THIRD READING SUMMARY SHEET

ZONING CASE NUMBER: C14H-2009-0066 (Spires-Seekatz House, 1406 Hardouin Avenue)

REQUEST:

Approve third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 1406 Hardouin Avenue (Shoal Creek Watershed) from family residence (SF-3) district zoning to family residence – historic landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

This is the property owner's request for historic landmark designation for the property. Staff, the Historic Landmark Commission, and the Planning Commission have all recommended historic zoning for this property.

OWNERS/APPLICANTS: C. Hunter and Pamela Barrier, owners

AGENT: Suzanne Deaderick

<u>DATE OF FIRST READING</u>: June 24, 2010; approved SF-3-H combining district zoning on 1st and 2nd readings (5-0; Spelman and Cole off-dais) and directed staff to bring the case back for third reading on August 5, 2010.

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: August 5, 2010

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

ASSIGNED STAFF: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-6454 steve.sadowsky@ci.austin.tx.us

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>: C14H-2009-0066 <u>HLC DATE</u>: January 25, 2010

PC DATE: April 13, 2010

APPLICANTS: C. Hunter and Pamela Barrier, owners

HISTORIC NAME: Spires-Seekatz House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1406 Hardouin Avenue

ZONING FROM: SF-3 to SF-3-H

<u>SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

<u>HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION</u>: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 5-0 (Kleon and Rosato absent).

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:

The ca. 1937 house is an excellent example of Art Moderne residential architecture in Austin and is associated with Mat Spires, the owner of several prominent women's shoe stores on Congress Avenue, and who helped revitalize Congress Avenue in the 1930s and 1940s with new facades in the Art Deco and Art Moderne styles; and with Roy Seekatz, who owned and operated Austin's premier dry cleaning and laundry businesses from the 1940s through the 1960s.

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION</u>: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 7-0.

<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>: The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: May 13, 2010 ACTION: Postponed to June

24, 2010 by Council.

June 24, 2010 Approved the zoning change on 1st

and 2nd readings and directed staff

to bring the case back for 3rd reading on August 5, 2010.

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Architecture:

Two-story irregular-plan hipped roof Moderne-styled brick house with a central recessed entry flanked with a rounded two-story bay on the right and a rectangular two-story bay on the left. The house has horizontal bands of raised bricks on the first and second stories, adding to its Art Moderne styling. Fenestration consists of paired 1:1 and paired casement windows. The house has a modern addition on the back. A garden wall to the right of the house carries forward the Moderne-style themes of horizontal bands of raised bricks. The garden gate on the property is metal in a Moderne design.

Historical Associations:

The house was built in 1937 for Mat S. and Idamae Spires. Mat S. Spires was born in Bell County, Texas, where he lived with his divorced mother, Lou, until around 1924, when he moved to Austin. The 1900 U.S. Census report shows Lou Spires as a widow residing in rural Bell County with her five children, including two older boys that were half-brothers to Mat. Lou Spires was born in Tennessee; her two oldest children were Sam Boase, 12, who worked as a farm laborer, and Erastus Boase, 9. Interestingly, the next household listed in the 1900 census report was that of an Erastus Boase, who was a year older than Lou Spires, and who had been married to his then-wife for 8 years, suggesting that this Erastus Boase may have been the father of Lou Spires' two older boys. In addition to the Boase boys, the Lou Spires household also included Mat's two older sisters, Jessie and Ruby. The family does not appear in the 1910 U.S. Census report for Bell County. However, they do appear in the 1920 U.S. Census report, living in Temple, Texas. The household includes Lou Spires, who is listed as divorced (the 1900 census report listed her as a widow), Mat, who was then 23, and who worked as a salesman in a shoe store, and his older sister, Ruby, and her husband, Joe Day, who worked as the manager of a racket store. By 1930, Mat S. Spires had married and moved to Austin. The 1930 U.S. Census report shows Mat S. and Idamae Spires renting an apartment at 605 W. 10th Street in Austin. Mat was then 33 years old, and was listed as the manager of a shoe store. Idamae Spires was also born in Texas, was then 28, and had no occupation listed. The couple had no children listed in the census report.

Mat Spires moved to Austin around 1921 - he is not listed in the 1920 city directory, but the 1922 directory shows him as the manager of the White Shoe House at 109 W. 6th Street. Spires was rooming at 203 W. 7th Street in 1922. He is listed as the manager of the White Shoe House in the 1924 directory, and was rooming at 710 Colorado Street. By 1927, Spires was the president of the French Boot Shop at 720 Congress Avenue. The White Shoe House was managed by an E.W. Hemphill. The 1929 directory shows Spires as the vice-president and the secretary treasurer of the French Boot Shop; he was then living at 605 W. 10th Street. He married Idamae in 1929 - she appears with him in the 1930 U.S. Census report, and in the 1930-31 city directory. The 1930 census report shows that they had been married for a year, and were renting the apartment at 605-B W. 10th Street for \$40 a month; he was listed as the manager of a shoe store. The directory shows the same address, but he was listed as the president of the French Boot Shop. By 1935, Spires was the vice-president of the French Boot Shop; Earl Boyd was the president. The store carried women's shoes exclusively. The 1937 directory shows that Spires had expanded his business - he was listed as the vice-president of the French Boot Shop, as well as the manager of the Bootery at 606 Congress Avenue. The Bootery was a new business – it was not listed in the 1935 directory. The 1939 directory reveals the same arrangement - Earl Boyd was the president of the French Boot Shop, while Spires was the vice-president of the French Boot Shop and manager of the Bootery. The arrangement apparently came to an end around 1940 - the 1940 directory shows Spires as the manager of the Bootery at 606 Congress Avenue and Earl Boyd as the manager of the French Boot Shop at 720 Congress Avenue. Roy Thomas, a prominent local architect, designed the façade of the Bootery in 1935.

When Spires married Idamae, they were living in an apartment at 605 W. 10th Street; they moved to 3206 Fairfax Walk by 1932; they stayed on Fairfax Walk until building this house on Hardouin Avenue in1937. He retired from the shoe business (The Bootery) in 1947. City directories after that time show him as retired. Idamae passed away in 1955, and Spires sold the house in 1960 to Roy and Rose Seekatz, moving to an apartment on Enfield Road. He died in 1968.

Roy Seekatz was a rodman for the City of Austin Engineering Department in the early 1930s, and opened his own business, the Capitol Linen Supply Company, in 1937 in what was the old Filling Station Restaurant (now demolished) on Barton Springs Road. Seekatz' business expanded over the years — he was one of Austin's premier laundry and dry cleaning operators in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, with four locations around town. He and Rose divorced in 1972, and Seekatz retired from the laundry business in 1973. Rose got this house in the divorce settlement, and sold it in 1974 to John and Leslie Gallery. John Gallery was a dean at the University of Texas. They lived here for only three years, and sold the house to attorney Robert Looney and his wife, Linda. The Looneys sold the house in 1986 to Anthony and Angela Woodbury. Anthony Woodbury was an assistant professor in linguistics at the University of Texas, and specializes in the documentation of endangered languages. The current owners, Hunter and Pamela Barrier, purchased the house from the Woodburys in 1999.

PARCEL NO.: 01150103040000

<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>: The East 25 feet of Lot 9 and the West 50 feet of Lot 10, Block 4, Pemberton Heights Section 1.

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$15,209 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,421 (50% of city taxes).

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,150,718

PRESENT USE: Single family residence

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNERS: C. Hunter and Pamela Barrier

DATE BUILT: ca. 1937

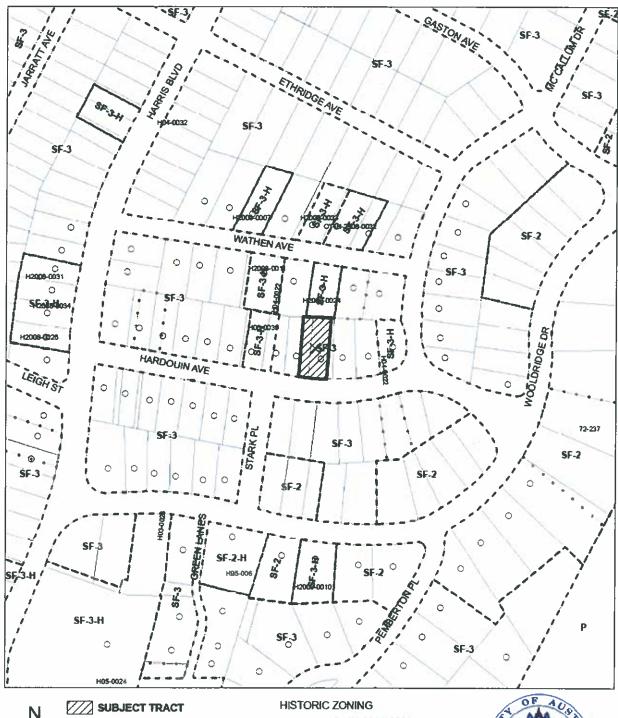
<u>ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS</u>: Renovation and expansion of the house, including a modern rear addition designed by Kevin Alter (2001).

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Mat S. and Idamae Spires (1937)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.



Spires-Seekatz House 1406 Hardouin Avenue





ZONING BOUNDARY

PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2009-0066 ADDRESS: 1406 HARDOUIN AVE SUBJECTAREA: 0.000 ACRES

GRID: H24

MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY





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SPIRES HOUSE

1406 Hardouin Avenue
Built: 1939
Owners: Pamela & Hunter Barrier
Moderne

Most suburban homebuilders in Pemberton Heights played it safe, and looked to the past and Europe for architectural inspiration. But the house Matt and Ida Spires built had very contemporary influences. The curved corner by the front door, the horizontal bands around the house, the brick panels above the front door and the low pitch roof all suggest art moderne influence, seen on a larger scale in the Bohn House on W. 29th St.

Spires was manager of Bootery, Inc. and later president of Texas Local Board No. 119. He and his wife lived in the house for twenty years. In 1961. Rose and Roy Seekatz, owners of Capitol Laundry, acquired the property and remained there twelve years. Thereafter, the house changed hands several times: University of Texas dean John Gallery and his wife Leslie acquired Spires House in 1975. Linda and Robert Looney in 1980, and Anthony and Angela Woodbury in 1987.

The present owners. Pamela and Hunter Barrier, working with Kevin Alter of the U.T. School of Architecture, did a most sensitive job renovating and expanding the house. Alter won an award for his careful blending of the old and new sections from the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Spires House was featured on the 2002 AlA Homes Tour.

Excerpt from the Heritage Society of Austin's Tour of Pemberton Heights



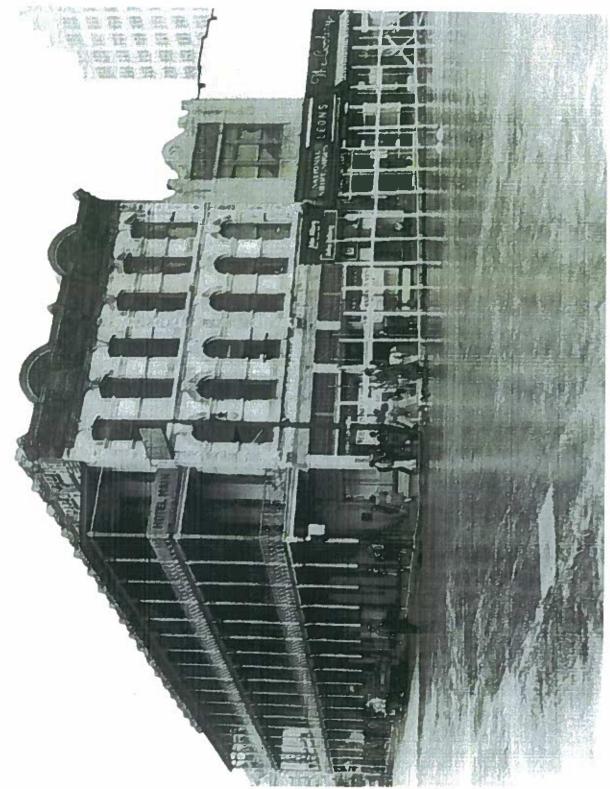
Advertisement for Mat Spires' French Boot Shop Austin American Statesman, February 15, 1931



Advertisement for Mat Spires' Bootery Austin American Statesman, May 7, 1939



Advertisement for Mat Spires' French Boot Shop Austin American Statesman, May 7, 1939



Undated photograph of Congress Avenue, showing the Bootery in the middle of the block.

The Bootery was designed by local architect Roy Thomas.

MRS. MATT 8. SPIRES Funeral services for Mrs. Matt Spires, 54. were held at the Weed-Corley Puneral Home Thursday with Dr. Marvin Vance of Burial was in Austin ficiating. Texas City; Bob Cox Brenner. Shreveport; Billie Brenner, Houston; Hartwell J. Kennard, McAllen; Dr. George Willeford, Harlingen; Boo Hammann, San Antonio; Ross Meader, Idaho; Leroy Spires. Sayder; Bryan Spires Jr., Galveston; Lexis Robinson, Austin and James Krause, Houston, nephews of the deceased.

Obituary of Idamae Spires Austin <u>Statesman</u> January 13, 1955

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Mr. Spires established The French Bootery and Walk Over Shoes and operated them until his retirement in 1947.

Runa Spires, Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Russell M. Riggins and Mrs. Ruby Day, both of Houston; niece, Mrs. Dorothy Krause and other nieres and nephews.

Funeral will be held at the Weed-Coriey Funeral Home Friday at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Carroll Chadwick, Center, will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Honorary palibearers will be all members of the Austin Masonic Bodies and friends.

Obituary of Matt Spires Austin American, September 5, 1968



Roy Seekatz' original plant, Capitol Laundry and Dry Cleaning 801 Barton Springs Road (demolished) Photo ca. 1937

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Advertisement for Roy Seekatz' Capitol Laundry and Dry Cleaning (no date)

Roy E. Seekatz

Roy E. Seekatz, 79, a lifetime resident of Austin, died Thursday.

Mr. Seekatz was a member of the Austin Country Club for over 50 years. He also owned and operated Capitol Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company from 1937, until his retirement in 1973.

Funeral services will be held at graveside at 4:00 PM, Friday in Austin Memorial Park, with Reverend Carl Schoss officiating.

Mr. Seekatz was the father of Thomas E. Seekatz of Austin; brother of Vivian Kingsbury of Austin, Jennie Fee Davis of Austin, Evelyn Knox of El Paso; and grandfather of Thomas E. Seekatz, Jr., Jeffrey C. Seekatz, Sean S. Cowher, and Anthony B. Seekatz, all of Austin.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Obituary of Roy Seekatz Austin <u>American-Statesman</u> April 10, 1987

A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING



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Revised February 15, 2005

D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

SUBMITTAL VERICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

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INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

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TAX CERTIFICATE Nelda Wells Spears Trav County Tax Assessor-Coll6 or P.O. Box 1748 Austin, Texas 78767 (512) 854-9473

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1501-0304-0000 PROPERTY OWNER: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: BARRIER C HUNTER & PAMELA 1406 HARDOUIN AVE AUSTIN, TX 78703-2517 E 25FT LOT 9 *& W 50FT LOT 10 BLK 4 PEMBERTON HEIGHTS SEC 1 ACRES 0.000 MIN% .00000 TYPE SITUS INFORMATION: 1406 HARDOUIN This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s): YEAR ENTITY
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ACC (TRAVIS) TOTAL 12,563.54 4,462.47 3,575.06 571.67 992.94 TOTAL SEQUENCE 22,165.68 TOTAL TAX: UNPAID FEES: INTEREST ON FEES: COMMISSION: 22,165.68 NONE * NONE * TOTAL DUR ==> 22,165,68 ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2009 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.
The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback takes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).
Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 10/07/2009 Nelda Wells Spears Tax Assessor-Collector Fee Paid: \$10.00

Occupancy History 1406 Hardouin

City Directory Research, Austin History Center November, 2009

1924 Address not listed

Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 710 Colorado and as the mgr.

of the White Shoe House

1927 Address not listed

Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 513 W. 6th St. and as pres. of French Boot Shop. Roy Seekatz is listed at 3409 West Ave. and

as a U.T. student.

1929 Address not listed

Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 605 W. 10th Street and v.p. & sec-treas. of the French Boot Shop at 720 Congress Ave. Roy Seekatz is listed at 3409 West Ave. and as a rodman for City Engineering.

1930 Address not listed

Note: Matthew Spires is listed as President of the French Boot Shop & residing at 605 W. 10th St. Roy Seekatz is listed at 3409 West Ave.

& as Instrument man for city engineering dept.

1932-33 Address not listed

Note: Matthew Spires is listed as Mgr. of the French Boot Shop and residing at 3206 Fairfax Walk. The French Boot Shop at 720 Congress lists Matt Spires as the President. Roy E. and Elizabeth Seekatz are

listed as residing at 605 W. 37th Street.

1935 Address not listed

Note: Matthew Spires is listed as VP of French Boot Shop which is at 720 Congress. His residence is listed at 3206 Fairfax Walk. Roy Seekatz is listed as living at 2211 Dam Blvd. but no business listing.

1937 Address not listed

Note: Matthew Spires is listed as Mgr. of The Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress.

His residence is at 3206 Fairfax. No listing for Roy Seekatz.

1939 M.S. Spires-owner (address is listed as 1416 Hardouin) He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress. Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 1300-A E. 6th Street. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr. 1940 M. S. Spires-owner (address is now listed as 1406 Hardouin) He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress. Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr. 1941 M. S. Spires-owner He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress. Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr. 1942 M. S. Spires-owner He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress. Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr. 1944-45 M. S. Spires-owner He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress. Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr. 1947 Matt Spires-owner Retired Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 4301 East Ave. and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119 1949 Matt Spires-owner Retired Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 4301 East Ave. and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119 1952 Matt Spires-owner Retired Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 4301 East Ave. and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119 1954 Matt Spires-owner Retired Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 602 E. 43rd and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119 1957 Matt Spires-owner Retired

Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 602 E. 43rd

1959	Matt Spires-owner Retired Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 602 E. 43rd
1962	Roy Seekatz-owner
1963	Roy and Rose Seekatz-owners Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 2505 Enfield #23
1965	Roy and Rose Seekatz-owners
1968	Roy and Rose Seekatz-owners
1971	Roy Seekatz-owner
1972	Roy Seekatz-owner
1973	Rose E. Kelly (formerly Seekatz)-owner Note: John Gallery not listed
1974	John & Leslie Gallery-owners John is listed as a dean at U.T.
1975	John & Leslie Gallery-owners John is listed as a dean at U.T.
1976	John & Leslie Gallery-owners John is listed as a dean at U.T. Note: Robert Looney is listed as a lawyer at 700 Rio Grande
1977	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as a lawyer at Booth, Lloyd and Simmons.
1978	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as a lawyer at Booth, Lloyd and Simmons.
1981	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as VP-Texas Assoc. of Business
1983	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as Sr. VP-Texas Assoc. of Business

1984	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as Sr. VP-Texas Assoc. of Business Note: Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and residing at 2408 Winstead Rd.
1985-86	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as Sr. VP-Texas Assoc. of Business Note: Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and residing at 2408 Winstead Rd.
1987	No return
1988	Anthony and Angela Woodbury-owners Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and Angela is listed as Assoc. at McGinnis, Lockridge, and Kilgore
1992	Anthony and Angela Woodbury-owners Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and Angela is listed as Assoc. at McGinnis, Lockridge, and Kilgore
1996	Anthony and Angela Woodbury-owners Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and Angela is listed as Assoc. at McGinnis, Lockridge, and Kilgore
1997	Angela Woodbury-owner

Biographies of Matt S. and Ida Mae Spires

Matt Spires was formerly from Temple, Texas before coming to Austin, where he would reside for the next 47 years. Matt began his retail career as manager of the White Shoe House in 1924. A few years later he became president and owner of the French Boot Shop, which was located at 720 Congress Ave. In 1937, Matt was listed as the manager of The Bootery, Inc., located at 606 Congress. He retired 10 years later, in 1947. In addition to The Bootery, Spires owned and operated a second shoe store, Walk Over Shoes.

Matt Spires was a member of the First Methodist Church, Hill City Lodge, 32nd degree Scottish Rite, Ben Hur Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, and the Austin Country Club. He was also president of Texas Local Board No. 119.

Spires was married to Ida Mae Spires. The Spires received a building permit from the City of Austin on September 9, 1937 to build a brick veneer 2-story house with frame garage at 1406 Hardouin Ave. The house was built with very contemporary influences. The curved corner by the front door, the horizontal bands around the house, the brick panels above the front door, and the low pitch roof all suggest art moderne influence, seen on a larger scale in the Bohn House on W. 29th Street.

The Spires lived in the house for 23 years, until Matt sold it to Roy and Rose Seekatz.

Biographies of Roy E. & Rose Seekatz

Roy Seekatz and his wife, Rose, bought the house in 1960. Prior to this, they were listed as residing at 602 E. 43rd Street. Mr. Seekatz worked as a rodman for the City of Austin Engineering Department beginning around 1929. In 1937, Roy opened his own business, Capitol Linen Supply Company at 801 Barton Springs Road. His business grew and eventually he had four locations in Austin. Seekatz owned and operated Capitol Laundry and Dry Cleaning from 1937 until his retirement in 1973. Roy was a member of the Austin Country Club for over 50 years and also the Secretary of the Texas Local Board #119.

Rose and Roy divorced around 1972, and the house was deeded over to Rose, who took the name Rose Kelly. The following year, Rose sold the house to John and Leslie Gallery.

Biographies of John and Leslie Gallery

John and Leslie Gallery bought the house in 1974 and resided there until 1977. Prior to this house, they were not listed in the Austin City Directory. During there time in the house, John was a dean at the University of Texas.

Biographies of Robert and Linda Looney

Robert and Linda bought the house in 1977 and owned it until 1986. Prior to living in this house, Robert was listed as a lawyer at 700 Rio Grande. He then went into practice with Booth, Lloyd and Simmons, before vice president and then senior vice president of the Texas Association of Business. Robert is currently chairman of the Legislative Committee at the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

Biographies of Anthony and Angela Woodbury

Anthony and Angela Woodbury bought the house in 1986 and owned it for 13 years. Prior to that, Anthony Woodbury was listed as an assistant professor at U.T. and was residing at 2408 Winstead Road. Angela was an associate at McGinnis, Lockridge and Kilgore.

Anthony is a professional linguist specializing in the documentation of endangered languages. He participated in the documentation of Cup'ik, a language of southwestern Alaska, and Chatino, a language of Oaxaca, Mexico, and was involved in the formation of general and strategies for language documentation and description. He is part of the Foundation for Endangered Languages.

Biographies of Pamela and Hunter Barrier

Pamela and Hunter Barrier bought the Spires-Seekatz House in 1991. The Barriers worked with Kevin Alter of the U.T. School of Architecture to renovate and expand the house. The house was featured on the 2002 AIA Homes Tour.

Pamela Hochberg Barrier was raised in Dallas, Texas and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1979. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Newcomb College of Tulane University in 1983. Charles Hunter Barrier was born in Rochester, Minnesota and moved to Temple Texas at age four. Later his family moved to Dallas and then Ft. Worth where he graduated high school from Ft. Worth Country Day School in 1975. Hunter received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1979.

Pamela and Hunter Barrier met in Austin in 1984 after both attended graduate school at The University of Texas. Pamela received a Master of Business Administration and moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a career in health policy. Hunter completed graduate studies in Construction Management and moved to D.C. to pursue opportunities in real estate. Pamela joined a health policy and marketing company, Health Technology Associates, where she served as Division Director for pharmaceutical support programs. In D.C., Hunter

worked for several national real estate investment and development companies including Union Pacific Realty Company and CarrAmerica.

In 1991, Pamela and Hunter married in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Both of their children were born while living in Northern Virginia: Charles Bennett Barrier in 1993 and Victoria Brett Barrier in 1995.

In 1999, Pamela and Hunter returned to Austin where Hunter continued his real estate career as President of McShane Corporation, a Chicago-based development and construction company and later served as President & CEO of Opus South Corporation, an Atlanta based real estate company.

After a successful health-care career, Pamela obtained her certification as an Academic Language Therapist (ALT) specializing in teaching literacy skills to children diagnosed with dyslexia. She currently works at Trinity Episcopal School where she serves as Learning Specialist for the Lower School.

Pamela and Hunter are active in numerous professional and philanthropic organizations including Austin Art League, Helping Hand of Austin, Habitat for Humanity, the Urban Land Institute, and others.