

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0364
1221 E. 6TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1890 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with several additions; mostly modern replacement windows with original 4:4 fenestration in the ca. 1898 bay window facing Attayac Street; internal brick chimney. The original front porch facing 6th Street is gone and the façade changed; the back wraparound porch facing Attayac Street has been filled in with two additions.

RESEARCH

The house appears on the 1894 and 1900 Sanborn maps, both of which show a small front porch on the 6th Street side of the house and a large wraparound porch on the rear. The 1900 Sanborn map shows the current bay window on the Attayac Street side of the house; it was not depicted in the 1894 map.

The earliest available information from city directories dates from 1905, when the house was the home of Robert C. and Georgia Bardenwerper. Robert C. Bardenwerper had been born in Germany, and was the editor of the Texas Vorwaerk, a German-language newspaper. Census reports show him as a school teacher. Georgia Bardenwerper had been born in New Jersey, and the family had lived in Wisconsin in the 1870s and 1880s, when their two oldest children were born. They moved to Texas by 1882, as their daughter Marie was born in Texas. The 1900 U.S. Census report shows them living at 304 East Avenue, and Robert Bardenwerper was listed as a teacher. His 1916 obituary referred to him as “Professor R.C. Bardenwerper.” The Bardenwerpers had lived at 1200 E. 2nd Street in the 1903-04 city directory and were living on Avenue F in Hyde Park in the 1906-07 city directory.

From around 1909 to around 1911, the house had Anglo tenants, including a carpenter and a stockman. Beginning with the city directory of 1912-13, there were Hispanic families living in this house, until around 1917. Felipe and Leon Suarez are listed as the occupants in the directories of 1912-13 and 1914. Felipe Suarez was a bartender in Constante Michelini’s saloon at 1007 E. 6th Street, then opened his own saloon at 709 E. 5th Street. Leon Suarez was a laborer. A third man, Virgil C. Clinger, a switchman for the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, is listed with Felipe and Leon Suarez in the 1914 city directory.

By 1916, the house was occupied by Jose Garza and Paul Garza; both were tailors – Jose for Nick Linz on Congress Avenue, and Paul for Kelly Smith on W. 6th Street. Michael and Annie Josef, rented the house in 1917-1918; Michael Josef (Joseph) was a Lebanese immigrant who, like many of his countrymen in Austin, worked as a confectioner.

A series of Anglos families rented the house in the early 1920s; none had occupations listed in the city directories. Beginning again around 1926, the house had Hispanic tenants, including Ramon Carrion, a tailor, Delfino Martinez, a restaurant owner and later candy maker, and beginning in the mid-1930s, Juan Delgado who had a shoe repair business in the house. Juan and Guadalupe Delgado also lived here until the early 1940s; he named the business the Excelsior Shoe Shop around 1939.

In the early 1940s, Braulio Quintanilla, Jr. bought the Excelsior Shoe Shop business from Juan Delgado, and operated it as the Excelsior Shoe Shop until his death in an automobile accident in Waco in 1973. Braulio Quintanilla and his wife, Hermina, did not live in this house as had Juan and Guadalupe Delgado – the Quintanillas lived in the 400 block of Orchard Street on the west side.

Beginning in the mid-1960s, Braulio's brother, Sam, brought his insurance agency from 1809 E. 6th Street to this house, calling it the Excelsior Insurance Agency. The brothers ran their businesses out of this house until Braulio's death in 1973, then Sam continued to have his insurance office here until the early 1980s. The house was listed as vacant in city directories of the mid-1980s, then occupied by Celia Quintanilla in the early 1990s. Members of the Quintanilla family still own the property.

STAFF COMMENTS




The house is listed in the 1980 East Austin Survey, which indicates its significance. The applicant has looked at possible ways to preserve the house, or at least a portion of it, but has obtained structural reports with cost estimates that make preservation untenable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to continue considering rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the house, 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. Staff further recommends that if demolition of the house is the ultimate decision, that the applicant erect a marker on the site detailing the history of the house and its connections with the Quintanilla family.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0364
1221 E. 6TH STREET

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COUNTY 4
CITY 6 QUAD LOT

NAME: _____ COUNTY: TRAVIS
ADDRESS: 1221 E. 6TH CITY: AUSTIN
UTM: _____
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____ DATE: 1890-1910 PERIOD: _____
OWNER: Braulio Quintanilla, 2418 STYLE: LATE VICTORIAN
Lakehurst, Austin, 78744 THEME: _____
DESCRIPTION: 1595 sq. ft., 1 unit, 1 floor
1 STORY WOOD FRAME COTTAGE

BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: WD. SIDING roof: ASPHALT SHINGLES
PHYSICAL CONDITION: FAIR SITE: original ☒ or moved _____ date _____
ALTERATIONS: ADDITIONS
SIGNIFICANCE: _____

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCH LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER: _____
ORIGINAL USE: RES. PRESENT USE: RES.
RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: COMPATIBLE
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: 6 4 3 A
47.5 ft. x 135 ft. (lot)
BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA: WD 3231, p. 49 (1966) 1894 1213 2.6th - bay window
SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: not present.
RECORDED BY: J Freeman & MDE INFORMANT: _____
DATE: 8/10/80 PHOTO DATA: 3-5/3, 4 11 View 80 WIFE
(rev. 6-79)

NAME: _____ CO CITY QUAD EST
LOCATION: 1221 E. 6th NOR-SITE NO.



VIEW: _____
RECORDED BY: _____
DATE: _____

Page from the 1980 East Austin Survey for this house, showing the now-missing front section.

1221 E. 6th Street
ca. 1890





OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1221 E. 6th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
May, 2016

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| 1992 | Celia V. Quintanilla, renter Retired |
| 1987 | Vacant |
| 1985-86 | Vacant |
| 1981 | Excelsior Insurance Agency Sam V. Quintanilla, proprietor Auto, truck and motorcycle, pay monthly, use your Spanish or English. Rear: Vacant |
| 1977 | Excelsior Insurance Agency Sam V. Quintanilla, proprietor Auto, home, casualty, all age drivers, any driving record, liability, collision, fire, workmen's compensation, pay monthly, use your Spanish or English. Rear: Hermina Quintanilla, renter Widow, Brown Quintanilla No occupation listed |
| 1973 | Excelsior Insurance Company Sam V. Quintanilla, proprietor Rear: Braulio and Hermina Quintanilla, renters No occupation listed |
| 1968 | Excelsior Shoe Shop, repairs Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor Excelsior Insurance Agency Sam V. Quintanilla, proprietor Auto, fire, bonds, all drivers and terms, SR-22 filings, and SR bonds. |
| 1967 | Excelsior Shoe Shop, shoe repairs Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor Excelsior Insurance Agency Sam Quintanilla, proprietor |
| 1965 | Excelsior Shoe Repair Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor Rear: Braulio and Hermina Quintanilla, renters Proprietor, Excelsior Shoe Repair |
| 1962 | Excelsior Shoe Repair Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor Rear: Braulio and Hermina Quintanilla, renters Proprietor, Excelsior Shoe Repair |

NOTE: Sam Quintanilla's Excelsior Insurance Agency was at 1809 E. 6th Street.

- 1959 Excelsior Shoe Repair
 Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor
 Rear: Braulio and Hermina Quintanilla, renters
 Proprietor, Excelsior Shoe Repair
- 1957 Excelsior Shoe Shop, shoe repairs
 Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor
 NOTE: Braulio and Maria Quintanilla are listed as living in the rear of the house.
- 1955 Excelsior Shoe Repair
 Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor
 NOTE: Braulio and Maria Quintanilla lived at 403 Orchard Street.
- 1952 Braulio Quintanilla, shoe repair
 NOTE: Braulio and Maria Quintanilla lived at 403 Orchard Street.
- Ciriaco and Frances Castillo, renters
 No occupation listed
 Also listed is Ciriaco Castillo, Jr., a driver
- Augustine and Maria Villanueva, renters
 Cotton picker
- 1949 Excelsior Shoe Shop, repairs
 Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor
 Rear: Carmel Garcia, renter
 Cook
 NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1947 Excelsior Shoe Shop, shoe repairs
 Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor
 NOTE: Braulio and Maria Quintanilla lived at 403 Orchard Street.
 Rear: Carmel Garza, renter
 Cook, Spanish Village, 802 Red River Street
 NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1944-45 Excelsior Shoe Shop, shoe repairs
 Braulio Quintanilla, proprietor
 NOTE: Braulio and Maria Quintanilla lived at 403 Orchard Street.
 Rear: Juanita Morales, renter
 Cook
- 1940 Excelsior Shoe Shop, shoe repairs
 Juan Delgado, proprietor
 NOTE: Juan Delgado lived on the premises.
 NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1937 Juan Delgado, shoe repairs
 NOTE: Juan and Guadalupe Delgado lived on the premises.
- Gregorio and Julia Rodriguez, renters

- Shoe repair, Juan Delgado
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1935 Juan Delgado, shoe repairs
NOTE: Juan and Guadalupe Delgado lived on the premises.
- Gregorio and Julia Rodriguez, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1932-33 Delfino Martinez, renter
Candy maker
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1930-31 Delfino Martinez, renter
Restaurant
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1929 Ramon Carrion, tailor
NOTE: Ramon and Dolores Carrion lived on the premises.
Also listed are Edward Carrion, a musician; and Marshall Carrion, a tailor at Joseph's Men Shop, 129 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1927 Adolph and Felicitas Gonzales, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1924 Ethel Smith, renter
Widow, Copper Smith
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1922 Clarence T. and Sallie Tisdale, renters
No occupation listed
Also listed is Hattie Tisdale, no occupation stated.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1920 Scott Weir, owner
Not listed in the main directory.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1918 Michael and Annie Josef, renters
Confectioner, 509 E. 6th Street
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1916 Jose Garza
Tailor, Nick Lenz, 607 Congress Avenue
- Paul Garza
Tailor, Kelley Smith, 109 W. 6th Street
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.

- 1914 Felipe Suarez
Saloon, 709 E. 5th Street
- Leon Suarez
No occupation listed
- Virgil C. Clinger
Switchman, Houston and Texas Central Railroad
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1912-13 Felipe Suarez
Bartender, Constante Michellini's saloon, 1007 E. 6th Street
- Leon Suarez
Laborer
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1910-11 John Wear
Stockman
- Fledger Stamper
Carpenter
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1909-10 David L. Jones
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1906-07 The address is not listed. Robert C. Bardenwerper is listed as living on Avenue F in Hyde Park.
- 1905 Robert C. Bardenwerper
Editor, Texas Vorwaerk, 110-12 E. 9th Street.
Also listed are E.R. Bardenwerper, a freight conductor for the Houston and Texas Central Railroad; Mabel Bardenwerper, no occupation stated; and Maud Bardenwerper, no occupation stated.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1213 E. 6th Street.
- 1903-04 Unknown
Robert C. Bardenwerper is listed as a school teacher living at 1200 E. 2nd Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Robert C. and Georgia Bardenwarper (ca. 1904 – 1906)

Robert C. and Georgia Bardenwarper appear in the 1910 U.S. Census at 505 E. 34th Street in Austin. Robert G. Bardenwarper was 71, had been born in Germany, and was a school teacher. Georgia Bardenwarper was 64, had been born in New Jersey, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children listed with them: Edward R. Bardenwarper, 41, a Wisconsin-born railroad conductor; and Mabel Bardenwarper, 28, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Robert C. and Georgia Bardenwerper at 304 East Avenue in Austin. Robert C. Bardenwerper was 61, had been born in Germany, and was a teacher. Georgia Bardenwerper was 52, had been born in New Jersey, and had no occupation listed.

They had 6 children: Edward R., 31, who had been born in Wisconsin, and was a railroad brakeman; Will, 21, who had been born in Wisconsin, and was a carpenter; Lula B., 20, who had been born in Wisconsin, and had no occupation listed; Marie, 18, who had been born in Texas; Gracie, 15, who had been born in Texas; and Mandy, 13, who had been born in Texas. The census report indicates that Robert C. Bardenwerper immigrated to the United States in 1863 and was a naturalized citizen.

His 1916 death certificate shows that Robert C. Bardenwerper was born in 1838 in Germany, and was a teacher.

R. C. BARDENWERPER.

Professor R. C. Bardenwerper, aged 78 years, died in a local hospital at 10:15 o'clock yesterday morning, having been afflicted with heart disease. He is survived by his wife, two sons, E. R. Bardenwerper and Will Bardenwerper; four daughters, Mrs. Charles Foster, Mrs. Will Burko and Mrs. Ida Pulliam of Austin and Mrs. Maud Gee of Los Angeles, Cal., and eleven grandchildren.

Interment will be made in the Oakwood Cemetery, the funeral to be held from the residence, at 500 East Fifth Street.

Obituary of Robert C. Bardenwerper
Austin American, February 2, 1916

Quintanilla family (ca. 1943 -)

Braulio Quintanilla, Jr. appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the 16-year old son of Braulio and Maria Quintanilla, who rented their house at 618 Wood Street in Austin. Braulio Quintanilla, Jr. was born in Mexico and was an apprentice in the shoe repair business. His father, Braulio Quintanilla, Sr. was 40, had been born in Mexico and was a shoe repairman. His mother, Maria, 38, had been born in Mexico and was a laundress at home. Braulio, Jr. was the oldest of the couple's 7 children. All of the children over the age of 10 had been born in Mexico; the younger children were born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Braulio Quintanilla, Jr. as the 26-year old son of Braulio and Maria Quintanilla, who rented their house at 405 Rio Grande Street. Braulio Quintanilla, Jr. is listed as a delivery man, as was his next younger brother, Sam, 24. Their father was a shoe cobbler; their mother had no occupation listed. The family had 6 children listed in the census report. None of the younger children had occupations listed.

BRAULIO QUINTANILLA

Braulio Quintanilla died early Monday morning from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident in Waco. He was 59.

Prayer Services were held Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Angel Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Angel Funeral Home, Rev. Ciro Garza officiating. Burial will follow in Austin Memorial Park Cemetery under auspices of Fort Sam Houston, U.S. Army.

Obituary of Braulio Quintanilla
Austin American, May 23, 1973



Sam V. Quintanilla

Sam V. Quintanilla, 89, with his usual flair for the dramatics, departed for the spiritual world Wednesday on "Día de los Muertos". Sam was born on July 2, 1916, in Guanajuato, Mexico to Maria Vargas and Braulio Quintanilla, Sr. At the age of four he moved to Austin, Texas with his family and lived in the old Mexican neighborhood west of downtown until Mexican Americans were pressured to relocate to East Austin. He graduated from Austin High School in 1936. He had various jobs throughout his youth starting in the 1920s as a newspaper boy for the Statesman, which he read thoroughly throughout his life. Sam was a Falstaff Beer salesman in the 1940s, and was among the top ten salesmen in the state of Texas. In the early fifties Sam opened a "beer joint" known as the Trinity Bar on East 6th street for several years which was a popular spot. Also in the 1950s, he

took insurance certification courses and soon opened up Excelsior Insurance on East 6th Street that then became an East Austin icon. For over 50 years, Sam would open up the doors to his agency late morning as a stream of customers and friends would drop by to do business and share camaraderie into the late evenings. Sam always served East Austinites as a source of help as a Notary

Public, letter writer and translator. He had to finally close down his office at the age of 85 in 2002 due to health reasons.

Sam was preceded in death by his infant son, Sammy, in 1944. Also, his parents, his brothers Joel and Braulio, and his sister, Carmen. Survivors include his sisters, Sara Reyes and Consuelo Martinez, and brother Josue "Pepe" Quintanilla. Daughters, Linda Quintanilla of Houston, Anita Quintanilla of Austin, and Cat Quintanilla, of Sunset Valley and his son, Ralph Quintanilla of Austin. Also, his grandchildren, Xochi, Marina, Gabriel, and Paloma, and great-grandson, Diego. All of the Austin area.

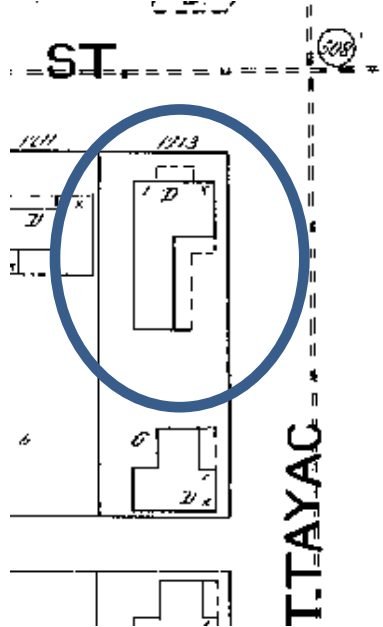
Besides having a strong work ethic, Sam encouraged his children and grandchildren to seek higher education, become strong involved citizens and to read lots of good books. When not working or reading, Sam enjoyed making things in his workshop and planting vegetables and fruit trees in his back yard. He was quick-witted and always had plenty of stories and jokes to share.

Please join his family and friends will gather to celebrate his life on Saturday 1:00-4:00 p.m. with the memorial set for 2:00 p.m., at Angel's Funeral Home at 1600 South First Street.

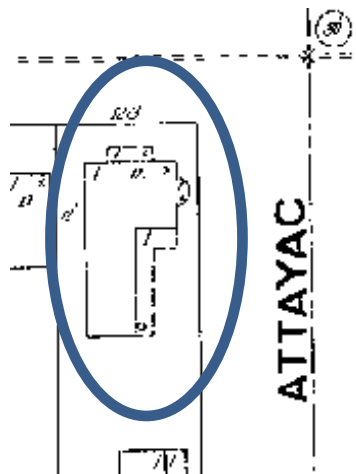
Angel's
FUNERAL HOME
1600 S. 1st 411.9735

Obituary of Sam Quintanilla
Austin American-Statesman, November 4, 2005

NOTE: The house appears on the 1894 and 1900 Sanborn maps, so it is at least that old; however, city directory research did not reveal the names of the occupants prior to 1905.



The 1894 Sanborn map shows the house at the corner of Attayac Street. It had a front porch facing 6th Street as well as a wraparound side porch on the Attayac Street side of the house. The current bay window on the Attayac side of the house is not depicted here.



The 1900 Sanborn map shows the house with its front and side porches as well as the current bay window on the Attayac Street side of the house.

OWNER B. Quintanilla ADDRESS 1221 East 6th
 PLAT 27 LOT 6 BIK 4
 SUBDIVISION Outlet # 3
 OCCUPANCY Bedroom
 BLD PERMIT # 116542 DATE 1-70 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$600.00
 CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES none
 WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist
Frm addn to exist residence
192 sq. ft.

Building permit to Braulio Quintanilla for a frame addition (1970)

OWNER Herminia Quintanilla ADDRESS 1221 E. 6th
 PLAT 27 LOT 6 BIK 4
 SUBDIVISION 1221 E. 6th
 OCCUPANCY Res. & Office Remodel
 BLD PERMIT # 181797 DATE 12-16-74 OWNERS ESTIMATE 450.00
 CONTRACTOR Joe Hernandez NO. OF FIXTURES Exist
 WATER TAP REC # Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist
Remodel Exist. Res. & Create office in 1 Rm.

Building permit to Herminia Quintanilla to convert the house to an office (1974)

OWNER B. Quintanilla ADDRESS 1221 E. 6th St.
 PLAT 27 LOT 6 BIK 4
 SUBDIVISION Outlet #3
 OCCUPANCY Repair res.
 BLDG. PERMIT # 186578 DATE 10-12-79 OWNERS ESTIMATE 2,000.00
 CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES
 WATER TAP REC# Repair & remodel res. SEWER TAP REC#

Building permit to Braulio Quintanilla to repair and remodel the house (1979)