

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0678
415 COLORADO STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1919 commercial building.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed brick-veneered commercial building originally divided into duplex spaces; the storefront has been replaced with modern materials, but the line of fixed-sash clerestory windows above the duplex storefronts appears to be original.

RESEARCH

Like the building next door at 409 Colorado, also slated for demolition, this building originally had automobile-related uses. Pinckney W. Powell had an auto painting business in this building from the time of its construction until the mid-1930s; Joseph C. Dill had an auto top and auto trimming business here as well for the same duration. From the mid-1930s until around 1950, the Insurance Forms Department of Texas occupied this entire building for their operations. From the early 1950s through the late 1960s, Scarbrough's a local department store at 6th Street and Congress Avenue, had their drapery workshop and delivery and parcel post department. The south half of the building became a surplus office equipment warehouse in the 1970s. In the 1990s, the building was renovated as a restaurant and cocktail lounge; successor cocktail lounges occupied this space until early 2019.

STAFF COMMENTS

The building was not listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

Staff has evaluated this building for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that while the building may not rise to the level of an individual landmark, it is an integral part of the context of the Warehouse District, a branded destination in downtown Austin.

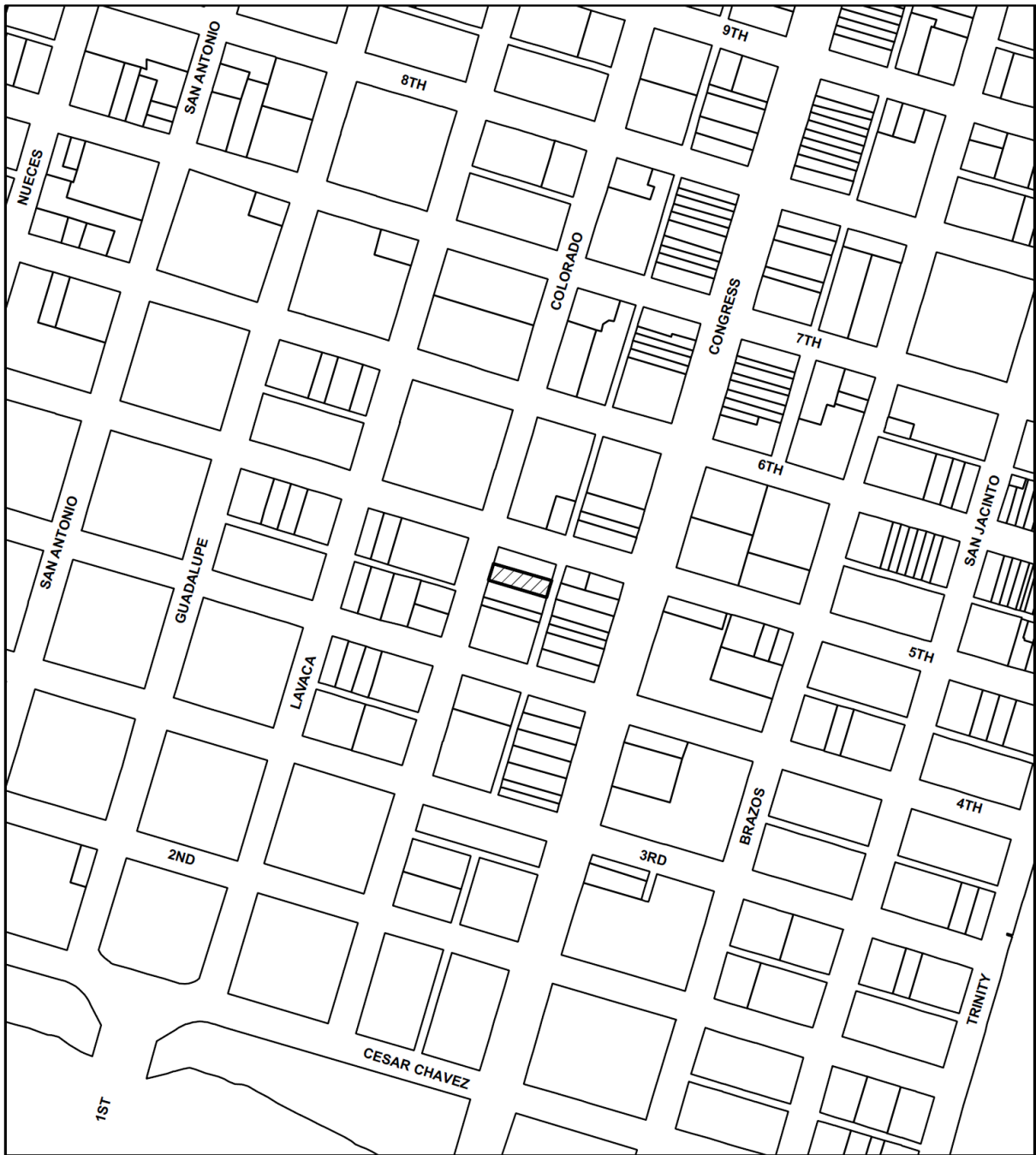
- a. **Architecture.** The building is a one-story duplex commercial building with a brick veneer and a line of clerestory windows above what would have been the original ground-floor openings. The storefronts have been replaced over the years, but the form and details of the building are otherwise intact.
- b. **Historical association.** The building was constructed for automobile uses – the first tenants of the building were an auto body shop and an auto top shop, which remained here until around 1936. The building then became a state department warehouse until the early 1950s, when Scarbrough's a local department store, moved into this space for its parcel post department and drapery workhouse. Since the 1990s, the building has been home to various cocktail lounges and restaurants.
- c. **Archaeology.** The building was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.




- d. **Community value.** The building is important to the context of the greater Warehouse District, but probably does not have community value in and of itself.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, including adaptation/incorporation of the façade into any new building proposed for the site. If the commission votes to release the demolition permit for this building, then staff recommends the 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 and consideration of erecting a plaque detailing the history of the building and the Warehouse District on the site.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0678

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413-415 Colorado Street
ca. 1919



2009 photograph



2019 photograph

OCCUPANCY HISTORY 413-15 Colorado Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
November, 2008

1992	Neither 413 nor 415 Colorado Street is listed in the directory.
1987	413: The address is not listed in the directory. 415: Office Surplus Equipment warehouse No proprietor listed
1981	413: The address is not listed in the directory. 415: Vacant
1977	413: The address is not listed in the directory. 415: Office Surplus Equipment warehouse No proprietor listed
1975	413: The address is not listed in the directory. 415: Office Surplus Equipment Gary Bergvall, manager
1969	Neither 413 nor 415 Colorado Street is listed in the directory.
1967	413: Scarbrough's Drapery Workshop 415: Scarbrough's City Delivery and Parcel Post Department
1963	413: E.M. Scarbrough & Sons Drapery Workshop 415: E.M. Scarbrough & Sons City Delivery and Parcel Post Department
1957	413: E.M. Scarbrough & Sons Drapery Workshop 415: The address is not listed separately in the directory.
1953	413-5 E.M. Scarbrough & Sons Drapery Workshop
1949	413-5 Insurance Forms Department of Texas Printers
1947	413-5 Insurance Forms Department of Texas Printers
1944-45	413-5 Insurance Forms Department of Texas Printers
1941	413-5 Insurance Forms Department of Texas

Printers

- 1937 413-5 Insurance Forms Department of Texas
Printers
- 1935 413-5 Powell Auto Body Works
Expert body and fender repair, painting and trimming, springs,
windshield and door glass, motor repairs, and auto blacksmithing.
Pinckney W. Powell, proprietor
- Dill Auto Top Company
Joseph C. Dill, proprietor
NOTE: Around 1936, Joseph C. Dill moved his business to 404
Colorado Street.
- 1932-33 413-5 Powell Auto Body Works
Expert body and fender repair, painting and trimming, springs,
windshield and door glass, motor repairs, and auto blacksmithing.
Pinckney W. Powell, proprietor
- Dill Auto Top Company
Joseph C. Dill, proprietor
- 1930-31 413-5 Powell Auto Body Works
Expert body and fender repair, painting and trimming, springs,
windshield and door glass, motor repairs, and auto blacksmithing.
Pinckney W. Powell, proprietor
- 1930-31 (cont.) Dill Auto Top Company
Joseph C. Dill, proprietor
- 1929 413-5 Powell Garage and Body Works
Expert body and fender repair, painting and trimming, springs,
windshield and door glass, motor repairs, and auto blacksmithing.
Pinckney W. Powell, proprietor
- Dill Auto Top Company
Joseph C. Dill, proprietor
- 1927 413-5 Powell Garage and Body Works
Pinckney W. Powell, proprietor
- Dill Auto Top Company
Joseph C. Dill, proprietor
- 1924 413-5 Pinckney W. Powell
Auto painting
- Dill Auto Top Company
Automobile and carriage trimmers
Joseph C. Dill, proprietor

- 1922 413-5 Pinckney W. Powell
Auto painting and also acting yard manager, International and Great Northern Railroad
- William J. Dill
Auto and carriage trimmer
- 1920 Pinckney W. Powell
Auto painting; builder of automobile and truck bodies, painting and trimming, specialists in spring work and axle welding.
- William J. Dill
Auto and carriage trimmer
NOTE: The address is listed as 411 Colorado Street.
NOTE: 413 Colorado Street is listed as vacant.
- 1918 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: The only building listed on the odd side of the street north of the alley is the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company warehouse at 407 Colorado Street.

NOTE: The 1914 city directory shows 411 Colorado Street as vacant, and 415 Colorado Street as the machine shop of Oscar E. Hallen and Joy C. Messer, which was still in existence at the time of the publication of the 1916 city directory. The 1912-13 city directory shows the barber shop and residence of Ysidro Montalvo at 411 Colorado Street and the Studebaker dealership of Charles E. Anderson, Jr., Walter S. Benson, and Madison H. Benson at 415 Colorado Street.



Advertisement for Powell Garage and Body Works. Pinckney W. Powell had an auto painting and body shop here from around 1919 to 1936.

Austin American, July 7, 1923



WRECKER SERVICE
PHONE 6705

When you go into the
Ditch, and our wrecker
will come to you!

Competent crew who know how "to get there" in a hurry. In our shop
experienced mechanics will make the necessary repairs and put your car in good
running order.

Remember — Phone 6705 Day — 6939 Night

Powell Garage & Body Works
413 Colorado St.

Advertisement for Powell Garage and Body Works
Austin American, August 19, 1923

Storage Washing	WELDING	Polishing Greasing
"WE TREAT YOUR CAR LIKE A FRIEND"		
POWELL GARAGE & BODY WORKS		
413-15 COLORADO STREET		
WRECKING SERVICE, DAY AND NIGHT		
PHONE: DAY 6705; NIGHT 6939		

Advertisement for Powell Garage and Body Works
Austin Statesman, February 12, 1924

Welcome, Texans

WASHING WELDING	"YOUR CAR IS OUR FRIEND"	GREASING STORAGE
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Powell Garage & Body Works

Expert Body, Fender Repairing, Body Building, Painting and Trimming,
Springs for all Cars, Auto Glass and Automobile Blacksmithing

WRECKER SERVICE

DAY AND NIGHT

413-415 COLORADO STREET	Phones: Day 6705—Night 6939
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Powell Garage and Body Works advertisement (believed to be ca. 1928), Austin History Center Vertical Files, Automobile garages

Auto Tops

DILL AUTO TOP CO.
Auto Tops and Seat Covers
413 Colorado, Powell's Garage. Phone 6705

Advertisement for Dill's Auto Top Company in Powell's Garage
Austin American-Statesman, April 4, 1926

Congratulations Chevrolet!
What a Whale of a Difference
New Slip Covers Make!

Tailored slip covers that fit perfectly and make your car look brand-new inside—you'll find the best assortment of colors and patterns right here at DILL'S. When you drive by, ask to see the cars we're working on, and note the careful and thorough work. See what a WHALE of a difference the new covers make.

Never too busy to go over your car and give you the lowest prices on any of the following:

**SEAT COVERS—SLIP COVERS—BLACK TOPS—
 SPORT TOPS—CLOSED CAR TOPS—UPHOLSTERING**

DILL AUTO TOP COMPANY

413 Colorado **Phone 6705**

Congratulations to the expanded Chevrolet dealership in the 200 block of E. 5th Street from the Dill Auto Top Company

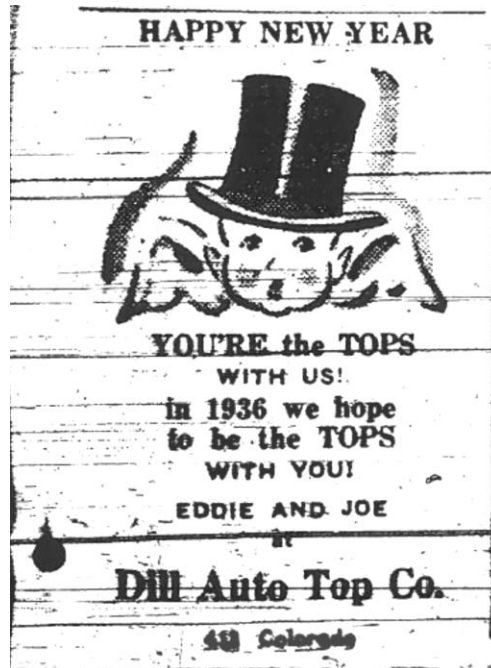
Austin American-Statesman, July 24, 1927



Christmas greetings from Dill Auto Top Company, located in Powell's Garage
 Austin American, December 25, 1935



Christmas thanks and greetings from Powell Auto Body Works
 Austin American, December 25, 1935



New Year's greetings from Dill Auto Top Shop at this location
Austin Statesman, January 1, 1936
Joe Dill moved his business across the street to 404 Colorado Street later that year.

P. W. Powell, 83, City Official For 10 Years, Taken

Funeral Will Be Held Monday Morning For Ex-Alderman

P. W. Powell, one of the last of Austin's city aldermen and one of the first city councilmen, died Saturday afternoon at St. David's hospital. He was 83.

Powell served as alderman and city councilman for approximately 10 years under Mayor A. P. Wooldridge.

He was born in Louisiana Aug. 16, 1853, and had lived in Austin since 1883. He operated a buggy repair shop here and later an automobile repair shop.

He was a life member of the Austin Masonic lodge No. 12 and was a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine orders. He was a member of the First Baptist church.

Survivors include his widow, three sons, Joe C. and Roger of Austin and Fay E. of the Canal Zone; and two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Dill of Austin and Mrs. R. E. Wilson of San Antonio.

Funeral services will be held from the Thurlow Weed Funeral home at 10 a. m. Monday with the Rev. S. G. Posey officiating. The funeral, directed by the Masonic order, will be held at Oakwood cemetery.

Obituary of Pinckney W. Powell, who operated the Powell Garage and Body Works here from around 1919 until 1936. His son, Roger, took over the Day and Night Garage next door at 409 Colorado Street as well as the Powell Auto Body Works at that address from the mid-1930s through the early 1940s.

Austin American, July 9, 1939

Pioneer Resident Dies Here Friday

Will J. Dill Services To Be Held Sunday

Will J. Dill, 64, life-time resident of Austin, died Friday at 11 a. m. at his home, 811 West Sixth street.

Funeral services will be held at the Cook funeral home Sunday at 4 p. m. by the Rev. W. R. Minter, pastor of the First Southern Presbyterian church. Burial will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Dill has, during the past 10 years, operated the Dill Auto Top company at 413-15 Colorado street, in which he has been associated with his son, Joe. He had been somewhat inactive during the past year due to feeble health, friends said.

During the Wooldridge administration Mr. Dill was active in city affairs, and particularly in development work in East Austin. He was one of the leaders of the movement to pave East Sixth street, and was for a number of years a member of the East Austin fire department. He was chief of the volunteer fire department here during 1899 and 1900, and devoted a great deal of time to the carrying on of the present department.

Survivors are his widow, one daughter, Miss Annie Mae Dill of Austin; two sons, Joe C. and Willie K., of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Burns and Mrs. Augusta Amie, and one brother, Charlie Dill, of Rochester, New York.

Obituary of Will J. Dill, who ran an automobile and carriage trimming shop here in the 1920s. His son, Joe C. Dill, continued the business, and expanded it to include automobile tops and seat covers.

Austin American, February 2, 1929

Shade Manufacturer Dies at Home Here

**Joe C. Hill Taken by Death;
Funeral to Be Wednesday**

Joe C. Dill, 45, operator of Dills Inc., local shade factory, died at the family residence, 811 West Sixth street, Monday at 4 p. m.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bessie Powell Dill; one daughter, Miss Mary Dill, junior in the University of Texas; one sister, Mrs. Annie Mae Oglesby; one brother, W. K. Dill, and his mother, Mrs. Will J. Dill, all of Austin.

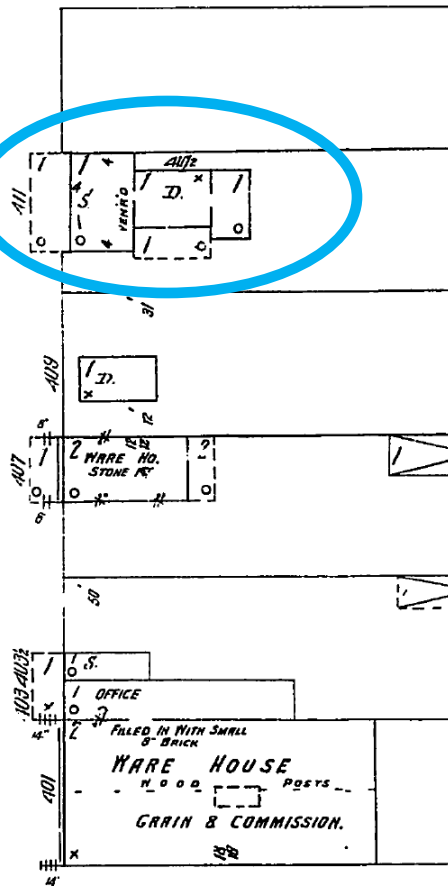
Mr. Dill was born in Austin and had lived here all of his life.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the Thurlow B. Weed Funeral home with burial in Oakwood.

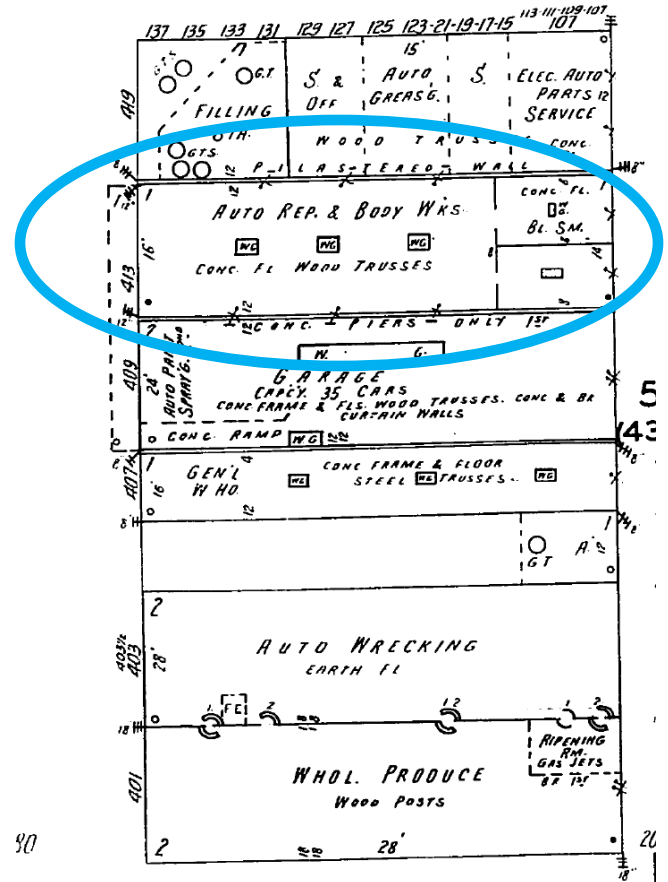
Obituary of Joseph C. Dill, who operated an auto top business here from the mid-1920s until around 1936, when he moved his operations to 404 Colorado Street. Joseph C. Dill was the son of William J. Dill, who had had an automobile and carriage trimming business here in the early 1920s. Joe Dill married Bessie Powell, the daughter of Pinckney W. Powell, who had an auto painting business here from 1920 until around 1936. His brother-in-law, Roger Powell, continued the Powell Auto Body Shop here until 1936, when he moved to 409 Colorado and Dill moved to 404 Colorado.

Austin American, February 15, 1938

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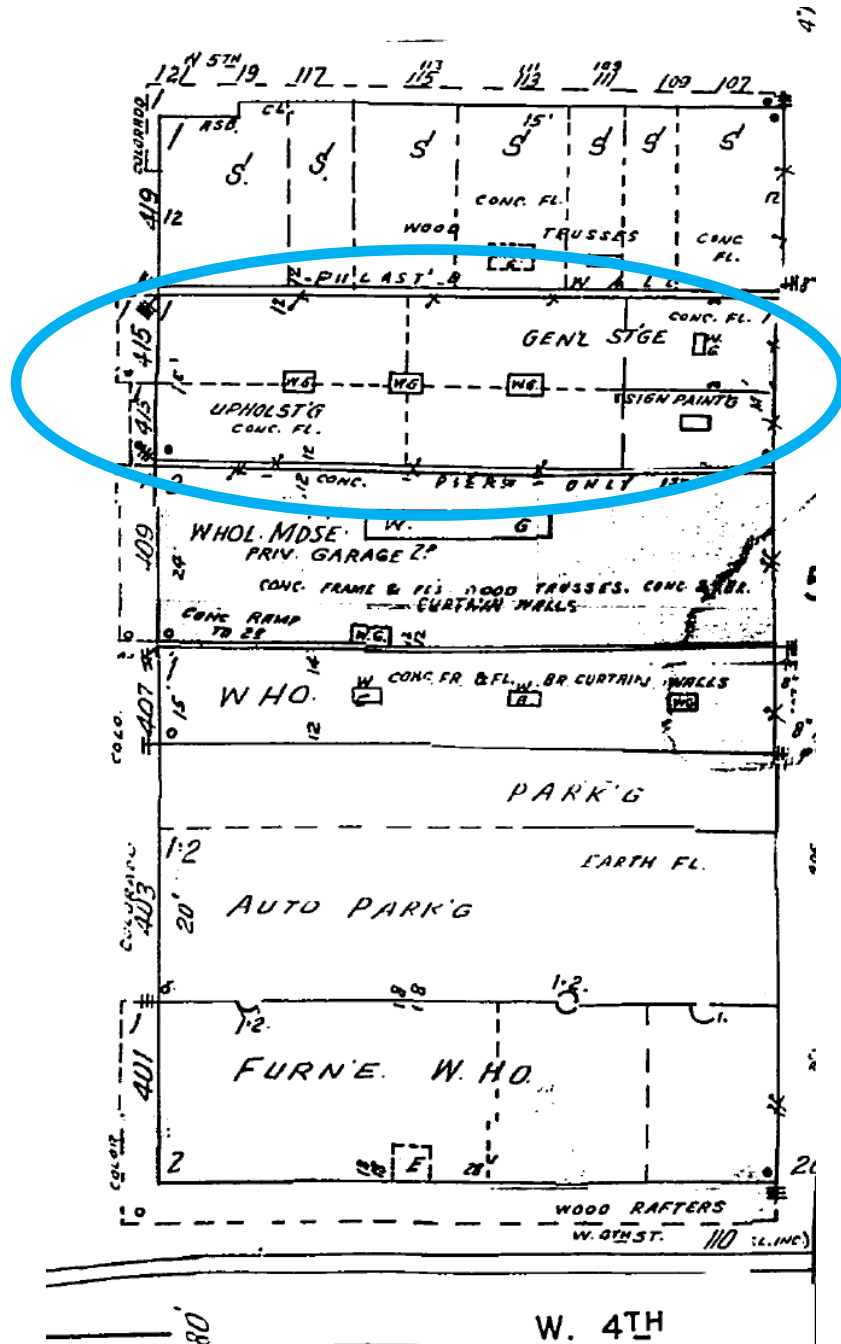


The 1900 Sanborn map shows a one-story store with a canopy with a one-story dwelling behind it at 411 Colorado Street.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the current building at 413-5 Colorado Street as a one-story building labeled "Auto Repair and Body Works" with a concrete floor and wood trusses and a canopy or awning across the front. The 1935 city directory listing shows the building occupied by Powell Auto Body Works and the Dill Auto Top Company.

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The 1961 Sanborn map shows the building at 413-15 Colorado Street as split into two halves, the southern half (413) being devoted to upholstery, and the northern half (415) denoted as general storage. There is a canopy or awning over each section of the building, but they differ in depth, according to the map. City directories show that E.M. Scarbrough & Sons had their drapery workshop here from the early 1950s to the late 1960s.

The building was remodeled as a restaurant and bar in 1995 for Miguel's La Bodega; it has also housed Ringer's Sports Bar, and now Maria Maria, with remodeling between each incarnation.