussina of Dallas, Mrs. W. L. Morris of Austin; one son, Guy Turner Sr. of Fluzanna, Texas; one sister, Miss Celia Stavely of Ft. Meyer, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a. m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Austin. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery.

Obituary of Mattie Turner
Austin American, April 24, 1952

MRS. MATTIE TURNER

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Turner a native and life long resident of Austin who died Wednesday in a Galveston Hospital will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Austin. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be E. Miller, H. H. Reissig, J. E. Zumwalt Jr., John E. Gardner, Percy Griffith and J. D. Fewell.

Funeral notice for Mattie Turner
Austin American, April 25, 1952

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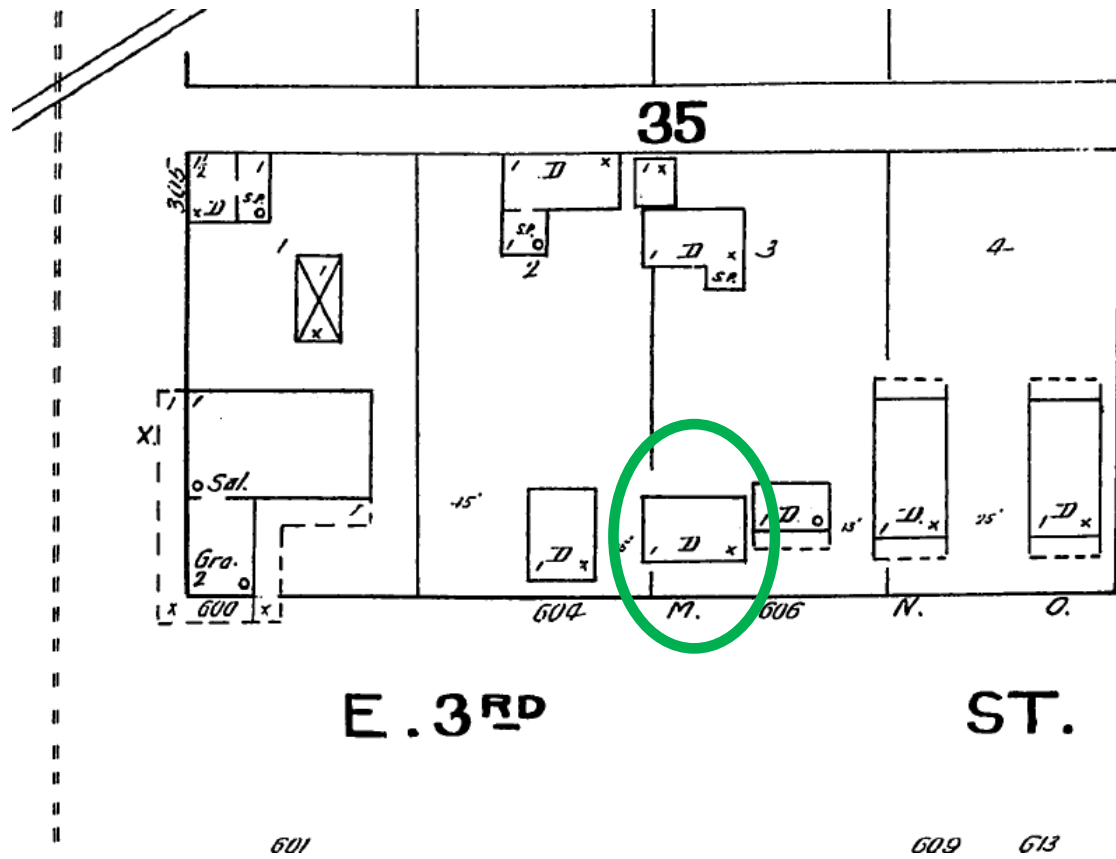
STRICKLIN — Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Stricklin, 84, life-long resident of Austin, who died at her home Tuesday at 10:45 p. m., were held from the residence, 606 East Third street, Wednesday at 3 p. m. The Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiated and interment was in Oakwood cemetery under direction of the Meeks-Hyllin funeral home. Pallbearers were: A. A. Shaw, L. W. Shaw, S. S. Swofford, L. W. Perkins, Ernest Petri and H. H. Relasig.

Funeral story for Lizzie Stricklin
Austin Statesman, April 29, 1936

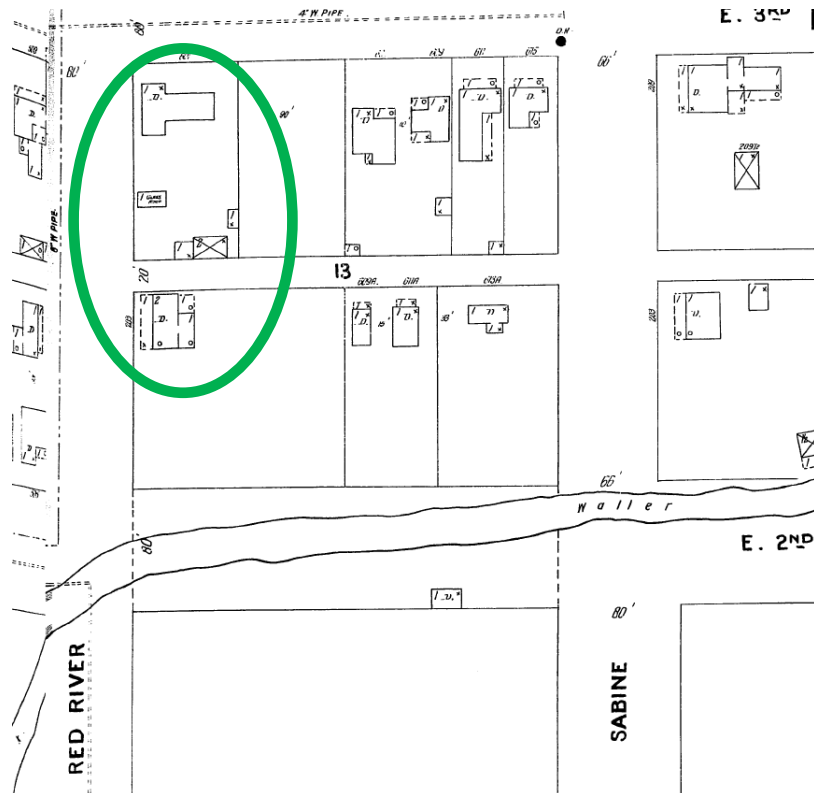
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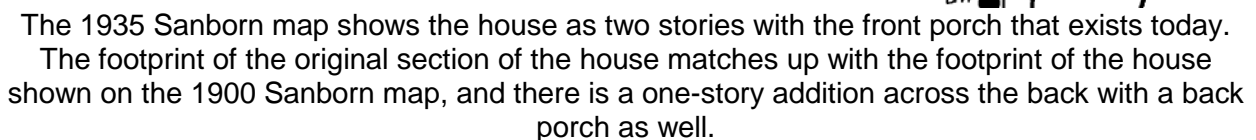
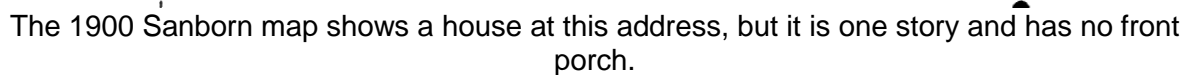
Funeral notice for Lizzie Stricklin
Austin Statesman, April 30, 1936

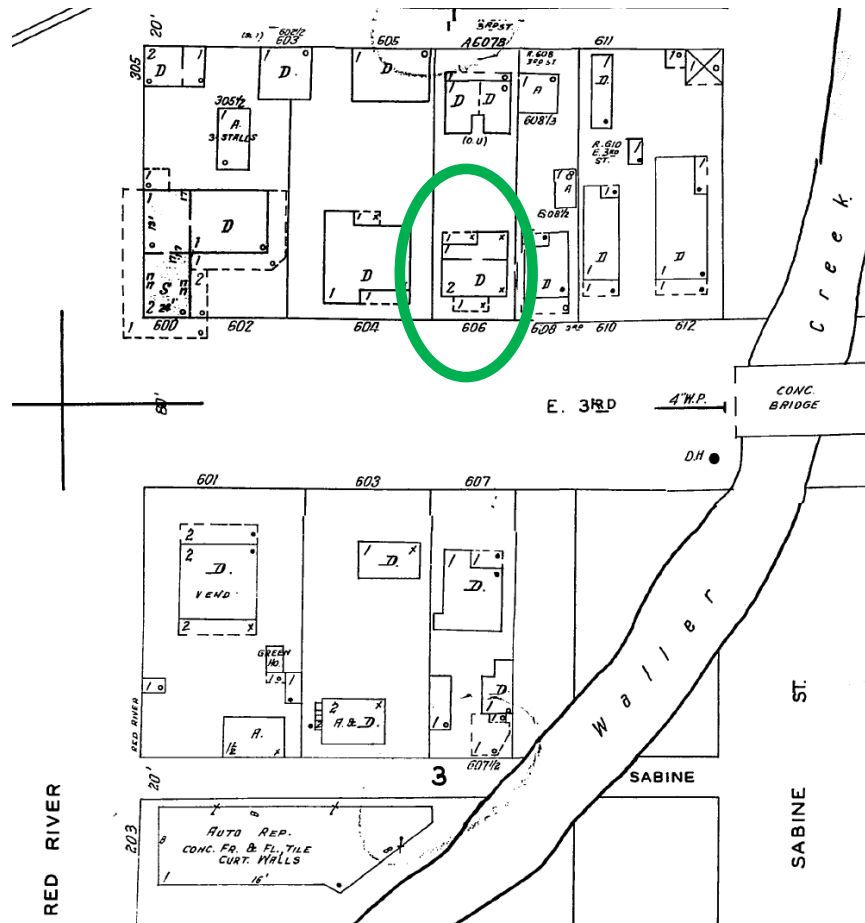
Sanborn maps:



If this house appears on the 1894 Sanborn map (as house "M"), it was a one-story dwelling with no front porch.







The 1961 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1935 map above.

608 E. 3rd Street
ca. 1885 ?



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 608 E. 3rd Street

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By City Historic Preservation Office
August, 2015

1992	The address is not listed in the directory.
1985-86	Interior Associates Designers Linda Grensted, proprietor
1981	Vacant
1977	Connie Gonzales, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Connie Gonzales was a new resident at this address.
1973	Jose Ortiz, Jr., renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Jose Ortiz, Jr. was a new resident at this address.
1968	Nora Coronado, renter No occupation listed

1962	Helen Wright, renter No occupation listed
1959	June Turpin, renter Widow, Charles Turpin Nurse, Walker's Rest Home, 608-10 E. 3 rd Street.
1955	Mabel L. Walker, owner Proprietor, Walker Rest home, 610-12 E. 3 rd Street.
1952	Vacant
1949	Fred R. and Leta Donohoo, renters Service department, Miller Blue Print, 108 E. 10 th Street.
1947	Laura Goodman, renter Student, University of Texas
1944-45	John L. and Ida Beaty, renters No occupation listed
1941	Mat M. McCown, renter No occupation listed Also listed are Jack McCown and Marvin McCown; neither had an occupation shown.
1939	George Johnson, renter Laborer
1937	Arthur E. and Effie Jenkins, renters Helper, Ragland Body Shop, 217 W. 6 th Street.
1935	Thomas E. and Rose A. Dougherty, renters Salesman, Milwaukee Bottling Company, 121-23 Congress Avenue.
1932-33	Thomas E. and Rose Dougherty, renters Driver, Milwaukee Bottling Company, 300 Colorado Street.
1930-31	Thomas E. and Rosa A. Dougherty, renters Driver, Milwaukee Bottling Company 300 Colorado Street.
1929	Vacant NOTE: Thomas E. and Rose Dougherty are listed at 607½ E. 3 rd Street; he was a salesman for the Milwaukee Bottling Company, 300 Colorado Street.
1927	Albert and Ida Dyer, renters Chauffeur, Patton Auto Livery and Transfer Company, 417-21 Congress Avenue.
1924	Neal A. and Anna B. Mills, renters Clerk, Murchison-Lee Company, groceries, 222-24 E. 5 th Street.
1922	James E. and Alice Smith, renters Mechanic, City Water, Light, and Power Department

- 1920 Horinig E. and Margaret Bedigian, renters
Tailor, E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6th Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1918 A. Harvey Witter, renter
Partner (with Rowe Ballard), Ballard and Witter, barbers, 215 Congress Avenue.
- 1916 A. Harvey Witter
Barber, Hunt & Rowley, barbers, 202 Congress Avenue.
- 1914 Samuel Dochen
Peddler
NOTE: A Harvey Witter is listed at 94 Red River Street; he was a barber with Tully L. Witter at Witter & Witter, 217 Congress Avenue.
- 1912-13 William J. Martin
Electrician, Wilson Turning (Austin Electrical Supply and Plumbing Company), 918 Congress Avenue.
- 1910-11 William Ungnad
Clerk, Emil Seelig, newsdealer, cigars, tobacco, billiard and pool parlor, 615 Congress Avenue; and proprietor, Union Cigar and News Company, 106 ½ W. 6th Street.
- 1909-10 Oscar Sussdorf
Cook, Herman Becker, restaurant, fruits, confections, cigars, and tobacco, 315 E. 6th Street.
- 1906-07 James C. Looney
Barber, Blue Front Barber Shop, 202 Congress Avenue.
- 1905 Ernest Schulze
Waiter, Herman Becker, restaurant, fruits, confections, cigars, and tobacco, 315 E. 6th Street.
- 1903-04 Unknown
Ernest Schulze is listed at 812 W. 34th Street; he was a clerk.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Oscar and Helen Sussdorf (ca. 1909- ca. 1911)

Oscar and Helen Sussdorf appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 808 Willow Street. Oscar Sussdorf was 43, had been born in Germany, and was a laborer in a restaurant. Helen Sussdorf was 33, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 daughters, all under the age of 8. The 1900 U.S. Census shows Oscar Sussdorf as the 23-year old son of Fred and Johanna Sussdorf of Comal County, Texas. Oscar and his parents had been born in Germany; they came to the United States in 1881. The family included younger children who had been born in Texas. Fred Sussdorf is listed as a landlord; Oscar Sussdorf was a farm laborer.

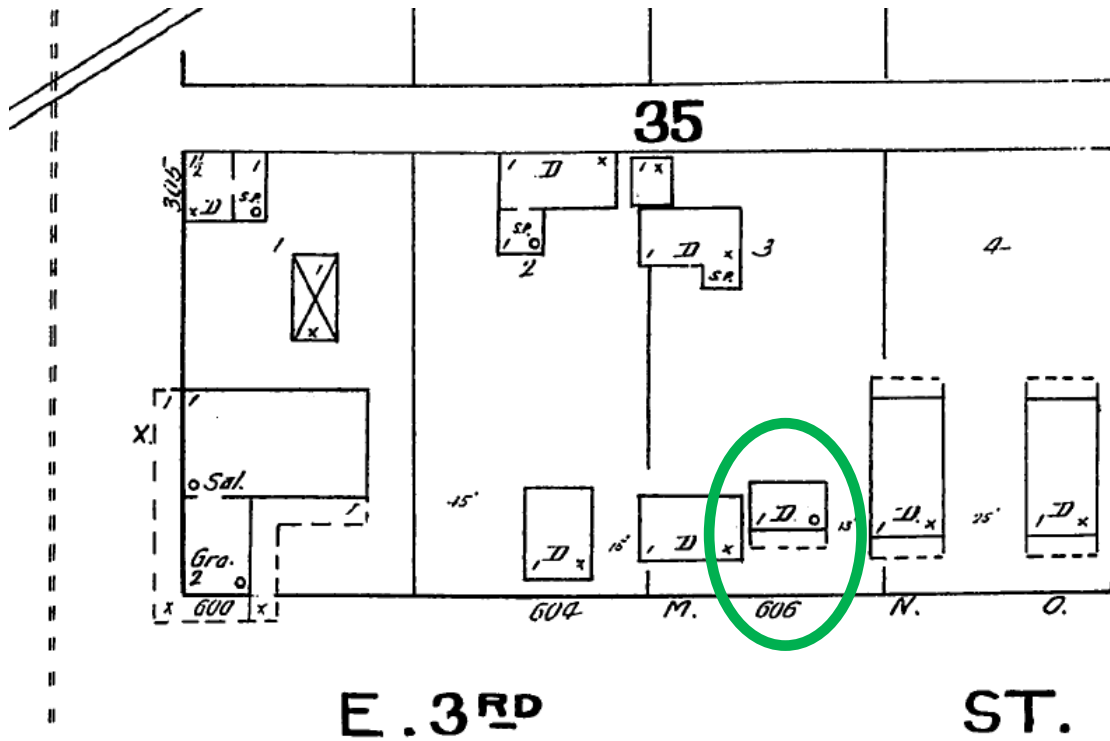
His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows Oscar Sussdorf was living at 808 Willow Street. He was born July 26, 1876 in Germany. He was a waiter at Kriegel's Restaurant at 315 E. 6th Street. He was of medium height and slender build.

Thomas and Rose Dougherty (ca. 1930 – ca. 1936)

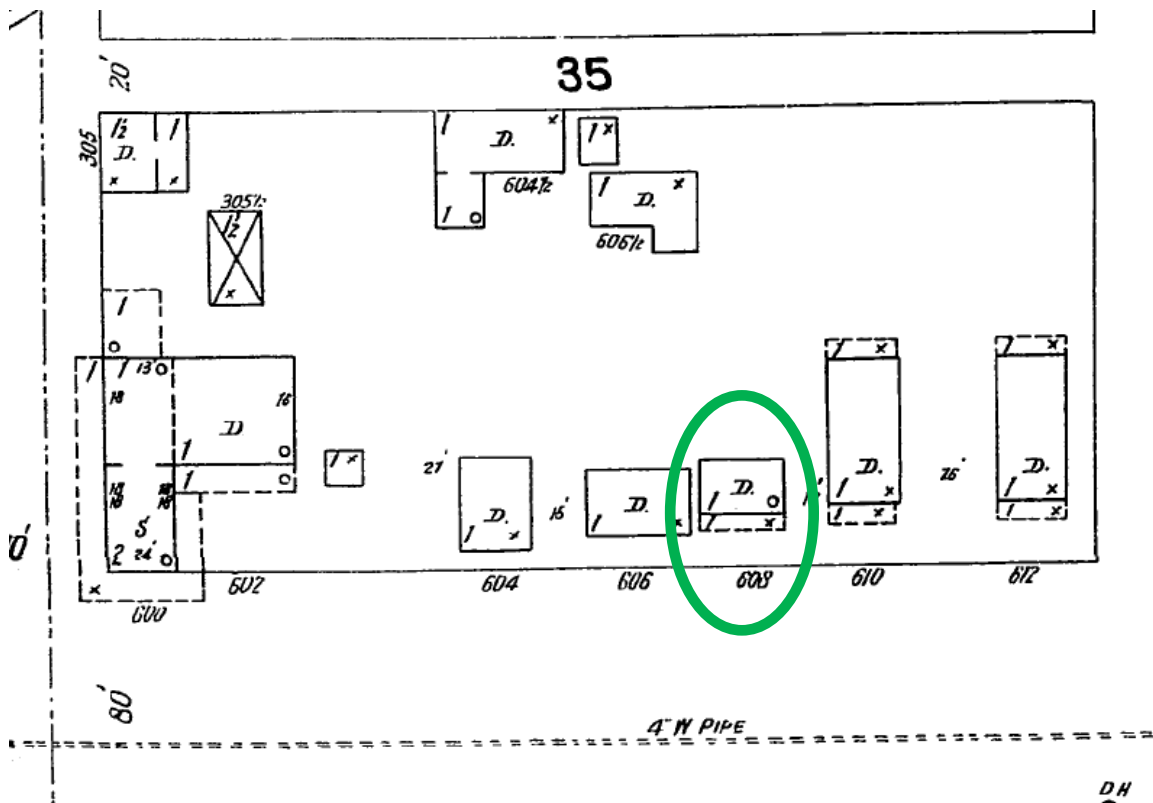
The 1930 U.S. Census shows Thomas and Rose Dougherty as the renters of the house at 607 ½ E. 3rd Street. Thomas Dougherty was 44, had been born in Texas, and was a soda water salesman. Rose Dougherty was 33, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had a 1-year old daughter, Mildred.

Sanborn maps

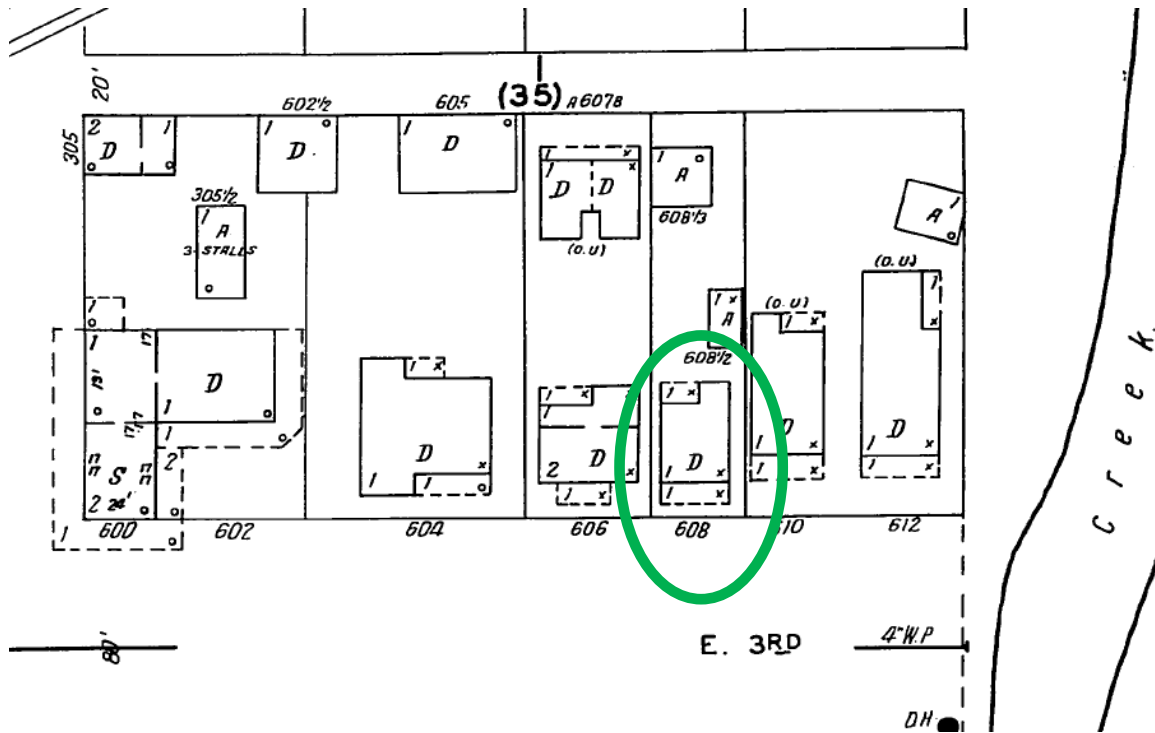
The Sanborn maps of 1894 forward show this area of the city. This neighborhood does not appear on the 1889 map. The house appears on the maps of 1894 and 1900 as a one-story house with a full-width front porch; the maps of 1935 and 1961 show rear additions and the rear porch were added.



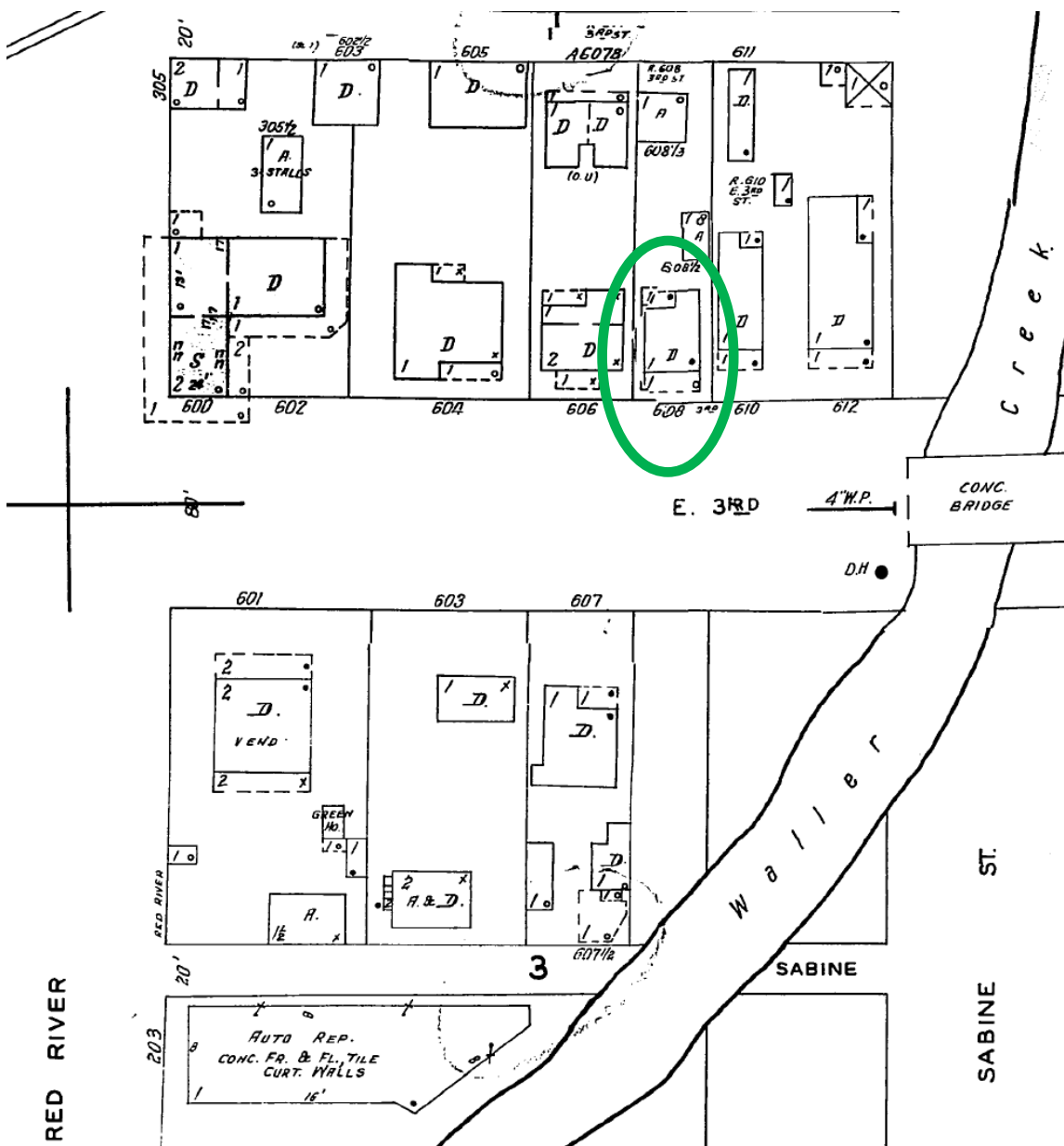
The 1894 Sanborn map shows the house but with an address of 606 E. 3rd Street..



The 1900 Sanborn map shows the house with its full-width front porch and the same configuration as the 1894 map above, and with the address of 608 E. 3rd Street..



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the house with a rear addition and back porch that were not shown on the 1900 map above. The address is 608 E. 3rd Street.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as 1935 map above.