

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
MAY 4, 2022
DA-2022-011968; GF-2022-050219
209 WEST 5TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolition of a ca. 1918 warehouse building.

ARCHITECTURE

209 W. 5th St. is a single-story brick masonry commercial building constructed ca. 1918. Its stepped parapet features an ornamental cornice with stylized waterfall brick patterns, diagonal white tiles bookending the central parapet, and geometric brick patterns below. A decorative brick band across the primary façade and decorative header course above the window and door voids complete the Art Deco details. The façade is symmetrical, containing a central entrance opening with an inset porch flanked by two window openings typical of commercial storefronts from the time. Fenestration has been replaced and modified. Historic awning hardware provides evidence of an original awning structure over the storefront.

RESEARCH

This building was constructed around 1918. Its first known occupant was A.P. Robinson's auto garage; he shared the space in the 1920s with Patrick J. McDonald's Lone Star Supply Company, which dealt in automobile and dairy supplies. Lone Star Supply Company became the sole occupant of the building in the early 1930s and stayed there until the late 1970s. Lone Star dropped the dairy supply portion of their business in the mid-1940s when J.H. Green and Marvin Uzzell took over the company. They concentrated on auto supplies, especially brake and clutch parts and repairs. By the early 1980s, Ramon Galindo had opened Ace Custom Tailors here, which remained until the late 1990s. The building was remodeled in the late 1990s for a nightclub and renovated again in the early 2000s for the Red Fez and Lucky Lounge.¹

Few of Austin's historic-aged warehouse and commercial buildings retain a high degree of architectural integrity, with most of the modifications addressing storefronts, windows, and doors. Only the Nelson Davis Warehouse (now the Spaghetti Warehouse) at W. 4th and Colorado Streets has been listed as a local historic landmark.

The primary historical significance of the buildings is their connection with Austin's railroad and urban history. While it is clear that none of the surviving buildings date from the earliest railroad period in Austin, many were built in the 1900s and 1910s and reveal interesting facts about the day-to-day life of the growing city during the early and mid-20th century. Many of the largest wholesale businesses were run by recently migrated families of varying cultural backgrounds. These industrial buildings speak to the broader development patterns of the city's history.

The architectural integrity of many of the buildings in the warehouse district is questionable, with the widespread replacement of storefronts with modern metal-framed plate-glass; however, many retain their integrity of location and setting, feeling, association, design, and often materials. They are a generally basic but identifiable type of architecture.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The *Historic Buildings in the Warehouse District Survey* (ca. 2009) lists the property as high priority for inclusion in a potential historic district.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity, with modifications to fenestration within existing openings.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building conveys architectural significance as an example of 20th-century industrial architecture.
 - b. Historical association. The historic uses of the building are typical of buildings within the downtown Warehouse District. The property does not appear to have individually significant associations.

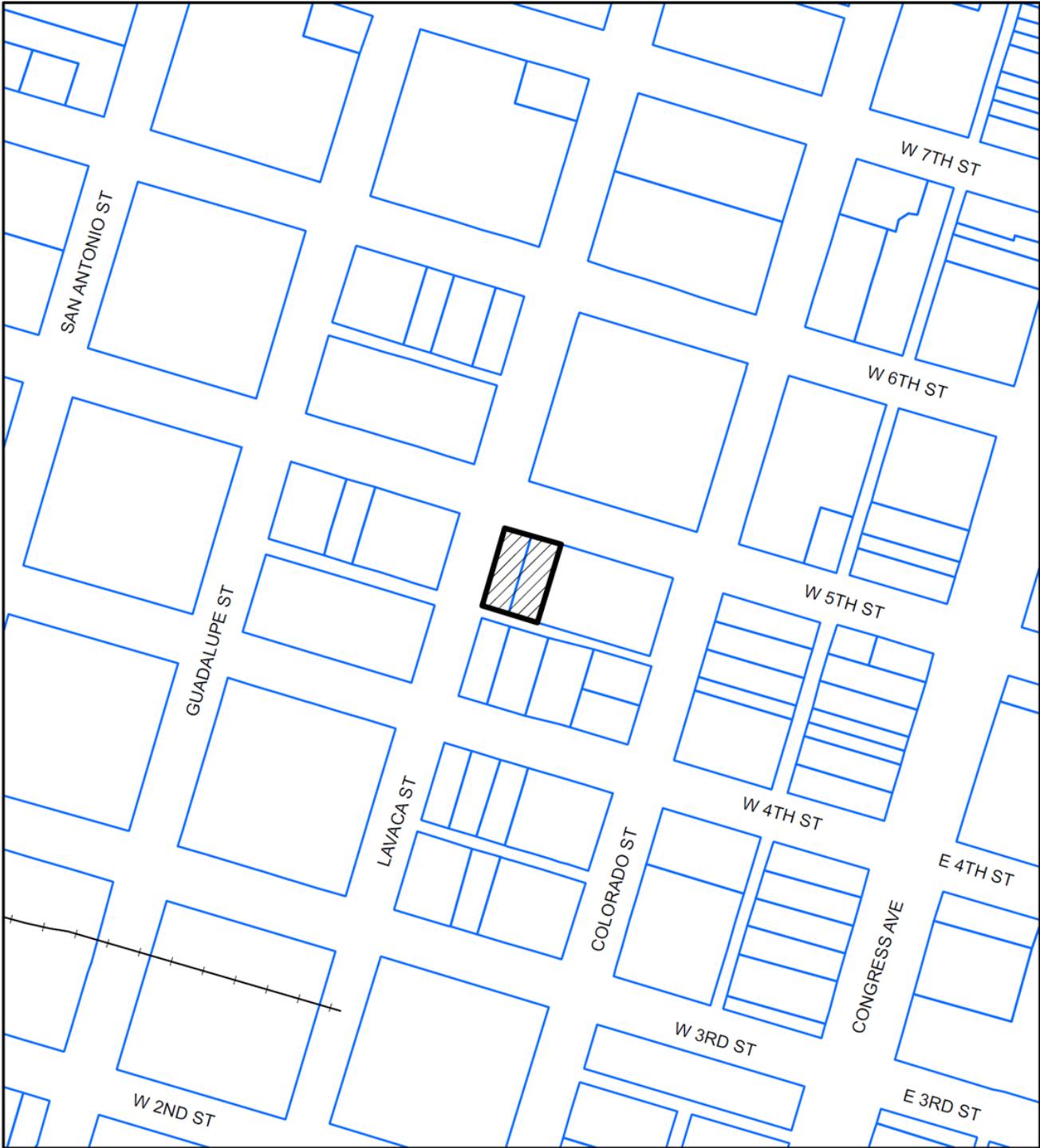
¹ Adapted from Steve Sadowsky, *Historical Context Report in Austin's Warehouse and Wholesale Districts*, undated (ca. 2009).

- c.* Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d.* Community value. The property possesses a unique location and physical characteristics as part of the Warehouse District, which contributes to the character, image, and cultural identity of the city. However, this association in itself is not sufficient for the building to individually qualify for landmark designation.
- 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 reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 200'

Notifications

CASE#: DA- 2022-011968; GF-2022-050219

LOCATION: 209 & 213 W 5TH STREET

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



209-213 W. 5th Street, Historic Preservation Office staff, April 2022.



209 W. 5th Street, Historic Preservation Office staff, April 2022.

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, Austin History Center

By City Historic Preservation Office

December 2008

1992	Ace Custom Tailors Ramon G. Galindo, proprietor
1987	Ace Custom Tailors No proprietor listed
1981	Ace Custom Tailors Ramon G. Galindo, proprietor
1977	Vacant
1975	Lone Star Supply Company Brakes and clutch service H.A. Heitman, Jr., proprietor
1969	Lone Star Supply Company Thomas M. Uzzell, proprietor No description of the business is stated in the directory.
1967	Lone Star Supply Company Thomas M. Uzzell, proprietor No description of the business is stated in the directory.
1963	Lone Star Supply Company Auto parts Marvin Uzzell, president
1957	Lone Star Supply Company Thomas M. Uzzell, president Auto parts, brake, and clutch parts.
1953	Lone Star Supply Company J.H. Green, president; Thomas M. Uzzell, vice-president Auto accessories, jobbers, brake and clutch rebuilding, drums turned, distributors, McMillan Oil.
1949	Lone Star Supply Company J.H. Green and Thomas M. Uzzell, proprietors Brake and clutch rebuilding, drums turned, auto accessories.
1947	Lone Star Supply Company John H. Green and T. Marvin Uzzell, proprietors Brake and clutch rebuilding, drums turned, auto accessories
1944-45	Lone Star Supply Company P.J. McDonald, proprietor Auto accessories and dairy supplies
1941	Lone Star Supply Company P.J. McDonald, proprietor Dairy supplies and auto accessories

- 1937 Lone Star Supply Company
Patrick J. McDonald, proprietor
Dairy supplies and auto accessories
- 1935 Lone Star Supply Company
Patrick J. McDonald, proprietor
Dairy supplies and auto accessories
- 1932-33 Lone Star Supply Company
Patrick J. McDonald, proprietor
Dairy supplies and auto accessories
- 1930-31 Lone Star Supply Company
Patrick J. McDonald, proprietor
Dairy supplies and auto accessories
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.
- 1927 Athen P. Robinson
Auto repair
- Lone Star Supply Company
Patrick J. McDonald, manager
Auto accessories and dairy supplies
- 1924 Athen P. Robinson
Auto repair
- Starr Motor Car Company
Van M. Smith, manager
- Lone Star Supply Company
Patrick J. McDonald, manager
Auto accessories and dairy supplies
- 1922 Athen P. Robinson
Auto repair
- Patrick J. McDonald
Dairy supplies and auto accessories
- 1920 A. Prichard Robinson Garage
Auto repair
- 1918 Vacant
NOTE: The address is listed as 209-11 W. 5th Street.
- 1916 There is a residential structure on the site.

Permits

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

N^o.A 4845

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. J H Street Address 207 W 5th St

Plumber Parry Size of Tap 3/4" Date

meter 600 10

Foreman's Report...

Date of Connection 11/13/1927

Water service permit, 1927

APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OR MULTI FAMILY WATER AND WASTEWATER CONNECTIONS

(This portion must be completed in full by applicant. Please print)

ENTERED

Service Address: 209-A W. 5th

Lot: 11 Block: 044 Subdivision Original City

Sq. Ft. of Building: Domestic Meter Size: 1" Irrigation Meter Size:

Fire Line Size: Wastewater Stub Size:

Is this application for first water and/or wastewater service to this property? no

If existing connections are present, how many? Water 5/8" Wastewater? 1

Connection option requested. (Check One) Drop-In/Inspection Only City Connection

(A description of options is available in Water and Wastewater Service Connection Guide)

THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR INDIVIDUAL OWNER-BUILT STRUCTURES

Applicant's Full Name:

Date of Birth Driver's License # Social Security #

Signature: Date:

THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR APPLICATIONS MADE BY COMMERCIAL CONCERNS

Company Name: Luck Lounge, LLC Tax I.D.# 74-2834298

Customer Type: Limited Partnership Unlimited Partnership Corporation Sole Ownership

Sewer service permit

Water Service Receipt

Hold for receipt

Acct: 11 Blk: 44
 St: _____ Grid: _____
 Domestic: Irr: _____
 Tr Size: 0.750 Mtr# _____
 Tr Type _____
 Ty Conn _____ Drop In
 Side: East _____ Ctrl West _____



This Receipt will be VOID and No Refund will be given Two Years After Date of Issuance

Date: 8-11-97 **G**
 Tap Fee: 160. D.I. _____
 Addn. Sys: _____ Pave _____
 C.R.F. 2452.50 S.U. _____
 Total: \$ 2662.50
 Chg. Fee _____ Date _____
 Reinsp Fee: _____ Date _____
 Add'l Receipt# _____

Service Address: 209A W. 5TH Street
 Subdivision: Original City
 Received of: JACK FORMER LLC Phone: 474-4
 A: 209A W. 5TH ST Austin TX Zip: 78701
 Water Attd. _____ Exception Cd. _____ Pd. Prev. _____ Inside City: Outside: _____ Prv _____
 Job Loc: as per plan 209A W. 5TH ST Size: _____ Reconnect Replaces Tap # _____
 Old Estimate # _____ Short Form: _____ Subq User # _____
 R# _____ Land Status: _____ Multi Service Contract # _____
 Comments: _____

Outside City Plumbing Installations Must Obtain Third Party Plumbing Inspections In Order to Connect to the City of Austin W

Outside City S.I.V. # _____

NOTICE

This receipt obligates the City of Austin to furnish a water the above address only when a water line(s) is available would comply with all city ordinances and state laws, an Wastewater Department has approved the connection. If cannot be made as provided above, this deposit may refund fee upon request for reimbursement.

James R. [Signature] Receipt # 33016
 Customer: [Signature]

SWW REV. 09/93

Wastewater Service Receipt

Hold for receipt

Acct: 71 Block: 44
 St # _____ Grid: _____
 Office # _____
 Meter: Yes _____ No
 Mat: Wal _____ Gov Ser _____
 Ty Conn _____ Insp. Only
 Side: East _____ Ctrl West _____



This Receipt will be VOID and No Refund will be given Two Years After Date of Issuance

Date: 8-11-97 **1**
 Tap Fee: _____ Insp. I _____
 Addn. Sys: _____ Pave _____
 C.R.F. 1475.63 S.U. _____
 Total: \$ 1525.63
 Chg. Fee _____ Date _____
 Reinsp Fee: _____ Date _____
 Add'l Receipt# _____

Service Address: 209A W. 5TH Street
 Subdivision: Original City
 Received of: JACK FORMER LLC Phone: 474-4
 A: 209A W. 5TH ST Austin TX Zip: 78701
 Meter Attd. Not Required _____ Existing _____ Pd. Prev. _____ Inside City: Outside _____
 Job Loc: as per plan 209A W. 5TH ST Depth _____ Reconnect Replaces Tap # _____
 Old Estimate # _____ Short Form: _____ Subq User # _____
 R# _____ Land Status: _____ Multi Service Contract # _____
 Comments: _____

P.J. McDonald

209 West 5th St

11

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44

East part of 11

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Orig. City

Re-place doors in Bldg.

21713 - 5-1-41

None

Building permits to Patrick J. McDonald to replace the doors (1941). McDonald had an auto accessories and dairy supplies business here as early as 1922; it became Lone Star Supply Company and remained here through the late 1960s.

SIGN PERMIT.

OWNER	Piccolo's Restaurant		ADDRESS	209 W. 5th ST.	
PLAT	7	LOT	11-12		BLK
SUBDIVISION	Original City				
OCCUPANCY	sign				
BLD PERMIT #	151610	DATE	8-28-75	OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$480.00
CONTRACTOR	Dekor			NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #				SEWER TAP REC #	

erect sign - Food

Sign permit, 1975

OWNER Ramon G. Galindo ADDRESS 209 W. 5th St.
 PLAT 7 LOT 11 BLK 44
 SUBDIVISION Original City
 OCCUPANCY Tailor Shop
 BLD PERMIT # 160261 DATE 11-1-76 OWNERS ESTIMATE
 CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES see plans
 WATER TAP REC # SEWER TAP REC #

Remodel existing comm bldg.

Building permit, 1976

OWNER Ramon G. Galindo ADDRESS 209 W. 5th St.
 PLAT 7 LOT 11 BLK 44
 SUBDIVISION Original City
 OCCUPANCY Tailor Shop
 BLDG. PERMIT # 188567 DATE 12-5-79 OWNERS ESTIMATE 6,000.00
 CONTRACTOR Same NO. OF FIXTURES
 WATER TAP REC# SEWER TAP REC#

Remodel : the int of existing comm bldg

Building permit, 1979

Address: 209 W. 5th Permit: 188567 Plat: 7
 Lot: 11 Block 44 Subdivision: Original City
 Outlot
 Fire Zone: 1 Use Dist. C-2 of 4th Occupancy: Remainder the interior of existing Comm Bldg (Permit # 180281)

Layout	Framing	1-11-80 Final	Commercial
Foundation	Floor joist size & o.c.	Bldg. Conn.	Parking
Front setback	ceiling joist size & o.c.	Room Vent.	Exits
Total & Min. side yard	stud size & o.c.	Stairs	Exit lights
Side St. Yard		Rails	Fences
		Attic Vent.	Corridors
		Insulation	
Type Const.	W. Insulation	Hood Vent.	
Spec. Permit #	Sheetrock	Glass	
BOA	Commercial Sheetrock	Deadbolts	
	Occup. Sep.	Fireplaces	
	Thru out		

 Owner: Ramon G. Galindo Contractor: [Signature]



A 12/15/79

Building permit, 1979



Historic Warehouse Building Survey, 2008



Historic Building Survey, 2008

Historical information

P. J. McDONALD
 Funeral services for P. J. McDonald, a retired merchant and former owner of Lone Star Supply Company, will be held Friday at 3:30 p. m. at Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee R. Colmeier officiating.
 He was a member of Austin Lodge 12, A. F. & A. M., Scottish Rites Bodies, and Ben Hur Shrine. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. BeaneHa Bush McDonald of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Gibson of San Antonio and Mrs. Frank Carlton of Panders, and one brother, W. M. McDonald of Seattle.
 Pallbearers will be Jessie Raven, John H. Green, Dave Carlson, Robert Fehlitz Jr., T. M. Czrell and W. E. Carlson. Burial will be at Austin Memorial Park under the auspices of Austin Lodge 12.

*Obituary of Patrick J. McDonald, the owner of Lone Star Supply Company
 Austin American, March 18, 1955*

DEATHS and FUNERALS

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Mar 17, 1955;
ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Austin American Statesman
pg. A14

P. J. McDONALD

P. J. McDonald, retired merchant and former owner of the Lone Star Supply Company, died at his home, 1613 West Sixth Street, Thursday morning.

He was a member of Austin Lodge No. 12, AF&AM, Scottish Rite Bodies and Ben Hur Shrine.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Bennetta Bush McDonald of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Gibson of San Antonio and Mrs. Frank Carroll of Pandora; and one brother, W. M. McDonald of Seguin.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p. m. Friday at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee R. Geldmeier officiating.

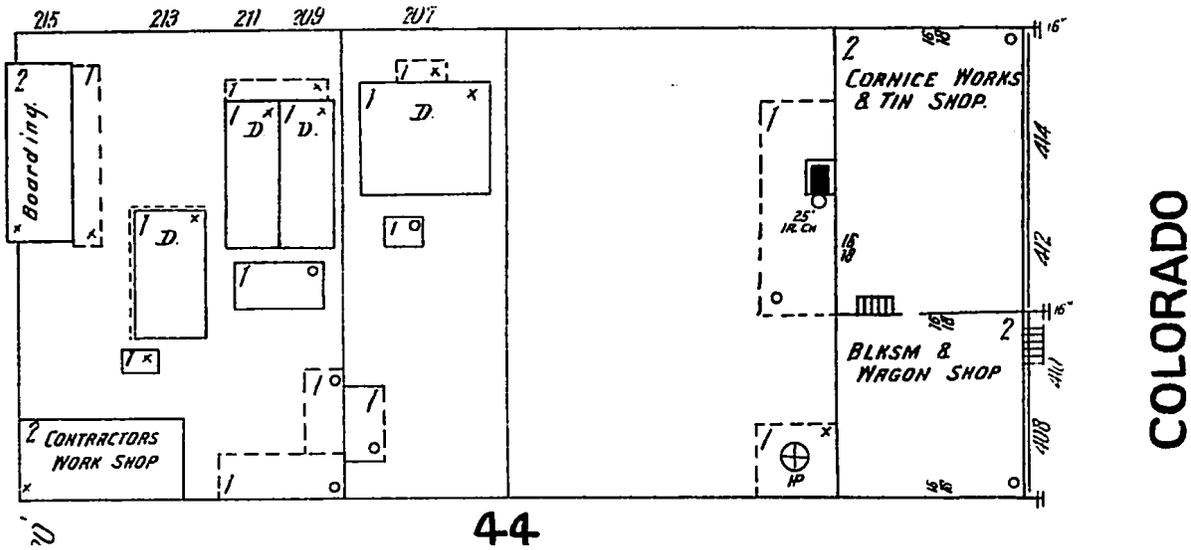
Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park under the auspices of Austin Lodge No. 12, AFA&M.

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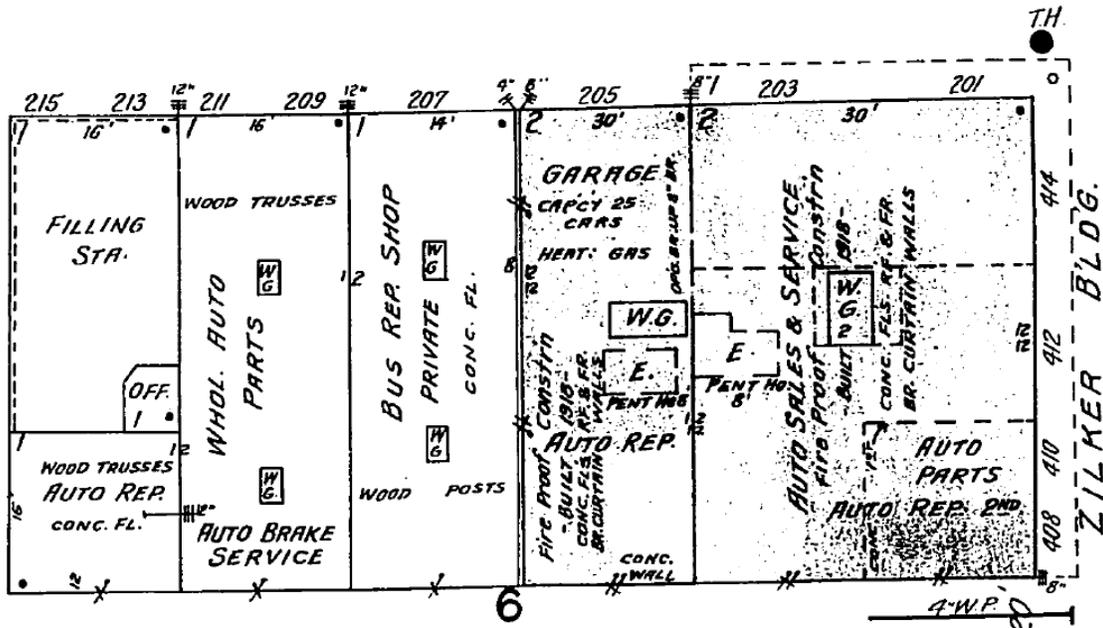
J. H. GREEN GR 7-6926	• OWNERS •	T. M. UZZELL GR 8-4483
LONE STAR SUPPLY COMPANY		
AIRLIFTS BRAKE DRUMS MOOG FRONT END PARTS GABRIEL SHOCK ABSORBERS NATIONAL SEALS MOTOR MOUNTS U JOINTS THORSEN TOOLS STAPOHAND CLEANER VELVETOUCH INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL	SPECIALIZED BRAKE-CLUTCH SERVICE INDUSTRIAL AND AUTOMOTIVE BRAKE LINING (Gatke-Grizzly-Raybestos) BRAKE PARTS (EIS) CLUTCH PARTS (Borg Warner-Perfection)	209 W. 5th St. Austin MacMILLAN RING FREE OIL

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps

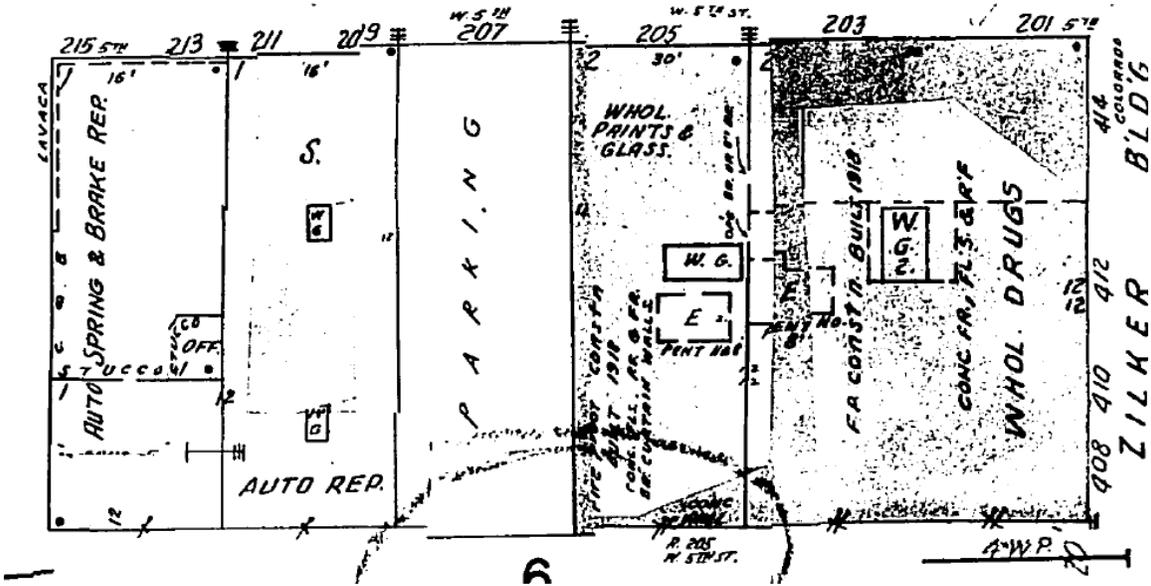


COLORADO

The 1900 Sanborn map shows a one-story side-by-side duplex on this site; this house was demolished around 1918.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the building used as a wholesale auto parts warehouse with automobile brake service in the rear. The building carries 209 and 211 W. 5th Street addresses, but 211 W. 5th Street does not appear separately in the directories.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows an auto repair used in the rear of the building and a store in the front. Lone Star Supply Company, an auto parts store with dairy supplies and brake and clutch rebuilding, was located here from the early 1920s through the late 1960s.