

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 24, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0321
1615 S. 1ST STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1925 bungalow.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame bungalow with a partially-inset front-gabled porch; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house may have been built around 1920, but staff believes, judging from the style and detailing of the house, that it was probably built later, perhaps 1925. The 1921 Sanborn map does not cover this area of the city so there is little information to compare the existing house with what was there in the early 1920s. City directories show an address of 1609 S. 1st Street (the original address for this house) as early as 1912-13, but the architectural style of this house does not indicate a 1912 construction date.

Assuming a ca. 1925 construction date, the first occupants were William B. and Theresa Prewitt, who rented this house from around 1925 to around 1928. William Prewitt was employed by J.O. Buaas and Son, a sheet metal and roofing contractor. From the late 1920s through the early 1930s, the house was rented by Samuel and Faye Jimerson. Samuel Jimerson was an electrician at the Littlefield Building. Lance Parker and his wife, Gertrude, rented the house from the mid-1930s through the early 1940s. Lance Parker was a clerk for the Travis County Relief Board when he and Gertrude moved into this house, but his usual trade was as a barber, and he listed that as his occupation in city directories from the late 1930s until the early 1940s.

The house was purchased by Thomas and Lizzie Shugart around 1944. Thomas R. Shugart was a carpenter who then went to work for a road construction contractor for the rest of his career. He and Lizzie lived here until their deaths, 11 months apart, in 1965. One of their sons (they had 8), George, continued to live here until the early 1980s. He was employed in road construction like his father. Another son, Worthy, was living here at the time of his death in 1974.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house was listed with no priority for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a frame bungalow that represents working class housing in the 1920s but with little architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The house was a rental property until the mid-1940s with a variety of working-class tenants, including a barber, a sheet metal worker, and an electrician. The longest-term owner of this house was employed on a road construction crew. There do not appear to be significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.




- d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then 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. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0321

LOCATION: 1617 S 1ST ST (JOVITA'S)

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1615 S. 1st Street
ca. 1925



Photo from 2013



Photo from June, 2019

OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1615 S. 1st Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
May, 2019

There are listings in city directories going as far back as 1912-13 for 1609 (the original address for this house) S. 1st Street, but this house does not reflect construction of that time period; the house more accurately reflects a mid-1920s construction date.

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| 1927 | <p>William B. and Theresa Prewitt, renters
Employed by J.O. Buaas & Son, manufacturers of cornices and skylights, sheet iron and metal work, gravel, slate, and tile roofing, steel ceilings and hot air furnace work, 304 W. 5th Street.
NOTE: Samuel W. and Fay Jimerson are listed at 1716 Willow Street; he was an electrician. The directory indicates that he was African-American, but all other records show that he was Anglo.
NOTE: The address is listed as 1609 S. 1st Street.</p> |
| 1929 | <p>Samuel W. and Faye Jimerson, renters
Electrician, Littlefield Building
NOTE: The address is listed as 1609 S. 1st Street.</p> |
| 1930-31 | <p>Samuel W. and Faye Jimerson, renters
Electrician, Littlefield Building
Also listed are John L. and Elsie Hodnett; he was a carpenter.
NOTE: The address is listed as 1609 S. 1st Street.</p> |
| 1932-33 | <p>Vacant
NOTE: Samuel W. and Faye Jimerson are listed at 1605 (now 1611) S. 1st Street; he was an assistant engineer at the Littlefield Building.
NOTE: Lance and Gertrude Parker are listed at 88½ Rainey Street; he was a barber for Cox & Warren, located in the basement of 600 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: The address is listed as 1609 S. 1st Street.</p> |
| 1935 | <p>Lance and Gertrude Parker, renters
Clerk, Travis County Relief Board</p> |
| 1937 | <p>Lance and Gertrude Parker, renters
Barber</p> |
| 1939 | <p>Lance and Gertrude Parker, renters
Barber, Gildart and Magee, 303 E. 6th Street.</p> |
| 1941 | <p>Lance and Gertrude Parker, renters
Barber, Roemer Barter Shop, 118 E. 5th Street.
NOTE: Thomas R. and Elizabeth Shugart are listed at 103 W. Monroe Street; he was a foreman for the City Street and Bridge Department.</p> |
| 1944-45 | <p>Thomas R. and Lizzie Shugart, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: George Shugart is not listed in the directory.</p> |

1947	Thomas R. and Lizzie Shugart, owners Carpenter NOTE: George Shugart is not listed in the directory.
1949	Thomas R. and Lizzie Shugart, owners Road worker Also listed are George and Zelma [sic] Shugart. George Shugart was a laborer for Gugenheim-Goldsmith, wholesale fruit and produce, wholesale beer and whiskey, 410 E. 3 rd Street; Zelma Shugart was a saleswoman for E.M. Scarbrough & Sons, department store, 6 th Street and Congress Avenue.
1952	Thomas R. and Lizzie Shugart, owners Road worker Also listed is George Shugart, no occupation shown.
1955	Thomas R. and Lizzie Shugart, owners No occupation listed Also listed is George Shugart, no occupation shown.
1957	Thomas and Lizzie T. Shugart, owners No occupation listed Also listed is George Shugart, an operator for Raymond Canion Construction, road contractor, 1412 S. 1 st Street.
1961	Thomas R. and Lizzie T. Shugart, owners No occupation listed Also listed is George Shugart, a laborer for Raymond Canion, excavating and road building, street paving, curbs, and gutters, 604 W. Monroe Street.
1968	George Shugart, owner Laborer, Pat Canion Excavating, 604 W. Monroe Street.
1973	George Shugart, owner Retired According to his 1974 obituary, Worthy Shugart, a brother of George Shugart lived here as well.
1977	George Shugart, owner Retired
1981	George Shugart, owner Retired
1985-86	No return
1992	Vacant

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**Samuel W. and Faye Jimerson (ca. 1928 – ca. 1932)**

Sam Wiseman Jimerson's 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that he was born in 1884. He was living in Pearsall, Frio County, Texas, where he was an engineer. He was tall and slender with black hair and brown eyes.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Sam Jimerson living in Bowie, Texas, where he and his wife, Clara, rented a house. Sam Jimerson was 35, had been born in Texas to Alabama-born parents, and was an engineer in an ice plant. Clara Jimerson was 33, had been born in Texas to South Carolina-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 daughters: Lottie Lee, 12; twins Bettie May and Bettie Lin, 9; and Maurice, 7.

Clara Elizabeth McCauley Jimerson died in 1924. She is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Travis County.

S.W. and Fay Jimerson appear in the 1930 U.S. Census at 1605 S. 1st Street (now 1611 S. 1st Street) in Austin. S.W. Jimerson was 47, had been born in Texas, and was the house electrician in a public building. Fay Jimerson was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Mildred, 8; and Sam, Jr., 6. Both children had been born in Texas.

By 1940, according to the census report of that year, Sam and Fay Jimerson were living at 1636 S. 1st Street, a house they owned; the house was worth \$1,700. Sam Jimerson was 56, had been born in Texas, and was an engineer in an office building. Fay Jimerson was 45, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived a daughter, Mildred, 18, who had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed, as well as two step-children: Kenneth Giles, 16, a newsboy, and Dorothy Giles, 15. Both had been born in Texas.

Sam Weisman Jimerson died in 1959; his last address was 1636 S. 1st Street in Austin. His death certificate shows that he was born in 1884 in Henderson, Texas, and was an engineer at the Littlefield Building.

Fay Harrell Jimerson died in 1966; she was living at 1636 S. 1st Street at the time of her death. She was born in 1894 in Bowie, Texas, and was a widowed housewife.

SAM W. JIMERSON
 Sam W. Jimerson of 1636 South
 1st Street died in a local hospital
 Wednesday. He was engineer for
 the Littlefield Building many
 years.
 He is survived by his wife; five
 daughters, Mrs. Lottie Wiggins of
 Kermit, Mrs. Jack Tombs of
 Whiteaker, Calif., Mrs. Ben John-
 son and Mrs. Melburn Grumbles

of Oak Hill, and Mrs. Maurice Sullivan of Austin; two sons, G. F. Jimerson of Henderson and S. W. Jimerson Jr. of Austin; one brother, Wiley Jimerson of San Antonio; 14 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are pending at Cook Funeral Home.

Obituary of Sam Jimerson
Austin American, March 14, 1959

SAM W. JIMERSON

Funeral services for Sam W. Jimerson will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cook Funeral Home.

Jimerson of 1636 South First Street died in a local hospital Wednesday. He was an engineer for the Littlefield Building for many years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Faye Jimerson of Austin; five daughters, Mrs. Lottie Wiggins of Kernit, Mrs. Jack Tombs of Whiteaker, Calif., Mrs. Ben Johnson and Mrs. Melburn Grumbles of Oak Hill, and Mrs. Maurice Sullivan of Austin; two sons, G. F. Jimerson of Henderson and S. W. Jimerson Jr. of Austin; one brother, Wiley Jimerson of San Antonio; fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons of the deceased, Billy Lee Johnson, Sam Johnson, Jack Sullivan, Leonard Krade, John Smith and Jimmy Johnson. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Obituary and funeral notice for Sam W. Jimerson
Austin Statesman, May 14, 1959

MRS. FAYE H. JIMERSON

Mrs. Faye H. Jimerson, 1636 South First Street, died in a local hospital Friday.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Charlie Lung, Houston, and Mrs. William Marton, Hawaii; son, David Giles, Chicago; sister, Mrs. A. C. Golden, Kansas; and four grandchildren.

Funeral is pending at Cook Funeral Home.

Death notice for Faye Jimerson
Austin American-Statesman, November 5, 1966

MRS. FAYE H. JIMERSON

The body of Mrs. Faye H. Jimerson is being sent by Cook Funeral Home to George H. Lewis Funeral Home in Houston where funeral will be held Monday at 3 p.m. Burial will be in Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

Funeral news for Faye Shugart
Austin American-Statesman, November 6, 1966

1930 U.S. Census

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Johnie and Elsie Hodnett as the renters of this house, which is listed as 1609 S. 1st Street. Johnie Hodnett was 23, had been born in Texas, and was a carpenter in building construction. Elsie Hodnett was 21, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Elsie Hodnett's sister, Clare Corbell, 19, who had been born in Texas and was a saleslady in a dry goods store.

Lance and Gertrude Parker (ca. 1934 – ca. 1944)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Lance and Gertrude Parker as the renters of the house at 1601 Eva Street in South Austin. Lance Parker was 42, had been born in Texas to Mississippi-born parents, and was a barber. Gertrude Parker was 34, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Marjory, 8; Joe Kathryn, 5; and Paul, 2. All the children had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Lance and Gertrude Parker as the renters of this house. Lance Parker was 52, had been born in Texas, and was a barber. Gertrude Parker was 44, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children: Marjorie, 18, a cashier in a department store; Katherine, 15; Paul, 12; Bonnie, 8; and David, 3. All the children had been born in Texas.

Lance Parker died in 1942; his last address was 1711 S. Congress Avenue in Austin. He was born in 1888 in Hays County, Texas, and was a barber. Gertrude Parker died in 1972; her last address was 1604 Newton Street in Austin. She was born in Texas in 1896 and was a widowed housewife. Both are buried in the Masonic Cemetery in Austin.

PARKER—Lance Parker, 54, a resident of Austin for 32 years, and a prominent barber, died in a local hospital Thursday morning after a short illness. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Parker, two sons; David and Paul, three daughters, Miss Bonnie Parker and Mrs. D. G. Porter, all of Austin and Mrs. M. E. Janis of Del Rio; two brothers, John Parker, county commissioner and James Parker, both of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Richards of Miles, Mrs. W. G. Boone of Dallas and Mrs. J. H. Webber of Brownfield.

Funeral services will be held from the Wilke Funeral chapel at 4 p. m. Friday with the Rev. Charles Parker, of the Dripping Springs Baptist church officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ray V. Mayfield of the Congress Avenue Baptist church.

Casket bearers will be Henry Roemer, R. J. Lewellen, Walter Boothe, Douglas Miles, T. C. Monroe and M. A. Walden. Burial will be in the family lot in Masonic cemetery.

Obituary of Lance Parker
Austin Statesman, December 4, 1942

MRS. GERTRUDE PARKER

Mrs. Gertrude Parker, of 1604 Newton, died in a local hospital Tuesday.

Funeral was Thursday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, Rev. A. D. Eberhart officiating. Burial was in Masonic Cemetery. Pallbearers were R. G. Parker, Gordon Parker, Bill Duncum, Douglas Moore, Ira D. Moore and Kenneth Blackstone.

News of the funeral of Gertrude Parker
Austin Statesman, September 7, 1972

Thomas R. and Lizzie Shugart (ca. 1944 – ca. 1965)

Thomas Shugart married Lizzie Tatum in Travis County in 1904.

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that Thomas Richard Shugart was living in an un-numbered house on S. 1st Street in Austin at that time. He was born in 1885 and was a worker

for the City of Austin. He was of medium height with a slender build, and had brown hair and brown eyes.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows T.R. and Lizzie Shugart as the renters of the house at 103 West Monroe Street in Austin. T.R. Shugart was 44, had been born in Texas, and was a street grader for the city. Lizzie Shugart was also 44, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 7 children, all sons, and all born in Texas: Worthy, 20, a milker at a dairy; Clint, 18, a milker at a dairy; Felix 15, a hopper at a dairy; Cal, 13; Scott, 11; Temple, 6; and Douglas, 3.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Lizzie Shugart as the renter of the house at 103 W. Monroe Street in Austin. Thomas R. Shugart is not listed with her. She was 54, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With her lived 4 of her sons: Cal, 23, a butcher in a meat market; Scott, 21, a truck driver for a building contractor; Temple, 16; and Doug, 13. All the boys had been born in Texas.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Thomas and Lizzie Shugart in a rented house (un-numbered) on South First Street in Austin. Thomas Shugart was a laborer on the city streets.

Thomas Richard Shugart was living at this address at the time of his death in January, 1965. He was born in Boerne, Texas in 1885 and was a construction worker. Elizabeth Tatum Shugart died in November, 1965. She was born in Spicewood, Burnet County, Texas in 1885.

TOM SCHUGART

Funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home for Tom Schugart, 79, of 1615 South First. Burial will be in Falls Creek Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Lizzie; eight sons, Joe Schugart, George Schugart, Worthy Shugart, Felix Schugart, Clint Schugart, Cal Schugart, Scott Schugart, and Douglas Schugart, Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Della Burton, San Saba, Mrs. Kitty Grooms and Miss Maude Schugart, Austin; brother, Warren Schugart, Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Chester Simmons, Joe Simmons, M. C. King, Don Mareck, Irby Butler and Dee Neyland.

Funeral notice for Thomas Shugart
Austin American, January 13, 1965

THOMAS RICHARD SHUGART

Funeral services for Thomas R. Shugart, 79, of 1615 South First will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with the Rev. Joel Thielepape of Kinney Ave. Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Falls Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Chester Simmons, Joe Simmons, M. C. King, Don Marecki, Irby Butler and Dee Neyland.

Funeral notice for Thomas R. Shugart
Austin Statesman, January 13, 1965

MRS. ELIZABETH SHUGART

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Tatum Shugart, 80, of 1615 South First Street, will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, with Rev. Joel Thielepape, pastor of the Kinney Avenue Baptist Church, officiating.

She is survived by eight sons, Cal W. Shugart, Joe Shugart, George Shugart, Worthy Shugart, Clint Shugart, Felix Shugart, Scott Shugart and Douglas Shugart, all of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Mathe Turner, and Mrs. Anne Hays, both of Austin; one brother, Joe Tatum of Marble Falls; 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Arlie Bantinghouse, Roy Wuensche, Don Marecki, Irby Butler, L. J. Neyland and Calvin Moses.

Burial will be in the Falls Creek Cemetery.

Funeral notice for Lizzie Shugart
Austin Statesman, November 8, 1965

George Shugart (son of T.R. and Lizzie Shugart) (ca. 1948 – ca. 1983)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows that George R. Shugart was an inmate at the Austin State Hospital. He was 32, had been born in Texas, and is listed as married.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows George Shugart and his wife, Velma, as the renters of the house at 1904 Garden Street in Austin. George Shugart was 22, had been born in Texas, and was a meat cutter in a meat market. Velma Shugart was 20, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Harold, 2, who had been born in Texas.

George Shugart died in Austin in 1996.

SHUGART, George R., 88, of Austin died Wednesday. Services 10 a.m. today, Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home. Burial Fall Creek Cemetery.

Death notice for George Shugart
Austin American-Statesman, April 26, 1996

Felix Shugart, a son of Thomas and Lizzie Shugart, purchased the house just to the north, at 1613 S. 1st Street around 1953, and lived there with his wife, Billie, for the rest of their lives.

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 7588

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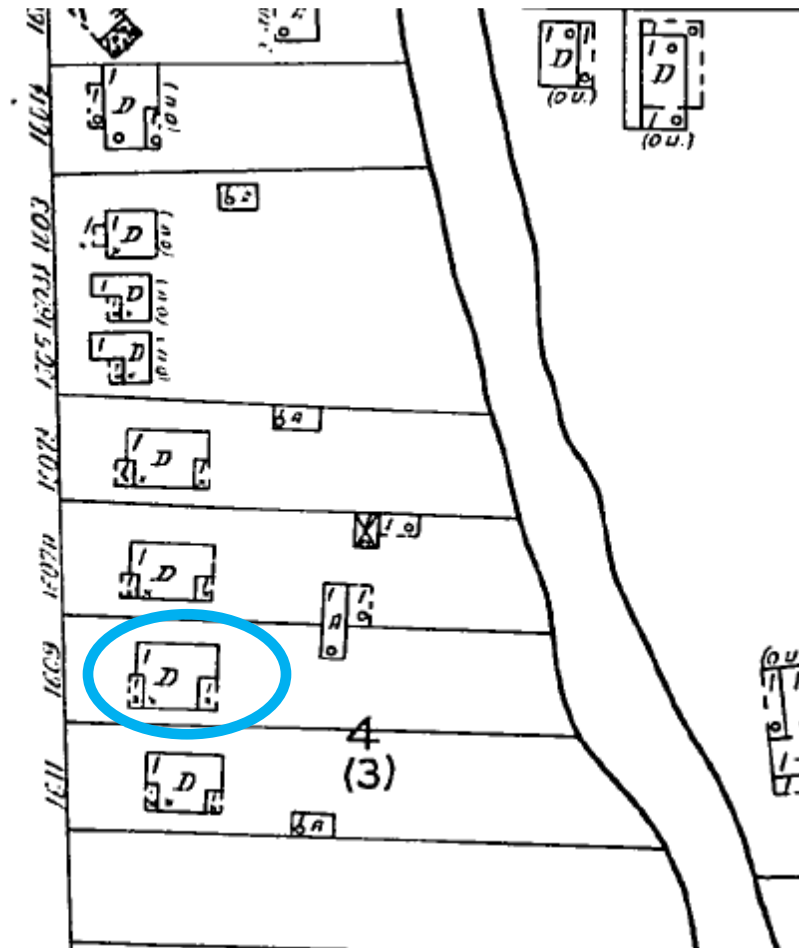
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Foreman's Report

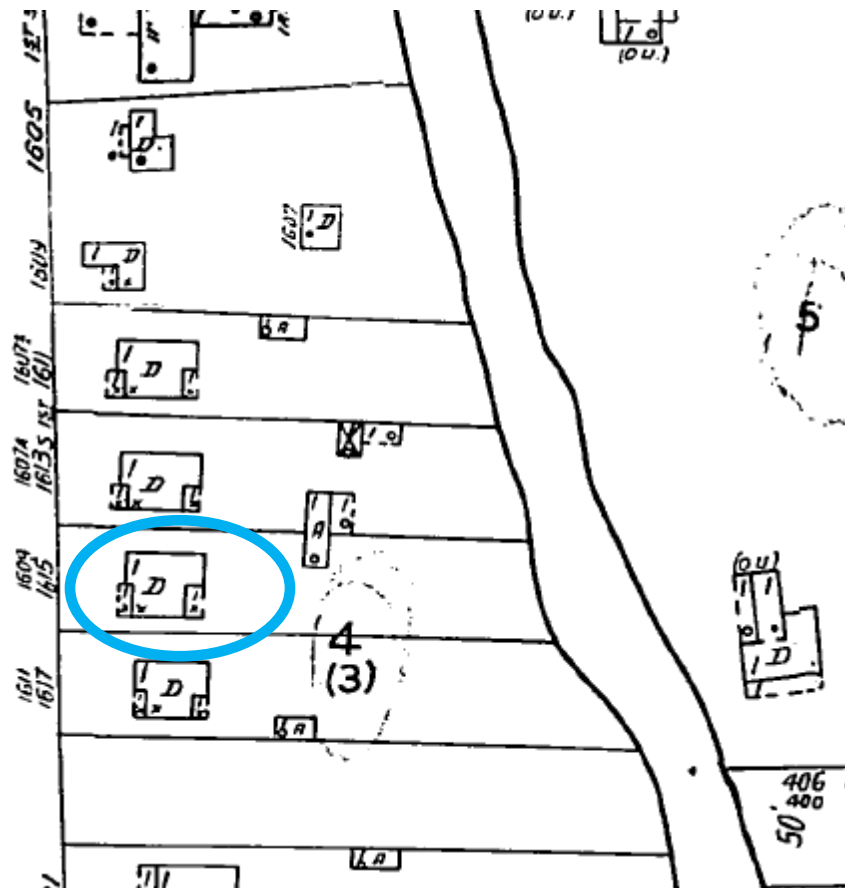
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From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>28.7'</u>																		
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Water service permit for this address (1936)



The house appears on the 1935 Sanborn map with its former address of 1609 S. 1st Street.
 This area of S. 1st Street does not appear on the 1922 map.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house with its former and current addresses.