

# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

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

**HLC DATE:**

December 17, 2012

**PC DATE:**

January 22, 2013

**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:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from CBD to CBD-H. Vote: 5-0 (Limbacher and Leary ill).

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from CBD to CBD-H. Vote: 7-0.

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

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** January 31, 2013

**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.

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.

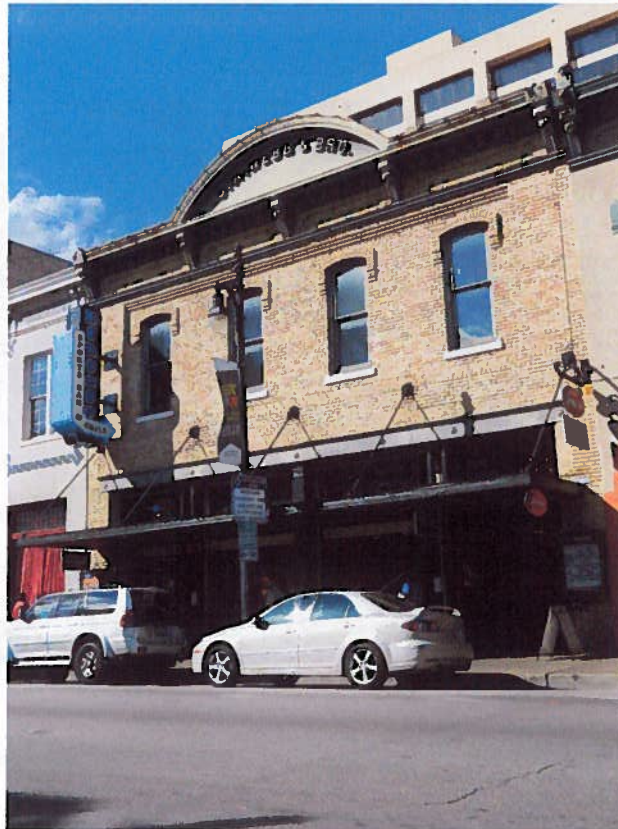
**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** John A. Shaw (1873)

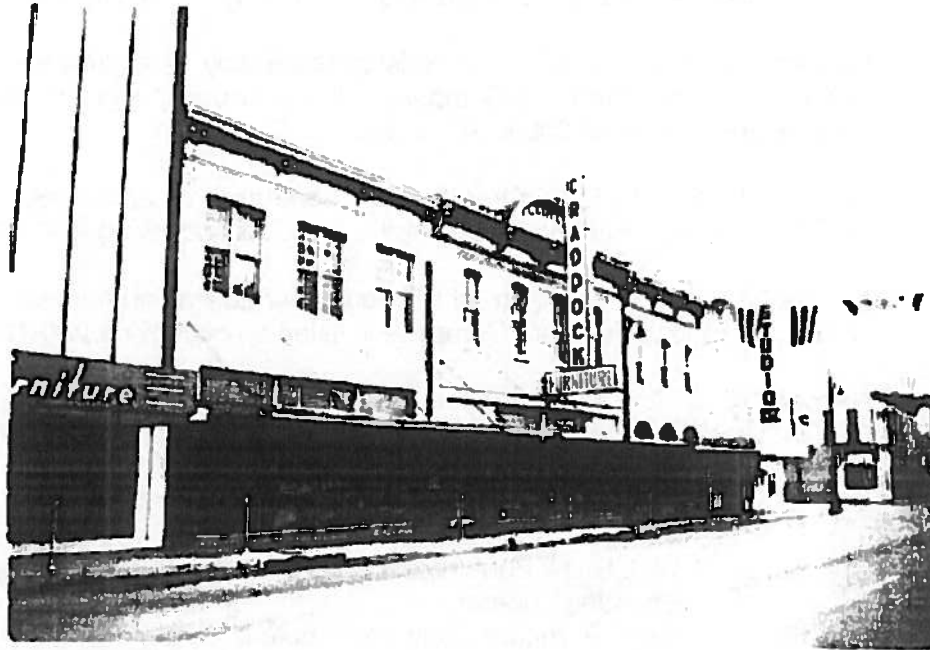
**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** Contributing to the Sixth Street National Register Historic District.

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.





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

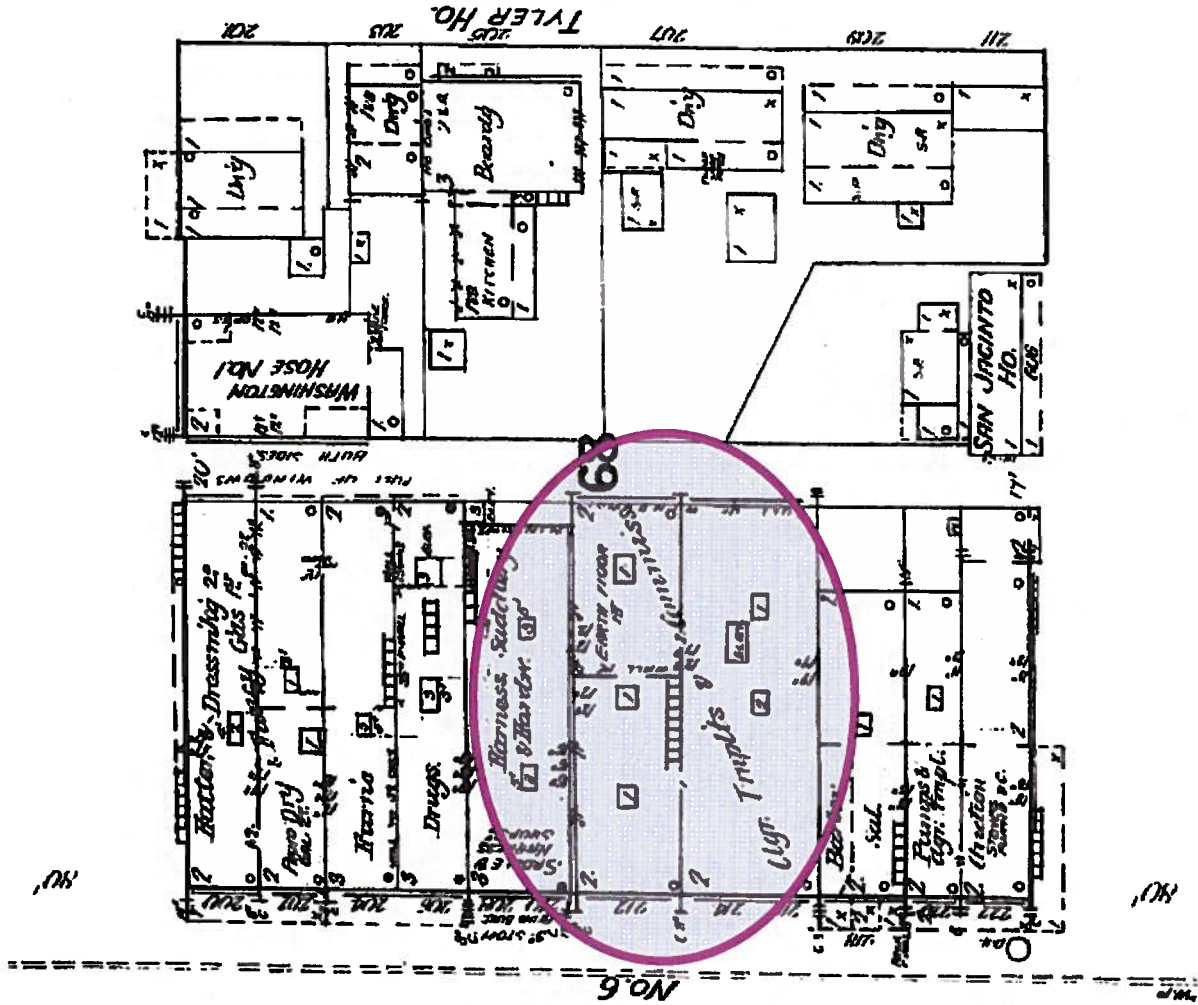
City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2012

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)

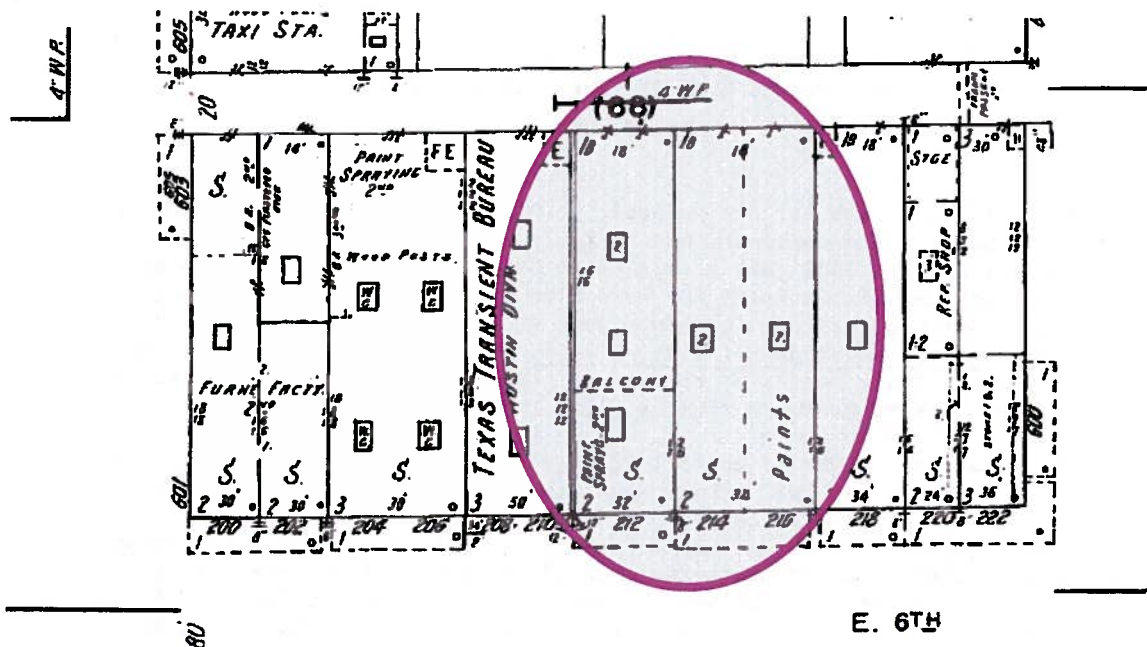
1935	212:	W.J. Shaw Furniture Company, household furniture, stoves, rugs, furniture repair and refinishing (William J. Shaw and William J. Shaw, Jr.)
	214:	C.J. Martin & Sons, seeds (Mrs. C.J. Martin, Charles E. Martin, and Leo Martin); retail store, 214 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street; office, 815 E. 4 <sup>th</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.

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 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.



**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**Dissolution.**

**THE FIRM OF COOK & WEBB**

is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

January 23, 1872

JOHN A. WEBB,  
D. L. COOK.

The business will be conducted by John A. Webb who assumes all liabilities of the old firm, and with whom all outstanding accounts must be settled.

Witness

JOHN A. WEBB,  
D. L. COOK

Notice of the dissolution of the firm of Cook & Webb  
Austin Democratic Statesman, January 30, 1872

**HARDWARE DEALERS.**

**WEBB & BRO.—GENERAL HARDWARE**  
blacksmith and woodworkers' goods, iron, hub, spokes, felloes, rope and belting. Agents for **WOOD'S REAPERS** and **REAPERS** and platens scales; white leads, colors, oils and harness leather all kinds of firearms. Pecan street, second block east of the Avenue.

Advertisement in the Austin Democratic Statesman, July 16, 1873

**JOHN A. WEBB & BRO.**

DEALERS IN

**Hardware**

**IRON AND STEEL,**

**Blacksmiths Tools,**

**CARPENTERS 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**

**Is 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,**

**PRIDEMAN HARROWS,**

**WOOD'S**

**Mowers and Reapers**

**BROWN'S CORN PLANTERS**

**SULKY AND REVOLVING HAY RAKES,**

**BROWN'S STALK CUTTERS,**

**ETC., ETC., ETC.**  
or in close with

**Autumnal Exposition!**

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

## LAST RITES OF PIONEER CITIZEN HERE FRIDAY

Joe W. Webb, who died at his home at 294 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 L. 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 294 East Fourteenth street, at 10:30 this Friday morning.  
Interment in Oakwood cemetery.

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

# 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