#### HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS APRIL 5, 2023 PR-2023-014371; GF-2023-027652 2200 SAN ANTONIO STREET

#### PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1961 ecclesiastical education building.

#### ARCHITECTURE

2200 San Antonio Street is a two-story brick building designed by Fehr and Granger. Originally an addition to a ca. 1890s residential building, it retains most of its exterior brick and vertical glazed brick accent headers, except for where it once connected to the now-demolished house. Fenestration includes horizontal sliding aluminum windows and double doors beneath a metal awning. A privacy wall, which once had solar-tile accents characteristic of mid-century Modern buildings, shields the building at the San Antonio Street façade.

#### RESEARCH

The building at 2200 San Antonio Street, also addressed as 502 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, was constructed in 1961 for the Lutheran Student Foundation by B. J. Building Corporation. Designed by prominent Austin architects Fehr and Granger, who were known for their Modern designs and functional educational and ecclesiastical buildings, the boxy brick structure was attached to an existing 1890s house, used by the Foundation as the University of Texas Lutheran Student Center. During its first few years, the building served as an educational facility, an event space, a pick-up and drop-off point for picketers in favor of desegregation, and a space where students volunteered with various civic groups.

Despite the initial plan to replace the old building with a matching brick building within six years, the Foundation instead purchased a plot of land down the street at 2100 San Antonio and sold 2200. The old house was demolished during the early 1970s and not replaced; the empty lot was used for parking. The building was used by Ginny's Copies, Republic Life Insurance, and the University Tennis Foundation before it was purchased by the University Baptist Church, once again becoming an ecclesiastical education building before its sale to private owners.

#### **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

Council Resolution No. 20160623-082 directs the Historic Preservation Office to refer demolition applications for buildings fifty years or older and dedicated to civic uses, including but not limited to, ecclesiastical, educational, recreational, charitable, hospital, and other institutional or community uses, to the Historic Landmark Commission.

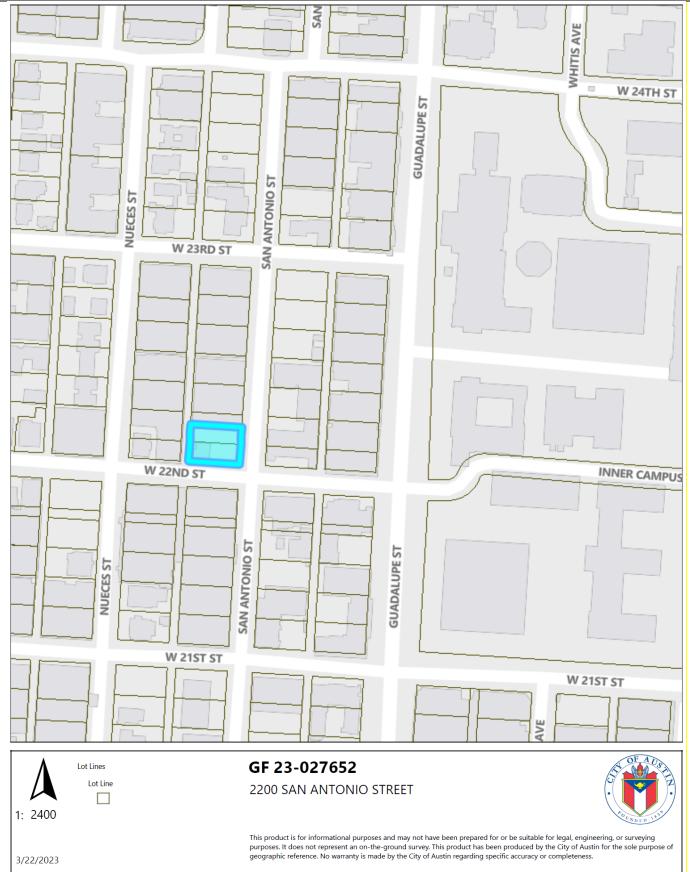
#### Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity as a standalone structure. Though it was constructed as an addition to a building that was demolished, it still retains its original form, fenestration pattern, and most of its materials (solar tiles have been removed from the privacy wall at San Antonio Street). However, it no longer conveys the design intent of the architects as a modern addition to a late-nineteenth-century residential-scale building.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it may meet two criteria:
  - *a*. Architecture. The building is a small-scale example of the Modern style employed by Fehr and Granger.
  - b. Historical association. The property is associated with the University of Texas' Lutheran community.
  - *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 was not evaluated for a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - *e*. Landscape feature. The property does not appear to be a a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

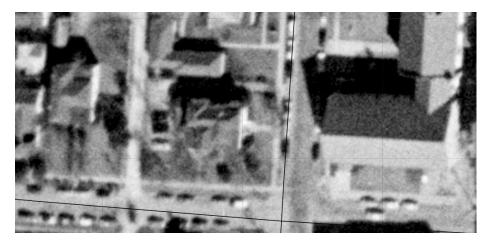
#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. The loss of the building's relationship to the original house on the lot impacts its ability to convey its significance.

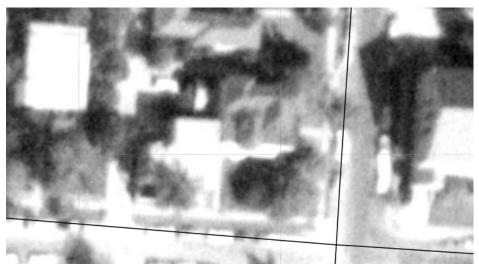
#### LOCATION MAP



Photos



1958 aerial, US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service



1965 aerial, US Department of Agriculture



1977 aerial photograph, International Aerial Mapping Company for the City of Austin





Douglass, Neal. Lutheran Student Center and Bible Chair, photograph, January 17, 1957; University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History; crediting Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.





Demolition permit application, 2023



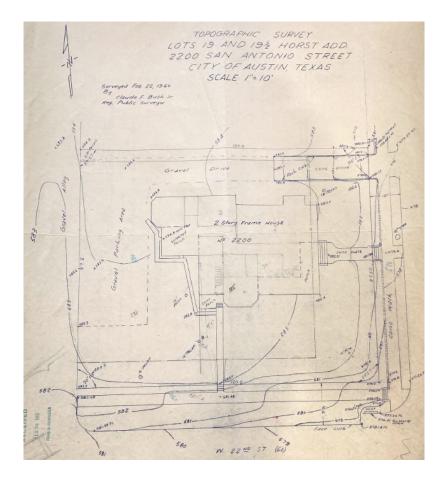
Google Street View, 2011. Solar tiles at San Antonio side have been removed.

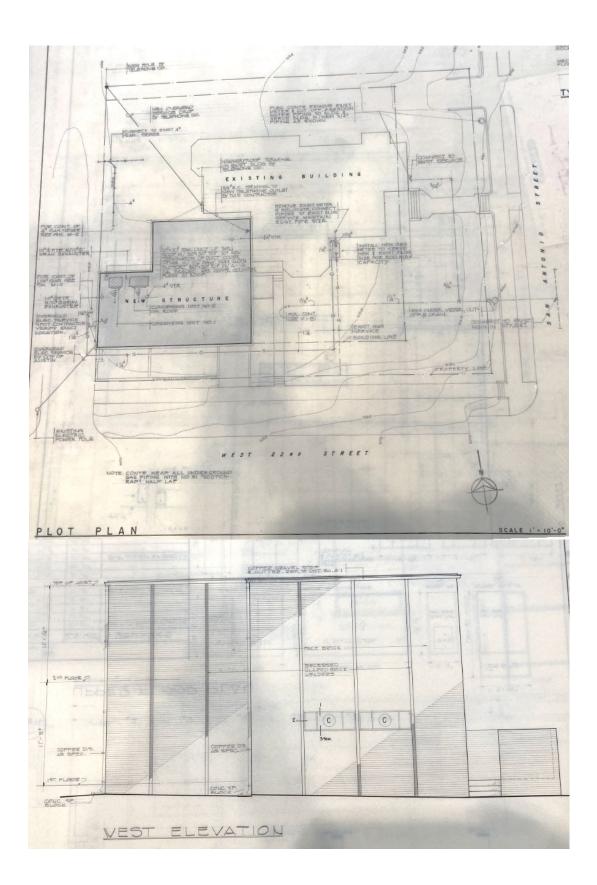
#### Occupancy History

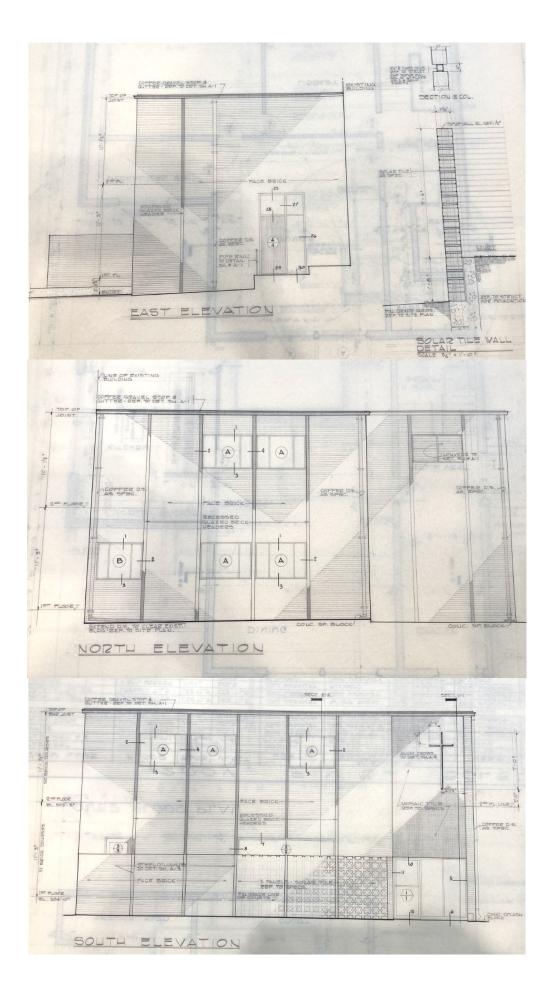
City Directory Research, February 2023

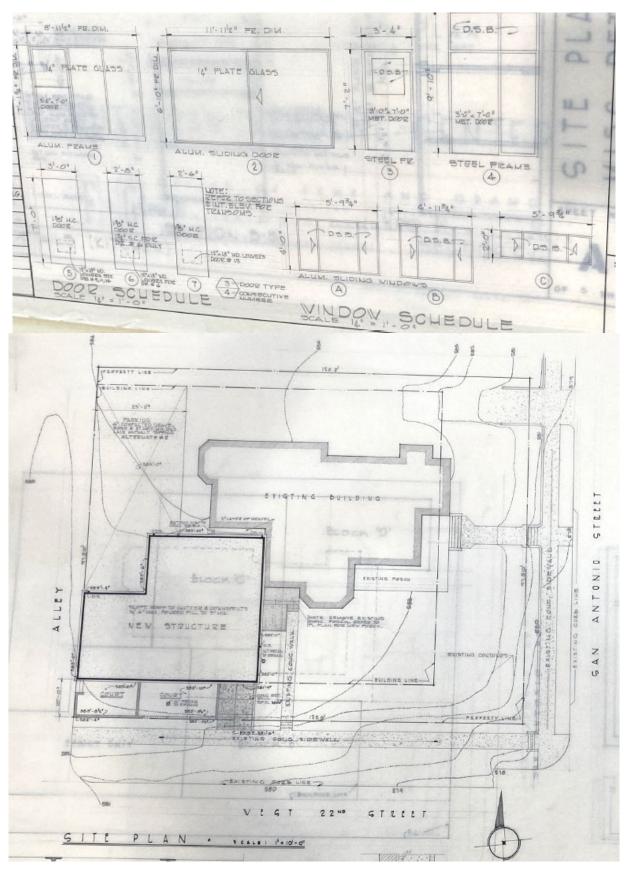
- 1972 Republic National Life Insurance Co.
- 1968 Lutheran Student Center
- 1965 Lutheran Student Center
- 1962 Lutheran Student Center

#### Historical Information









Austin History Center, Fehr & Granger Architectural Files, F9-727: Lutheran Student Center

## Lutheran Board Meeting Slated At UT Tonight

A meeting of the board of directors of the Lutheran Student Foundation of the University of Texas will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will take place at the present location of the Lutheran Student Center, University of Texas, 2004 Whitis Avenue.

The Lutheran Student Foundation has completed negotiations to purchase a new location at 2200 San Antonio Street. The foundation will take possession on June 1, 1958, and plans to erect a new building and permanent center at this site in approximately five years. The foundation will use the existing building for the present time beginning with the school term of the summer of 1958.

The Bible Chair will be located there as well as the offices for the Lutheran Student Foundation, and facilities for the Lutheran Student Association. The study committee for the relocation was made up of Dr. C. C. Albers and Curt von Bieberstein Jr.

Officers of the board of directors, Lutheran Student Foundation are: the Rev. E. V. Long, president: Mrs. F. S. Gustafson, vice president: Lee Ellingson, treasurer: and the Rev. W. C. Ahlrich, secretary, Student Center Contracts Let B. J. Building Corporation has the general contract for construction of the \$52,000 first unit of the Lutheran Student Center to be built at 2200 San Antonio. The electrical contract went to Dean Johnson; heating and airconditioning to Yourig and Pratt; and the plumbing contract to P. G. Sosa and Sons.

Lutheran Board Meeting Slated At UT Tonight. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 06 Dec 1957: 2 Student Center Contracts Let. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 05 Nov 1960: 5.



Two Lutheran pastors and two leaders in the University of Texas Lutheran Student Association study plans for the new student center to be built at 22nd and San Antonio streets. The group includes, left to right, Rev. W. C. Ahlrich, Lutheran Student

## Austin 'Home' Planned For Lutheran Students

Lutheran students attending the University of Texas will have a new "home away from home" by June 1. Construction of the second by Austin architects

Construction of the new two-Fehr and Granger, the new \$53,000 D. J. Building Corporation of story brick Lutheran Student building will be the first unit Austin bolds the general construc-Center will get underway at 22nd of a six-year building program. tion contract. Electrical con-

American-Statesman/UPI

Foundation board chairman; Rev. Harold D. Pennington, LSF executive director; Charles Manske, Lutheran Student Association president, and Miss Elaine Burke, LSA vice president.

> "We plan to replace the old building now on the property, with an extension of this new unit in about six years," Rev. W. C. Ahlrich, student center pastor, explains. "Of course, we will use it in the meantime."

> Dr. L. D. Haskew, University vice chancellor, will be guest speaker at the ground breaking ceremonies Nov. 20 at 4 p.m.

> D. J. Building Corporation of Austin holds the general construction contract. Electrical contractor is Dean Johnston and heating and air-conditioning contractor Young and Pratt, all of Austin.

Austin 'Home' Planned For Lutheran Students. The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 20 Nov 1960: A18

### Lutherans To Dedicate Center

The new Lutheran Student Cen- campus pastor to students. Until | fices, a classroom, kitchen, lounge,

4:30 p.m. Speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Carl E. Hacker, former campus pastor at the University. The Rev. Harold W. Pennington, Council campus pastor, will on duct the service. Rev. Hacker came to Austin in 1953 as the first full time NLC

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Lutherans To Dedicate Center. The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 07 May 1961: B12.



REV. GUSTAV KOPKA JR.

## Reception Welcomes **UT** Pastor

A reception will be held Sunday at the Lutheran Student Center, 2200 San Antonio, for the Rev. Gustav Kopka Jr. the new student pastor for National Lutheran Council students at The University of Texas, and the executive director of the Lutheran Student Foundation.

The informal reception will be held from 7:30 until 9 p.m. and is open to the public.

Pastor Kopka will be formally installed on Sunday, Sept. 23, at the First English Lutheran Church, 3001 Whitis. He will be installed by the Rev. Vernon A. Mohr, president of the Southern District of the American Luther-

The new student pastor was born in Prussia. He escaped with his family to West Germany in 1945, and came to the United States in 1952.

Pastor Kopka received his B.A. from Concordia College, Moor-head, Minn., and his M.A. from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. He was graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. in 1958. He did further graduate work at State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, and at Chicago Theological Seminary in Maywood, 111.

Before coming to Austin Pastor Kopka served as Minister of Youth and Education at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Rockford, Ill. for two years.

The pastor, his wife and their two - year - old son, Paul Michael, live at the student parsonage, 2516 Pembroke Trail.

# **Pickets Eye** le Aven

Congress Avenue from the Capitol to Fifth Street — six blocks will be picketed Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. by students urging integration of all downtown businesses as well as the passing of ter, University Baptist Church, an anti-discrimination ordinance for the city.

Ten picketers will be assigned to cach block.

Eight hundred students at Austin educational institutions have tris Co-op, Brackenridge Dorm been invited to participate in the Section D, San Jacinto Dorm D, demonstration. Non - picketing UT Journalism Building, Christidemonstrators will meet at a an Faith and Life Community, stand-in at 1 p.m. in front of the Disciples Student Fellowship and Paramount Theater.

Transportation to the downtown area will leave at 1 p.m. from these points:

The Presbyterian Student Cen-Lutheran Student Center, Newman Club Building, Episcopal Seminary Library, Huston - Tillotson Student Union, Wesley Foundation, Whitis Dormitory, Alme-St. Edward's Andre Hall.

Pickets Eye The Avenue. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 08 Mar 1963: A1.

# 2.300 Member Gain Noted by Lutherans

Texas District of the Lutherangrowth in the areas of parish ed-Church, Missouri Synod, has ucation, church extension funds gained more than 2,300 baptized and social welfare.

members during the last year, according to Rev. Albert F. Jesse recognized 10 congregations, 25 of Austin, district president.

ship is 79,879. The establishment ed into membership with the 2,of five new missions in the state 500,000 member Lutheran Church during the past year contributed - Missouri Synod Tuesday mornto the growth. An increase of 17 ing. The Rev. Oliver Harms of per cent in the offerings was also St. Louis, president of the Misnoted. A special offering entitled souri Synod, personally welcomed "Carry the Cross" accounted for the new members during the con-\$143,000, and has helped make stitution signing ceremony. possible the construction of a new

Following his report, Rev. Jesse pastors and 17 Christian Day He said the present member-School teachers who were receiv-

Lutheran Student Center at the of the convention, and is based on St. Paul's first letter to the Pres. Jesse reported continued Thessalonians, "Let us, who are



CHILDREN RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTION TO ARTS AND CRAFTS Michael Megahan from the Lutheran Student Center tutors

## **A Place of Learning**

The Citywide Committee for Iluman Rights (CCIR) is demonstrating that simple, local resources can be used to help the educationally disadvantaged. The CCIIR center, a building previously used as a hospital and a school is not only a place of counseling for children and aduits but also a place of learning.

To accomplish its secretarial and high school programs, the CCHR uses the facilities of Holy Cross High School at night. The Holy Cross Sisters help conduct the secretarial training classes on Monday and Wednesday from 7-9 p.m.

CCHR has also established an adult tutorial program leading to the high school diploma equivalent. More than 100 adults are enrolled in this program. Twenty persons studying with CCHR have received their high school diplomus from the State Department of Education since January, 1967. It usually takes about 11 months to complete the

program. An Austin walter who had five years of public education received his diploma by studying at the center and was accepted at Huston Tillotson College. He is now attending the University of Texas. Volunteers are continuously meeded at the center at 106-B

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programs because of the cooperation of many different groups including the Lutheran Student Center, the Catholic Student Center, Hillel Foundation, .First English Lutheran Church, University Methodist Church, Concordia Lutheran College, Faith Methodist Church, HustonTillotson College, Holy Cross High School, Holy Cross Hospital, the Austin Presbyterian Seminary and St. Edward's University.

CUTIR trains persons to take civil service exams and conducts remedial tutoring for children in public and private schools. Individual help is provided for children who have had a specific problem in school.

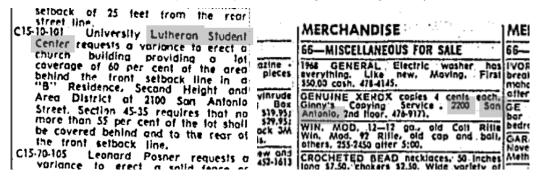
The CCIIR center began in the summer of 1966 meeting only on Saturdays. They now meet six days a week from 4-6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Are p.m. and itestays from 10 arm, to noor. Persons in terested in registering for a program or tutoring are invited to visit the center from 2-6 p.m. on Saturdays. CCHR is a non-profit corporation with no income,

corporation with no income, dependent on local contributions.

#### The Program Offers: A Place of Learning

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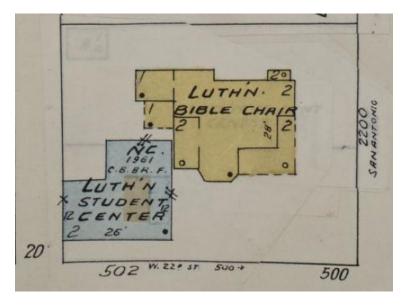


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NOTES — The Texas Tennis Foundat<sup>i</sup> a is bringing the founder of Talent 'n' Timing, Inc., Neal Johnson of Monmouth, N.J., to Austin to demonstrate the tennis rating system he devised Tuesday at Westwood at 1 p.m.

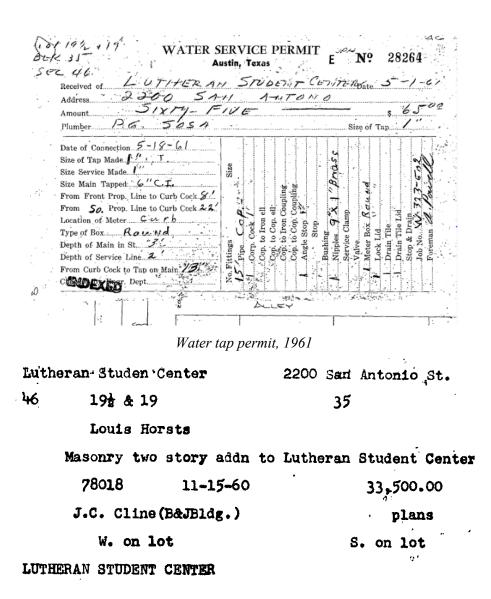
Johnson's system calls for one 15-minute on court test to evaluate a physic's ability. From these rations in common denominator in implementing a state-wide league can be formed. For more information, contact the Foundation office at 478-2369. Admission to the demonstration is free...The Foundation now has the 1974 USLTA yearbooks for sale (\$1) and tournament calendars(\$2). Both are available at the office (2200 San Antonio)... Deadline for entering the Central Zone Qualifying Junior Wightman Cup tournament at Caswell is May 7. This is a singles only tournament for girls 16-and-under and

TENNIS: Toppers Win 14th Straight. Roy, Mark. The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; Austin, Tex. [Austin, Tex]. 28 Apr 1974: C2.

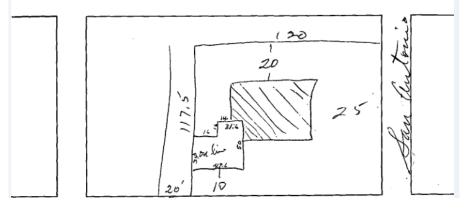


1962 Sanborn Fire Insurance map

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