

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023  
PR-2023-090828; GF-2023-101925  
2044 EAST CESAR CHAVEZ STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1917 house.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story bungalow with stucco cladding, a pyramidal hipped roof and central hipped dormer with exposed rafter tails, 1:1 wood windows with screens, multiple entry doors, and a partial width inset porch.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house at 2044 East Cesar Chavez Street, originally addressed as 2110 East First Street, was built around 1916 or 1917. Its first occupants were August and Ottie Kreidel, a railway worker and a nurse. The Kreidels both met tragic ends during their tenure at the home—August Kreidel died of an illness in 1926, and Ottie Kreidel White was fatally shot by her brother-in-law in 1929. The house passed to Louis Dickson, a repairman, along with his wife Zelma and mother Louise. The Dicksons sold the house to Franklin A. and Ora Saxon in 1939. While Franklin Saxon originally supported his family as a rancher, he and Ora opened a laundromat, named Saxon's Washateria, at their home in the late 1940s. The laundromat was open for the Saxons' remaining tenure in the home, with Ora Saxon continuing to run the business after Frank's death.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey lists the property as contributing to potential local and National Register historic districts.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

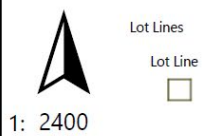
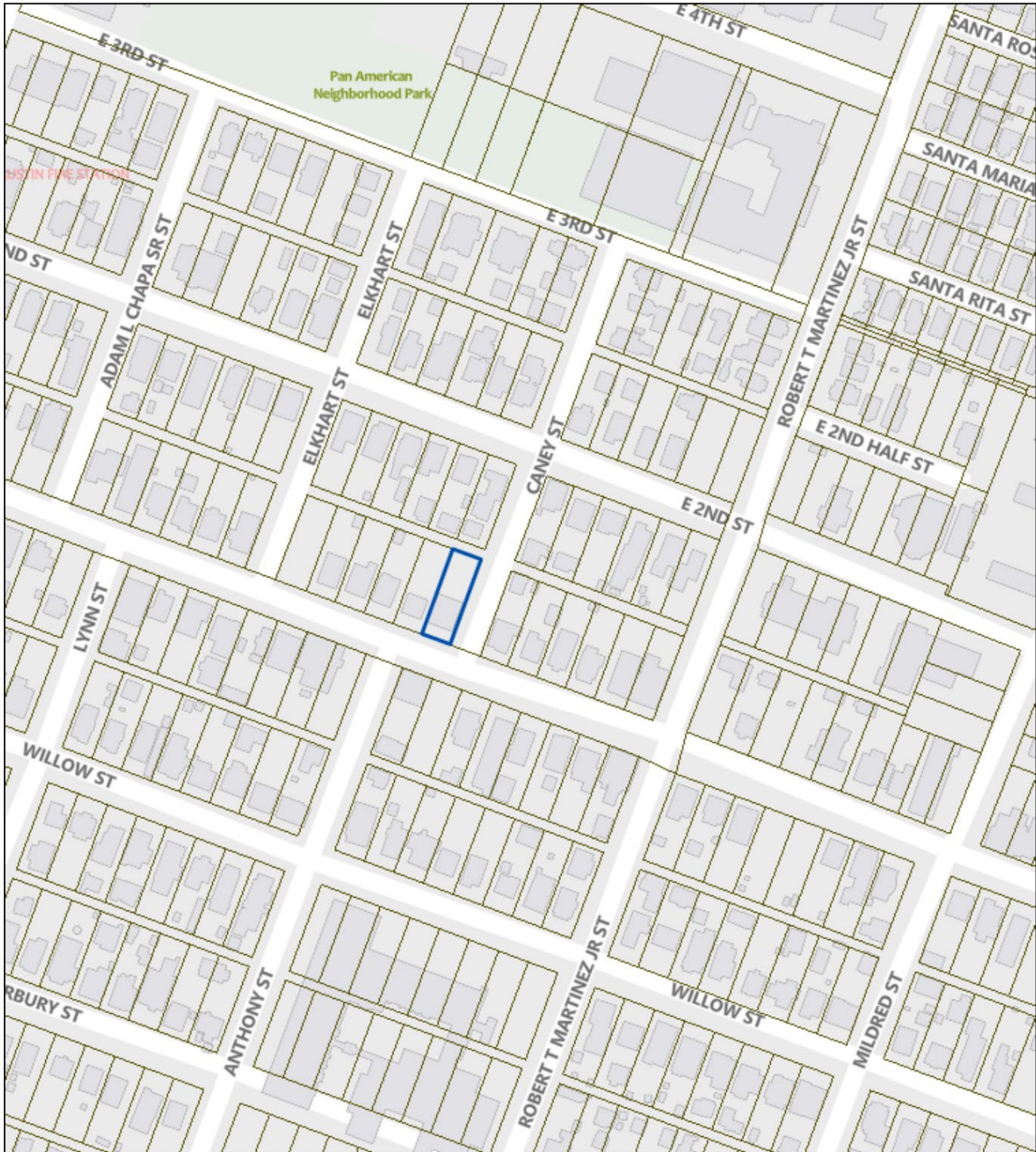
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. Siding has been replaced with stucco, which may have occurred during the historic period.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building is constructed with Craftsman and National Folk influences.
  - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations, though the Commission may wish to consider its contribution to the historic development patterns of East Austin as a home-based business.
  - 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 does not appear to possess 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 is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

## LOCATION MAP



8/21/2023

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2044 E CESAR CHAVEZ STREET



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**PROPERTY INFORMATION***Photos*







*Demolition permit application, 2023*

#### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, Austin History Center, August 2023

1959	Darrell Williams, renter Rear: vacant
1955	Mrs. Ora Saxon, owner (widow of Frank A. Saxon) – Saxon’s Washateria, 2044 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Rear: Saxon’s Washateria
1952	Frank and Ora Saxon, owners– Saxon’s Washateria, 2044 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Rear: Saxon’s Washateria
1949	Frank and Ora Saxon, owners– Saxon’s Washateria, 2044 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Rear: Saxon’s Washateria
1947	Frank and Ora Saxon, owners – rancher Elizabeth A. Saxon, renter — receptionist, Harvey B. Henry
1944	Frank and Ora Saxon, owners – rancher
1941	No listing
1939	<i>Property addressed as 2110 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street.</i> Louis F. and Velma O. Dickson– repairman
1935	Lewis F. and Zelma O. Dickson– electrician Lena L. Dickson, renter
1932	Lewis F. and Zelma O. Dickson – electrician Louise Dickson, renter
1929	Mrs. M. Otie Kreidel, owner (widow of August C.) – nurse, Bernice Bleeker Walter P. Nass, renter – conductor, S&P Lines
1927	Mrs. M. Otie Kreidel, owner (widow of August C.) – nurse, Bernice Bleeker



- 1924 August C. and Oattie Kreidel, owners – trainman, Austin Street Railway Co.
- 1922 August C. and Oattie Kreidal, owners
- 1918 August C. and Oattie Kreidel, owners – trainman, Austin St Railway Co.
- 1916 Address not listed. August C. Kreidel is listed as boarding at 119 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

*Historical Information*

## *The Dead*

**AUGUST C. KRIEDEL, 55,** died at his home, 2110 East First street, after an illness of one week. He was born in Texas, March 30, 1871.

Surviving him are his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Laura Kelschnick of Dallas and Mrs. Ed Kedletz of Fort Worth, and one brother, Oscar Kreidel of Winters, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at the residence Friday morning at 9 o'clock with Rev. K. G. Manz officiating. Interment will be in Ridgeway cemetery at Palge, Texas, at 2:30.

*The Dead. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 02 Dec 1926: 10.*

## *Mrs. Bush Is Still Sinking*

Fighting grimly for life, Mrs. D. A. Bush, 47, victim of a double shooting at her home at 2307 Willow street Wednesday afternoon, was given a meager chance to live by attending physicians Thursday afternoon. She was reported growing weaker at 2 p. m. by attending physicians.

While every effort was being made to save her life, funeral arrangements for Mrs. Otis White, 58, sister of Mrs. Bush, who was shot and fatally wounded at the same time, were completed with last rites set for Friday morning at 10 o'clock. They will be held from the family residence at 2110 East First street.

Charges of assault and attempt to kill were filed against D. A. Bush, husband, late Wednesday.

Mrs. White, sister of Mrs. Bush, died two hours after the shooting. She had two bullet wounds in her chest, and never regained consciousness.

Greatly agitated when taken into police headquarters, Mr. Bush this morning had regained his composure and was mapping out plans for his defense. Judge Ike D. White, counsel for the Austin Street Railway of which Bush is secretary and claim agent, visited the man in the city and county jails, but no definite plans for legal defense grew out of either of the meetings.

An examining trial in Justice Tannehill's court was held up today, pending outcome of Mrs. Bush's injuries.

Travis county grand jurors who have been in session all week are certain to take up the case.

*Mrs. Bush Is Still Sinking. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 11 July 1929: 1.*

## THE DEAD

**WHITE**—Mrs. Ottilie White, age 58, died at a local hospital Wednesday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock. She is survived by her husband, Ed White, her father, J. H. Burkhardt, two sisters, Mrs. Erna Bush, and Mrs. Rosie Otton, three brothers, J. F. Burkhardt of Austin, N. W. Burkhardt of Fredericksburg and W. B. Burkhardt of Houston.

Funeral services will be held from the residence, 2110 East First street Friday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Daniel Grier. Burial will take place in the Ridgeway cemetery, Falge, Texas, Friday afternoon. Pallbearers will be F. W. Sternenberg, Gus Moberg, Lee Newton, W. E. Farmer, Harry Fields, Dock Bohlin.

**DICKSON**—Mrs. Louise D. Dickson, 75, died Friday at the home of her son, L. F. Dickson, 2110 East First street.

The body will be held at the Thurlow Weed funeral home until 11 p. m. when it will be sent over the Southern Pacific to Corsicana. Mr. Joe D. Dickson of Dallas will accompany the body. Services will be held tomorrow afternoon in Corsicana.

Mrs. Dickson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. E. Anderson of Wellington; five sons, Joe D. Dickson of Dallas, G. D. Dickson of Corsicana, L. F. Dickson of Austin, Harry A. of Tyler and Mack Dickson of San Angelo. A sister, Mrs. Amanda Fread of Dawson also survives Mrs. Dickson.

*THE DEAD. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 11 July 1929: 12.*

*THE DEAD. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 15 Apr 1933: 6.*

## Baptist Church Wedding Scene Saturday Night

The marriage of Miss Evelyn Virginia Saxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Saxon, to Wendell Carl Carter, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Carter, took place Saturday at 8:30 p. m. at the East Avenue Baptist church.

The Rev. E. L. Sparks performed the ceremony before an altar decorated with ferns, palms and candles. Large baskets of asters were placed in the center. Miss Leona Caldwell was at the organ for the wedding music and accompanied Mrs. A. L. Larson who sang "Because" and "O Promise Me."

Mr. Saxon gave his daughter in marriage. She was attended by Miss Dorlee Saxon, maid of honor, and Misses Gertrude Hrebec and Juanita Saunders, bridesmaids.

### Lieut. Dozier Best Man

They were dressed alike in baby blue organdy over white taffeta, made with fitted blouse, sweetheart neckline, shirred sleeves and full skirt. Their headresses were of blue flowers matching the dresses, and they wore white satin sandals. Each carried a bouquet of gladioli.

The bride was gowned in white chiffon over white taffeta. The long sleeves were shirred to the elbow and fitted below, extending into a point at the hands, and the sweetheart neckline was shirred. The full skirt fell from a fitted band at the waistline. Her fingertip veil of white silk net fell from a cap adorned with orange blossoms. She wore white satin sandals, a string of pearls and carried a bouquet of white bride's roses and stephanotis with white satin streamers.

Lieut. Charles Dozier of Kelly Field was best man. Groomsmen were Silas Grant of San Antonio and Meyer Wagner of Houston. Joe Byrne of Austin and Johnny Pfeiffer of San Antonio served as ushers.

### All-White Decorations

A reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Carter, 603 Carolyn. Mrs. Saxon wore black lace and Mrs. Carter, old rose lace over crepe.

In the house party were Mesdames William D. Rice of Elkhart, Ind., John Miller, J. B. Rutland, Fred W. Adams, James T. Robison, N. R. Jackson, C. B. Lynn, Helmut Bischoff and James Krause, and Misses Martha Rutland, Maxine Robison, Tommie Jackson, Dorothy Farmer, Mabel Montgomery, Elizabeth Webb, Mary Ruth Carpenter and Eloise Weed of Kerrville.

All-white decorations were carried out in the floral arrangements, and a double ring cake surrounded by white flowers centered the dining room table.

### Out of Town Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Carter left for a wedding trip to Yellowstone Park and Canada. The bride wore for travelling a suit of black and white, with full length coat. Her accessories were black, her gloves white, and her corsage of white bride's roses. After two weeks they will return to make their home in Austin.

Mrs. Carter is a graduate of Austin high school and a member of Athenaeum Literary society. Mr. Carter was graduated from Austin high school, attended A.&M. college and the University of Texas.

# Morning Rites Solemnized

**Dorice Saxon Weds  
Clark L. Jeffries**

A ceremony at 10 a. m. Saturday in the First Southern Presbyterian church marked the marriage of Miss Dorice Saxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saxon of Austin, and Aviation Cadet Clark Layton Jeffries, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Jeffries of Austin.

The Rev. Flynn V. Long, pastor of the church officiated in the ceremony.

Mrs. R. A. Modrall, organist, played "I Love You Truly" before the ceremony and Charles Williams, soloist, sang "Because." The traditional wedding marches followed and then as a background to the wedding vows, "Oh Promise Me" was played softly on the organ.

Decorations were palms, ferns and white gladioli, which were arranged to form a background for two pedestal baskets of white gladioli which stood in the center marking the place of the bridegroom and bride.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Wendell C. Carter. She wore a street costume of powder blue with a red camellia as a corsage. She wore a silver necklace and black accessories.

The bride wore a street dress of

white wool with brown accessories and a gardenia corsage.

The bridegroom was attended by Wendell C. Carter as best man.

At present Mrs. Jeffries will remain in Austin while Mr. Jeffries is stationed at the Army Air Force Navigation School at Hondo.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Jeffries of Austin, he attended the University of Texas. Mrs. Saxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saxon, is a graduate of Austin high school.

*Morning Rites Solemnized: Dorice Saxon Weds Clark L. Jeffries. The Austin American (1914-1973); 14 Feb 1943: A3.*

In nine missions over enemy occupied Europe 1st Lt. Clark L. Jeffries, navigator on the Fortress, "Carolina Boomerang, III", has had some rough trips, but the one that tops them all was on a mission to Frankfurt on Jan. 29. Leading an eighth AAF squadron that day, Jeffries' plane had to drop all but two of its bombs into the English channel in order to gain altitude after one motor had stalled as it left the coast of England.

As the bomber reached its target, it encountered a swarm of nazi fighters and about that time the rubber dinghy carried in a compartment on the Fort's fuselage flew out. It inflated automatically and became hung on the horizontal stabilizer of the tail assembly. The crippled bomber maintained its position and made it back to England.

Lt. Jeffries, who was recently awarded the Air Medal, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Jeffries of 2018 Fredericksburg road. His wife, formerly Miss Dorice M. Saxon, lives at 2044 East First street.

First Lt. Clark L. Jeffries, also a veteran of 15 bombing missions over Europe, has been named navigator of his B-17 organization at an Eighth AAF bomber station in England. Lt. Jeffries, who holds the Air Medal and two oak leaf clusters, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Jeffries of 2018 Fredericksburg road. His wife, the former Dorice M. Saxon, lives at 2044 East First street.

*FIGHTERS for FREEDOM. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 02 Mar 1944: 5.*

*FIGHTERS for FREEDOM. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 03 May 1944: 5*



First Lt. Clark L. Jeffries, a veteran of 15 bombing missions over Nazi Europe, has been named squadron navigator of his B-17 organization at an eighth airforce heavy bombardment station in England. The flier holds the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf clusters. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Jeffries, reside at 1018 Fredericksburg road, and his wife, formerly Miss Dorice M. Saxon, lives at 2044 East First.

*FIGHTERS for FREEDOM. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 11 May 1944: 6.*

## JP's Verdict Announced In Saxon Death

Justice of the Peace J. H. Watson has returned a verdict of death due to a coronary occlusion in connection with the body of a 45-year-old Austinite found Wednesday on the roof of his place of business.

Watson identified the man as Franklin Andrew Saxon, 2044 East First Street. He said Saxon died sometime between Tuesday midnight and Wednesday morning.

Saxon's body was found Wednesday on the roof of the Saxon Laundrette, which he owned.

Police Officers Caradine Dipprey and Fred Hooper said he was lying on a mattress which had apparently been placed on the roof for summer sleeping.

It was reported by members of the family that Saxon suffered from low blood pressure and a heart ailment.

*JP's Verdict Announced In Saxon Death. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 01 Sep 1955: A11.*

## Permits

2018  
BLK 3  
SEC 17

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

JAKL  
E No. 27932

Received of MRS ALFRED SAXON Date 3-10-61

Address 2044 EAST CANDEL STREET PT 1.

Amount FIFTY \$ 50.00

Plumber \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 3-22-61

Size of Tap Made \_\_\_\_\_

Size Service Made \_\_\_\_\_

Size Main Tapped \_\_\_\_\_

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7'

From East Prop. Line to Curb Cock 11'

Location of Meter Curb

Type of Box Round

Depth of Main in St. \_\_\_\_\_

Depth of Service Line \_\_\_\_\_

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by Engr. Dept. F.T.D. 4-10-61

No. Fittings	Size
3	Pipe 3/4" Copper
	Corp. Cock
	Cop. to Iron ell
1	Cop. to Cop. Coupling 3/4"
1	Cop. to Cop. Coupling 1/2"
1	Angle Stop 3/4"
1	Curb Stop 3/4"
2	Bushing Tee 3/4"
	Nipples 9/16" Brass
2	Service Clamp
2	Valve Nipples 3/4" Brass
1	Meter Box Round
	Lock Lid
2	Drain Tile
2	Stop & Drain
	Job No. <u>W-323-502</u>
	Foreman <u>A. Schind</u>

