

# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

**CASE NUMBER:** C14H-2012-0005

**HLC DATE:**

December 17, 2012

**PC DATE:**

**APPLICANT:** Doug Guller

**HISTORIC NAME:** Webb-Shaw Building, East half

**WATERSHED:** Lady Bird Lake

**ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE:** 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

**ZONING FROM:** CBD to CBD-H

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from central business district (CBD) district to central business district – Historic Landmark (CBD-H) combining district zoning.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:**

The eastern half of the Webb-Shaw Building qualifies for landmark designation as an excellent, intact example of a 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial building, and for its long associations with pioneer merchants James and Joseph Webb, and the W.J. Shaw family, who owned and operated a large furniture store on the premises for many years.

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:**

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The building is a Priority 1 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:**

**ACTION:**

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Steve Sadowsky

**PHONE:** 974-6454

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:** Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

**Architecture:**

Two-story rectangular-plan brick commercial building with a central, partial-width segmental-arched parapet containing the words “J.A. Webb & Bro.”. The building has an ornamented cornice with decorative brackets, tablets between the brackets, and dentils at the cornice line. The four-bay building has a modern wooden storefront and segmental-arched 1:1 windows on the second story with raised brick drip moldings and stone sills. A rectangular wood and metal canopy extends across the entire building. Historic photographs show that the original windows on the second story were 4:4, and that there was originally a multi-light transom above the show windows on the ground floor. The windows and the transoms have been replaced.

### Historical Associations:

The building appears to date from 1873, when John A. Webb first opened a hardware store on the site. A newspaper story in the Austin Daily Statesman on October 16, 1874 indicates that John A. Webb came to Austin about two years prior, and the Austin Democratic Statesman of July 16, 1873 has an advertisement for the business, indicating that they were located on Pecan (6<sup>th</sup>) Street in the second block off Congress Avenue, which is the location of the instant building, between Brazos and San Jacinto. The 1872-73 city directory notes the address of Webb's hardware store as Pecan Street between Brazos and San Jacinto – the 1877-78 city directory is the first to list the address as 212 E. Pecan Street. The 1872 directory lists the business as the J.A. Webb hardware store, but by 1873, his brother Joseph W. Webb had joined the business, which was then known as John A. Webb & Brother. They began selling hardware and agricultural implements by 1877, and expanded to farm machinery by 1879. By 1881, they had expanded further to make wagons and included a blacksmith shop, which was located on the north side of Bois d'Arc (7<sup>th</sup>) Street between Trinity and Neches Streets. Listings in the city directories through the 1880s indicated that their businesses included carriages, wagons, and agricultural implements, and their business was located at 212-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, which included the building just to the west, and both bays of this building. In the 1890s, the Webbs' business was at 212 and 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; because the city directories of the period do not have address listings, it is difficult to determine whether the Webb brothers' business included both bays of the building at 214 (which had also had an address of 216 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, but it seems likely given the central parapet over the entire building now known as 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street). By the late 1890s, the Webbs were also selling bicycles from the building as well as carriages, buggies, hardware, and agricultural implements.

The 1905 city directory shows that Joseph W. Webb joined with Howard H. Taylor and James B. Perry in a hardware business at 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and had carriages at 218 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (just to the east of this building). At 214-16 (this building), John H. Webb had a wholesale hardware business. The entire section of the block from 212 to 218 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street was the Webb, Taylor & Perry wholesale hardware store and carriage repository according to the 1906-07 city directory, but by 1909, Webb, Taylor & Perry occupied only 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Robert E. Warren had a notions store at 214-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (the west side of this building) was vacant in 1910, while Webb, Taylor & Perry maintained their wholesale hardware business at 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup>. At 216 E. 6<sup>th</sup> (the east side of this building), Andrew and Murdow McAngus had a grocery business. (They later moved to 607 San Jacinto, which is a city landmark known as the McAngus House). Joseph W. Webb and James B. Perry continued to operate a carriage business at 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street through the early 1910s, while Claude L. Carter operated the Texas Garage at 214-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, where he also sold automobiles and auto accessories. By 1916, both 212 and 214-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street were vacant, but by 1918, Edward H. Taylor had opened a furniture and automobile salesroom with an address of 212-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. In 1920, K.C. Miller and J.E. McClellan operated a furniture business at 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street while Edward H. Taylor continued his furniture business at 214-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The early 1920s saw more auto dealerships in the building at 214-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup>, with an Oakland dealership occupying the space in 1924.

Wilson and Shaw Furniture Company opened at 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street around 1921 with Henry Linam as the manager. The concern became known as the Wilson Furniture Company by 1927, and the Linam Furniture Company by 1929; at 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (the western half of this building), C.J. Martin & Sons operated a feed and seed retail store; they manufactured sanitary chemicals, stock dips, and poultry remedies at their factory on E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and

maintained their retail operation in the western half of the building until the early 1940s. A paint company, Santa Fe Salvage, operated out of the eastern half of the building from the mid-1920s through the mid-1940s. The 1935 Sanborn map shows the configuration of the building, with the paint company on the east, and a store (the seed company) on the west.

Both buildings were associated with furniture companies from the mid-1940s through the mid-1970s. William J. Shaw Furniture Company operated at 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from 1931 to 1953; James H. Barker had the Barker Furniture Company at 214-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from 1946 to 1950; the space then became the Gage Furniture Company, which took over the former Shaw Furniture store by 1953, and operated here until the mid-1950s. Larry Craddock opened the Craddock Furniture Company in both buildings (212 and 214-16) in the mid-1950s, and operated the business here until the mid-1970s. Crown Jewelry and Furniture Company operated here from the mid-1970s through the late 1980s; the building was vacant in 1992, and then became restaurants and bars, which remain the tenants to this day.

**PARCEL NO.:** 02060312100000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The East 22.5 feet of Lot 4, and the West 23 feet of Lot 5, Block 68, Original City.

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$9,563 (commercial); city portion: \$2,669.

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,487,799

**PRESENT USE:** Bar/restaurant

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNERS:** Whimsical Notions, Inc.

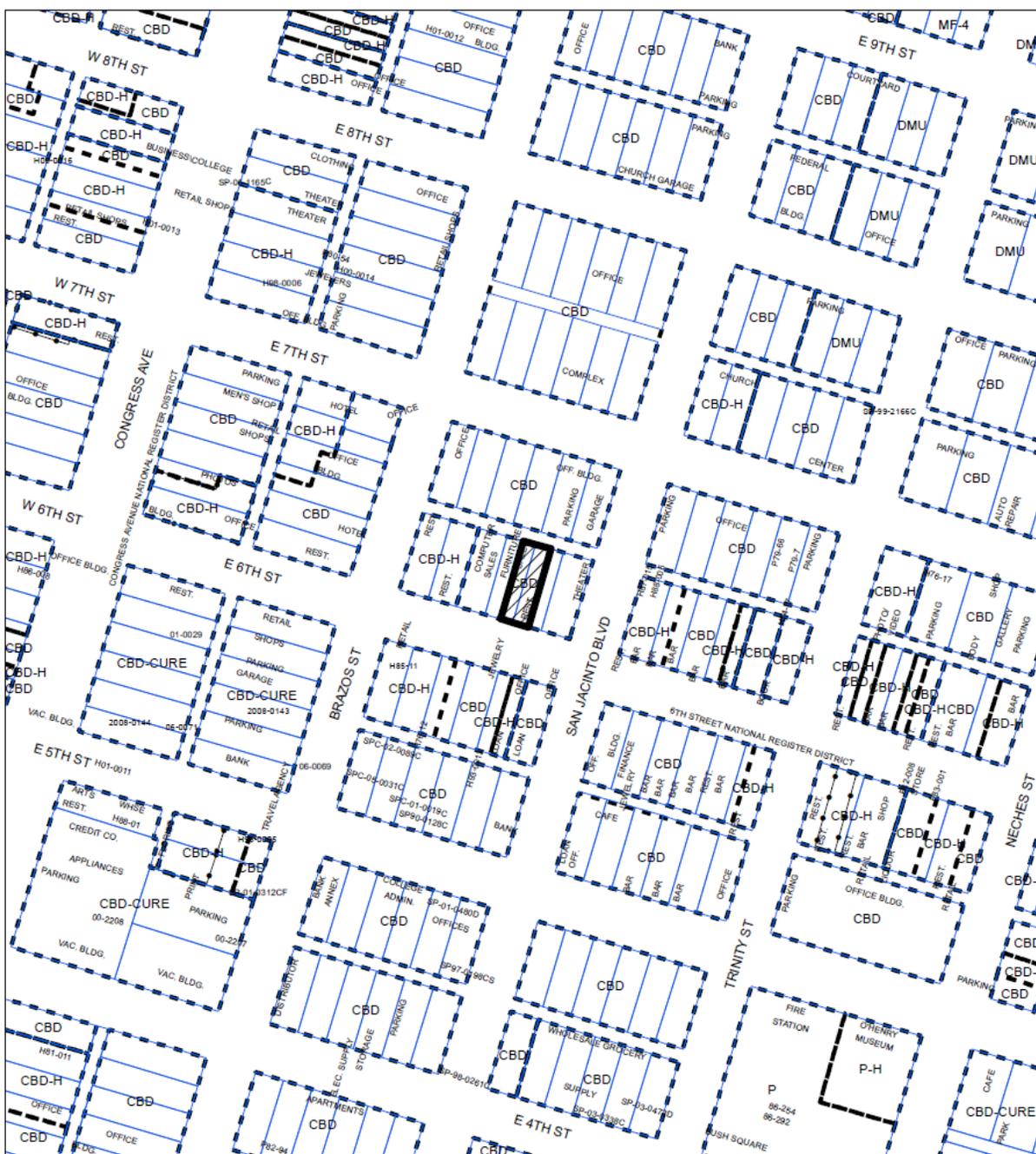
**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1873

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** Modern storefront; otherwise a completely intact 19<sup>th</sup> century exterior.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** John A. Shaw (1873)

**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** Contributing to the Sixth Street National Register Historic District.

LOCATION MAP



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-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**HISTORIC ZONING**

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2012-0005



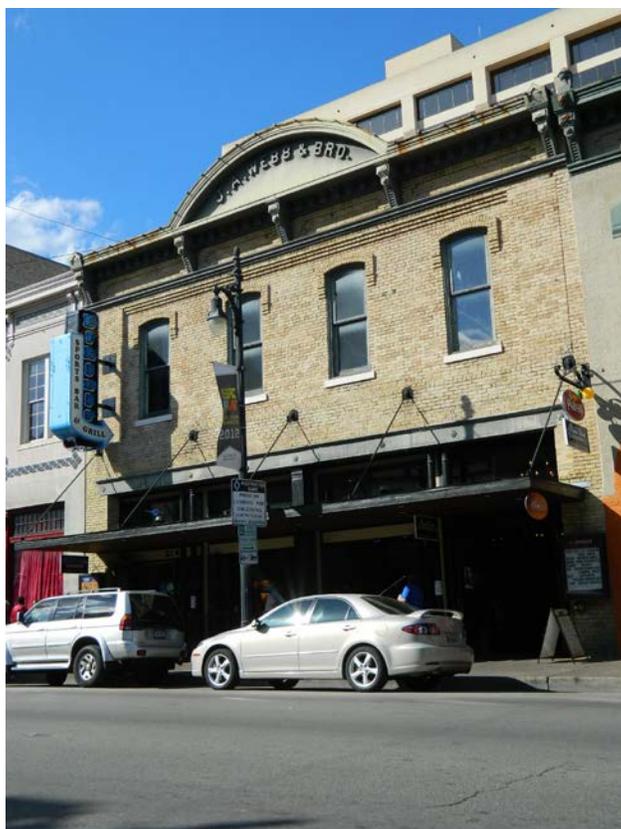
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214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1873

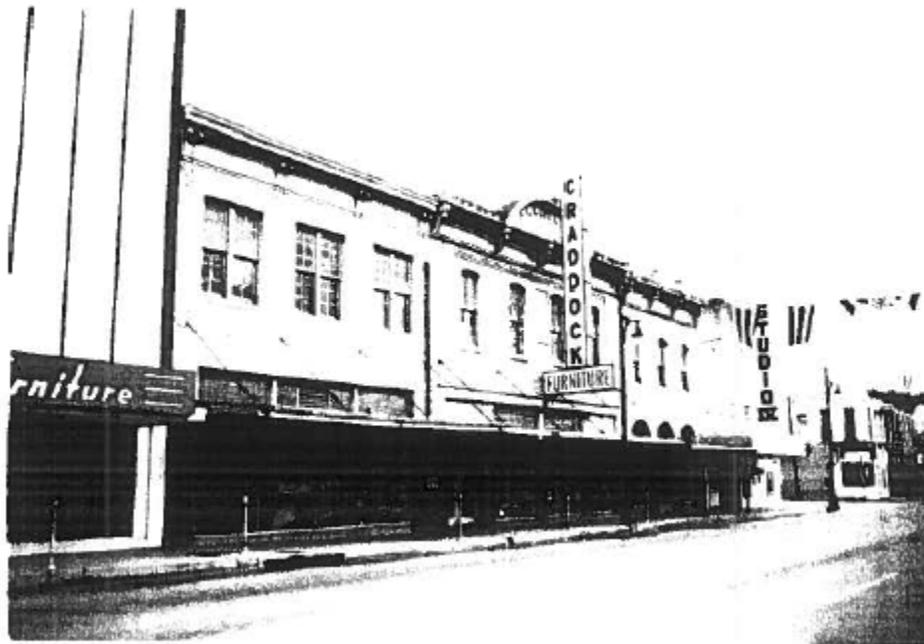


The already-landmarked section of the Webb-Shaw Building is to the left in the photograph with the multi-light sash windows on the second floor and the ornamental tile-work between the first and second floors.





An undated photograph, (but probably mid-1980s) shows the 4:4 windows on the second story of the building. These were replaced at an unknown date.



This 1969 photograph shows the 4:4 windows in the second story of the building as well as the multi-light transoms above the canopy. The current owner has restored the flat wooden canopy.

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2012

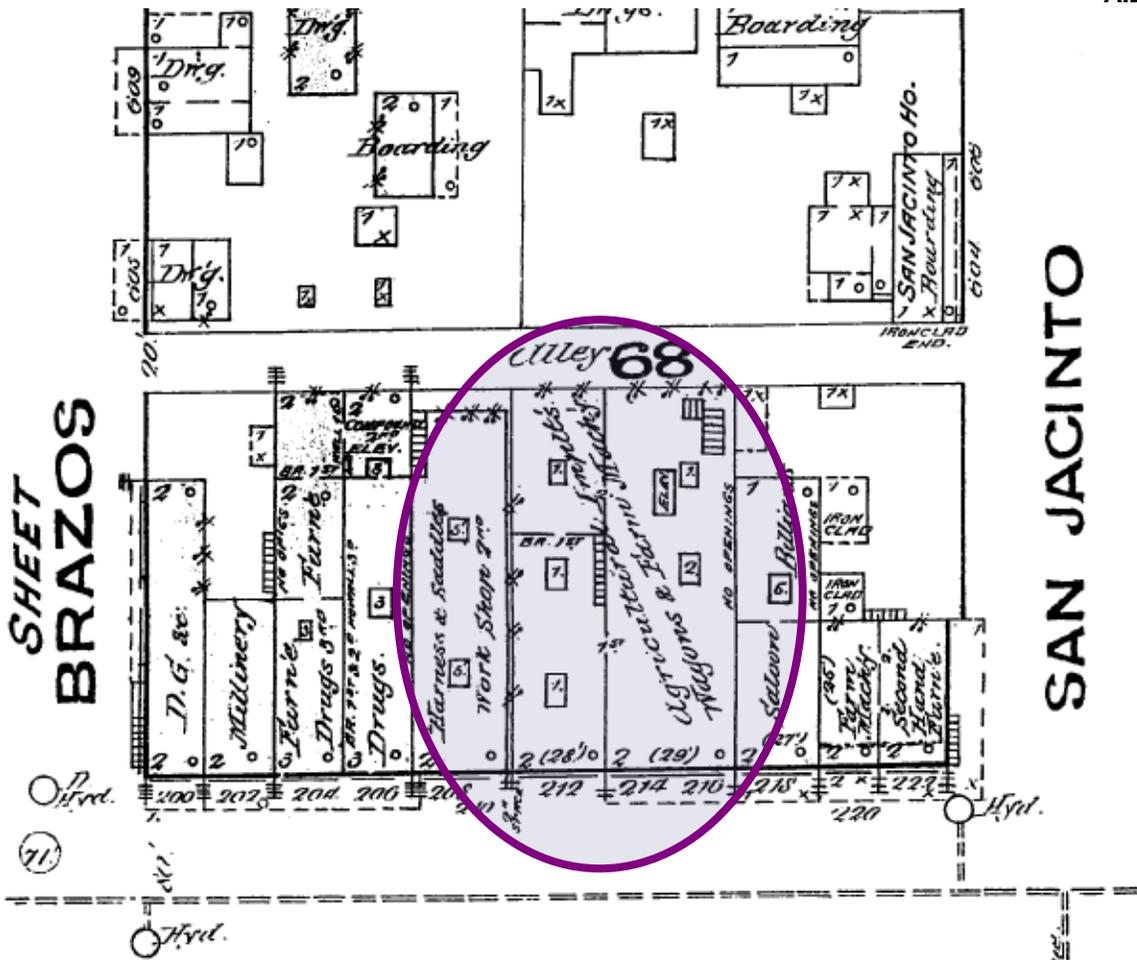
1992	212: Jazz, A Louisiana Kitchen
	214: Vacant
1985-86	212: Hannig Row Market Suites Hip Pocket Sandwich Shop 1876 Bar Biardi's Restaurant Café Rio Restaurant Sebastian's Restaurant
	214: Crown Jewelry and Furniture (Elliott Silverstone, president)
1980	212: Electro-Data Inc. (R.A. Curtis, president)
	212a: Economy Loan Company (Jim and B.J. Lock, proprietors) Cooke Insurance Company (John L. Cooke)
	212b: Austin Empire Loans (John L. Cooke) – Loans from \$5 to \$100.
	214: Brown Jewelry and Furniture Company (Elliott Silverstone, president)

1976	212:	Vacant
	214:	Craddock Furniture Company (Mrs. Theresa H. Craddock, Larry I. Craddock, Larry I. Craddock, Jr., and Betty T. Pressler)
1972		Neither 212 nor 214 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street is listed separately as an address. NOTE: Craddock Furniture Company is listed as occupying 210-18 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, with the showrooms at 208 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1967		Neither 212 nor 214 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street is listed separately as an address. NOTE: Craddock Furniture Company is listed as occupying 210-18 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1963		Neither 212 nor 214 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street is listed separately as an address. NOTE: Craddock Furniture Company is listed as occupying 210-18 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1958		Neither 212 nor 214 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street is listed separately as an address. NOTE: Craddock Furniture Company is listed as occupying 210-14 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1954	212-16:	Gage Furniture Company (Louie L. Gage)
1952	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company (Sam O. Albert, Nena G. Shaw, Christine Thomas)
	214-16:	Gage Furniture Company (Louie L. Gage)
1949	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company (Nena G. Shaw, Sam O. Shaw, Christine Shaw, Albert G. Shaw)
	214-16:	Barker Furniture Company (James H. Barker)
1947	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, home and office furniture, stoves, ranges, rugs, and shades (Nena and Sam O. Shaw)
	214-16:	Barker Furniture Company (James H. Barker)
1944-45	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, home and office furniture, stoves, ranges, rugs, and shades (Nena Saw, William J. Shaw, Jr., Sam O. Shaw)
	214:	Farmers Seed and Supply Company (O.E. Smith, manager)
	216:	Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (Tess McCoy, manager)
1941	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, household furniture, stoves, rugs, furniture repair and refinishing (William J. Shaw and William J. Shaw, Jr.)
	214:	Martin's Feed Store (Leo A. Martin)
	216:	Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (Charles McCoy, manager.
1939	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, household furniture, stoves, rugs, furniture repair and refinishing (William J. Shaw and William J. Shaw, Jr.)
	214:	Martin's Seed Store (Leo A. Martin)
	216:	Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (Charles A. McCoy, manager)
1937	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, household furniture, stoves, rugs, furniture repair and refinishing (William J. Shaw and William J. Shaw, Jr.)
	214:	Martin's Seed Store (Leo A. Martin)
	216:	Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (Louis C. Stiffler) NOTE: The directory indicates that Louis C. Stiffler also lived on the premises.

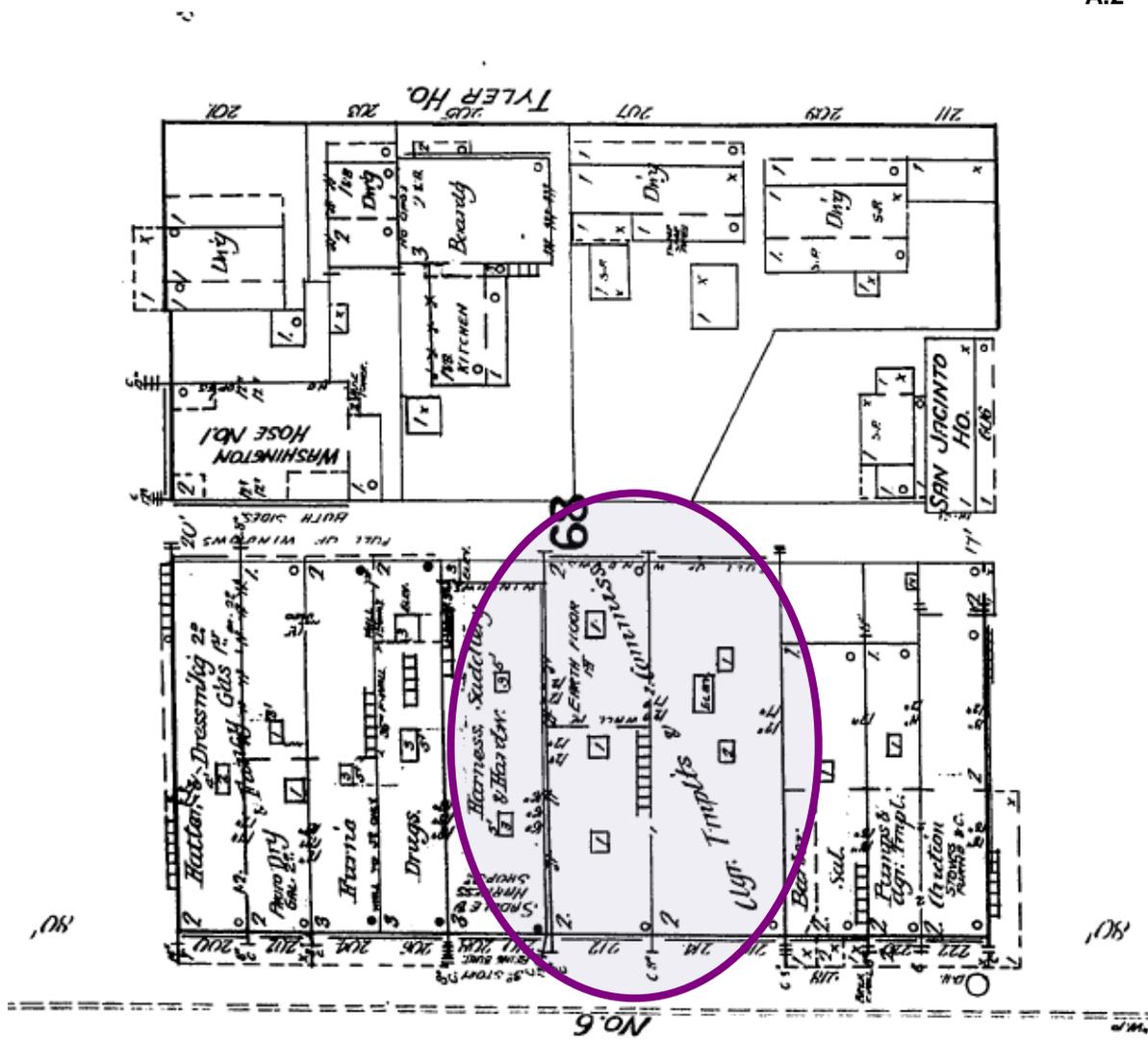
- 1935      212:      W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, household furniture, stoves, rugs, furniture repair and refinishing (William J. Shaw and William J. Shaw, Jr.)  
             214:      C.J. Martin & Sons, seeds (Mrs. C.J. Martin, Charles E. Martin, and Leo Martin); retail store, 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; office, 815 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.  
             216:      Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (B.L. Guess, manager)
- 1932-33    212:      W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, household furniture, stoves, rugs, furniture repair and refinishing (William J. Shaw and William J. Shaw, Jr.; Henry L. Linam, sales manager)  
             214:      C.J. Martin & Sons, seeds (Mrs. C.J. Martin, Charles E. Martin, and Leo Martin), seedsmen and manufacturers and jobbers of sanitary chemicals, stock dip, and poultry remedies, retail store, 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, office and factory, 815 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.  
             216:      Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (B.L. Guess, manager)
- 1930-31    212:      W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, household furniture, stoves, rugs, furniture repair and refinishing (William J. Shaw; Henry L. Linam, sales manager)  
             214:      C.J. Martin & Sons, seeds (Mrs. C.J. Martin, Charles E. Martin, and Leo Martin), seedsmen and manufacturers and jobbers of sanitary chemicals, stock dip, and poultry remedies, retail store, 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, office and factory, 815 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.  
             216:      Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (B.L. Guess, manager)
- 1929      212:      Linam Furniture Company, furniture repair, refinishing, and upholstering (Bert B. Linam and Henry L. Linam)  
                  NOTE: Shaw Furniture Company is not listed in the directory.  
             214:      C.J. Martin & Sons, seeds (Mrs. C.J. Martin, Charles E. Martin, and Leo Martin), seedsmen and manufacturers and jobbers of sanitary chemicals, stock dip, and poultry remedies, retail store, 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, office and factory, 815 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.  
             216:      Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (B.L. Guess, manager)
- 1927      212:      Wilson Furniture Company (G.M. Beadle, manager)  
             214:      C.J. Martin & Sons, seeds (Mrs. M.B. Martin, Charles E. Martin, and Leo Martin), seedsmen and manufacturers and jobbers of sanitary chemicals, stock dip, and poultry remedies, retail store, 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, office and factory, 815 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.  
             216:      Santa Fe Salvage Company, paints (B.L. Guess, manager)
- 1924      212:      Wilson and Shaw Furniture Company, furniture, stoves, and rugs (Henry Linam, manager)  
                  NOTE: William J. Shaw is not listed in the directory.  
             214-16:    Oakland Sales Company, Oakland automobiles (C. Daniel Carlson)  
                  NOTE: C.J. Martin & Sons had their retail store at 112-18 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and their factory at 815 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street; Charles J. Martin was still alive and the proprietor of the business.

1922	212:	Wilson & Shaw Furniture, furniture, stoves, and rugs (Henry Linam, manager)
	214:	Nickell Motor Car Company (Lucien R. Nickell) Max C. Kluge, auto repair
	216:	William P. Bankston, shoemaker
1920	212:	Miller & McClellan, furniture and house furnishings (K.C. Miller and James E. McClellan)
	214-16:	Edward H. Taylor, furniture
		NOTE: K.C. Miller opened a furniture store at 222 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1918	212-16:	Ed H. Taylor, furniture and automobiles
1916	212:	Vacant
	214-16:	Texas Garage (Claude L. Carter)
1914	212:	Webb & Perry, carriages (Joseph W. Webb and James B. Perry)
	214-16:	Texas Garage (Claude L. Carter)
1912-13	212:	Webb & Perry, carriages (Joseph W. Webb and James B. Perry)
	214-16:	Texas Garage, automobiles, accessories, and garage (Claude L. Carter)
1910-11	212:	Webb, Taylor & Perry, wholesale hardware and carriage repository (Joseph W. Webb, Howard H. Taylor, and James B. Perry); also at 218 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
	214:	Vacant
	216:	McAngus Brothers, groceries (Andrew and Murdow K. McAngus)
1909-10	212:	Webb, Taylor & Perry, wholesale hardware (Joseph W. Webb, Howard H. Taylor, and James B. Perry); carriages at 218 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
	214-16:	Robert E. Warren, notions NOTE: Robert E Warren had a five-and-dime store at 619 Congress Avenue and at 215 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1906-07	212-18:	Webb, Taylor & Perry, hardware and carriage repository (Joseph W. Webb, Howard H. Taylor, and James B. Perry)
1905	212:	Webb, Taylor & Perry, hardware and carriage repository (Joseph W. Webb, Howard H. Taylor, and James B. Perry) NOTE: Webb, Taylor & Perry also had space at 218 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
	214-16:	John H. Webb & Brother, wholesale hardware (John H. Webb and Hugh Webb)
1903-04	212-18:	John A. Webb & Brother, hardware, agricultural implements, carriages, and buggies (Joseph W. Webb, John H. Webb, and Hugh Webb)
1900-01	212-18:	John A. Webb & Brother, hardware, agricultural implements, carriages, and buggies (John A. and Joseph W. Webb) NOTE: John H. Webb is listed as a clerk for the company.

1898-99	212-14:	John A. Webb & Brother, hardware, agricultural implements, carriages, and bicycles (John W. Webb and Joseph W. Webb) NOTE: John H. Webb is listed as a clerk for the company; Hugh Webb is listed as a billing clerk for the company.
1897-98	212-14:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages and agricultural implements (John W. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1895-96	212-14:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages and agricultural implements (John W. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1893-94	212-14:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages and agricultural implements (John W. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1891-92	212-14:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages, buggies, and agricultural implements (John W. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1889-90	212:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages, buggies, and agricultural implements (John W. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1887-88	212-16:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages, wagons, agricultural implements (John A. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1885-86	212-16:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages, wagons, agricultural implements (John A. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1883-84	212-16:	John A. Webb & Brother, carriages, wagons, agricultural implements (John A. Webb and Joseph W. Webb)
1881-82		John A. Webb & Brother, hardware and agricultural implements (John A. Webb and Joseph W. Webb) NOTE: The address is listed as the north side of Pecan Street between Brazos and San Jacinto. NOTE: The Webb Brothers also had a wagon and blacksmith shop on the north side of Bois d'Arc Street between Trinity and Neches Streets.
1879-80		John A. Webb & Brother, hardware, farm machinery, and agricultural implements (John A. Webb and Joseph W. Webb) NOTE: The store is listed as being on the north side of Pecan Street between Brazos and San Jacinto.
1877-78		John A. Webb & Brother, hardware and agricultural implements (John A. Webb and Joseph W. Webb) NOTE: The address is listed as 212 E. Pecan Street.
1872-73		John A. Webb & Brother, hardware (John A. Webb and Joseph W. Webb) NOTE: The store is listed as being on Pecan Street between Brazos and San Jacinto.
1872		J.A. Webb Hardware Store No address is given.

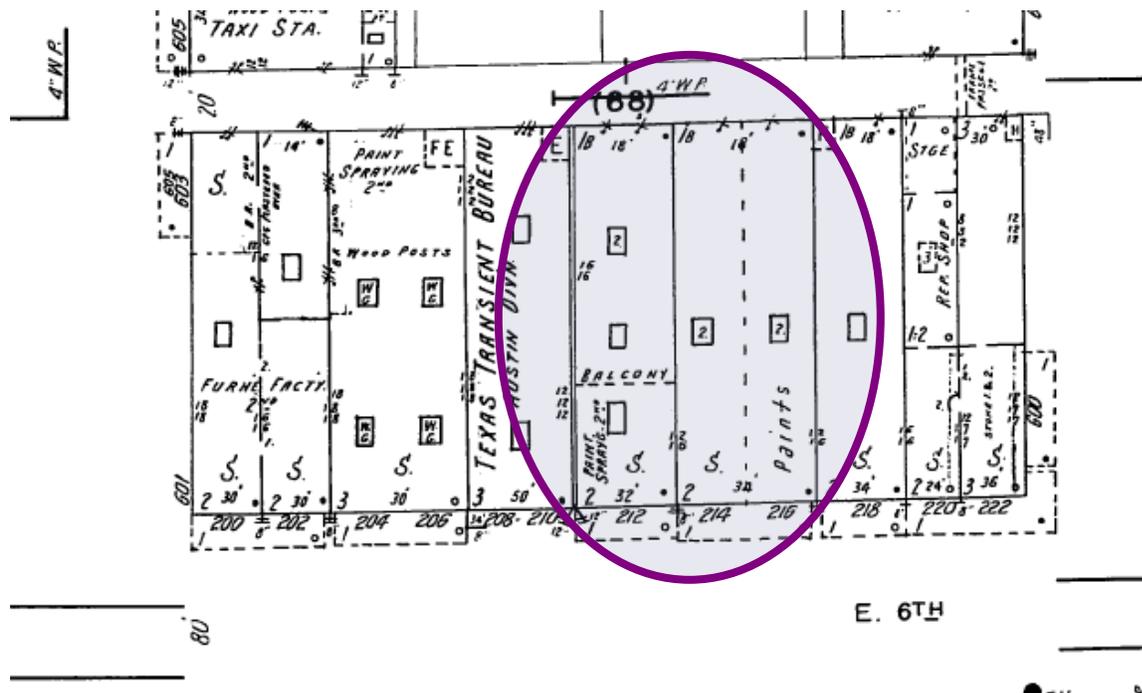


The buildings appear on the 1885 Sanborn map, showing the business as agricultural implements, wagons, and farm machinery.



The 1889 Sanborn map shows the building as housing agricultural implements.





The 1935 Sanborn map shows paint mixing in 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup>, and a store and paints in 214-16 E. 6<sup>th</sup>. The 1935 city directory shows the W.J. Shaw Furniture Company at 212 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; C.J. Martin & Sons seed company at 214 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Santa Fe Salvage Company, a paint store, at 216 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

✓ The WEBB-SHAW BUILDING was occupied by J. A. Webb & Bro., dealers in hardware, farm machinery and agricultural implements by 1885, but the building may have been there as early as 1875. The facade was altered in the 1920's to its present appearance by Wilson & Shaw Furniture Co., which became W. J. Shaw Furniture Co. in 1930. Shaw Furniture operated in the building until 1953, when the company was sold to Gage Furniture Co.

-Information compiled from the files of the Austin-Travis County Collection by Binnie Hoffman.

## HISTORICAL SUMMARY - WEBB-SHAW BUILDING

212 E. 6th

The building at 212 E. 6th St. was probably built ca. 1885 for J. A. Webb & Bro., dealers in hardware, farm machinery and agricultural implements. J. A. Webb & Bro. was established in 1872 just across Pecan St. (6th St.) from this location. In the 1890's Webb was State Agent for Weir Plow Co. of Monmouth, Ill., Winona Wagon Co. and Kauffman Carriage Co. Both John A. and Joseph W. Webb were described in Industrial Advantages of Austin, 1894, as "prominent citizens of the community." After their deaths at the turn of the century, the building was known as Webb, Taylor & Perry Hardware from ca. 1905 to 1911.

The building's occupants varied until 1922 when Wilson & Shaw Furniture Co. moved in with Henry Linam as Manager. There was a chain of Wilson & Shaw Furniture Co. stores in Texas with locations in San Antonio (managed by Obie W. Wilson), Galveston (managed by William J. Shaw), Port Arthur, Houston and Corpus Christi. Wilson & Shaw dissolved their partnership ca. 1926, with Wilson retaining all the locations except Galveston, which went to Shaw. Wilson moved to Phoenix, Arizona, ca. 1928 and Shaw moved to the Austin store location in 1930, renaming it W. J. Shaw Furniture Co. The building was owned by Wallace Miller, son-in-law of Mayor Tom Miller. Miller tried to sell the building to Shaw in 1933 for \$17,000 because of financial difficulties caused by the Great Depression, according to Shaw's son, Samuel O. Shaw.

A suicide was committed under the interior stairs of the building in the 1920's. Samuel Shaw was told by his father that a store manager named Stephenson was accused by O. W. Wilson of embezzling from the company and Stephenson subsequently shot himself.

W. J. Shaw died in 1942, leaving his son, W. J. Shaw, Jr., to run the store for his mother, Nena G. Shaw. W. J., Jr., died in 1945 after contracting leukemia in Guadalcanal, at which time his younger brother, Samuel Shaw, took charge of the family business with the assistance of his brother Albert G. and sister Christine. W. J. Shaw Furniture Co. was open at the 6th St. location until 1953, when it was sold out to Gage Furniture Co. Sam Shaw became Credit Manager of Cabaniss-Brown Furniture and now is partially retired while being employed part-time in the credit department of Gage Furniture Co.

Sam Shaw asserts that there was such a concentration of furniture stores in the 200 block of E. 6th St. during his years there, all vying for customers in a highly competitive business, that it was known in jest as "Robbers' Row."

Sam Shaw was 13 or 14 years old in 1930 when his father reopened his furniture store at 212 E. 6th after moving the family to Austin from Galveston. At that time the building facade was covered with plaster, double windows had been installed at the second floor in place of the earlier arched single-width openings, and the ground floor facade had been altered to allow for more glass display area and a multi-paned transom above the suspended metal-clad canopy. The building was painted white, with red trim (probably tiles) and a grey cornice. Mr. Shaw says his father liked to paint and probably painted the building himself. The

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building facade was altered again, probably in the late 1950's, after W. J. Shaw Furniture Co. was bought out, with a modern metal and glass storefront. The building was sold by Tom Miller Jr. to Hiram Brown of Cabaniss-Brown Furniture Co. in recent years.

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**AGRICULTURAL.**—One of the best evidences of the rapid development of the agricultural interests of this country, and Western Texas generally, is the rapid growth of the agricultural establishments of this city. About two years ago, Mr. John A. Webb & Bro. came to this city with a small stock of hardware, plows, etc., and so rapid has been the growth of their business, that to-day they have one of the largest establishments in the city. It is true that their success is to be greatly accounted for by their energy and fine business qualities, but had the country not been prosperous and immigration heavy, they could not have accomplished so much in so short a time. Their large store on Pecan street is literally packed up stairs and down with everything pertaining to hardware goods and agricultural implements, which they sell at wholesale and retail. We respectfully call the attention of farmers generally to their stocks of wagon material, the Peter Shuttler wagons, Garden City gang plows, Garden City combined cultivators, sulky and breaking plows, grain drills, harrows, Wood's Mowers and reapers, corn planters and revolving rakes, etc. They also keep blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, etc., etc. Read their advertisement.

News story on the growth of Austin  
Austin Daily Statesman, October 16, 1874

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**JOHN A. WEBB & BRO.**

DEALERS IN

**Hardware**

**IRON AND STEEL,**

**Blacksmith's Tools,**

**CARPENTER'S AND**

**FARMER'S HARDWARE,**

**Pecan Street, Austin, Texas,**

Respectfully call the attention of buyers, wholesale and retail, to their stock of

**Iron, Steel, Coal**

AND

**WAGON MATERIAL.**

Also to the Unrivalled

**PETER SHUTTLE WAGON,**

BEYOND DISPUTE THE

**BEST MADE AND FINISHED WAGON**

**In the Union—The King of Wagons!**

**FURST & BRADLEY**

**Garden City Plows,**

**Garden City Gang Plows,**

**THE PREMIUM PLOWS OF THE UNION!**

**Garden City Combined Cultivators,**

**GARDEN CITY SULKY**

**AND BREAKING PLOWS,**

**EAGLE GRAIN DRILLS,**

**FRIEDMAN HARROWS,**

**WOOD'S**

**Mowers and Reapers**

**BROWN'S CORN PLANTERS,**

**SULKY AND REVOLVING HAY RAKES,**

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Advertisement for John A. Webb & Bro.  
Austin Daily Statesman, October 16, 1874

## MR. WEBB DEAD.

After a Lingerin<sup>g</sup> Illness Mr. John A. Webb Dies.

Mr. John A. Webb, after a lingering illness of some months, died yesterday at his residence in this city. Mr. Webb was of the firm of Webb Bros. of this city, and enjoyed a wide circle of business as well as social friends. He has been in failing health for some months now, and upon several previous occasions his life was despaired of, but he managed to rally each time. He has been in business in Austin for some years with his brother, and their store is one of the largest and most substantial hardware and vehicle firms in the south. Mr. Webb was a man somewhat past 50 years of age, and during his life he enjoyed a wide circle of friends, and secured that reward ever attendant upon attention to duty and business interests, so that in dying he leaves his children in fairly good circumstances.

The funeral services will be conducted from the family residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock per notice in another column.

### DIED.

Mr. John A. Webb, November 12, 6 a. m. Funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of Mr. Joseph W. Webb, 204 East Fourteenth street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

## LAST RITES OF PIONEER CITIZEN HERE FRIDAY

Joe. W. Webb, who died at his home at 204 East Fourteenth street, Wednesday, will be interred Friday morning at 10 o'clock in Oakwood cemetery. Rev. Dr. Bates of All Saints Chapel officiating.

The deceased was a resident of many years in Austin and one of the pioneer hardware men of the city. He was, at the time of his death, 65 years of age. He had been an invalid for several years.

He is survived by his wife and two children. Harry Webb of Austin, and Mrs. Charles U. Connelley of Oklahoma City.

Funeral notice for Joseph W. Webb  
Austin Statesman, November 20, 1919

**JOSEPH W. WEBB.**  
The funeral of Joseph W. Webb will be held at the family home at 204 East Fourteenth street, at 10:30 this Friday morning.  
Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Funeral notice for Joseph W. Webb  
Austin American, November 21, 1919

## Furniture Store Owner Dies Here

William James Shaw, Sr., 68, owner of the Shaw Furniture company, 212 East Sixth street, died suddenly at his residence, 502 Bellevue, late Monday night.

Survivors are his widow, three sons, W. J., Jr., Albert G., and Sam; and one daughter, Christine, all of Austin.

The body is at the Hyltin Funeral home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of William J. Shaw  
Austin American, August 25, 1942

## Last Rites For William J. Shaw Set Thursday

Funeral services for William J. Shaw, Sr., 69, who died Monday night will be held Thursday, 10:30 p. m. from Hyltin Funeral home with the Rev. R. L. Brooks officiating.

The burial will be in Memorial park.

Shaw, well known furniture dealer here for many years, died suddenly late Monday night at his home, 502 Bellview. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nena G. Shaw; three sons, W. J. Jr., Albert G., and Sam O.; and one daughter, Miss Minnie C. Shaw.

Pallbearers will be Earl H. Goldstein, Tom Johnson, Burt Cabaniss, James Lewis, Monis Goldstein and J. H. Barker.

Funeral notice for William J. Shaw  
Austin American, August 26, 1942