

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
JANUARY 10, 2024
HR-2023-160869
SIXTH STREET NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
610 EAST 6TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Convert a ca. 1872 building façade to a conditioned space.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Repaint existing painted areas at façade.
- 2) Removes the non-original wood walls covering the existing openings.
- 3) Remodel storefront based on photos showing the location of historic-age openings and proportions. The west bay of the proposed metal storefront includes a 42” setback to accommodate a new entry vestibule. Install clerestory windows with divided lite proportions based on 1975 photographs.
- 4) Repair and repaint the existing brick columns.
- 5) Repair and clean the original cast iron cornice.

ARCHITECTURE

610 East 6th Street was built ca. 1872 and was once an auto garage, with two distinct bays and an ornamental metal cornice. At the time of the 1975 National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form for the Sixth Street Historic District, the structure consisted of two large bay openings with multiple doors and clerestory windows above. The façade was articulated with brick columns and a metal cornice. The brick and metal cornice are intact, though the building is open-air.

RESEARCH

The building at 610 E. 6th Street was constructed around 1872 according to the National Register inventory, though little evidence of its earliest occupancy remains. In the 1880s and ‘90s, it served as a mattress manufacturer and furrier, and by the turn of the century, at least part of the building was occupied by a collier’s office and yard. After a period of vacancy, it was renewed as an auto-oriented business in 1920 and remained so until at least the late 1970s.

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 facades.

The proposed project rehabilitates and adaptively reuses the building, restoring the historic elements of the existing façade in response to Committee feedback.

Summary

The project meets the applicable standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

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 to low integrity. Though only the façade remains, it still retains some character-defining features and decorative elements that speak to the time of its significance.
- 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 no longer conveys architectural significance, though character-defining features still identify it as an early auto-oriented business.
 - 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 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.

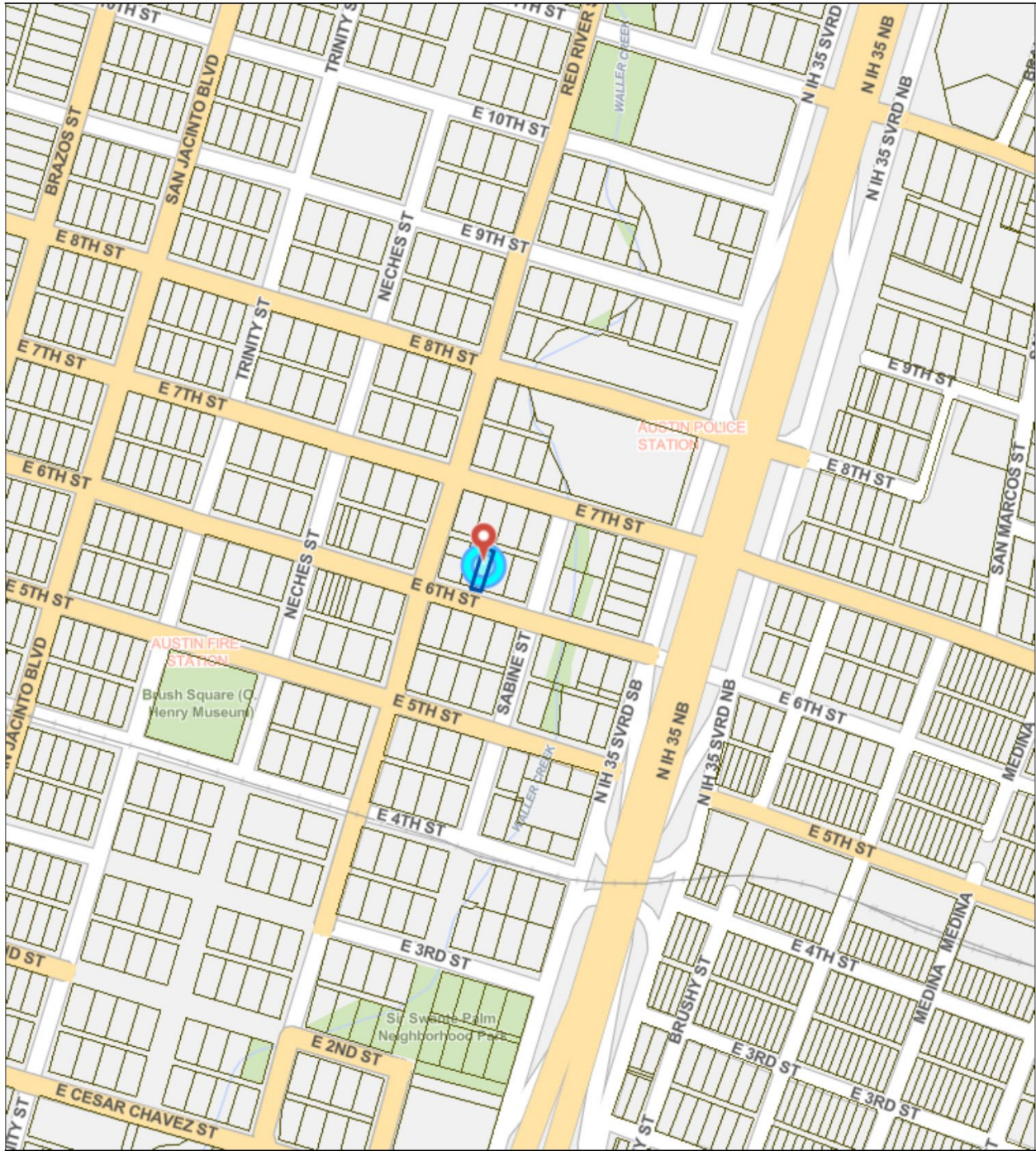
COMMITTEE FEEDBACK


Keep 4-light transom above garage bays. Explore color studies to emphasize historic features.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Comment on plans.

LOCATION MAP






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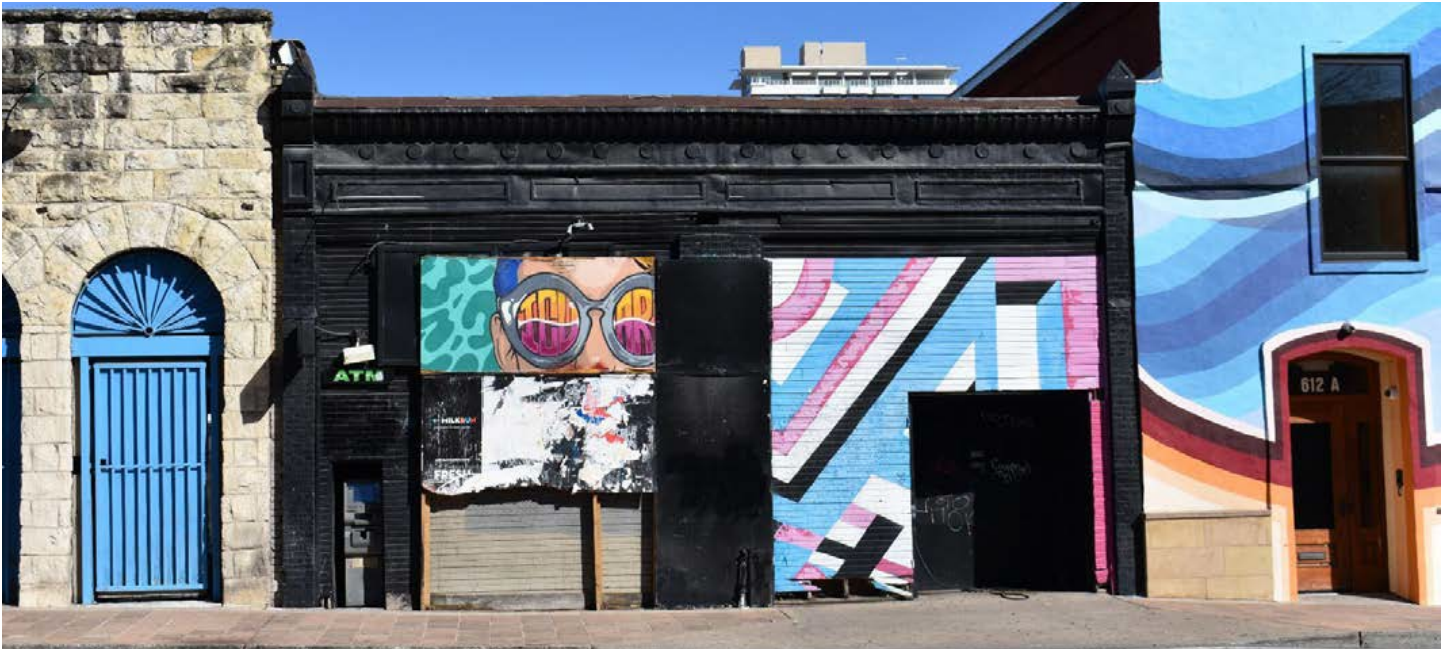
610 E 6TH STREET



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

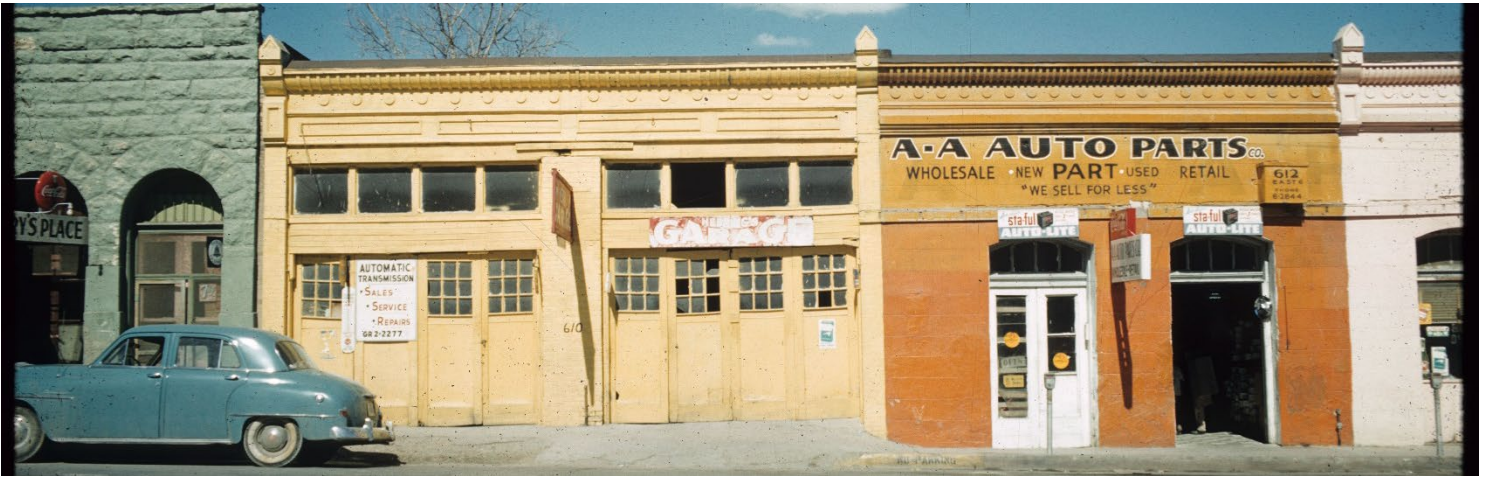
Photos



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



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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 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



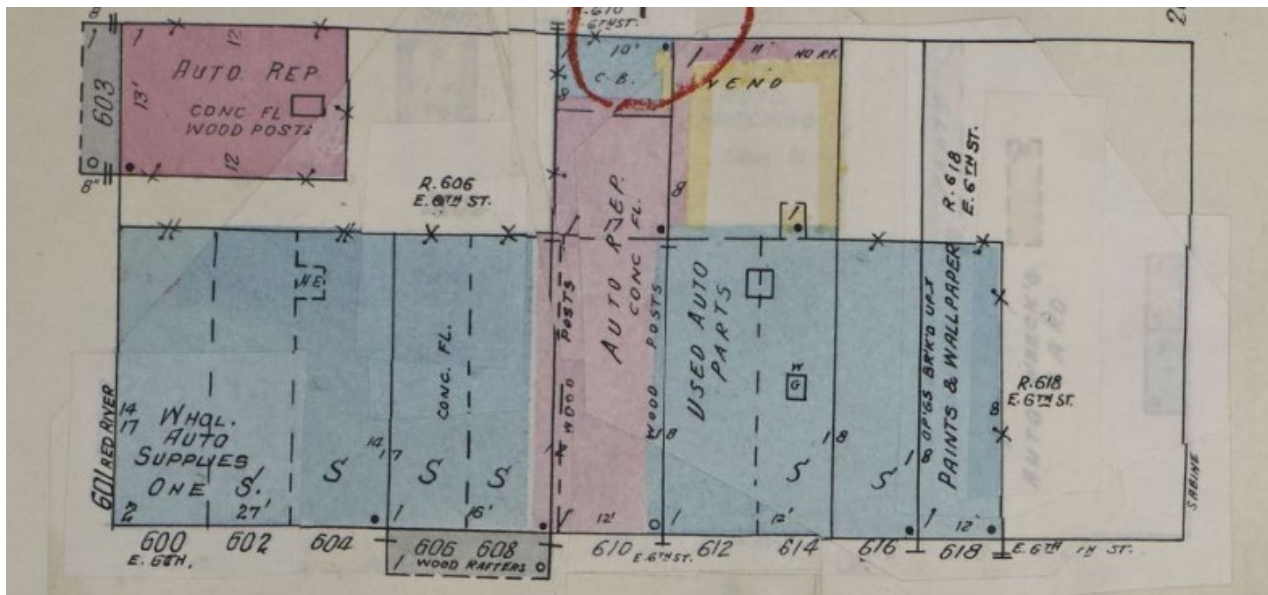
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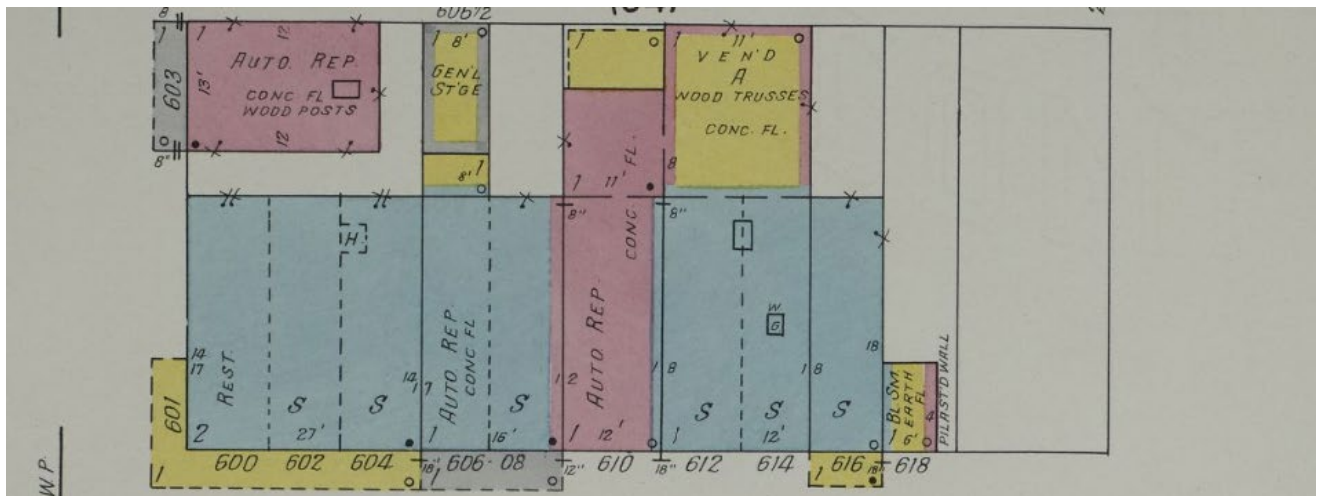
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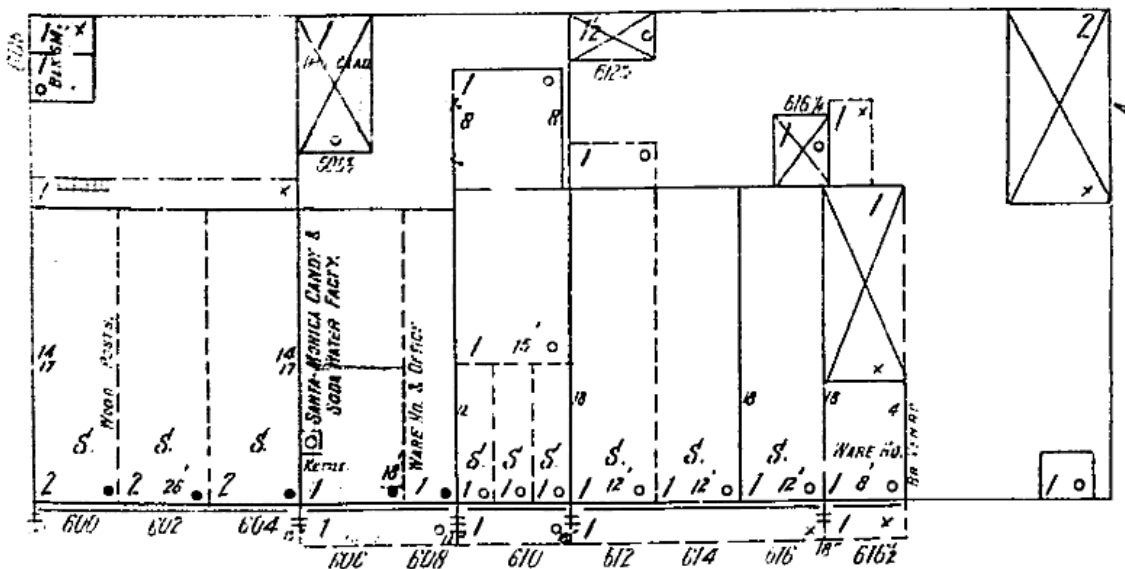
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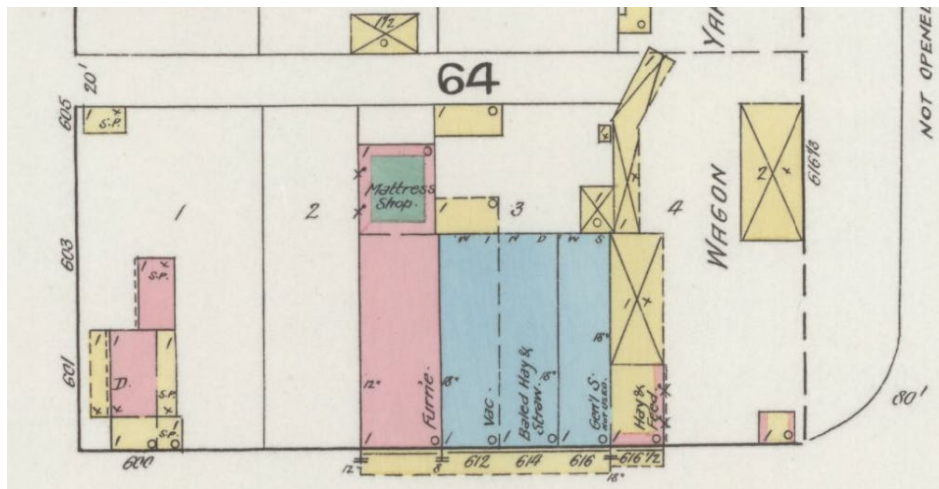
Sanborn map, 1961



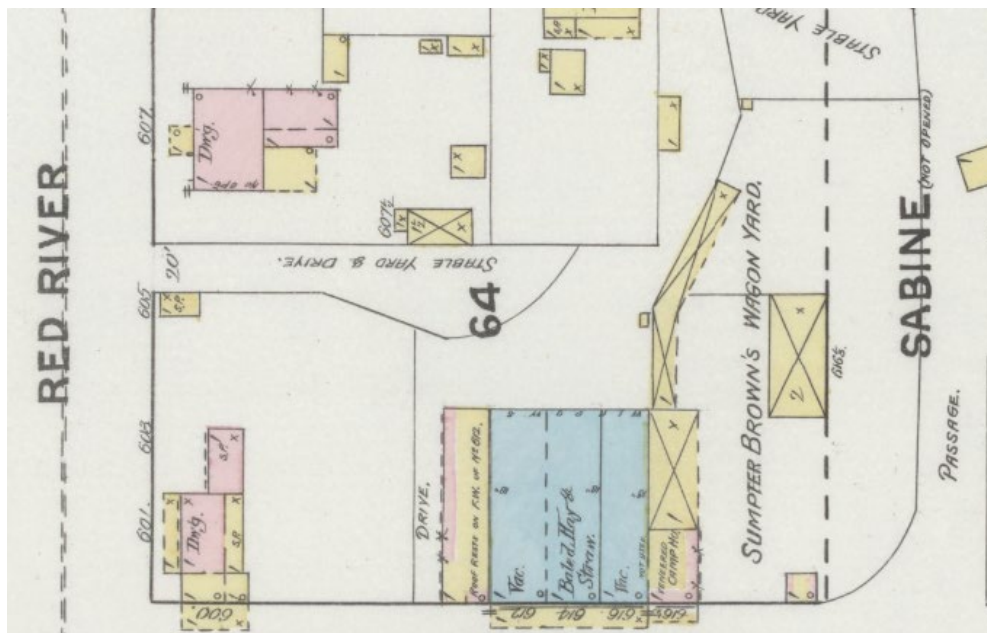
Sanborn map, 1935



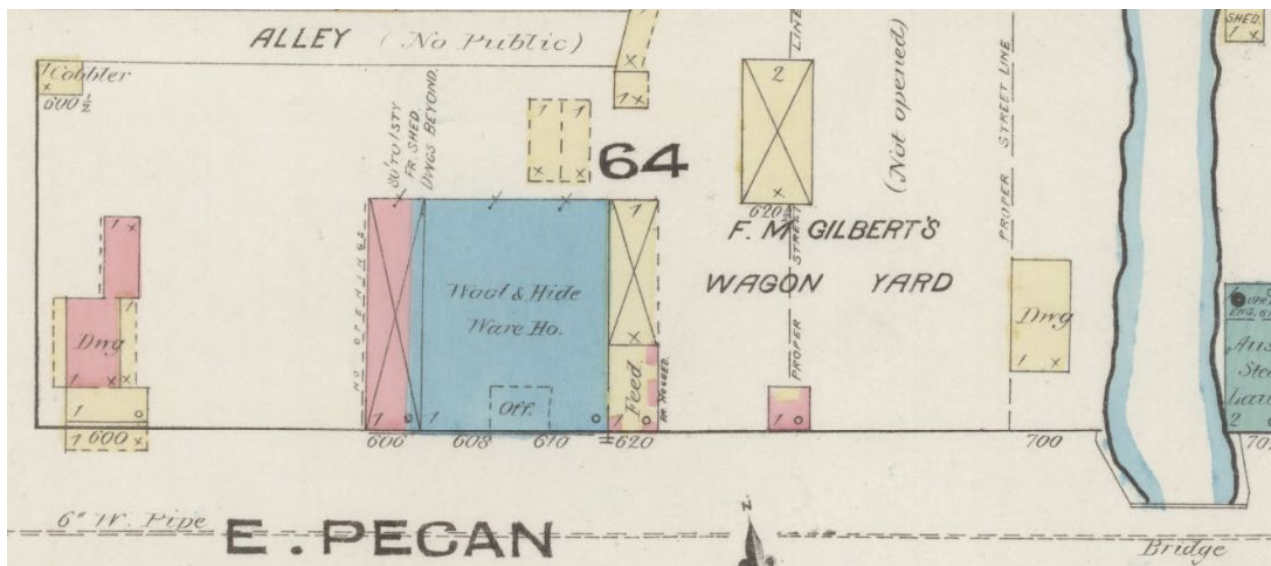
Sanborn map, 1900



Sanborn map, 1894



Sanborn map, 1889



Sanborn map, 1885

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The Blazing Stump.

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OTTO TIROFF, JR.

AUTOMOBILE PAINTING

610 East Sixth St., Opposite Nalle's Lumber Yard

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

PHONE 4182

RESIDENCE PHONE 4121

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 02 Oct 1921: 12.

Golden Gloves Ducats on Sale

Tickets went on sale Wednesday for the Golden Gloves meet scheduled for Jan. 19-20 at the Austin Athletic Club. The ducats may be obtained at the Jaycee office in the Driskill Hotel, and are priced at \$1.50 and 75 cents.

Joe Prowse, director of the annual beak-busting tournament, has urged fans to buy their tickets early—there are only 1,000 general admission tickets, plus 400 ring-side seats.

Three training centers have been set up for the local Golden Gloves meet. Tom Attra, former national GG champion, conducted workouts starting Monday at the Athletic Club on 12th Street. Drills are from 6 to 9 p. m.

Louis Munoz is in charge of a second training center, at Father Green's quarters at 610 East Sixth Street. Hours here are 6:30 to 9

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE of Impounded cars to be sold on the 10th day of June, 1950, 10:00 A. M., at 612 East 6th Street. The following cars have not been redeemed and will be sold separately for cash to the highest bidders:

- 1—1937 Plymouth Sedan
- 1—1936 Ford Coupe
- 1—1930 Ford Tudor
- 1—1942 Pontiac Station Wagon
- 1—1936 Chevrolet Sedan
- 1—1936 Dodge Sedan
- 1—1937 Chrysler Sedan
- 1—1930 Chrysler Roadster
- 1—1928 Dodge Sedan
- 1—1934 Plymouth Sedan

R. D. THORP,
Chief of Police

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 05 Jan 1949: 13.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 17 June 1950: 9.

Permits

OWNER J. Gusto Enterprise ADDRESS 610 E. 6th St
 PLAT 9 LOTEast 24 of lot 2 W3'of 1+ BLK. 64
 SUBDIVISION Original City 3
 OCCUPANCY Reapir Auto Body Shop
 BLDG. PERMIT # 181299 DATE 4-25-79 OWNERS ESTIMATE 1,200.00
 CONTRACTOR Ashlen Ent. NO. OF FIXTURES
 WATER TAP REC# SEWER TAP REC#
 Repair 1 sty mas & wd frm structure to meet
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