

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 24, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0139  
410 W. 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1940 commercial building.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed brick commercial building. The central block has a round-edged flat parapet, decorative raised pilasters at the intervals between the bays; the central portion of the building has two window bays, one of which also contains the main entry into the building; the windows and door are glazed and framed with metal. The blocks to the left and to the right of the central block have a flat parapet and garage door openings. There is a smaller, lower, one-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed brick section at the very east end of the building that shows as a separate structure in historic Sanborn maps but has been incorporated into the main building.

**RESEARCH**

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The building was built around 1940 by an investment company; the first tenant and eventual owner of the building was Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, which used the building as a garage until the mid-1960s. The building then became the home of W.O. Harper Plumbing Company, which has been in business in Austin since 1921, and had previously been located in the 2500 block of Guadalupe Street.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The buildings are not listed in any City survey.





**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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. While the building does not have sufficient architectural or historical merit to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, it is certainly familiar to several generations of Austinites as the home of W.O. Harper Plumbing Company, whose billboard has been visible from the University of Texas campus for many years.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2014-0139  
LOCATION: 410 W 18th Street



1" = 106'

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410 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1940

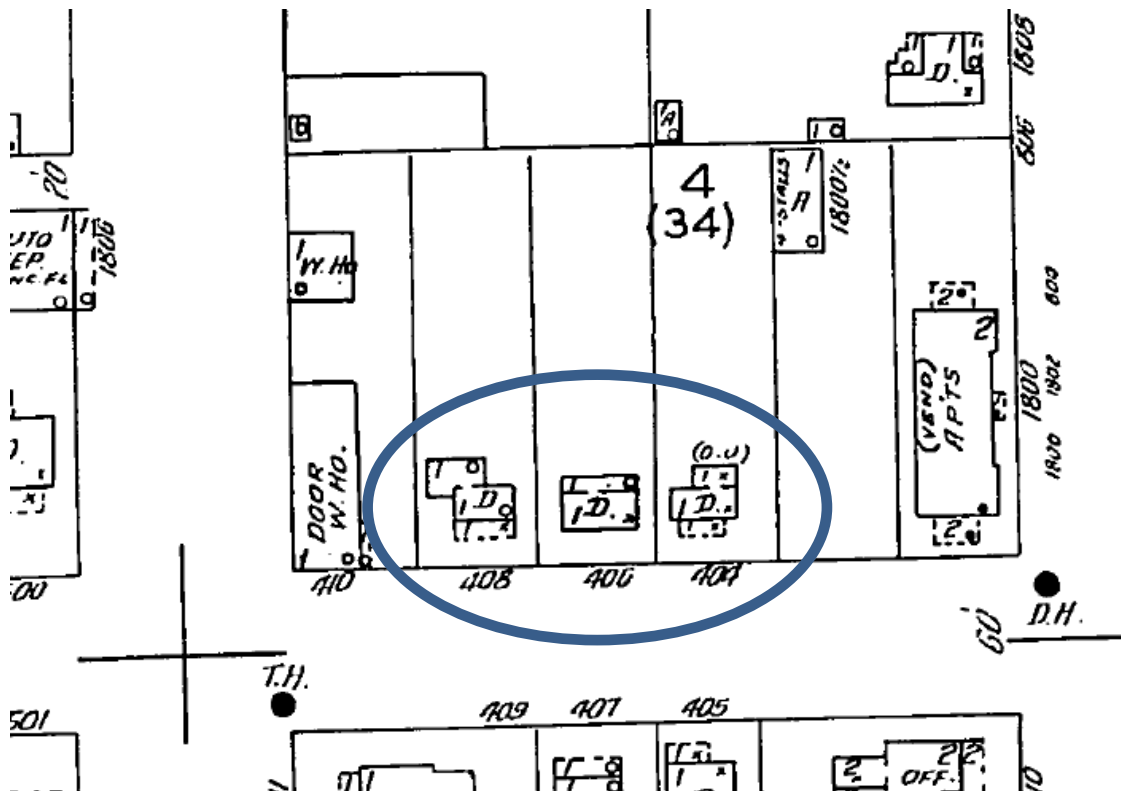


## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 410 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street

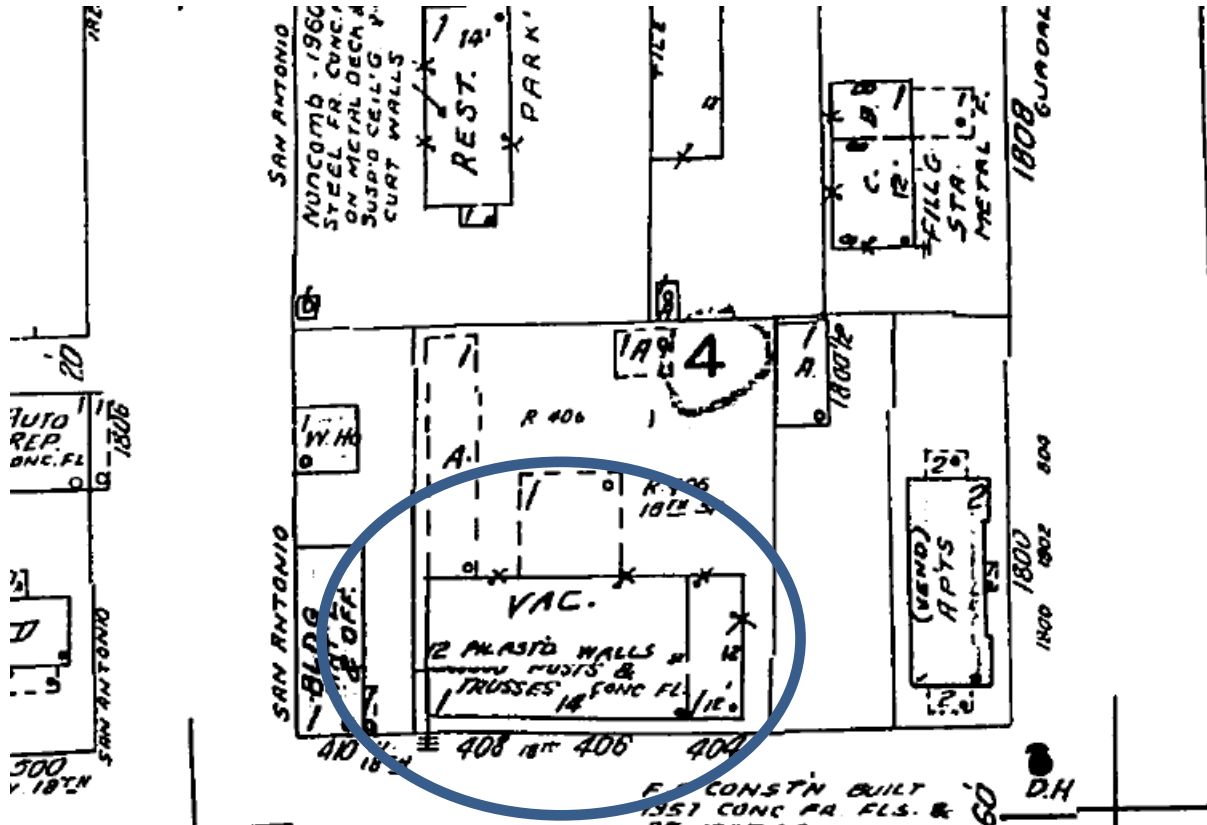
From City Directories, Austin History Center  
Prepared by the City Historic Preservation Office  
March, 2014

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| 1992    | W.O. Harper Plumbing Service<br>Francis J. Smalley, Arthur Bunge, and Gary Smalley, proprietors<br>"Quality Service Since 1921"  |
| 1985-85 | W.O. Harper Plumbing Service<br>Francis J. Smalley, Arthur Bunge, and Gary Smalley, proprietors  |
| 1981    | W.O. Harper Plumbing Service<br>Francis J. Smalley, Arthur Bunge, and Gary Smalley, proprietors  |
| 1977    | W.O. Harper Plumbing and Electric Service<br>Francis J. Smalley, Arthur Bunge, and Gary Smalley, proprietors   |
| 1973    | W.O. Harper Plumbing and Electric Service<br>William O. Harper, proprietor<br>NOTE: Francis J. Smalley was the manager of W.O. Harper, Gary Smalley was a plumber with W.O. Harper, and Arthur Bunge was the book-keeper at W.O. Harper. |

- 1968 W.O. Harper Plumbing and Electric Service  
William O. Harper, proprietor
- 1962 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company garage  
NOTE: W.O. Harper Plumbing and Electric Service was at 2546 Guadalupe Street.  
NOTE: The address is listed as 408 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1959 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company garage  
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- 1955 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company garage  
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- 1952 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company garage  
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- 1949 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company garage  
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- 1947 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company garage  
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- 1944-45 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company garage  
NOTE: The address is listed as 408 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1941 The address is not listed in the directory.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows three houses on the site of the current building.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the building as vacant.

Southwestern Bell Tele.Co.      408 West 18th St.  
 1                      1 and 2                      34                      -                      E  
 Frame addition to garage building.  
 52412 11-1-52                      \$1198.00  
 Leslie Crockett

Building permit for a frame addition (1952)  
 NOTE: There is no building permit for the brick building on file.

### WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 18055 A

Austin, Texas

Received of Gibard Inv. Co. Date July 8, 1940

Address 408 W 18th

Amount Fifteen and no/100- \$ 15.00

Plumber Howell

Date of Connection 7-17-40

Size of Tap Made 1 1/2"

Size Service Made 1 1/2"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 13'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'

Location of Meter LWAD

Type of Box LACIA

Depth of Main in St. 14"

Depth of Service Line 12'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 25'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 9-19-40 LE

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock
1	Elbow
1	St. Elbow
1	Bushing
1	Reducer
1	Pipe
1	Lead-Comp.
1	Nipples
1	Union
1	Plug
1	Tap
1	Stop
1	Box
1	Valves
1	Job No.
1	Req. No.

*REVISION*

Water service permit to Gibard Investment Company for this address (1940)

### SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 16991

Austin, Texas

Received of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6/28/1940

Address 408-18 W. 18th.

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Builder or Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Plumber \_\_\_\_\_

Lot A 1 & 2 Block 34 Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. 1

Date of Connection	By City	By Plumber	Checked By	Size Main	Depth	Main Assign.	Stub Depth	Prop. Line	Stub Location	Book No.	Paving Cut	No. Fittings	Size	Price
<u>8/31/1940</u>	<u>16' W/ELL</u>			<u>6"</u>		<u>in St. in eadm.</u>		<u>2'</u>		<u>B-1407</u>				
												15' Pipe	4"	1.50
												Pipe		
												Wyes		
												Bends		
												Reducers		
												Plugs		
												Sand		
												Gravel		
												Remix		
												Stoppers		
												Castings		
												Other	3 dy	9.00
												Labor:		

Sewer service permit for this block (1940)