

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**JANUARY 10, 2024**  
**HR-2023-160912**  
**SIXTH STREET NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**616 EAST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Renovate and remodel a ca. 1872 building, enlarging existing openings.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Enlarge the existing openings. The proposed storefront references the historic proportions of the 1975 door and window locations by incorporating new openings to either side of the existing openings. The proposed new entry is recessed approximately 42” beyond the façade.
- 2) Clean and repair limestone as needed.
- 3) Increases the depth of the existing awning.
- 4) Remove the non-original lights connected to the parapet.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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One-part commercial building with a simple limestone façade with a single entry and a large square window.

## **RESEARCH**

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The building at 616 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street is likely one of the oldest intact structures in the 600 block of E. 6<sup>th</sup>, but it appears to have been significantly altered over time and its simple form obscured. Early occupancy listings suggest that it was associated with the adjacent wagon yard as a feed store before being purchased by Austin Bottling Works around the turn of the century. It remained part of the bottling works until around 1920. In the 1930s it became part of an auto parts store, but by the late- ‘40s it was converted to the Three Aces bar.

## **DESIGN STANDARDS**

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The design standards established by Ordinance No. 20230720-160 ([July 2023](#)) and based on the Citywide Historic Design Standards for properties in the 500 and 600 blocks of East Sixth Street apply. The proposed project was evaluated based on the following applicable standards:

*Rehabilitate and adaptively reuse contributing buildings, including at least the first 15 feet of historic facades.*

Though the proposed project removes some historic fabric from the building’s façade, it retains the majority of the historic stonework that remains; openings have been previously modified.

### Summary

The project mostly meets the applicable standards.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The 2022 Sixth Street Snapshot Resurvey lists the property as contributing to the historic district.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. Openings have been altered.
- 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 does not appear to convey architectural significance.
  - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations.
  - 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.

**COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

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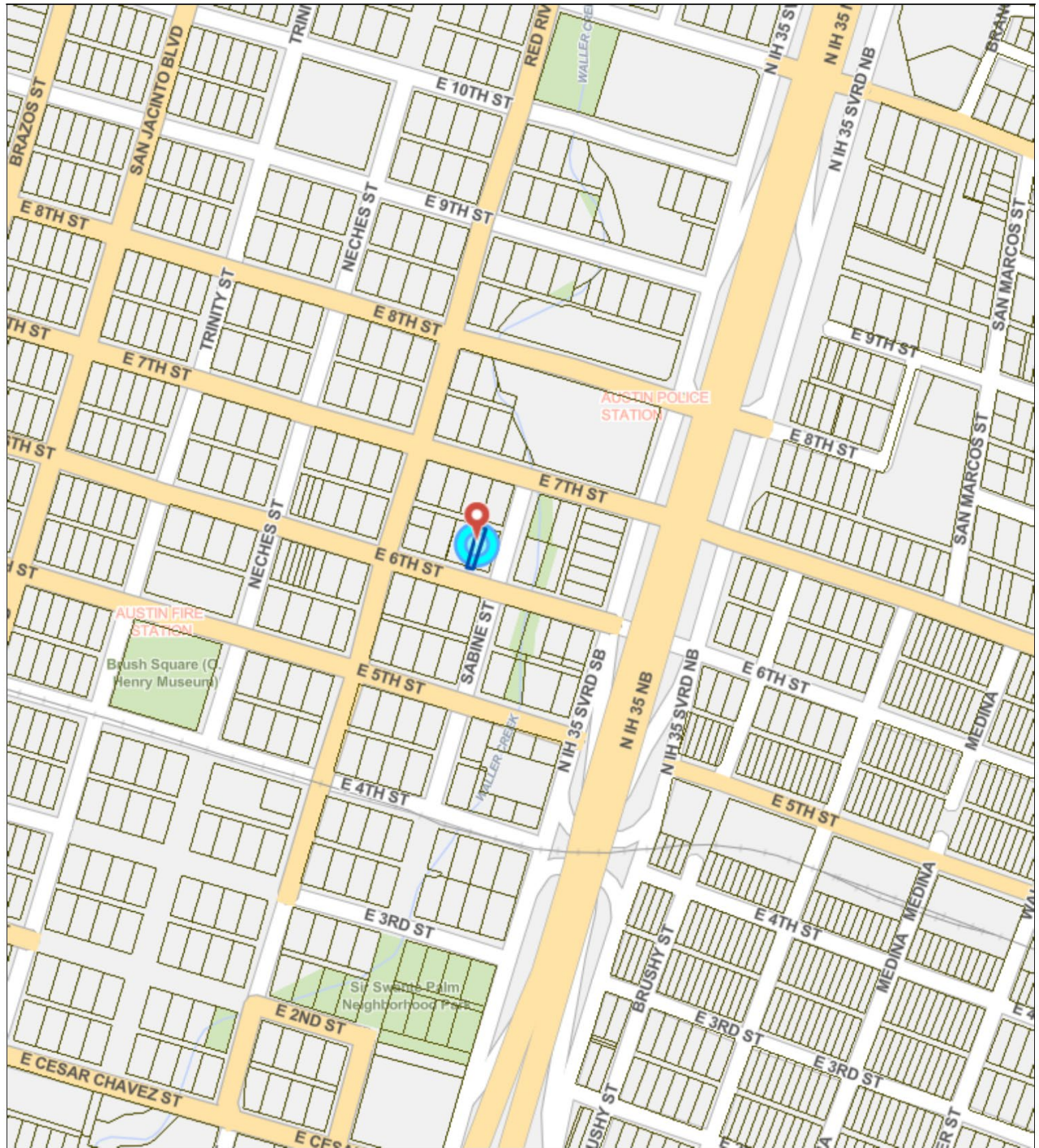
If possible, establish locations of original openings, then amend design accordingly.


**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Comment on plans.

# LOCATION MAP






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616 E 6TH STREET



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**PROPERTY INFORMATION***Photos*

*McRostie Historic Advisors, LLC. Sixth Street Snapshot Resurvey, 2022*



*Portal to Texas History, n.d.: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph969989/m1/1/>*



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### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, April 2022

1959	600-04 – Austin Auto Supply Company (whole)
	606 – Pirates Cove (beer)
	608 – Vacant
	610 – Herring's Garage (repairs)
	612 – A. A. Auto Parts
	614 – LaBola DeOra Bar
	616 – Pine Room (beer)
	618 – Hofmann Paint & Wallpaper Company
1957	600-14 – Austin Auto Supply Company (whol)
	608 – Dominguez Bar (beer)
	610 – Herring's Garage (repairs)
	612 – A. A. New & Used Auto Parts Company
	614 – La Bola DeOra Bar (beer)
	616 – Three Aces Bar (beer)
	618 – Hofmann Paint & Wallpaper Company
1955	600-14 – Austin Auto Supply Company (whol)
	606 – Transmission Exchange
	608 – Reyes Bar (No. 2) (beer)
	610 – Herring's Garage (repairs)
	612 – A. A. New & Used Auto Parts Company
	614 – La Bola De Ora Bar (beer)
	616 – Three Aces Bar (beer)
	618 – Hofmann Paint Company

- 1952      600-14 – Austin Auto Supply Company (whol)  
             606 – Herring’s Garage  
             608 – Reyes Bar (No. 2) (beer)  
             610 – Sanders Cash Lumber Company  
             612 – A. A. Auto Parts Company  
             614 – LaBola DeOra Bar (beer)  
             616 – Three Aces Bar (beer)
- 1949      600-02 – Austin Auto Supply Company (whol)  
             604 – Austin Barber College  
             606 – Walter B. Herring (auto repair)  
             608 – Reyes Bar (No. 2) (beer)  
             610 – Co-op Body & Paint Shop  
             612 – A. A. Auto Parts Company  
             616 – Three Aces Bar (beer)
- 1947      600-02 – Austin Auto Supply Company (whol)  
             604 – Culley’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Merchandise (junk)  
             606 – Walter B. Herring (auto repair)  
             608 – Reyes Bar (No. 2) (beer)  
             610 – Big Six Garage (auto parts)  
             612 – A. A. Auto Parts Company  
             616 – OK Auto Parts
- 1944      600 – Monterey Café  
             Austin Exterminating Company  
             602 – Capitol Club of Austin (billiards)  
             604 – William W. Stark (2<sup>nd</sup> hand hardware)  
             606 – Walter B. Herring (auto repair)  
             608 – J. Thomas Patterson (2<sup>nd</sup> hand hardware)  
             610 – Big Six Battery Service  
             612 – A. A. Auto Parts Company  
             616 – OK Auto Parts
- 1941      600 – Monterey Café  
             Austin Exterminating Company  
             602 – Capitol Club of Austin (billiards)  
             604 – Henry Barber (hardware)  
             606 – Walter B. Herring (auto repair)  
             608 – J. Thomas Patterson (2<sup>nd</sup> hand hardware)  
             610 – Big Six Battery Service  
             612-18 – A & A Parts Co. (auto accessories)
- 1939      600 – Monterey Café  
             Austin Exterminating Company  
             602 – Capitol Club of Austin (billiards)  
             604 – Henry Barber (hardware)  
             606 – Walter B. Herring (auto repair)  
             608 – J. W. Kind (tires)  
             610 – Big Six Battery Service  
             612-18 – A & A Parts Co. (auto accessories)
- 1937      600 – Vacant  
             602 – Vacant  
             604 – Henry Barber (hardware)  
             606 – Walter B. Herring (auto repair)  
             608 – Poultry Market  
             610 – Big Six Battery Service

- 612-14 – Vacant  
616-18 – A & A Parts Company
- 1935 600 – Tony & Jim’s Café  
602 – Vacant  
604 – Henry Barber (restaurant)  
606 – Vacant  
608 – Vacant  
610 – Big Six Battery Service  
E. C. Perkins  
612 – Vacant  
614 – D. G. Hodges (restaurant)  
616-18 – A & A Parts Company
- 1932 600-2 – Vacant  
604 – Household Furniture Company  
606 – Vacant  
608 – Vacant  
610 – Big Six Battery Service  
612 – William M. Tears (undertaker)  
National Burial Association  
614 – Hurley Mattress & Awning Company  
616-18 – City Junk Company
- 1929 600-2 – Austin Auto Accessory Store  
604 – Household Furniture Company  
606 – Austin Sausage Kitchen  
608 – John Nicholas (grocery)  
610 – C. E. Dildy (fruit)  
612 – William M. Tears (undertaker)  
National Burial Association for Colored People  
614 – Hurley Mattress & Awning Factory  
616 – Vacant
- 1924 600 – Travis Merchant Company (grocery)  
602 – Louis Fichtenbaum (dry goods)  
604 – Household Furniture Company  
606 – Texas Meat company  
608 – C. H. Cross Furniture Company  
610 – Otto Tiroff Jr. (auto painter)  
612 – William M. Tears (undertaker)  
National Burial Association for Colored People  
614 – Hurley Mattress & Awning Factory  
616 – Vacant
- 1920 600 – Vacant  
602 – Vacant  
604 – Household Furniture Company  
606 – Blue Bonnet Cream  
608 – Swanson & Johnson (furniture repairs)  
610 – Robert Barge (auto repair)  
Otto Tiroff Jr. (auto painter)  
612-14 – William M. Tears (undertaker)  
National Burial Association for Colored People  
616 – Austin Bottling Works
- 1916 600-2 – Caldwell & Beiger (grocery)  
604 – Vacant



	606 – Acme Creamery
	608 – Vacant
	610 – Vacant
	612-14 – William M. Tears (undertaker) National Burial Association for Colored People
	616 – Austin Bottling Works
1912	600 – W. Thomas Hawkins (furniture) 602-4 – Caldwell Bros (grocers) 606 – Florence Creamery Company 610 – Vacant 612-14 – William M. Tears (undertaker) 616 – Austin Bottling Works
1906	600-6 – Caldwell-Murchison-Lee Company 608 – Henry Sauer 610 – A. H. Reese 616 – Austin Bottling Works
1895	600 – Harriet Gooden Mary Jackson 610 – C. M. Booth (Furniture Dealer & Bed Spring Manufacturer) 616-20 – Anderson & Caldwell (Feed, Hay, & Grain)
1891	602 – J. M. Braden (Wagon Yard) 610 – C. M. Booth (Mattress Manufacturers) 614 – T. P. Robinson (Hide & Wool Buyers) 616-20 – Tom Anderson & Company (Wagon Yard)
1889	614 – T. P. Robinson (Wool Buyer)
1887	606 – Lucy Irvin

#### *Historical Information*



*Aerial, 1940*



*Aerial, 1958*





*Aerial, 1965*



*Aerial, 1977*



*Aerial, 1987*



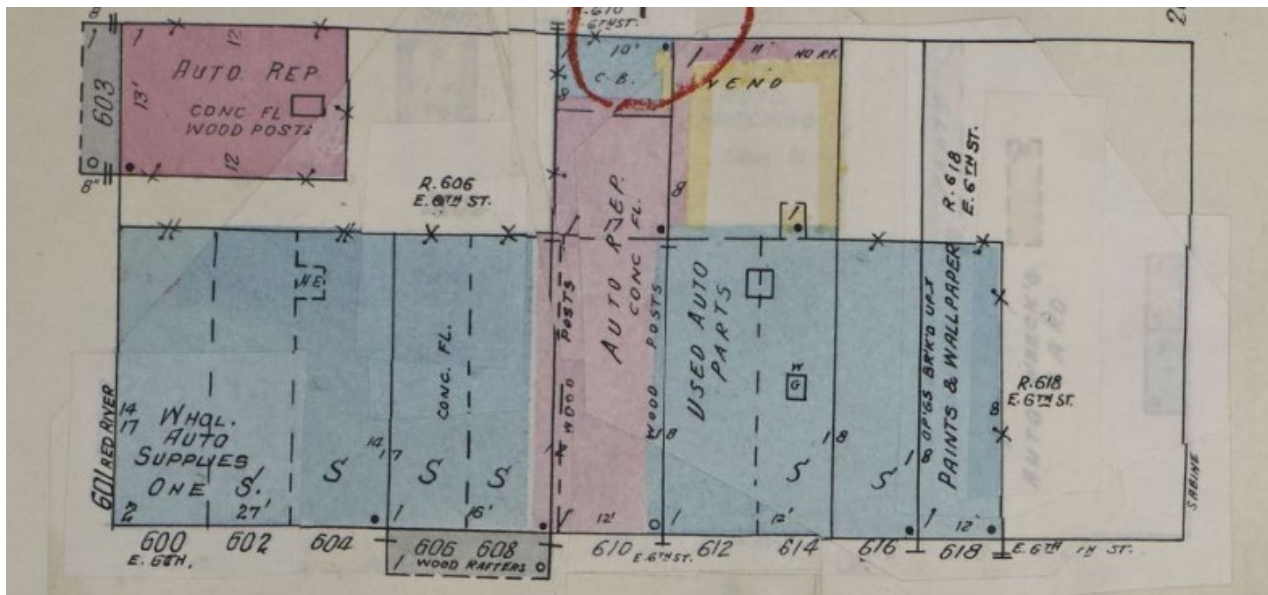
*Aerial, 1997*



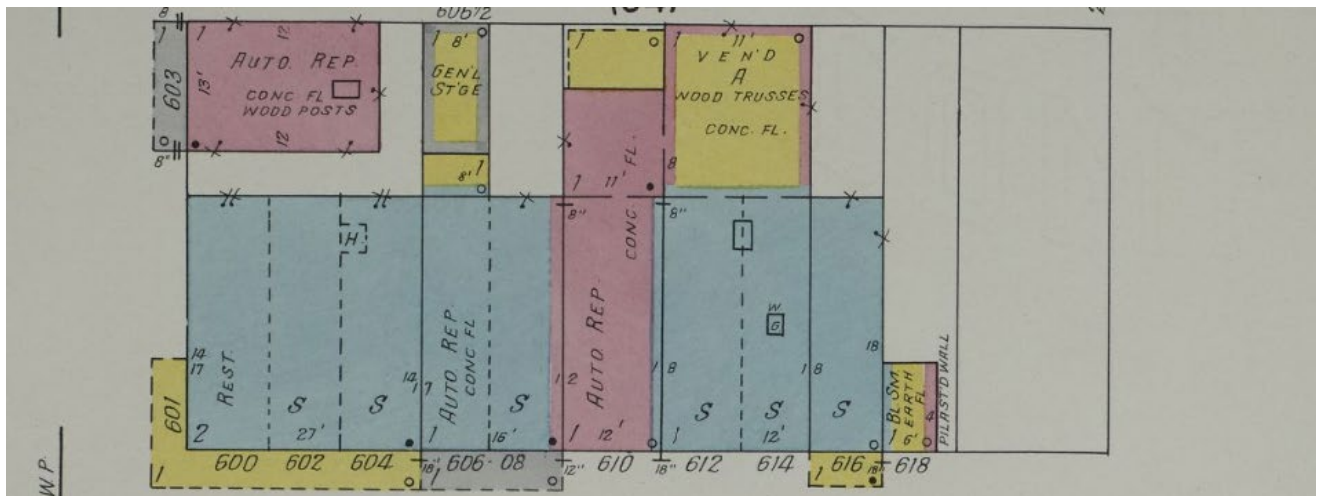
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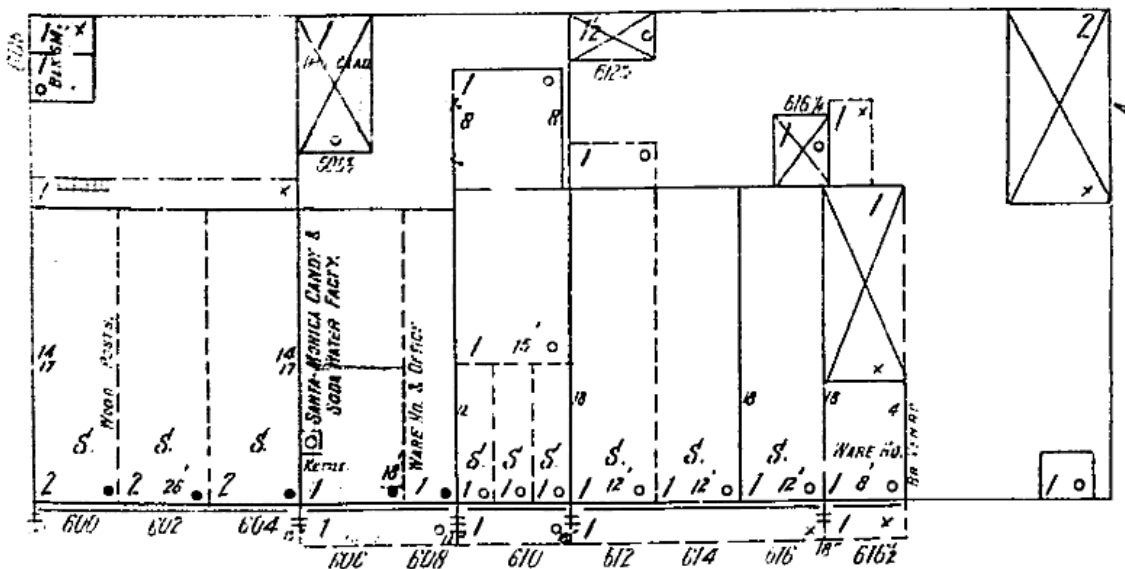
*Aerial, 2012*



Sanborn map, 1961

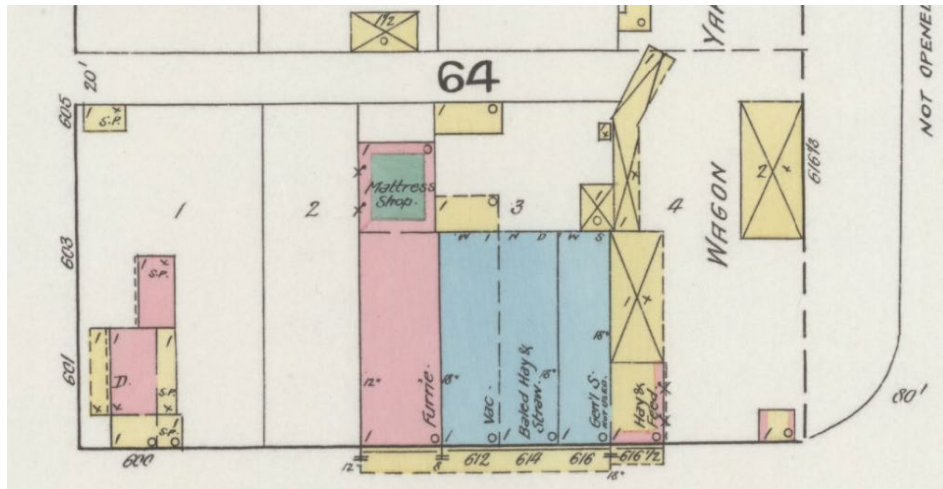


Sanborn map, 1935

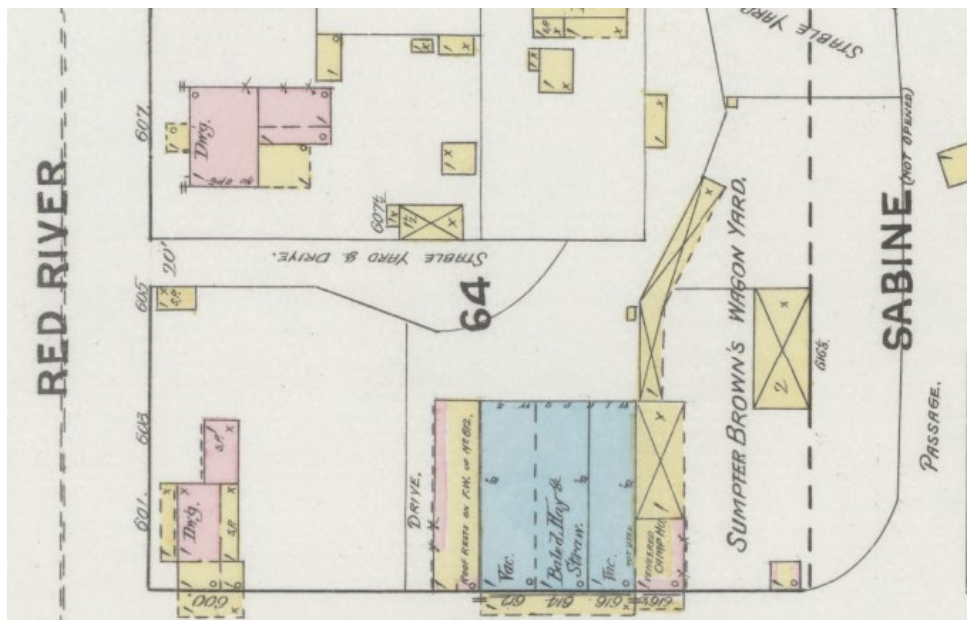


Sanborn map, 1900

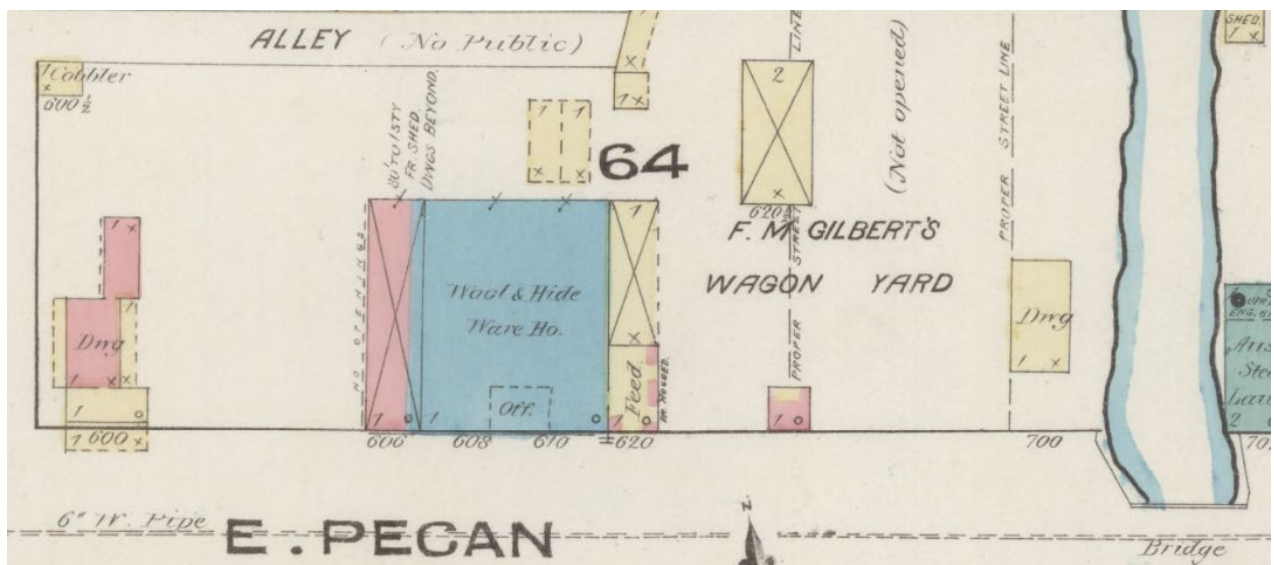




Sanborn map, 1894



Sanborn map, 1889



Sanborn map, 1885

**AUSTIN BOTTLING WORKS,**  
**616 East Sixth Street,**  
 Both Phones 221.  
**Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer**  
**ORDER A CASE FOR YOUR HOME**  
**TODAY.**

## Old State Law Of Ranch Era Put Into Use

An old Texas law, carried forward from early ranching days, was used Monday by city police in the filing of a complaint against two defendants.

City Det. T. O. Lang filed the complaint in Peace Justice Sam W. Rogers' court charging Wallace Waldrop and Harold Reynolds with cutting a fence belonging to B. A. Allen, junk dealer at 616 East Sixth street.

*The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 11 Apr 1906: 3.*

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 04 Dec 1939: 1.*

## Sudden Death, a Freak Shot, Vicious Mischief

A man suddenly dead, a woman shot in the leg, a "hot wire" and the breaking of a number of plate glass windows of Austin business houses were under investigation Monday by police.

Manuel Sanchez Garza, 36, of 1302 Neches Street, walked into the Three Aces Bar at 616 East Sixth Street early Monday and ordered a beer. According to eye-witnesses, when he started to pay, he suddenly threw his hands over his head, and started walking backwards, saying "oh, oh, oh," then fell to the floor.

He was taken by ambulance to Brackenridge Hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. Justice of the Peace Pete Nairn ordered an autopsy performed.

Garza is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Garza; a daughter, Alice Garza; two sons, Manuel Jr. and Gilbert Garza and three brothers, Joe, Jesse and Julio Garza, all of Austin. Funeral services will be held at the Guadalupe Church at 4 p. m. Wednesday with Father Nicholas Diaz officiating. The body will be at 59 Rainey Street until time for the service. Interment will be in Memorial Park.

from the residence at 2922 East 14th, but city electric department men got to the "hot wire" before anyone was hurt.

And something new in the form of malicious mischief had police scouring the city Monday. Torpedoes and giant fire-crackers have been thrown against the plate glass windows of four Austin business houses in the past several days, knocking holes in the glass.

The stores are the A and P Grocery at 908 Lamar, R. A. Lindig's store at 1101 West Fifth, Oetting Furniture Company, 1300 Lavaca, and the Vernon Johnson Store No. Three at 4001 Duval.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 10 Jan 1949: 10.*



# Police Top 'Ace' Hand Of Thieves

Somebody dealt a bad card to the Three Aces early Thursday—and the cops got in the game.

About 1:45 a. m. at 616 East Sixth Street, at a place called the Three Aces Bar, three ace burglars were quietly at work.

They were gambling on the chance that no one would hear them as they stole case after case of beer. Then one of the aces stumbled and fell. An alert neighbor called police.

Police Officer Charles Osgood and Detective Arthur Knudsen, a pair of ace investigators, arrived on the double. The three thieving aces held the beer while the cops held the guns, devices.

The game broke up with officers arresting the burglars. It was the second time in 10 days that police had taken a hand in burglars' games and won.

Jan. 5, they surprised a lone ace inside the Nite Spot at 2316 Webberville Road.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 15 Jan 1953: A6.*

Permits

A. S. Burleson

616 East 6th. St.

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E. part  
of 3

Original City

Repair awning

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4-4-77 163353 remodel interior only of exist comm. bldg. \$1500.00