

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2023**  
**PR-2023-076607, GF-2023-088346; HR-2023-104235**  
**RAINEY STREET NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**96 RAINEY STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1887 house. Construct a new commercial building.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story Folk Victorian L-plan house with horizontal wood siding, traditional cornice returns at gable end, a partial-width front porch with shed room, and wood 2:2 windows. A wood deck, lean-to, and covered patio have been constructed to shelter bar patrons.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The proposed new building is two stories in height, clad in masonry veneer panels, metal panels, and wood siding, with breeze-block accents. It has a compound flat roof. Its south and west elevations are windowless. Fenestration at north and east elevations is irregular, consisting of fully glazed doors beneath masonry arches, divided-lite rectangular and arched fixed windows, and French doors at second-floor balcony.

## **DESIGN STANDARDS**

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The City of Austin's [Historic Design Standards](#) (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects in National Register districts. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

### Commercial new construction

#### *1. Location*

The proposed building is not set back from the sidewalk at the Rainey and Driskill Street elevations.

#### *2. Scale, massing, and height*

The proposed building's two-story height is not much taller than surrounding buildings' heights, but its monolithic massing at all but the Driskill Street elevation gives the appearance of an overwhelmingly larger structure.

#### *3. Design and style*

The proposed design is not compatible with the residential Folk Victorian and National Folk styles of the surrounding contributing buildings.

#### *4. Materials*

The proposed materials are not compatible with the surrounding buildings.

### Summary

The project does not meet the applicable standards.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house at 96 Rainey Street, also addressed as 603 Driskill Street, was constructed in the late 1880s. Its first residents were Victor and Ella Kleabe. Victor Kleabe was a barber from San Antonio who had previously lived with his German-speaking mother, Mary, at her home on Red River where she worked as a midwife. When Kleabe married and opened his own shop, he soon purchased the Rainey Street house.

Victor Kleabe, known as Vick, was the secretary of the first State Barbers' Board of Texas and a barbers' union leader who led the state's barbers and hairdressers in passing hygiene laws and establishing worker protections for barbershop employees. As the corresponding and financial secretary of the Austin Barber's Local 183, chartered in 1900, he was one of the city's earliest proponents of sanitary standards, fair labor, and modern safety provisions for skilled barbers. Kleabe was tasked with vetting applications to operate barbershops in the state of Texas, notably approving Black and women barbers during an era when many professional organizations excluded all but white men. Kleabe's own shop was displaced in 1909 as the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Congress was razed to make way for the Scarbrough Building, Austin's first skyscraper.

After Victor Kleabe died at home in 1916, Ella Kleabe continued to live and work as a hairdresser there until her own death in 1922.

A number of short-term renters occupied 96 Rainey Street for the next 10 years until the McGill family purchased it around 1932. After working as a city sanitation worker, John McGill opened and operated a grocery store, first named McGill and Son Grocery and, after his son left to serve in the Army during World War II, John McGill Grocery. Shortly before his death in the mid-1950s, McGill sold the shop and went to work for Walker's Austex Chili. John and Bettie McGill died in 1954 and 1955. After a series of rentals and vacancies, the house was purchased by Mrs. Romero Guerra, whose family lived there until at least 1982.

## PROPERTY EVALUATION

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The 1985 Rainey Street National Register Historic District lists the building as noncontributing; however, it has gained potential significance in the last 38 years and should be carefully evaluated given the reversible nature of many of the nonhistoric accretions, the replacement of nonhistoric incompatible elements with more appropriate elements since 1985, and the overall deterioration of the National Register district.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

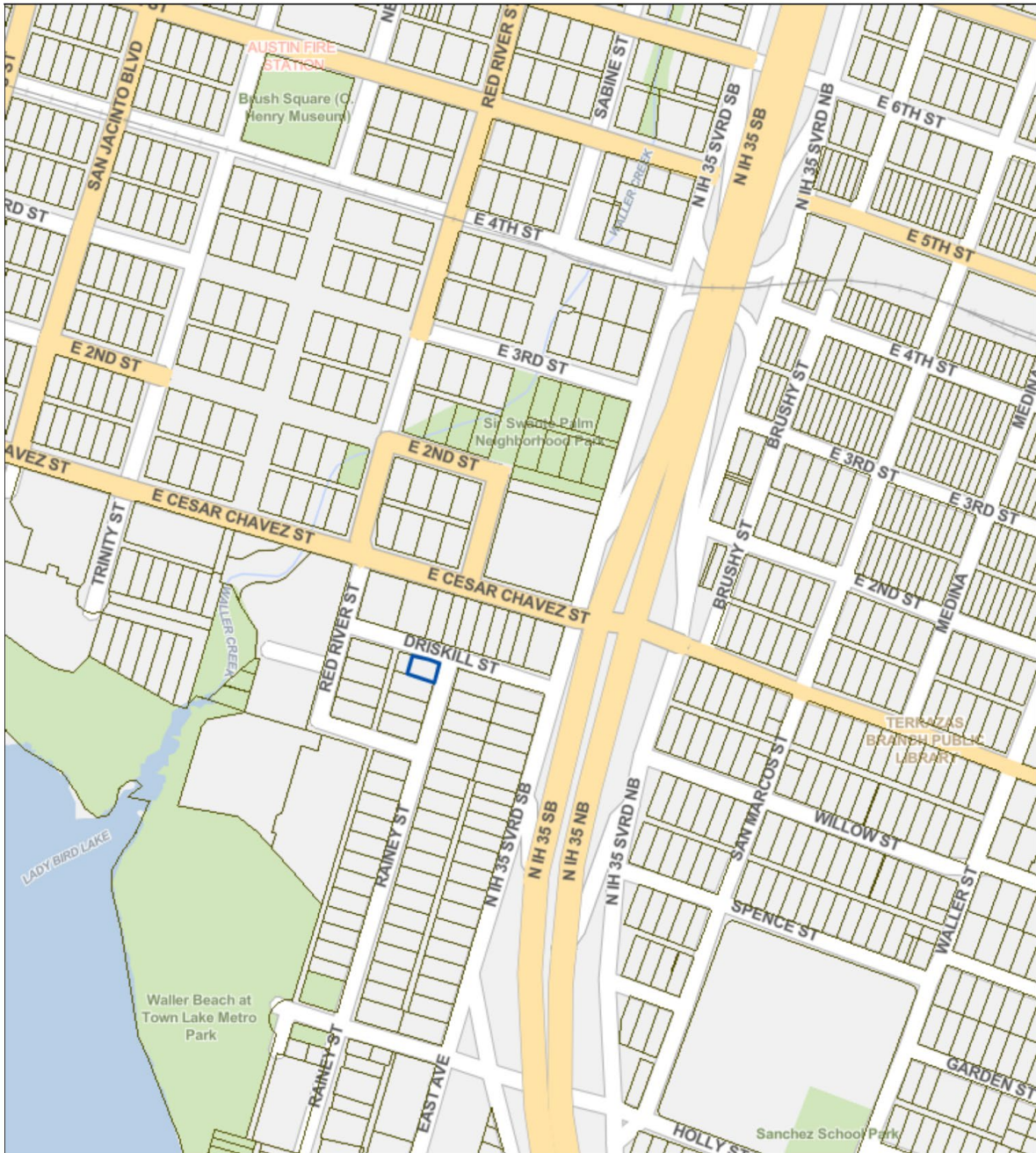
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. While it has accumulated non-historic additions during its time as a bar, the underlying form of the house remains; the incompatible concrete porch piers have been replaced with more appropriate boxed columns, and incompatible asbestos siding has been replaced with or removed to reveal appropriate horizontal wood siding. Most commercial alterations occur at the sides and rear of the building, and many appear temporary.
- 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 constructed with National Folk and vernacular Folk Victorian influences.
  - b. Historical association. The property is associated with the Texas State Barbers' Board secretary and union activist Victor Kleabe, who led the state's barbers and hairdressers in passing hygiene laws and establishing worker protections for barbershop employees. As the corresponding and financial secretary of the Austin Barber's Local 183, chartered in 1900, he was one of the city's earliest proponents of sanitary conditions and modern working conditions for skilled barbers. Kleabe was tasked with vetting applications to operate as barbers in the state of Texas, notably approving Black and women barbers in a time when many state boards excluded all but white male business operators.
  - 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 its ability 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 does not appear to have a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Consider whether the building sufficiently meets the designation criteria; if so, initiate historic zoning. Should the Commission feel that the building does not adequately meet the criteria, strongly recommend adaptive reuse and rehabilitation, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. Comment on new construction plans.

# LOCATION MAP



Lot Lines  
Lot Line

**GF 23-088346**  
**96 RAINEY STREET**



7/19/2023

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### *Photos*







*Demolition Permit Application – 2023*





Google Maps, 2023



Google Maps, 2013





*Google Maps, 2007*



*Texas Historical Commission via [UNT Portal to Texas History](#), 1980*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, July 2023

- 1959 Mrs. Romano Guerra, owner, widow of Juan
- 1957 Mrs. Romano Guerra, owner, widow of Juan
- 1955 Frank N. & Geneva S. Watkins – USAF
- 1954 Vacant
- 1953 John & Bettie McGill, owner – Walker’s Austex Chili
- 1952 John & Bettie McGill, owner – Walker’s Austex Chili
- 1949 John & Bettie McGill, owner – driver
- 1947 John & Bettie McGill, owner – John McGill Grocery, 1634 E. 1<sup>st</sup>
- 1944 John & Bettie McGill, owner – driver
- 1942 John & Bettie McGill, owner – McGill & Son Grocery
- 1941 John & Bettie McGill, owner – McGill & Son Grocery
- 1940 John & Bettie McGill, owner – McGill & Son Grocery
- 1939 Reuben A. & Lois A. McGill
- 1937 Reuben E. & Alma L. McGill, owner – Manager at Slaughter’s Public Market
- 1935 John & Bettie McGill, owner – driver for City Trash & Garbage Dept.
- 1932 John & Bettie McGill, owner – Sweeper Operator for City Sanitary Dept.
- 1930 Kee H. & Mabel Park, owner – Bon Ton Café
- 1929 Houston C. & Nettie Piland – Clerk at American Railway Express Co.
- 1927 Kee H. & Virginia Park, owner – manager at Bon Ton Café
- 1924 Paul Juergens, renter – Clerk at State Board of Water Engineering
- 1922 Benjamin J. & Ida M. Woodward, owner – Brickman at S. P. Lines
- 1920 Mrs. Ella Kleabe, owner, widow of Victor H. – Hairdresser
- 1918 Mrs. Ella Kleabe, owner, widow of Victor H.
- 1916 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1914 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1912 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1910 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1909 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1906 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1905 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1903 Victor H. & Ella Kleabe, owner – Barber
- 1895 Victor H. Kleabe—Proprietor of barber shop and bath rooms, 108 E. 6<sup>th</sup>
- 1893 Victor H. Kleabe—Barber shop and bath rooms, 108 E. 6<sup>th</sup>
- 1891 *SW corner Driskill and Rainey*: Victor H. Kleabe—barber shop and bath rooms, 508 Congress Ave
- 1889 *SW corner Driskill and Rainey*: Victor H. Kleabe—barber shop and bath rooms, 409 Congress Ave



- 1887 *SW corner Driskill and Rainey*: Victor H. Kleabe—barber shop, 412 Congress Ave
- 1885 Address not listed. Victor Kleabe listed at west side of Sabine Street between Water and Willow Streets.
- 1881 Address not listed. Victor Kleabe, barber for Christian Kofahl, is listed as living with his widowed mother, Mary Kleabe, who lived and worked as a “German midwife” at the southwest corner of Red River and Ash Streets.

### Historical Information

## Victor H Kleabe (1860-1916) - Find a Grave Memorial

 [findagrave.com/memorial/26215400/victor-h-kleabe](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/26215400/victor-h-kleabe)



Photo added by Shirley Smith

Victor Kleabe was the son of Frederick and Mary Kleabe. His father was a saddle maker and worked for the Varga family in San Antonio, Texas who were well known saddle makers... Two of Victor's sisters married Alexander Varga. Natalia Kleabe was Alexander's first wife and after her death he married her widowed sister Adelaide Kleabe Baker. Victor's mother Mary is buried in Austin, Texas (1818-1888).

Victor Kleabe and his wife Ella Leonard were married Nov 6, 1882 in Harris County, Texas. Per the 1910 US Census she had no children.

Info Courtesy of:  
Meridee Dunn (#47201124)



### Ella Leonard Kleabe

<b>BIRTH</b>	27 Jun 1864 Texas, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	15 Dec 1922 (aged 58) Travis County, Texas, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<a href="#">Oakwood Cemetery Annex</a> Austin, Travis County, Texas, USA
<b>PLOT</b>	Section A
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	26215399 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

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### Mysterious Assassination.

THE STATESMAN yesterday morning contained an account of the assassination, at Millican, of Mr. M. Leonard, a highly respected young man. He is the brother of Mrs. Victor H. Kleabe, of this city, and yesterday she received a letter notifying her of the sad affair. The letter said the assassination was shrouded in mystery and could not be accounted for, as young Leonard, so far as known, had not an enemy in the world. Mr. Victor Kleabe and his wife left for Millican last night.

*The Austin Daily Statesman (1880-1889); 26 Sep 1888: 3.*

### ELECTED OFFICERS.

A permanent organization of journeymen barbers was formed last night, and application for charter has been sent to the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America. The work was accomplished by W. D. Pl-nard, general organizer for that union. Following is a list of the officers elected last night: Moritz Silver, president; John Patelsky, vice president; C. S. Kellum, recording secretary; Victor H. Kleabe, corresponding and financial secretary; Wm. F. Wolf, treasurer; Jack L. Nichols, guide; O. B. Smith, guardian; Louis L. Shaffman, J. C. Thomas and C. S. Kellum, trustees; L. D. Lyons, J. L. Nichols and O. B. Smith, finance committee.

*ELECTED OFFICERS. Austin Daily Statesman (1891-1902); 31 Jan 1900: 3.*

*THE BARBERS ORGANIZE. Austin Daily Statesman (1891-1902); 26 Feb 1902: 3*

### THE BARBERS ORGANIZE.

Permanent Organization Perfected and Officers Elected.

The proprietors of the different barbershops of this city met last night and formed a permanent association. The following officers were elected:

President, Eugene Zimmerman; vice president, George F. Burnham; secretary, Victor Kleabe.

The barbers fully discussed the early closing matter, and unanimously agreed to close their shops at 7 o'clock every night except Saturday night, when they will be kept open until 11 o'clock.

The organization has for its object the interest and comfort of the profession. The barbers feel that they are fully entitled to a time for rest and recreation, and that the public can well understand them that much.

The association will meet once a month for the transaction of such business as may come up and for the purpose of considering the requirements of the profession.

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## Barber Shop Closing

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We, the undersigned, agree to close our barber shops commencing March the 3d at 7 p. m., except Saturday at 11 p. m.

Palace Barber Shop, Burnham Bros., J. H. Gassaway, Avenue Hotel Barber Shop, Bob Harrison, Aug. Kofahl, Walter Jacoby, John Patelsky, Driskell Barber Shop, Carl Bollman, S. A. Glaser, Louis Courreges, Victor Kleabe, Jas. H. Johnson & Son.

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*Austin Daily Statesman (1891-1902); 28 Feb 1902: 6.*



## BARBERING BOARD IS NAMED BY GOVERNOR

VICTOR KLEABE OF AUSTIN IS  
APPOINTED AS ONE OF THE  
MEMBERS OF BOARD—DUTIES  
OF THE NEW BOARD.

The "barbers' board" was named yesterday afternoon by the governor, the appointees being Victor Kleabe of Austin, J. H. Haley of Colorado City and W. M. McKewen of Marlin. This board was created by the act of the last legislature regulating the practice of barbering, the registration and licensing of persons to carry on such practice and to insure better sanitary conditions in barber shops and to prevent the spread of disease in the state. Under this act the board shall hold practical examinations four times a year at such places as shall be designated by the board. Every person now engaged as a barber in this state shall within ninety days after taking effect of this act file with the secretary of the board, setting forth his qualifications, and shall pay to the treasurer of the board a fee of \$2 and get a certificate of registration entitling him to practice the occupation of barbering in the state.

Mr. Kleabe has given much time for the past two years in working up a sentiment in favor of the barbers' bill, which finally resulted in its passage, and is naturally feeling very much pleased at being selected by the governor to serve on the board of barbers' examiners.

Mr. Kleabe's selection is very pleasing to the barbers of the city also, and know he is capable and feel sure he will serve very acceptably.

## WORK ON APPLICATIONS BY STATE BARBER BOARD

MEMBERS HAVE ENTERED UPON  
REGULAR DUTIES, BUT HEAVY  
WORK WILL COME AT END OF  
NINETY DAYS.

The state barber board has now been in session about ten days and for the past three days the members have been busy considering applications from all over the state. Before the board had ever met to organize, about 200 applications from prospective barbers had been received and consequently a large amount of work was waiting for the board when it began operations. The first step was to send application blanks to the applicants in order that they might apply in proper form. Nearly all of the applications received have been granted, as there is no other course for the board to pursue where it is shown that the man was plying his trade before the law became effective. At the end of ninety days, however, the board will convene again to consider additional applications.

Barbers in towns of less than 1000 inhabitants are exempt from the provisions of the law, but nevertheless many applications are being received from barbers in such towns, the applicants wishing to have no obstacles in case they desire to move to a locality that is large enough to come within the provisions of the law. At the end of ninety days the board will be very busy with applications, although up to that time the work can be attended to by the secretary, Victor Kleabe of Austin.

The board has received several intimations that there are many barbers who will disregard the law or fight it, but Secretary Kleabe said yesterday that no attention would be paid to such intimations, and that the board was not afraid of any such opposition.

WORK ON APPLICATIONS BY STATE BARBER BOARD. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 08 Aug 1907: 2.

## SANITARY RULES FOR ALL BARBERS IN TEXAS

RECENTLY ADOPTED BY BARBERS' STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND APPROVED BY THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER.

At the recent meeting of the barbers' state board of examiners held here a set of sanitary rules were adopted to be followed by the barbers in the state of Texas. These rules must be displayed in a conspicuous place in every barber shop and patrons are requested to report any violations which come under their observation to the state board. The rules are approved by State Health Officer W. M. Brumby, and are signed by the officers of the board, J. H. Haley of Colorado City, president; W. M. McKee of Marlin, treasurer; and V. H. Kleabe of Austin, secretary. They are now effective. Following are the rules in full:

Rule 1—All cups and lather brushes must be thoroughly cleansed in boiling water before using.

Rule 2—Hair brushes must be combed after using, and both brushes and combs must at all times be kept thoroughly clean, and washed after each day's work with water of ammonia or solution of borax.

Rule 3—Fresh and clean towels must be used for each patron, and all towels must be boiled before using again.

Rule 4—All astringents used for controlling bleeding or for other purposes shall be used in the powdered or liquid form. Crystals of alum, blue stone and like astringent substances shall not be used. All soaps, perfumes, bay rum, witch hazel, and other toilet articles, and all antiseptic solutions, shall be of good quality. An antiseptic solution

shall be used on each person after shaving.

Rule 5—No barber shall under any circumstances shave a person affected with any infectious disease of the skin of the face where pus or matter is upon or under the skin, unless such person shall be provided with a separate individual cup and lather brush.

Rule 6—All razors, shears, clippers, needles, tweezers or other instruments used upon any person affected with erysipelas, or any affection of the skin of the face or scalp, where pus or matter is upon or under the skin, shall be sterilized by immersion for not less than five minutes in a 20 per cent solution of formaldehyde or alcohol or trikresol, before being used upon another person, and the barber shall wash his hands thoroughly in water that has been sterilized by boiling, before serving the next customer. (Alcohol is best adapted to barbers' use. It does not injure the instruments.)

Rule 7—In case the face of the patron shows any indication of skin eruption, the face is to be bathed with water that has been sterilized by boiling. No barber should undertake to treat any eruption of the skin, but

should advise consulting a physician.

Rule 8—The use of finger bowls, powder puffs and sponges is prohibited, and no barber shall keep either of them on his working stand.

Rule 9—No barber who has any venereal or other contagious disease shall practice his trade. No proprietor of any barber shop shall retain in his employ any barber known to have venereal or other contagious disease.

Rule 10—No barber shop shall be considered to be in a sanitary condition if any part of said shop is used as a living, cooking or sleeping apartment.

Rule 11—The floor, walls, furniture and fixtures of every barber shop shall be kept clean. Every cuspidor and waste paper bowl shall be cleansed with boiling water at least once every twenty-four hours.

Rule 12—Every barber shop shall be supplied with a sufficient quantity of hot water for all cleansing and sanitary purposes.

The board recommends that patrons be not shaved close, as it renders the skin more susceptible to infection, and is no doubt the cause of a large percentage of sore faces.

SANITARY RULES FOR ALL BARBERS IN TEXAS. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 31 Aug 1907: 8.



## NO ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN BARBER THREATS

SECRETARY KLEABE OF STATE BOARD SAYS THAT INTIMATIONS OF CONTEST WILL BE DISREGARDED BY BOARD.

Secretary Victor Kleabe of the state barber board said yesterday that the members of the board are not losing any sleep over the reported threat of a number of Dallas barbers to contest the new law, and that if there are any violations of this law at Dallas, the barbers there will be vigorously prosecuted.

"We are not paying any attention to such threats," said Mr. Kleabe. "Almost every day there is a report that somebody is going to contest some law, and this is in the same class with the rest."

The board completed its labors last week and the members left for their homes, leaving Secretary Kleabe in charge, and he has been attending to the applications from all over the state. Among the recent applications is Mrs. Jane Pollard, a negress of Lockhart. In her application she states that she has had four years' experience and has three other negresses employed under her. The board acted on the application in the usual manner. This was the first application to be received from a female under the new law. It is reported that there is another negress engaged in the barber business at Corpus Christi, but she has as yet made no application to the board for permission to ply her trade.

## NEGRO WOMAN BARBER.

First to Apply to State Barbers' Board and Receive Endorsement.

Victor H. Kleabe, secretary of the state barbers' board, stated yesterday that among the barbers whose applications had been endorsed by the board was a negro woman who has a barbering establishment at Lockhart with three chairs and employs two barbers to assist her in the work of the shop. This is the first negro woman, said Mr. Kleabe, to apply for endorsement by the barbers' board so that she might continue her avocation.

NO ATTENTION GIVEN BARBER THREATS: SECRETARY KLEABE OF STATE BOARD SAYS THAT INTIMATIONS OF CONTEST WILL BE DISREGARDED BY BOARD. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 07 Sep 1907: 8

NEGRO WOMAN BARBER: First to Apply to State Barbers' Board and Receive Endorsement. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 11 Sep 1907: 5.

## MANY BARBERS IN TEXAS.

State Board Has Considered a Large Number of Applications.

Secretary Kleabe of the state barbers' board stated yesterday that the board had acted upon 2700 permits to date, authorizing barbers to shave, trim, massage, shampoo and perform other tonsorial stunts in all parts of the state. Another female applicant has been heard from, this one being a white lady residing in Dallas. The board has been very active recently and has still a great deal of work on hand.

## BARBERS' CERTIFICATES ISSUED.

Board Has Sent Out 3000, Including Four to Women.

Victor H. Kleabe, secretary of the state barbers' board, has been a very busy man since the board organized early in July and began the work of examining the applications for barbers' certificates and issuing the necessary documents. He said yesterday that 3000 certificates had been issued by the board throughout the state, including four certificates to female barbers, these being located one each at Galveston, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth and Caldwell.

MANY BARBERS IN TEXAS. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 27 Sep 1907: 8.

BARBERS' CERTIFICATES ISSUED. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 06 Oct 1907: 20.

## VICTOR KLEABE IS IN NORTH TEXAS ON TRIP

SECRETARY OF BARBERS' BOARD  
INVESTIGATING CONDITIONS IN  
FORT WORTH AND DALLAS AT  
PRESENT.

Victor Kleabe of this city, secretary of the State Barbers' board, is now in North Texas investigating the result of the new barber law there. He expects to spend the rest of his time in other North Texas cities.

Mr. Kleabe's first trip was made to towns to the southwest, including San Antonio and Laredo, where he found that the law was being generally observed. At Houston, Galveston and Beaumont, where his next trip was made, matters were slightly less satisfactory, but conditions were improving. After his visit to North Texas he will go to East Texas towns and look after matters there.

Mr. Kleabe said recently that the law was being observed much more generally than had been expected and that very soon he would have practically no trouble with recalcitrant barbers.

## SANITARY MEASURES ARE NOT DISREGARDED

SECRETARY KLEABE OF BARBER  
BOARD SAYS DECISION WILL  
NOT BRING ABOUT UNCLEAN  
SHOPS IN HIS OPINION.

The decision in regard to the barbers' law in the court of criminal appeals yesterday will not, according to Secretary Kleabe of the state barber board, seriously impair the results of the board's work among the barbers nor will it mean that the sanitary measures which were enacted will become inoperative, although there can be no penalty. Mr. Kleabe said further: "It is probable that the case will be carried further and a motion for a rehearing will in all probability be filed shortly, as the board has retained counsel, Hon. Warren W. Moore, to present the cause to the court." Secretary Kleabe said that he believed the good barbers would continue to observe the sanitary provisions of the law in order to keep their shops up to

the standards which have already been set.

"At the next session of the legislature," said Mr. Kleabe, "We will take steps to have whatever defects there may be in the present law remedied so that it can be impartially enforced."

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); 12 Feb 1908: 8.*

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); 25 June 1908: 5*



**WILL AMEND  
BARBER LAW**

**SECRETARY KLEABE OF THE  
BARBERS' BOARD SAID TEXAS  
BARBERS ARE ANXIOUS FOR  
LAW.**


**GETS MANY LETTERS**

Even Barbers in Towns of Less Than  
1000 Population Want the Law  
Changed So as to Put Them in  
Provisions of the Act.

According to Victor Kleabe of Austin, secretary of the state barbers' board created by the Thirtieth legislature, although the act was declared unconstitutional recently by the court of criminal appeals, the great majority of the Texas barbers are not at all discouraged by the action of the court. Mr. Kleabe was at the state house yesterday on business with the executive department, and said he is daily in receipt of letters from barbers all over the state regarding the law and they all express a desire of having a law regulating the practice of barbering. He also declared that the law will be amended by the Thirty-first legislature, and the objectionable features found in the act by the court will be eliminated. The barbers are already getting together to have the proposed changes prepared and presented when the next legislature convenes.

Another fact which has come to light, according to Mr. Kleabe, is that the barbers residing in towns of less than 1000 inhabitants also want the law. Under the act which was declared unconstitutional by the court of criminal appeals barbers in towns of less than 1000 population were exempted from the provisions of the law. Mr. Kleabe said that all barbers in the state recognize the need of a law regulating the business. There is now a motion for a rehearing pending in the court of criminal appeals on the present law which will be acted on when the court meets at Tyler this fall. Practically all of the barbers are now complying with the law as it is.

WILL AMEND BARBER LAW: SECRETARY OF THE BARBERS' BOARD SAID TEXAS BARBERS ARE ANXIOUS FOR LAW. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 07 Aug 1908: 4.

<b>COME TO AUSTIN</b>			
 <p><b>5c Cigar</b> Just a little better than other 5c Cigars.</p>	<p><b>Sol Davis</b> A GENTLEMAN'S RESORT FOR BILLIARDS AND POOL.</p>	<p><b>Joe Koen</b> THE RELIABLE BROKER. 103 East Sixth Street. Special Bargains this week in Unredeemed Pledges, including Watches, Cut Glass, Diamonds, etc.</p>	<p><b>Wo Lee</b> BON TON RESTAURANT 609 CONGRESS AVENUE. SHORT ORDERS A SPECIALTY.</p>
<p><b>Victor H. Kleabe</b> BARBER, 106 EAST SIXTH ST. Will Be Pleased to See His Out-of-Town Friends.</p>	<p><b>Edwin Waller</b> The only Notary Public in Austin who never charges the Confederate Veteran or his widow. PHONE 2202.</p>	<p><b>Max Davis</b> 121 E. SIXTH ST. Imported and Domestic Wines, Liquors and Cigars; also Mineral Water, Bottled Beer, Ale and Porter.</p>	<p><b>M. Frank</b> 205 EAST SIXTH ST. Special inducements to out-of-town shoppers all this week. Your Dollar is Worth More at This Store.</p>

Display Ad 36 -- No Title. *The Austin Statesman* (1902-1915); 04 July 1909: 9

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# MOVING DAY FOR MANY ARRIVES

GENERAL EXODUS OF BUSINESS  
AND PROFESSIONAL MEN TO  
MAKE WAY FOR THE  
MARCH OF PROGRESS.

## OLD BUILDINGS ARE TO GO

Old Landmarks in the City to Dis-  
appear and Splendid Modern  
Structures to Rise in  
Their Places.

Moving day arrived yesterday for many of the business and professional men of this city; not in a long time has such a general exodus taken place, such a scramble for new locations, such a demand upon the moving vans as began yesterday and will continue today. The destruction at the same time of the buildings on two corners of Congress avenue and Sixth street, probably the busiest section of the city, each building containing several tenants forced to seek new quarters pending the erection of two magnificent skyscrapers, is the cause of the upheaval. Although tending to disorder, it marks the beginning of a new era of prosperity for the city.

Among those who began moving yes-

The exodus of physicians from the site of the Scarbrough building was one of the features of the day. Heavy trucks equipped with derricks to lift the safes and heavy articles of furniture from the upstairs rooms and convey them to the Sampson and other buildings were much in demand. Drs. Bennett, Hudson, Hilgartner, Granberry, Steiner, Hill and Wickline were all compelled to join the moving procession and all will be settled by tomorrow in new quarters, where they will remain until their new quarters, already secured by leases, are prepared for them.

Today Al Watkins close the Crystal saloon, which has been in operation for about half a century and, temporarily, at least, retire from business.

S. Goldstein will move the wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco business which he has been conducting for half a century to the west half of the opera house building, in which Eugene Martin on Wednesday served his restaurant patrons for the last time.

Mrs. Locke will serve the patrons of her restaurant for the last time today at her present site, but expects to re-open again as soon as she is able to secure suitable quarters.

V. H. Kleabe will close his barber shop today, temporarily only, and seek new quarters.



# Obituary

MRS. ELLA KLEABE.

Mrs. Ella Kleabe, widow of the late Victor Kleabe, died early Friday morning at her home, 603 Driskill street, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Kleabe was born June 27, 1860, and has been a resident of Austin for many years. She leaves no immediate relatives. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. Father Quinn officiating. Pallbearers will be Joe Macken, William McNamara, J. P. Byrne, C. H. Jung, Adolph Trotwein and James Belger Sr. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

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## Great Progress Made by Barbers

### State Law Promotes Modern Conditions

The Austin Barber's Local 183 was issued its charter Feb. 3, 1900 with the following charter members, some of which are still active members: Moritz Silver, president; John Patlesky, vice president; Victor H. Kleabe, financial secretary; C. S. Kellum, recording secretary and secretary, and William F. Wolf, treasurer.

When this organization was formed there were no set hours or price regulation—from dawn until weary hours of night—Sunday until noon included. And barber shops then were not a very desirable place for women and children with possibly an open saloon next door and other undesirable things that do not exist in the modern shops of today.

#### Origin of Barber Pole

The red, white and blue barber pole originated from the time when it was the custom to "bleed" people for various types of illness. Blue represents the vein, red, the blood and white the bandage on the arm.

It has been a continuous and hard struggle since the beginning but much has been accomplished and today the large membership is proof that the public realizes that in union shops they are assured of skilled workmanship and guaranteed sanitary service.

In 1929 the legislature gave to the barbers of Texas a law known as the barber law signed by ex-Gov. Dan Moody, who appointed Roy Johnson of Taylor as the first board member and Mr. Chesnut of Houston and Mr. Adams of Dallas. With the aid of the union barbers this board deserves credit for the passing of this barber law. This law does not cost the taxpayers one cent. Fees include a charge for certificate of registration, \$10.00; reinstatement, \$5.00; renewal, \$2.50 and with a membership of some 15,000 or more barbers

in the state, this revenue is adequate to maintain the board.

With three board members and 16 inspectors, office force and State Secy. N. J. Dartez, conditions will continue to improve in barber shops and colleges.

Union barbers are required to go to a barber school. This requires six months or more to take the course, which covers all phases of scientific barbering, including bacteriology, anatomy of the upper body, histology of the hair and skin, and the scientific manipulations of the muscles of the head, face and neck. This course completed, the public is more assured of skilled workmen than in the days when barbers were our first surgeons.

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## NOTICE

The following proprietors of the union barber shops who guarantee living wages and short hours to their employees, respectfully ask the support of all union men and the public in general for their patronage:

Burnham & Fehr.  
Silver & Allen.  
Central Barber Shop.  
Palace Barber Shop.  
Elite Barber Shop.  
Zimm's Barber Shop.  
Victor H. Kleabe.  
Chas. Bollman.  
M. R. Hamilton.

The opening hours are as follows:  
All of the above barber shops will open their places of business at 7:30 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., except Saturday night, when they will stay open until 10 p. m.

C. S. KELLUM, President.  
E. A. RENO, Secretary.  
(Advertisement)



**McGILL**



**O'DONALD**

**Pfc. Reuben E. McGill** recently was graduated from the AAF flexible gunnery school at Laredo. He is the son of John McGill, 96 Rainey street.

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); 13 Oct 1912: 11*

*FIGHTERS for FREEDOM. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 06 Mar 1945: 2.*

<p><b>Doug Miles Grocery</b> 1300 South Congress Ave.</p> <p><b>Taylor Grocery &amp; Mkt.</b> 10th &amp; West Lynn</p> <p><b>John McGill Gro. &amp; Mkt.</b> 1110 Sabine St.</p> <p><b>Paulson's Gro. &amp; Mkt.</b> 7135 Dallas Highway</p> <p><b>Mayton's Food Market</b> 38th and Lamar</p> <p><b>W. W. Hoch</b> San Marcos, Texas</p> <p><b>Pete Dressen</b> Cash Food Store, Kyle, Texas</p> <p><b>W. T. Best Grocery</b> Maxwell, Texas</p>	<p><b>MRS. BETTIE MANERS MCGILL</b> Funeral services for Mrs. Bettie Maners McGill will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. James H. Vermillion officiating. She died at her home, 96 Rainey, Thursday.</p> <p>Survivors are her husband, John McGill; two sons, Reuben McGill and Ollie Lee McGill; eight sisters, Mrs. Hattie Morgan, Mrs. Richard Berdoll, Mrs. Maude Boatright, Mrs. Adolph Kanetzky, Mrs. Joe Whisenant, Mrs. Clarence Piller, Mrs. Virgil Foster, and Mrs. Joe Scott; and two brothers, Lee Maners and Johnnie Maners, all of Austin.</p> <p>Pallbearers will be R. J. Le-wallen, D. A. Nichols, Ben White, Sam McCullough, Henry Wide-man, and A. B. Noack. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.</p>
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*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 12 July 1951: B14.*

*DEATHS AND FUNERALS. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 23 Apr 1954: 16.*

<p><b>COUNTY COURT</b> (Tom Johnson, Judge) Estate of John McGill, deceased, filed. Reuben Elwood McGill, ap- plicant for appointment as execu- tor.</p>	<p>Pin Sur A Le W S Ch W S He W</p>
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*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 20 Aug 1955: 5.*

## Permits

OWNER Luis C. Guerra <sup>12-14-82 16 Tms</sup> ADDRESS 96 Rainey St.

PLAT 13 LOT \_\_\_\_\_ BLK. \_\_\_\_\_

SUBDIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPANCY \_\_\_\_\_

BLDG. PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ OWNERS ESTIMATE \_\_\_\_\_

Permit - 1982

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. Mrs Sarah A Houston Address 609 Duval St. No. A 468

Plumber Arrietas Size of Tap 1/2 Date 10/19/25

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 10/20/25

Size of Tap Made 1/2

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 11.6'

" " " " 6'

Location of Meter in back of Prop.

Type of Box Small

Depth of Main in St. 18"

" " Service Line 14'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 17.6'

Checked by Engr. Dept. T. J.

INDEXED

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	3/4"
1 Elbow	3/4"
1 St. Elbow	3/4"
1 Bushing	3/4"
1 Reducer	3/4"
1 Pipe	1/2"
1 Lead Comp.	1/2"
1 Nipples	3/4"
Union	
Plug	
Tee	
Stop	
1 Box	
1 Lid	
Valves	
Req. No.	<u>3538</u>

Foreman's Signature Herrera

OCT 29 1925

Changed 8" CT. Main and removed above and 3" Con. 10/19/25

Water Service Permit - 1925