

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
JANUARY 10, 2024
HR-2023-161547
SIXTH STREET NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
606 EAST SIXTH STREET/603 RED RIVER STREET

PROPOSAL

Remodel, repaint, and add awning to a ca. 1898 façade of a commercial building.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Construct a fully conditioned building behind the existing façade.
- 2) Clean and repair limestone as needed.
- 3) Remove non-original sconces and repair connections.
- 4) Remove non-original gates and replace them with a painted metal storefront, with the two middle archways as the new entryway with doors recessed 3'-0".
- 5) Construct a new painted awning.

ARCHITECTURE

This building was built ca. 1898 but has since been reduced to a free-standing façade. At the time of the 1975 National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form for the Sixth Street Historic District, the six arched openings had contrasting granite voussoirs. The façade was articulated with limestone; the original cornice detailing remains.

RESEARCH

When it was built in 1898, the structure at 606 East 6th Street housed a candy factory and soda water bottling company. By the early twentieth century, it served as a creamery for a series of small companies. After a stint in the 1920s as the Texas Meat Company and Austin Sausage Kitchen, the building fell vacant for a short time. By the end of the 1930s, it had transitioned to a space for automobile-related businesses, including transmission and tire shops. Aerial photographs show that it was reduced to a windowless and roofless shell between 1965 and 1975.

DESIGN STANDARDS

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 façades.

The proposed project retains the existing historic-age material, removes non-original material, and builds behind the remaining façade, with minor alterations to historic fabric that retain the rhythm of the streetscape. The proposed awning is in keeping with other awnings during the district's period of significance.

Summary

The project meets the applicable standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property contributes to the Sixth Street National Register district. 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 low integrity. Only the façade remains.
- 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 now that the majority has been demolished.
 - 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.

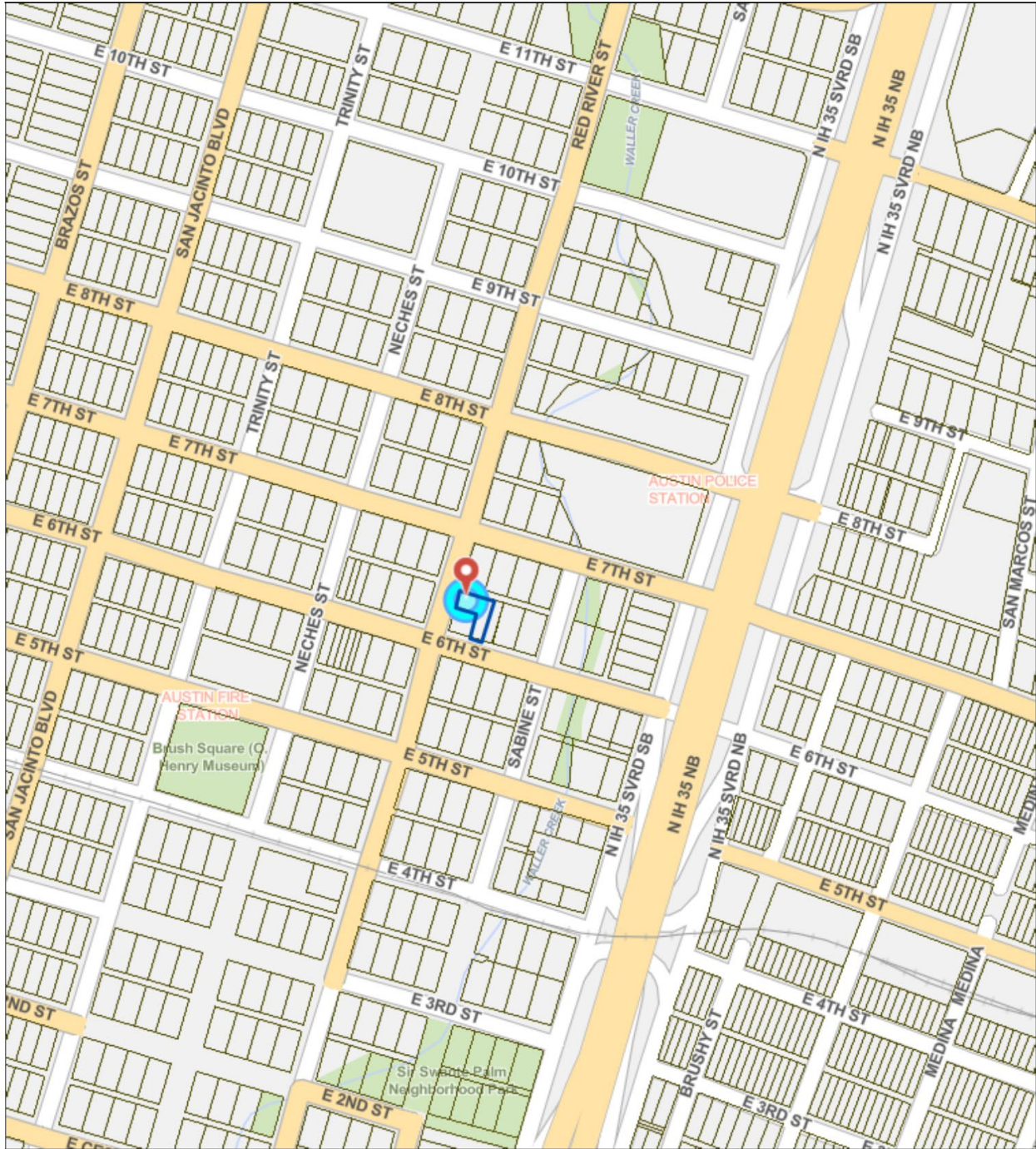
COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

When rebuilding behind the existing façade, set back any upper-story additions. Change windows to three lights.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Comment on plans.

LOCATION MAP



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603 RED RIVER STREET



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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*

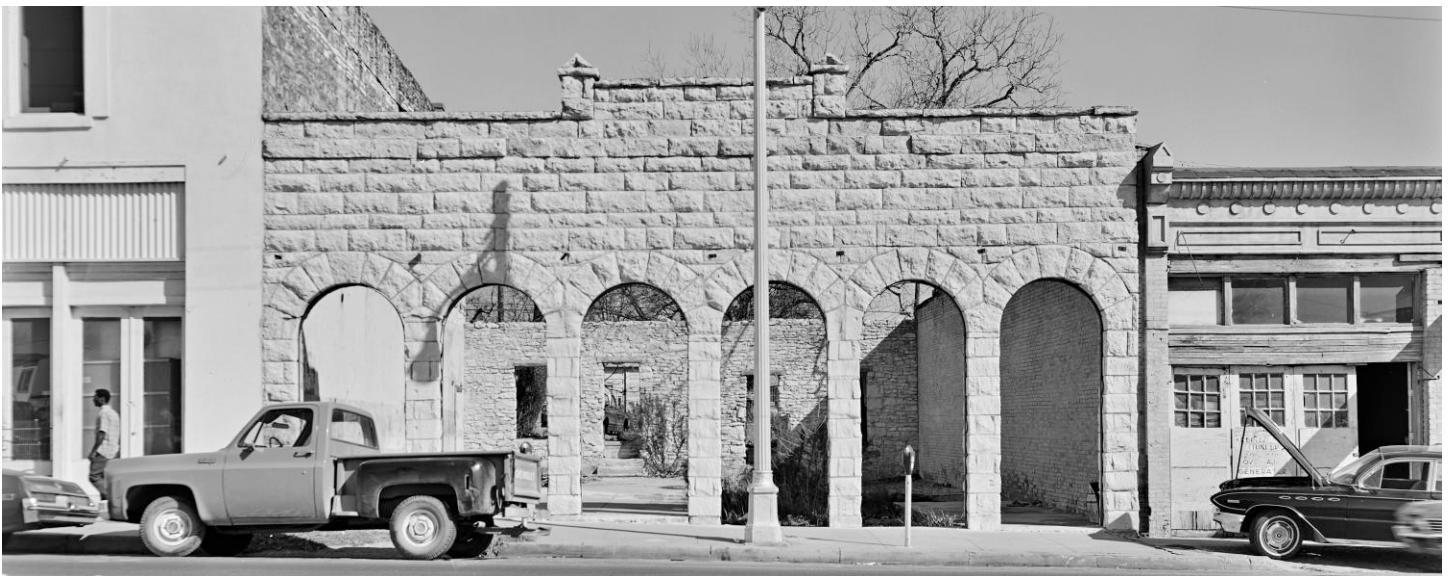
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Occupancy History

City Directory Research, April 2022

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|------|---|
| 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 2nd 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 (2nd hand hardware)
 - 606 – Walter B. Herring (auto repair)
 - 608 – J. Thomas Patterson (2nd 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 (2nd 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



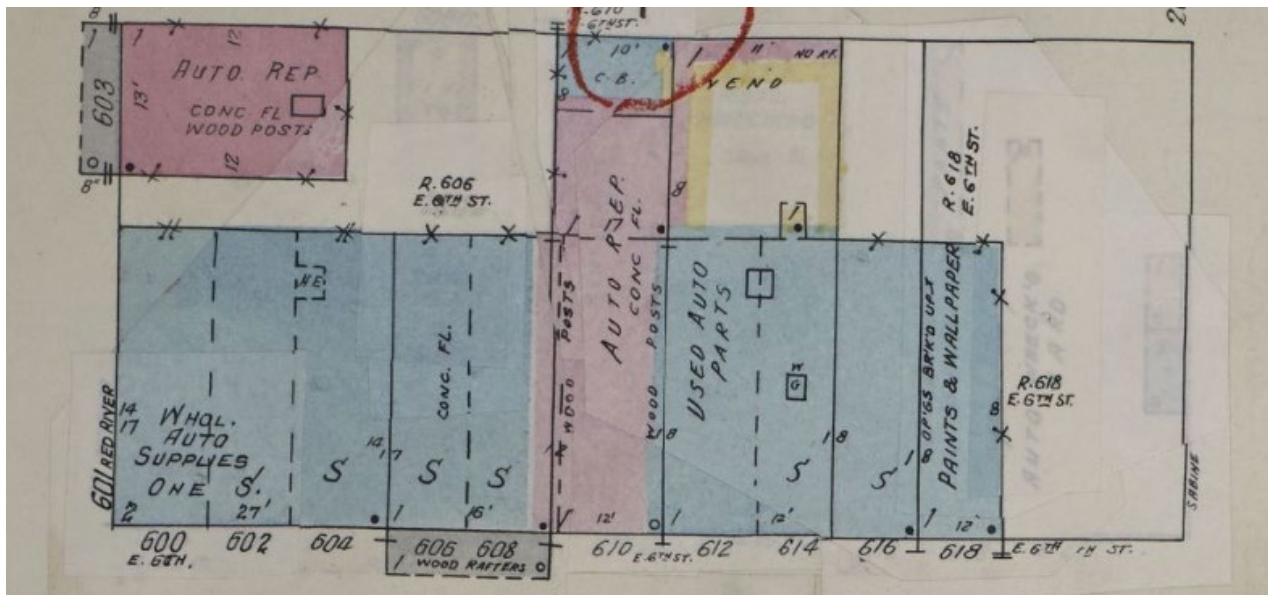
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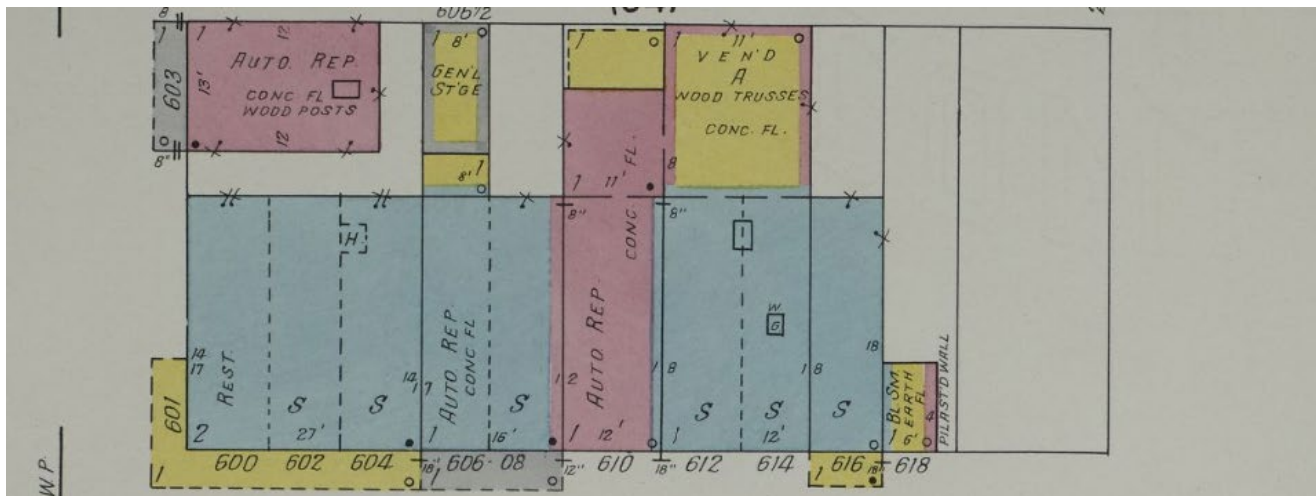
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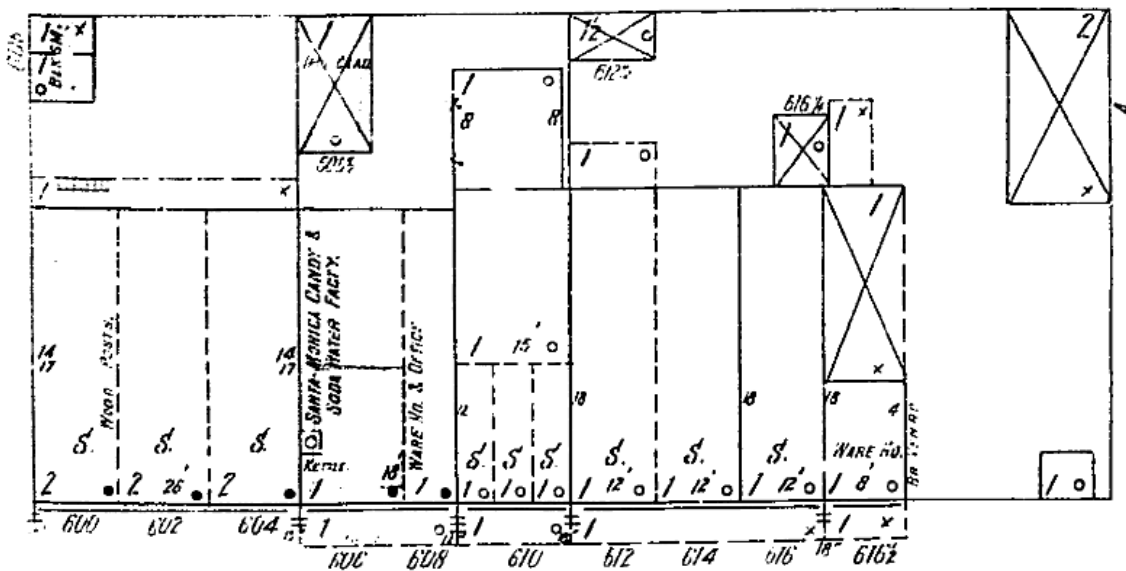
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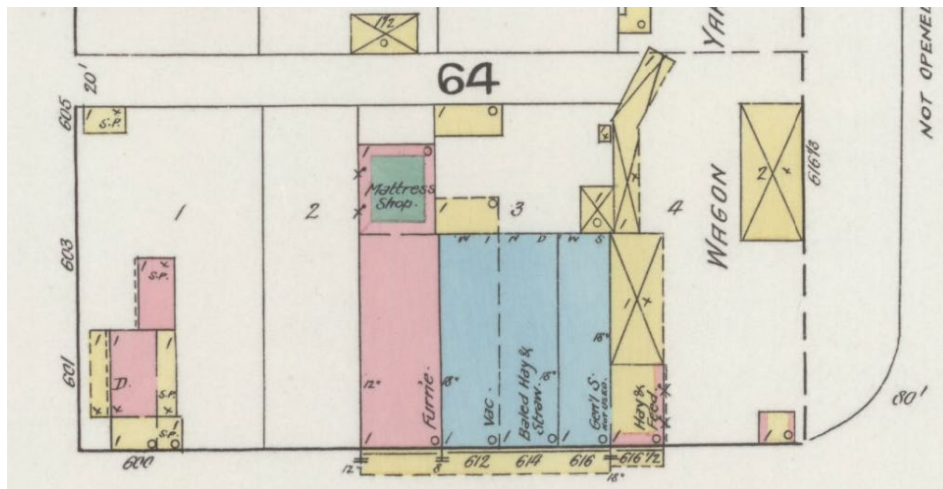
Sanborn map, 1961



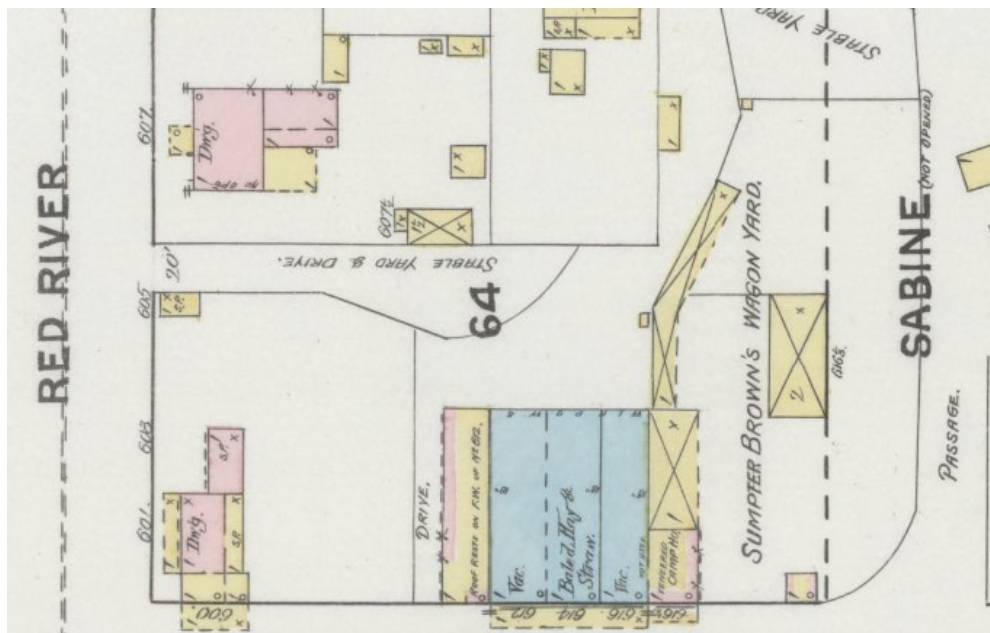
Sanborn map, 1935



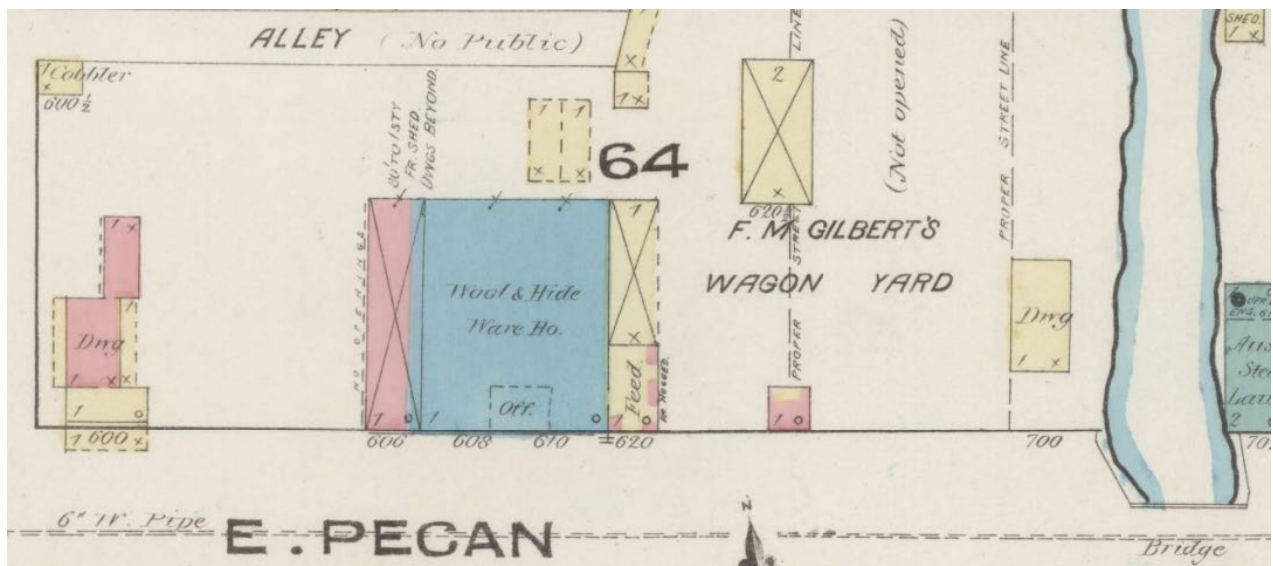
Sanborn map, 1900



Sanborn map, 1894



Sanborn map, 1889



Sanborn map, 1885

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Austin Daily Statesman (1891-1902); Austin, Tex.. 16 June 1901: 3.

The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 19 May 1904: 5.

THIEF GETS CASH BOX.

The cash box from the safe in the
office of the Florence Creamery, owned
by J. P. Adams, 606 East Sixth Street,
was extracted and robbed of \$32 yes-
terday between the hours of 1 o'clock
and 2 o'clock. The thieves gained en-
trance through a window in the back
of the building by prying loose one of
the bars, with which it is thought they
prried the cash box from the safe. The
box was taken into a rear room where
it was rifled. The safe had been left
open while the proprietor was at din-
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The Austin Statesman (1902-1915); Austin, Tex.. 16 Dec 1912: 2.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 14 Oct 1921: 8.

SANITARY MARKETS CONSOLIDATE UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT

Market on West Sixth and One
on East Sixth Now Owned
by One Firm.

One of the most important Austin business deals of the past few months has just been announced. The Sanitary Market at 200 West Sixth Street and the Sanitary Cash Market, 606 East Sixth Street, have been consolidated under the joint ownership of M. E. Walker and A. A. Wilkie, of Austin, and W. N. Lazenby of Waco. Mr. Walker and Mr. Wilkie will have direct supervision over the two big markets.

Mr. Walker bought the East Sixth Street Sanitary Market July 1, and had been operating it under the title of the Texas Meat Company. James Fletcher sold his interest a few days ago in the West Sixth Street Sanitary Market to Mr. Walker, Mr. Wilkie, and Mr. Lazenby, all of whom

had an interest in the West Sixth Street Market. Following the buying out of Mr. Fletcher's interest, it was decided to consolidate the two markets.

These two markets, not only make a specialty of high grade meats of every sort, but they handle vegetables, fruits, and all the articles sold in the highest type market of today.

The consolidation of the two markets, under the joint direction of Mr. Walker and Mr. Wilkie, was brought about by the desire of the owners to render even better service, to the patrons of both establishments, according to Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Walker.

Both Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Walker are well known in Austin. Mr. Wil-

kie has served as cashier of the West Sixth Street Sanitary Market during the past two years, while Mr. Walker has been connected with Austin business enterprises for a number of years.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 09 Sep 1923: A9.

st	H. D. Pope to 702 West 24th.	312 WEST SIXTH STREET, \$20.
h.	W. Jemmings to 606 East Sixth.	Seton infirmary, alter store front,
st	Shelby Dry Goods from 41st and Guadalupe.	606 East Sixth street, \$55.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 26 July 1927: 10.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 20 Nov 1932: 12.

613 East Seventh.

Auto Repairs, 408 East Seventh;
Bowles Garage, 614 East Avenue;
Herring Garage, 606 East Sixth;
Ham's Automotive Service, 314
West Fifth; Frankie's Garage, 717
Bruning; G and M Welding and
Radiator Works, 1005 East Sixth;
Hugh Nelson Garage, 609 Trinity;
Wesley Hough Service Station and
Garage, 200 East First; Elliott's
Radiator Shop, 406 East Seventh;
and Jess Allman Garage, 114 East
First.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 20 Aug 1953: A12.