

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 24, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0696
911 W. 22ND STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1897 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story, wing-and-gable plan, hipped roof frame house with a combination of fenestration: original 2:2 fenestration appears on both stories of the west side of the house; the front windows in the projecting bay are single 1:1. The original two-story front porch of the house has been enclosed and now contains the principal entry into the house, which has a transom above. Fenestration in this infilled area consists of 6:1 windows in double and triple configurations.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1897; the first occupant was Zack P. Jourdan and his family, who had moved into Austin from the rural community of Sprinkle in northeastern Travis County. While living in this house, Zack P. Jourdan served as the treasurer of Travis County. He and his family lived here until around 1910, when they moved to a farm they owned on the west side of East Avenue, about a half mile north of Manor Road. His 1925 obituary notes that he was from a pioneer family in Travis County, and was well-known throughout the community. In July of 1925, he had given an exclusive interview to the American Statesman about his experiences driving cattle up the Chisholm Trail to Kansas.

John E. Hickman, who later became a prominent attorney and judge in Austin, lived in this house around 1910; the next occupant was W.E. Edelen, who was a ranchman and the superintendent of schools in Seymour, Texas. A contractor, a traveling salesman, a real estate agent, a dry goods salesman, an attorney and manager of a brokerage agency, and T.C. Green, the superintendent of the City Water Filtration Plant, all lived in this house in the 1910s through the early 1930s.

The house was then owned and occupied by Mrs. Myrtle Candler, a prominent widow, from the early 1940s through the mid-1940s. In the mid-1940s, the house was rented by Bert and Verlie Williams. Bert Williams was an electrical contractor.

From around 1950 until around 1980, the house was owned and occupied by Mrs. Ella Pfennig, from the pioneering Pfluger family of northeastern Travis County. Ella Pfluger was a school teacher until she married Helmuth Pfennig, also of the Pflugerville area, in 1927. Helmuth Pfennig passed away in 1935; Ella lived in San Antonio for a number of years before returning to Austin, and moving into this house. According to her obituary, she was a housemother to many UT undergraduates, who presumably rented rooms from her in this house. In the 1960s, Mrs. Pfennig also worked for the Travis County Appraiser and Collector.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.




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. It is a shame to lose an old student rooming house from West Campus, as these buildings are becoming increasingly rare, but staff does not believe that this house qualifies as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 208'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

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911 W. 22nd Street
ca. 1897



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

911 W. 22nd Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
September, 2016

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| 1992 | James T. Eichstaedt, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that James T. Eichstaedt was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | <p>A: Cindy Widner, renter
Secretary, College House Co-Op
NOTE: The directory indicates that Cindy Widner was a new resident at this address.</p> <p>B: Gregory M. Shoemake, renter
Student
NOTE: The directory indicates that Gregory M. Shoemake was a new resident at this address.</p> |
| 1981 | No return |
| 1977 | Ella Pfennig, renter
Widow, H.W. Pfennig
Retired |

1973	Ella Pfennig, owner Widow, H.W. Pfennig Retired
1968	Ella Pfennig, owner Deputy, Travis County Appraiser and Collector
1965	Ella Pfennig, owner Deputy, Travis County Appraiser and Collector
1962	Ella Pfennig, owner Deputy, Travis County Appraiser and Collector
1959	Ella Pfennig, owner No occupation listed
1954	Ella Pfennig, owner House mother
1952	Ella Pfennig, owner Widow, Helmut W. Pfennig No occupation listed
1949	William E. and Katie Trafton, renters Proprietor (with Forrest W. Trafton), Trafton & Son, distributors of Sun Tile Products and tile manufacturers, 3700 Guadalupe Street. NOTE: Ella Pfennig is not listed in the directory. There is an H.W. Pfennig listed at 1907½ Red River Street; he was a student.
1947	Bert C. and Verlie Williams, renters Proprietor (with Billy B. Williams), Bert Williams Electric Company, 905 Lamar Boulevard.
1944-45	Bert C. and Verlie Williams, renters No occupation listed
1941	Mrs. Myrtle L. Candler, owner Widow, Ignatius Candler No occupation listed NOTE: The house is listed as 811 W. 22 nd Street.
1939	Mrs. Myrtle L. Candler, owner Widow, Ignatius Candler No occupation listed NOTE: The house is listed as 811 W. 22 nd Street.
1937	Mrs. Myrtle L. Candler, owner Widow, Ignatius Candler No occupation listed NOTE: The house is listed as 811 W. 22 nd Street.
1935	Mrs. Myrtle L. Candler, owner Widow, Ignatius Candler

- No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 811 W. 22nd Street.
- 1932-33 Mrs. Myrtle L. Candler, owner
Widow, Ignatius Candler
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 811 W. 22nd Street.
- 1930-31 Thomas C. Green, renter
Superintendent and chemist, City Filtration Plant
NOTE: Myrtle L. Candler is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: The house is listed as 811 W. 22nd Street.
- 1929 Charles A. and Sallie D. Wheeler, owners
Manager, Caldwell & Company, brokers, and lawyer, 524 Littlefield Building.
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1927 Frank L. and Louise Smith, renters
Salesman, Warren's, dry goods, 714 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1924 Mrs. Tilden J. Byler, renter
No occupation listed
Also listed are Bernice Byler, no occupation shown; Mildred Byler, no occupation shown; and Weldon B. Byler, a student at the University of Texas.
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1922 Van and Ina M. Smith, owners
Real estate
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1920 John L. Gray, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1918 Vacant
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1916 Charles E. Clark
Traveling salesman
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1914 James A. Coopwood
Contractor
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1912-13 W.E. Edelen
Superintendent of schools, Seymour, Texas, and ranchman.
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.
- 1910-11 John E. Hickman
Partner (with Frank P. McElwrath), McElwrath & Hickman, lawyers, 4th floor, Scarbrough Building.
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22nd Street.

NOTE: Zack P. Jourdan is listed as a farmer living on the west side of East Avenue, ½ mile north of Manor Road. Also listed is Eugene E. Jourdan, who had no occupation shown.

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| 1909-10 | Zack P. Jourdan
Farmer
Also listed is Edward E. Jourdan, a farmer. |
| 1906-07 | Zack P. Jourdan
Planter
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22 nd Street. |
| 1905 | Zack P. Jourdan
Treasurer, Travis County
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22 nd Street. |
| 1903-04 | Zack P. Jourdan
Treasurer, Travis County
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22 nd Street. |
| 1900-01 | Zack P. Jourdan
Treasurer, Travis County
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22 nd Street. |
| 1898-99 | Zack P. Jourdan
County treasurer
NOTE: The house is listed as 809 W. 22 nd Street. |
| 1897-98 | Unknown
NOTE: Zack P. Jourdan is listed as a resident of Sprinkle, Texas, and boarding at 1203 East Avenue in Austin. He was the Travis County Treasurer. |

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Zack P. Jourdan (ca. 1897 – 1910)

The 1900 U.S. Census shows Zacharia and Bell M. Jordan at this address. Zacharia Jordan was 53, had been born in Texas, and was the county treasurer. Bell M. Jordan was 46, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Eugene, 14, who had been born in Texas and is listed as being at school.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Z.P. and Isabell Jourdan living on a farm they owned in rural Travis County. Z.P. Jourdan was 65, had been born in Texas to Missouri-born parents, and had no occupation listed. Isabell Jourdan was 66, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their son, E.E., and his wife, Alvah, are listed as operators of a dairy farm.

His 1925 death certificate shows that Z.P. Jourdan was living at 4200 East Avenue at the time of his death. He was a widower born in 1854 in Texas, and was a retired farmer.

Z. P. Jourdan, Pioneer Trail Blazer, Stricken Down While Hunting

**Widely Known Austin Resi-
dent Is Found Dead On
Ranch Near Encinal.**

HEART ATTACK FATAL

**Life of Stirring Adventure
Ends in the Wilds He
Knew So Well.**



STRICKEN BY DEATH
WHILE ON HUNT—Z. P. JOUR-
DAN, widely known citizen of
Austin, ranchman and former
county official, whose body was
found Wednesday on his hunt-
ing preserve near Encinal. He
is believed to have been the vic-
tim of an attack of heart dis-
ease, to which he had been sub-
ject for many years.

Death called the last surviving member in Travis county of the party who went up the Old Chinholm Trail when Z. P. Jourdan, pioneer resident of Austin, died from exposure and the infirmities of age Wednesday, while, almost within hailing of the hunting camp he had left early Monday to go for a walk. The camp being used by Mr. Jourdan and other Austin hunters, was on the Walcott ranch, west of Encinal in La Salle county.

The body of the former trail driver was found at 10 a. m. yesterday by Thacher Jaimen, fence rider on the Walcott ranch, after the hunting party had spent two days and nights in searching for him. His head, face downward, lay toward the camp, as though he had made every effort to reach it. It is believed he had wandered many miles into the chaparral before regaining his bearings.

Searching Party from Austin.

Following the message from Theo. Ziller and Joe Callan, friends of the deceased man and hunting companions, that Mr. Jourdan was missing, a party of Austin friends headed by Fred Barge and J. D. Copeland left here Wednesday morning to aid in the search. A later message received about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon stated the lifeless body had been found. Mr. Jourdan, friends declare, was subject to heart attacks and it is believed here that death came to him as the result of a stroke.

His son, E. C. Jourdan, Theo Ziller and Joe Callan were in the party with Mr. Jourdan on the hunting trip. Besides his son, he is survived by his sister, Mrs. A. B. Payton of Austin. Eugene Gillen, secretary of the Travis County Farm bureau, is a nephew of the deceased pioneer.

Mr. Jourdan was perhaps one of the best known residents in Travis county. In earlier days he served the county as treasurer and after his administration, the treasurership was given to a local bank. He was also at one time county commissioner for a number of years.

Large Land Owner.

Mr. Jourdan was a member of one of Travis county's oldest families and held large land interests here. He owned a tract of 50 acres in Platinview Heights, a suburban district east of the Country club, and was the owner of two farms at Sprinkle and one farm at Colton. He was also associated in the Bryant Creamery of Austin. During his later years he had resided with his son, E. C. Jourdan, at his home on the Cameron road northeast of the city. His wife preceded him in death about three years ago.

Mr. Jourdan was a prominent member of the Ben Hur Shrine and Austin Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., and despite his advanced age he attended all activities of these Masonic fraternities.

Hearse Sent to Encinal

In response to a message received here Wednesday night from Encinal, the V. O. Weed Undertaking company sent a hearse, an embalmer and a casket to Encinal to bring the body of the veteran trail driver back to Austin for interment. The body is expected to reach Austin about 10 o'clock Thursday morning, V. O. Weed declared.

One year ago Mr. Weed and Capt. Jourdan were associates on a hunting trip on the ranch at Encinal where on Wednesday Capt. Jourdan's lifeless body was found.

Tells Story of Trail

In an exclusive interview given The Sunday American-Statesman on July 12, 1925, Capt. Jourdan detailed the account of his trip up the Old Chisholm Trail in 1872.

"It was in May when we left home," he began. "It was on the 10th day of May, 1872, when we pulled out of Sprinkle, eight miles north of Austin, with 3000 head of mixed cattle to beat it up the Old Cow Trail. There was Tobe Litton, who owned the herd, Jim Hall, Bill Litton, Jack Divina, Tarheel Stanifer, and myself of course, but hanged if I can call the names of the other six fellows right now. They were new fellows picked up anyway for the trip and I don't recall their names right now."

The captain then related that there were plenty of buffaloes, Indians, rattlesnakes, coyotes and the like. The party had a brace of six-

NOTED PIONEER DIES ON HUNT

**Z. P. Jourdan Stricken On
Ranch Near Encinal.**

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shooters, Bowie knives and plenty of ammunition. The six-shooters, he said, were of the old cap and ball pistol type. There was one saddle gun in the party, a Winchester rifle, belonging to Tobe Litton, the herdsman. The party wore home made, homespun clothing of good quality.

Start For Kansas

Setting out for Kansas or some place to the west of the Old Chisholm Trail with a supply wagon drawn by two large oxen, the party made about eight or ten miles a day. During the journey the party was forced to cross the San Gabriel, Brazos, Trinity, and Red rivers. It was at Red River station on Red river that the most exciting experience of the trip occurred, Capt. Jourdan said. Here the party was forced to swim the 3000 head of cattle across and one of the crew, who was inexperienced in the game, nearly lost his life. He came out of the water dragging at the end of a bull's tail, the captain related.

Fort Worth in those days had only three or four stores and a blacksmith shop.

"Blacksmith shops and saloons were essential in those days," he related. The blacksmiths mended the wagons and the bartenders mended the worn and weary spirits of the cow-punchers."

Aside from encountering droves of prairie dogs, rattlesnakes, owls and cottontails, nothing exciting happened north of Fort Worth until the party passed into the Osage Indian country. The Old Trail, Capt. Jourdan said, passes about 20 miles east of Fort Sill, Okla.

Indian Fight Related

After presenting ten Osage Indians with a maverick from the herd, some of the Indian tribe swept down on the group of trail drivers and separated the herd of cattle in two droves. Jim Hall and Capt. Jourdan, who were leading the herd at the time, turned the cattle back on the redskins while the men in the rear drove their herd forward and closed in on the Indians. The redskins finally escaped after they had killed 20 head of cattle.

From the Osage Indian territory the party passed into Kansas, where the first buffalo were encountered. Two of the men guarded the cattle while the rest went out to slaughter buffalo. After rounding up a small herd, the cowmen killed 25 or 30 head in a short time, according to Capt. Jourdan's story.

After reciting other incidents that occurred on the trip, Capt. Jourdan said the party reached Great Bend, Kansas, somewhere about the last of July after being on the trail for more than two months.

Jim Hall and Capt. Jourdan later made the return trip to Texas in a two-horse wagon and landed back in Austin about November.

News story and obituary of Zack P. Jourdan
Austin American, December 17, 1925

1920 U.S. Census

The 1920 U.S. Census shows J.L. and Sarah Gray as the renters of this house, along with their 7 children. J.L. Gray was 63, had been born in Mississippi, and was a salesman. Sarah Gray was 58, had been born in Mississippi, and had no occupation listed. They had 6 daughters, all of whom were teachers, and one son, who had no occupation listed.

Myrtle Candler (ca. 1931 – ca. 1942)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Myrtle Candler as the owner of this house, which was worth \$6,000. She was an 83-year old Georgia-born widow. With her lived her daughter, Martha C. Cass, a 45-year old Texas-born divorcee; and Martha's son, Henry Candler Cass, 9, who had been born in Texas. Nobody in the household had an occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Myrtle Candler living in on Rosa Park, a very exclusive street in New Orleans in the home of her daughter, Caroline Branan, and her husband, Will A. Branan. Myrtle Candler was a 73-year old Georgia-born widow with no occupation listed. Her son-in-law, Will Branan, was a 45-year old Georgia-born magazine publisher. Her daughter, Caroline, 40, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed.

According to her 1947 death certificate, Myrtle Long Candler was living at 915 W. 22nd Street in Austin at the time of her death. She was born in 1856 in Newnan, Georgia, and was a housewife. She was buried in the Metairie Cemetery in Metairie, Louisiana.

MRS. MYRTLE CHANDLER

Mrs. Myrtle Long Chandler, 90, resident of Austin for 15 years, died at her home, 915 West 22nd Street, Thursday afternoon. She was a native of Georgia and is the widow of Ignatius L. Candler. Mrs. Candler graduated from Salem Female Academy at Winston-Salem, N. C., and received her masters degree from College Temple at Newman, Ga. Mrs. Candler was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a talented musician. She was a sister-in-law of the late Gov. Allen D. Candler, former governor of Georgia.

Survivors are two daughters, **Mrs. Will A. Branan** of New Orleans and **Mrs. Martha Candler Cass** of Austin.

Funeral services were conducted at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Friday by the Rev. Harry M. Moffett, after which the body was sent to New Orleans for burial.

Bert C. and Verlie Williams (ca. 1942 – ca. 1948)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Bert C. and Verlie E. Williams living in a rented house on Rural Route 2, Austin. Bert C. Williams was 42, had been born in Texas, and was an electrical contractor. Verlie E. Williams was 40, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 children: Bert C., Jr., 13; Eugene H., 10; William R., 8; and Flora M., 1. All of the children had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Bert C. and Verlie Williams living in a house they owned worth \$2,300 in Precinct 5 of Travis County. Bert C. Williams was 52, had been born in Texas, and was an electrical contractor. Verlie Williams was 50, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 4 children: Bert, Jr, 23, a public school teacher; Eugene, 20, who had no occupation listed; Billy B., 18, laborer for the City power plant construction project; and Margaret, 11. All of the children had been born in Texas. The family had lived in Austin in 1935.

BERT C. WILLIAMS SR.

Bert C. Williams Sr., 74, resident of Austin 37 years, died Tuesday night at the family residence, 5217 Valley Oak Drive. He was a member of First Southern Presbyterian Church, a retired electrical contractor and a member of IBEW, Local 520.

Survivors are his widow; three sons, B. C. Williams Jr. of Dallas, Dr. Eugene H. Williams of Houston and Billy B. Williams of Fort Worth; daughter, Mrs. Margaret Scranton of Austin; brother, Jess Williams of Fort Worth, and eight grandchildren.

The body is at Weed-Corley Funeral Home pending arrangements.

Obituary of Bert C. Williams
Austin American, October 11, 1961

BERT C. WILLIAMS SR.

Funeral services for Bert C. Williams, Sr., 74, of 5217 Valley Oak Drive, will be held at the Weed - Corley Funeral Home Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert F. Gribble will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be John A. Barclay, T. C. Steiner Sr., Richard S. Pryor, W. W. (Bill) Harris, Ernell C. Duke and Joe Gay.

Funeral notice for Bert C. Williams
Austin American, October 12, 1961

Ella Pfennig (ca. 1950 – ca. 1980)

Helmuth W. and Ella Pfennig are listed in the 1930 U.S. Census in Justice Precinct 4 of Travis County. Helmuth W. Pfennig was 29, had been born in Texas, and was a farmer. Ella Pfennig was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Helmuth Pfennig died in 1935.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Ella Pfennig as a 38-year old Texas-born widow who owned her home worth \$3,600 in San Antonio, Texas. She did odd jobs in private homes. She had a son, Helmuth W., 9; and a daughter, Eleanor A., 9, both of whom had been born in Texas.



Ella B. Pfennig

Ella B. Pfennig, born April 28, 1901, died June 13, 2004, in New Braunfels, TX, at the age of 103. Ella was born in Richland, TX, to Albert and Sophie Sakewitz Pfluger.

She attended schools in Pflugerville and continued her education at Southwest Texas Normal-College - now Texas State University in San Marcos. Ella taught school for several years in Travis County prior to her marriage in 1927 to H.W. Pfennig Sr. She and her family lived in San Antonio and later in Austin where she was housemother to many young men at the University of Texas and also worked at the office of the Travis County Tax Assessor. Ella was an active member of St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran Church for over fifty years.

Ella was preceded in death by her husband in 1935; her parents; a son, H.W. Pfennig Jr.; sisters, Nora Pfluger and Pearl Krienke; and a brother, George Pfluger.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor Ann and Earl Koester of New Braunfels; daughter-in-law, Claudette Pfennig of Pasadena, Texas; sisters, Edith Hodges and husband, Earl of Corpus Christi, and Mildred Parker and husband, Ned, of Austin; and a brother, Willard Pfluger and wife, Camille of Pflugerville. She is also survived by grandchildren: Melinda and John Poss of Dallas, David and Emily Koester of Warwick, MA, Beth and Bill Toland of Camden, ME, Deborah and Guy Burdette of Cyprus, TX, Pamela and Matthew Glazener of Pearland, TX, and Molly and Tom Brown of Portland, OR. Other survivors include 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation with family members will be Friday, June 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Pflugerville.

Memorial contributions may be made to: the Helmuth and Ella Pfennig Scholarship at Texas Lutheran University, 1000 W. Court Street, Seguin, Texas 78155, Eden Home, Inc., 631 Lakeview, New Braunfels, TX 78130, St. Martin's Lutheran Church, or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705 (512) 452-8811. You may view memorials online at wcfish.com

Obituary of Ella Pfennig
Austin American-Statesman, June 17, 2004

OWNER	James R. Jones	ADDRESS	911 W. 22nd St.
PLAT	46	LOT	12
		BLK.	21
SUBDIVISION	Geo Sampon Sub.		
OCCUPANCY	Duplex		
BLDG. PERMIT #	168266	DATE	10-25-77
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	3,000.00
CONTRACTOR	Same	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC#		SEWER TAP REC#	
Remodel exist res to create duplex.			

Building permit to James R. Jones to create a duplex in the house (1977)

There was an application to demolish the building in 1983. The house was remodeled to enclose a porch in 1993.