

**PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION REPORT**

**LANDMARK NAME:** Winlow Westheimer Center  
**OWNERS:** RC Winlow LP  
**APPLICANTS:** Evan Peterson and Amanda Coleman, agent  
**LOCATION:** 1901-1915 WESTHEIMER RD

**AGENDA ITEM:** D  
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**SITE INFORMATION:**

The Winlow Westheimer Center is located at Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 3 in the Winlow Place subdivision, City of Houston, Harris County Texas. The site includes three buildings: 1901, 1911, and 1915 Westheimer all of which face north onto Westheimer Road; Hazard Street is the boundary to the east.

The 1901 Westheimer address includes a single-story former gas station built c. 1930 with an enclosed service canopy on a corner lot. This property sits on Lots 1 and 2, which have been combined to total 13,618 sq ft. An addition and alteration were completed c.1996 increasing the building area to 4,968 sq ft.

This work included a refresh to two adjacent buildings at 1911 and 1915 Westheimer. The first, 1911 Westheimer is 4,202 square foot one-story store front-built c. 1940 with two-story rear residential addition constructed c. 1950; the second, 1915 Westheimer was also built c. 1950 and contained 3 separate storefronts, currently combined for a total of 3,500 square feet. The property at 1911 Westheimer sits on a 6,735 square foot lot (Lot 3) and 1915 Westheimer sits on a 6,790 square foot lot (Lot 4). The total square footage of the center is 27,143 square feet.

HCAD Tax ID numbers: 1915: 0542190000004 1911: 0542190000003 1901: 0542190000001

**TYPE OF APPROVAL REQUESTED:** Protected Landmark Designation

**HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY**

The Winlow Westheimer Center is located at the very northwestern corner of the Winlow Place subdivision, established c. 1923 by the Winlow Place Company. The subdivision's boundary is Westheimer at the north, west from block 3, Lot 7 on Westheimer or McDuffie St, east on Dunlavy St, and south at West Alabama. The center is located next to "Winlow Junior High" now called Lanier Middle school and was built c. 1926.

The group of buildings at Winlow Westheimer are an excellent representative example of early twentieth century development in Houston and how new small scale commercial development existed adjacent to new residential suburbs. The modern amenities provided ease of motor vehicle services as car ownership expanded in Houston in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. The oldest building, 1901 Westheimer, is a Tudor Revival style gas station with an enclosed service canopy. Architectural elements of this popular early twentieth century style include the high-pitched gables and half-timbering. This corner building has been a beloved symbol in the community for almost 100 years; housing everything from a gas station and garage to a coffee shop (see *Houston Chronicle* articles throughout the years). While it has been sensitively altered, the essential structure with its unique architectural features remain. The two storefront buildings, 1911 and 1915 Westheimer, also represent commerce and development associated with multiple businesses important to the community throughout the years. The Winlow Westheimer Center received a Good Brick Award from Preservation Houston in 1997, further reinforcing the community's reverence for this group of buildings.

The Winlow Westheimer Center is recommended for a Protected Landmark designation under Section 33-224: Criteria 1 as a visual reminder of development, Criteria 4 as a building type important to the city, and Criteria 8 as a symbol of community sentiment. These criteria fulfill Section 33-229 for a Protected Landmark Designation.

## HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

### *Winlow Place and Westheimer Rd – location and development*

On December 11th, 1923, the Winlow Place Company worked with the City of Houston (COH) to create the Winlow Place subdivision. The company consisted of Owners: H.G. Fields, J.P. Lawrenson, Lewis E. Howard, W.M. Fonville, and Frank J. Breaker, President: B.W. Steele, Secretary: H.G. Fields and Engineer: T.C. Edminster (see subdivision map provided by COH). J.P. Lawrenson of the Winlow Place Company was the original owner of Lots 1 & 2 (corner lot at 1901) based on Harris County archives.

These two-and-a-half blocks of Winlow Place are situated at the top, northwesternmost boundary along Westheimer Road. Westheimer Road was named as a tribute to Michael Lewis Westheimer and this street led to his farm west of Kirby in the 1800s. Originally it was known as the “Road to Westheimer’s Place.” Named by Harris County in 1895 and termed a Farm to Market Road. Westheimer is one of the longest streets in Houston stretching from Montrose to the Katy Prairie.<sup>1</sup> It was numerically FM1093.<sup>2</sup>

This stretch of road was surely intended as a continuation of the main thoroughfare and commercial development west of Dunlavy St. While some construction in this area on Westheimer began as residential, by the 1930s development supported vital local businesses to support community needs. Prior to the development of the three nominated buildings, the Hotmann family lived and operated their plumbing business out of a residential building at 1911 Westheimer. An example of another small commercial building still standing today is 1731 Westheimer Rd, also known as Hollyfield Laundry and Cleaners which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (2021). Other businesses included bakeries, grocery stores, and physician’s offices on this stretch of Westheimer Road. The thoroughfare would become a primarily small-scale commercial area.<sup>3</sup>

By 1924, many of the residential lots in Winlow Place on the residential streets of Kipling and Marshall had been purchased and two years later “Winlow Junior High,” today known as Lanier Middle School, was built across Hazard Street from the Winlow Westheimer Center. This institutional building solidified the attraction of new families to the area and led to more rapid residential development well into the 1930s. Small scale commercial development continued along Westheimer Road. The major Winlow Place thoroughfare businesses continued as well that supported this activity. Deed restrictions were created in 1925 to protect and regularize residential development to single-family or duplexes while limiting commercial businesses. Setbacks and building heights were addressed, as well as garages and garage apartments.<sup>4</sup>

This era of development included the widening and asphalt paving of Houston’s roads to support these growing suburban residential developments and the increased popularity of the automobile. By 1924, Winlow Place was fully paved. In 1930, Houston Chronicle advertised Westheimer Road would be improved by the COH and

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<sup>1</sup> Glassman, James. *The Houstonian Dictionary: An Insider’s Index to Houston*. Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> April 1983 0, Paul Burka. “Texas Primer: The Farm-to-Market Road.” *Texas Monthly*, April 1, 1983. <https://www.texasmonthly.com/being-texan/texas-primer-the-farm-to-market-road/>.

<sup>3</sup> “Hollyfield Laundry and Cleaners, Houston, Harris County, Texas.” National Register of Historic Places Application Pt 1. 2021

<sup>4</sup> Winlow Place Civic Club. “History.” Accessed January 12, 2023. <http://www.winlowplace.org/history>.

property owners. These roadway infrastructure improvements enhanced connections with downtown, Montrose, and River Oaks. The Winlow Place developers promoted the amenities, calling them “permanently desirable.” This description included the location within three blocks of the newly named “Sidney Lanier School,” terraced lots with broad, clean paved streets, and modern conveniences. They go on to mention the “big” storm sewer to prevent flooding as well as the water, gas, and sanitary systems c. 1926.

The importance of the paved streets connecting subdivisions, modern conveniences from public works projects, and support for vehicular enjoyment in the Winlow Place area in the early to mid-1900s is indicative of development significant to the history of Houston. Angled towards automobiles, this trend would begin to define much of the layout of Houston and tell the story of what development would dominate the rest of the century. The motor vehicle allowed workers to live further from their places of employment to pursue a better quality of life, additional space, and greenery. In the growing city of Houston, the creation of many new subdivisions like Winlow Place is representative of the public desire to move out of downtown, urban residences for more spacious deed-restricted suburban homes.

**HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE***1901 Westheimer – Gas Station c. 1930*

In 1928, Harris County Records show that Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3 were owned by J.P. Lawrenson of the Winlow Place Company. The permit noted that the one-story building had a brick exterior, tile, and a flat roof with tar and gravel; this building is no longer extant. The existing gas station and enclosed service canopy date to c. 1930 based on Harris County records. The gas station has a “wood mold Groesbeck” brick veneer manufactured in Groesbeck, Texas according to the project architect Todd Blitzer of the Mirador Group who led the rehabilitation of the building in 1996. During that time, 400 square feet was added at the rear and two-gable addition added to the west. The rear addition is a clad in the same brick. reclaimed from a property in Groesbeck. The west addition is contemporary brick.

In 1931, E.J. Attra assumed ownership and by 1935 Minnie A. Schubert of Riverside Terrace (2532 Binz Street) became the owner. She and her husband August Herman rented out the gas station and garage to multiple businesses throughout the years. Cars were also sold here. For instance, c. 1936 it was called the “Ben Bartholomew Service Station” and in 1948 the “Hartman Service Station.”

Also in 1948, the location is officially advertised in the *Houston Chronicle* as a Phillips 66 dealer station, one of 158 in Houston. While the station wasn’t previously advertised as a Phillips 66 the form and character defining features of the building align with the Tudor Revival design format of Phillips 66 designs noted in the Texas Department of Transportation’s “*A Field Guide to Gas Stations in Texas.*” Phillips Oil Company was formed c. 1927. They began to rapidly expand in 1947 but had always had a presence in Texas, although they were more prevalent in the mid-west during the formative years of the company.<sup>5</sup>

While not advertised as such, the gas station could also have been associated with Pure Oil in the early years (see the photo pg. 57 of supplemental research). However, it was not linked to 1901 Westheimer in the advertising, and the Ohio-based company established c. 1920 would not spread to Texas until the late 1930s. The names would continue to change and in 1955, there is an article about an injured man who was an employee of Rubin Glass Co. at the “Danna Service Station.” This location provided many automotive services and is in a strategic location.

A.H. Schubert lived in Houston from 1929 to 1958 when he passed at age 77. Mrs. Schubert passed away at 86 years old in 1964 and had moved to Meyerland before her death.

Beginning in 1976 Arnie Serrano and Jake Hollabough establish A & J Automotive at 1901 Westheimer. While they did not own the building, their business was located there until the property was sold in 1996. There are multiple articles on the integrity of their business and loyalty from the community in their twenty years at the location. An article even references Mr. Serrano’s amusement that the gas station is continually photographed by architecture students.<sup>6</sup> There is evidence of other side businesses on the lot and a contemporary metallic building that was built before 1960 – these have not survived. These other buildings previously related to the gas station and garage could not be salvaged based on a conversation with the architect and were removed (see photos from pre-alteration c. 1996) to make way for the additions.

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<sup>5</sup> Jakle, John A., and Keith A. Sculle. *The Gas Station in America*. Baltimore, Md.: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994.

<sup>6</sup> Bray, Jeff. “Montrose mechanic becomes local institution by dealing clients fairly.” *Houston Chronicle*, October 7, 1992: 187.

Once the property was under new ownership in 1996, the footprint of the main gas station was expanded to the rear and to the west. The newly constructed additions to the west consist of “double wythe load bearing masonry walls with the use of “Old Chicago” brick to be compatible with the original Groesbeck brick, according to the architect Todd Blitzer of the Mirador Group.<sup>7</sup> The clock tower was also added in 1996 with the same brick. Other sympathetic alterations include the enclosure of the service canopy with glass to accommodate the new Diedrich Coffee shop. Diedrich was one of a handful of local coffee shops that began popping up in Houston in the late 1980s and 1990s before Starbucks was a well-established chain. The business was frequently discussed in the *Houston Chronicle* and held musical performances and poetry readings. Closing in 2006, this business was also much loved as evidenced by the petition for community support for the business and building to remain. Currently, the tenant is a nationally recognized salon called The Upper Hand run by CEO Rachel Gower.

The gas station located at 1901 Westheimer is a beloved Houston building and important to the overall development pattern of Winlow Place as a small scale, architecturally significant commercial building adjacent to the new residential neighborhoods. In 1997, it received a Good Brick from Preservation Houston after its transformation by Diedrich Coffee.

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, REHABILITATION, AND ALTERATION HISTORY

### *1901 Westheimer – Gas Station c. 1930*

The one-story Tudor Revival style, brick veneer gas station at 1901 Westheimer dates to c. 1930. It is a house with a canopy form typical of the Phillips 66 company design formula for small scale commercial development adjacent to early twentieth century residential suburbs.<sup>8</sup> In the 1920s and 30s, locally, this aesthetic was referred to as the “English style” in the *Houston Chronicle*.

It was built c. 1930 in the Winlow Place subdivision on Westheimer Road, a four-lane street originally a mix of residential and commercial buildings. Prior to the mid-20th century, Westheimer became primarily a high street for commercial purposes, serving the neighborhood and connecting east and western development in Houston as a farm-to-market road to points west. Circa 1930, Westheimer was improved and widened to allow for automotive commuting. Westheimer is still dotted with commercial buildings from this era, but this is the only Tudor-style gas station structure that survives. This was a very strategic location for a gas station and allowed motor vehicles to drive through the distinctive front canopy for service.

The historic portion of 1901 Westheimer is a two-bay Groesbeck brick veneer, cross-gabled gas station on a concrete slab foundation. The front gable above the canopy is high-pitched and half-timbered facing Westheimer. The awning and gable details are a defining feature of the Tudor or “English” style. The double, box columns are supported by brick pedestals in the same material as the sales and service area. To the right of the front awning facing Westheimer is a former service bay that has been infilled with wood and glass doors and casement windows. The front awning has been infilled in the same style on three sides.

The sales and service area has a cross-gable roof facing Hazard St with a similar high pitch. Chimneys with chimney pots are located on either end made of brick, as are the gables. The existing roof consists of asphalt shingles. The front off-center entrance towards the east of the awning has a round or Tudor arch and an early, wood two-panel door with glazing. The metal awning above the door is supported by two large wood brackets. The interior structure of the gables has been maintained, along with the top bay window metal detail. The bay window was once centered below the front gable awning. The character-defining features remain.

In 1996, a side addition to the west and a clock tower were added. The west addition was designed and constructed as two, one-story gable fronted storefronts; the interior was combined into one commercial space when it was remodeled for the salon. The gabled storefronts are a compatible addition and executed in a subordinate scale, continuing the architectural vocabulary and materials and at the same time are clearly differentiated from the gas station by an increase in the use of metal and glass. The cladding is a modern interpretation of Chicago Brown brick that speaks to that of 1911 Westheimer on the next lot.

The east elevation facing hazard street currently has two window openings, the southernmost was formerly a door. Both openings retain the soldier course above and replacement wood casement windows. To the rear of the historic portion on this elevation, a setback addition was added in the same brick c. 1996 with glass block in the openings and matching soldier course brick above. This same theme is repeated at the rear elevation of the addition with fixed wood windows and glazed double doors with transom.

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<sup>7</sup> Blitzer, Todd (architect) and Coleman, Amanda, Oral Interview, Houston, December 2022.

<sup>8</sup> Jones, W. Dwayne, David W. Moore, Jr, and Shonda Mace. "A Field Guide to Gas Stations in Texas." Texas Department of Transportation, 2016. <https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot-info/env/toolkit/420-05-gui.pdf>.

**HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE***1911 Westheimer – Commercial Storefront and Dwelling c.1940*

Harris County Records and references show c. 1932 that Lot 3 (1911 Westheimer Rd) was owned by S.G Raphael and M.F. Batchelor. The records go back and forth between the two; finally ending in the sale to Batchelor published by the *Houston Chronicle* in 1934. In 1923, M.F. Batchelor was credited as the contractor for a “business house and apartment” at the corner of Leeland and Hamilton. This announcement includes a photo of his work in the *Chronicle*, but the building no longer stands. While that building is a two-story storefront, it demonstrates the era’s interest to construct live-work buildings and represent the need for i dwellings due to a population increase. In early 1930, either Batchelor or the Home Owners Loan Corp (HOLC) post the property at 1911 Westheimer Road for sale. It is described as a “6-room veneer home and is priced at a discount rate.” The footprint of the property from the Harris County Assessor c.1930 is 29' x 44' x (20'x 9') x 31' in comparison to c. 1968 record which shows two rectangular building sections. The measurement of the rear portion is 29' x 43' and storefront measurement is 33' x 45'. It is possible that some of the original building is retained and its evolution and changes demonstrates the nature of commercial development and adaptation throughout time.

In 1938, HOLC supposedly sold the bungalow property to John Tom Kirby, a veterinarian who planned to open a dog and cat hospital. However, in 1939 under the title “Several Fine Homes Bought During Week,” it states that 1911 Westheimer is sold to Mr. and Mrs. Hotmann. The building is now described as a 5-room brick veneer residence. If the rear existing portion of 1911 Westheimer is partially intact; the stucco building envelope masks this fact.

In 1946, City Council approves a new construction over a sewer line at this address. Therefore, it can be inferred that the existing structure was built in the late 1940s or a large front addition was added at that time. In the 1950s, the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps show a one-story store in the front portion of the property facing Westheimer and two-story addition at the rear with a garage and apartment or residence above. This appears to be the same or similar footprint mentioned before from 1968. The first floor at the rear is narrower than the second floor and the same as the original 29' width.

According to Harris County records, Mr. and Mrs. Hotmann continue to hold ownership through 1968. Mr. Hotmann and his plumbing company are continually advertised or mentioned in the news through the late 1960s. In 1955 Banks Hotmann is the second vice president of the Associated Plumbing Contractors of Houston and Harris County. The couple’s son Leslie Banks Hotmann was married to Nancy Helen Richter in 1955. This was published with the bride’s photograph in the *Houston Chronicle*. In 1974, Maxwell Plumbing begins to advertise at this location. Mr. Jerry D. Maxwell acquired the property in 1986 and owned it until 1995 when T Con Properties acquired the entire complex. In 1996, Quatrine Washable Furniture was in the space and an article in the *Chronicle* describes the store in high regard.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, REHABILITATION, AND ALTERATION HISTORY***1911 Westheimer – Commercial Storefront and Dwelling c.1940*

1911 Westheimer is, at the front, a one-story commercial storefront building in the Art Moderne or Streamline Moderne style. Built c. 1940, the Chicago brick veneer building itself chronicles the ever-changing face of the commercial corridor of Westheimer Rd in the early eras of the automobile into the present day. It was built on a concrete foundation with a tar and gravel flat roof with a front parapet.

While some of the openings have changed, the building retains the signature curvilinear front corners that connect it to the Moderne style. The interior structure has retained integrity as well. Alterations and brick restoration occurred in c. 1996 along with 1901 Westheimer and resulted in similar details for the openings including wood doors and casement windows. During that time, the awning and some of the front parapet were replaced based on an inspection by the building team (see drawing set). While the front door was replaced, the cast stone surround remains. Before the current configuration, aluminum mid-century doors and fixed store windows remained (see photo c. 1996) and so, very little significant historic fabric was lost.

By the 1950s, the rear two-story addition appears in the Sanborn maps. This footprint of the first-floor and second-story dimension remain today. Originally, the first floor was a garage, and the second floor was a dwelling. The brick addition has been stuccoed and is inset from the original portion, differentiating it. The first-floor openings have been altered similarly to 1901 Westheimer with wood, glazing, and glass blocks. Much of this is minimally or not visible at all from the street. On the second floor, however, all the steel casement windows have been restored c. 1996. The second-floor roof is flat with deep eaves.

Currently, 1911 Westheimer is representative of a 1940s commercial storefront with two-story live-work rear addition. It is unoccupied at present time. Most openings and the presence or setback on Westheimer are maintained; as well as the “Houston Browns” brick.

**HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE***1915 Westheimer – Commercial Storefront c.1950*

Harris County Records show c. 1930 that Lot 4 was owned by Angelina M. Puccio and Gasper and Rosario Puccio in 1931. In the 1930s, the Harris County Assessor records 1915 Westheimer as a dwelling with a width of 29’ and length of 44’ with brick walls, concrete foundation, shingle roof, terracotta, and wood trim. In 1949, there is an advertisement for this “brick cottage” to be moved offsite.

In 1949, the Hotmann Plumbing company owns the lot next door and has been documented as the owner of 1915 Westheimer. Construction of another commercial building on Lot 4 was completed in the 1950s - as shown on the Sanborn Maps. Throughout the 1950s, there are a range of ads placed in relation to the property. A sale of ceramic studio equipment, home goods, position for an assistant sales manager, and seamstress are all advertised. The business of the most note was in relation to the position of the seamstresses at the Kitty Wallace Shop. The shop had its own line of women’s clothing, furs, and fur storage. It would eventually take up two of the three storefronts.



From the 1940s to the late 1980s, Kitty Wallace was a prominent figure in Houston fashion, specifically in furs. Upon her death in 2002, she was described as the “The Lady Furrier” and according to the obituary “known across the nation.” An article from 1986 quotes her recommendation to “restyle” old furs, demonstrating acknowledgment and respect for her creativity within the community, even in later years. The shop itself was run by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wallace. They remodeled the masonry building in 1961 and renewed their five-year lease on the property that year.

In 1967, one of the storefronts are up for lease and in 1968 Bilt Rite Builders began to advertise this as the location of their showroom. Specialized in complete remodeling on the interior and exterior, the company frequently advertised into the mid-1980s. Most of the ads focused on innovative products or designs such as an indoor Bar-B-Q and contemporary fireplaces.

Documentation is limited after 1989 until the sale of the property in 1995 to T CON Properties LTD. At this point in time, the company redeveloped the center into much of what is seen today. In 1997, the “Winlow Westheimer District” is awarded a Good Brick Award from Preservation Houston. From 1996 to the present day, the property has functioned as a restaurant in the local area. Started as the Ohio Grange Restaurant by Smoot and Patrick Hull of Empire Café, the space changed hands to Bill, Alisa, and Tom Johnson for Sabine in 1998. Later Ciros Italian Grill is replaced by Epoch Café c. 2002. 2003 makes way for Chef g’s Seafood and Steakhouse by “financial planner-turned-chef Gower Idrees.” By 2008, Firkin & Phoenix occupies the space and becomes a popular soccer pub highlighted for large events such as the World Cup in 2010. Currently known as The Phoenix on Westheimer, the business still operates today.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, REHABILITATION, AND ALTERATION HISTORY***1915 Westheimer – Commercial Storefront c.1950*

1915 Westheimer is a one-story commercial storefront building with a concrete foundation in the eclectic Mid-Century style. The current footprint/dimensions closely match those of the 1949 Harris County Assessor document of 48' width x 80' depth. Also seen on the Sanborn Maps, it was built c. 1950 as three storefronts with a "stone" façade, brick front side, and tile rear/side with steel joists. The Harris County Building Assessment also states the existence of structural brick masonry, plastered walls, and a tar and gravel roof. The original three-bay storefronts and side openings have been altered in the same style as the rest of the center c. 1996. Unfortunately, the metal awning could not be restored during this time.

The current building retains this varied exterior cladding of permastone veneer at the storefront and a unique pattern of red brick, and clay tile at the side and rear elevations. This variation makes the building eclectic in style and distinct for the corridor. These materials represent the different types of businesses housed here throughout the 1950s into the 1970s. The permastone was possibly reserved for the more elegant retail at the front, while the clay tile and red brick would have been more likely suited for the builder's showroom at the rear. These materials are the character-defining features of this otherwise simple commercial building. Applied wood paneling/decorative engaged pilasters, and faux half-timbering have been added on the front and side facades since 1996 alterations, but these topical embellishments are reversible.

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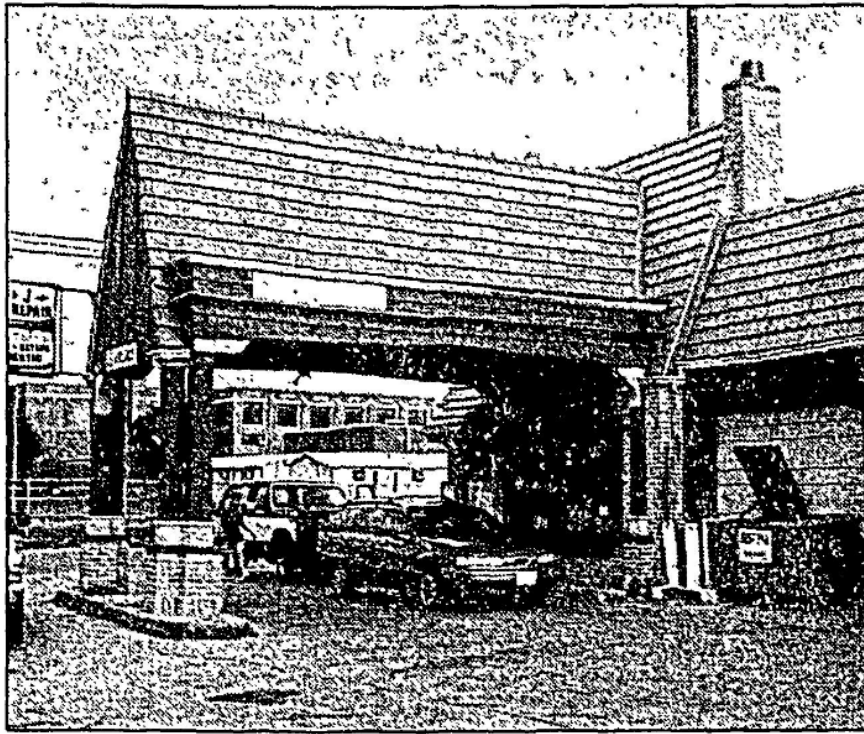
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**AND**



## Winlow Westheimer Center, 1901 Westheimer c. 1996



Diedrich Coffee shop replaced this auto repair shop, creating quite a new look for the building.

Image: Houston Chronicle



Image: Mirador Architects

## Winlow Westheimer Center, 1901 and 1915 Westheimer c. 1996



Image: Mirador Architects

## Winlow Westheimer Center, current photographs



(see detail photos with historic research/Sanborn maps)



Image: Mirador Architects



Image: Google Earth 5/22

## Winlow Westheimer Center, current photographs

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## Block Views of 1911 and 1915 Westheimer



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# CITY OF HOUSTON

Archaeological & Historical Commission

Planning and Development Department

Original Winlow Place Subdivision Map: Winlow Place Company: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1923

Owners: H.G. Fields, J.P. Lawrenson, Lewis E. Howard, W.M. Fonville and Frank J. Breaker

President: B.W. Steele President, Secretary: H.G. Fields, Engineer: T.C. Edminster

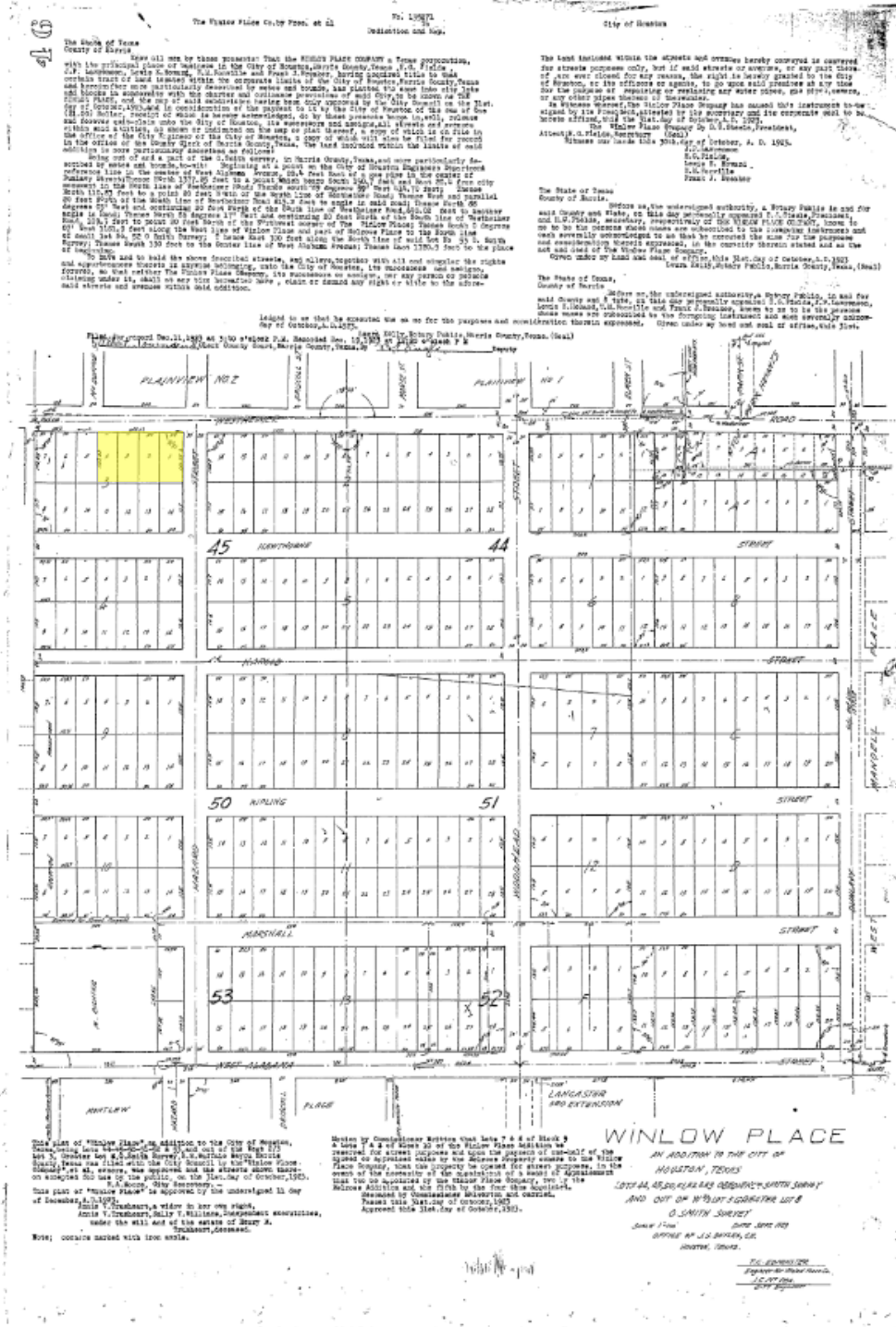
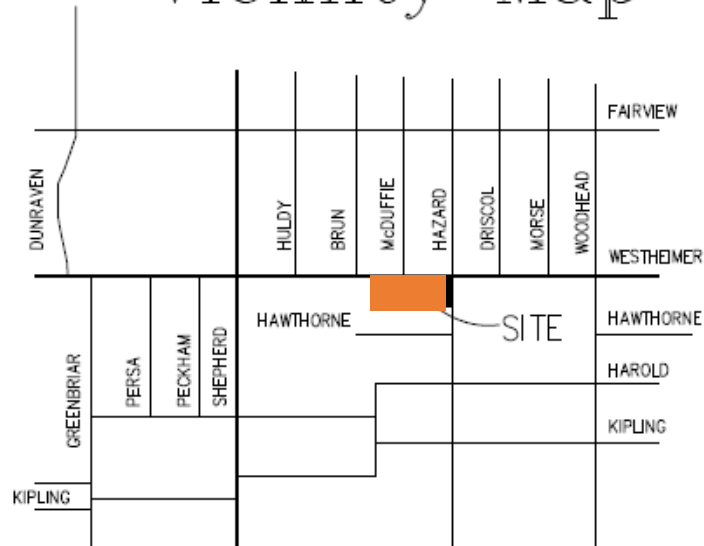


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AREA MAP, MIRADOR ARCHITECTS

## Vicinity Map



HCAD TRACTS: LOTS 1-4

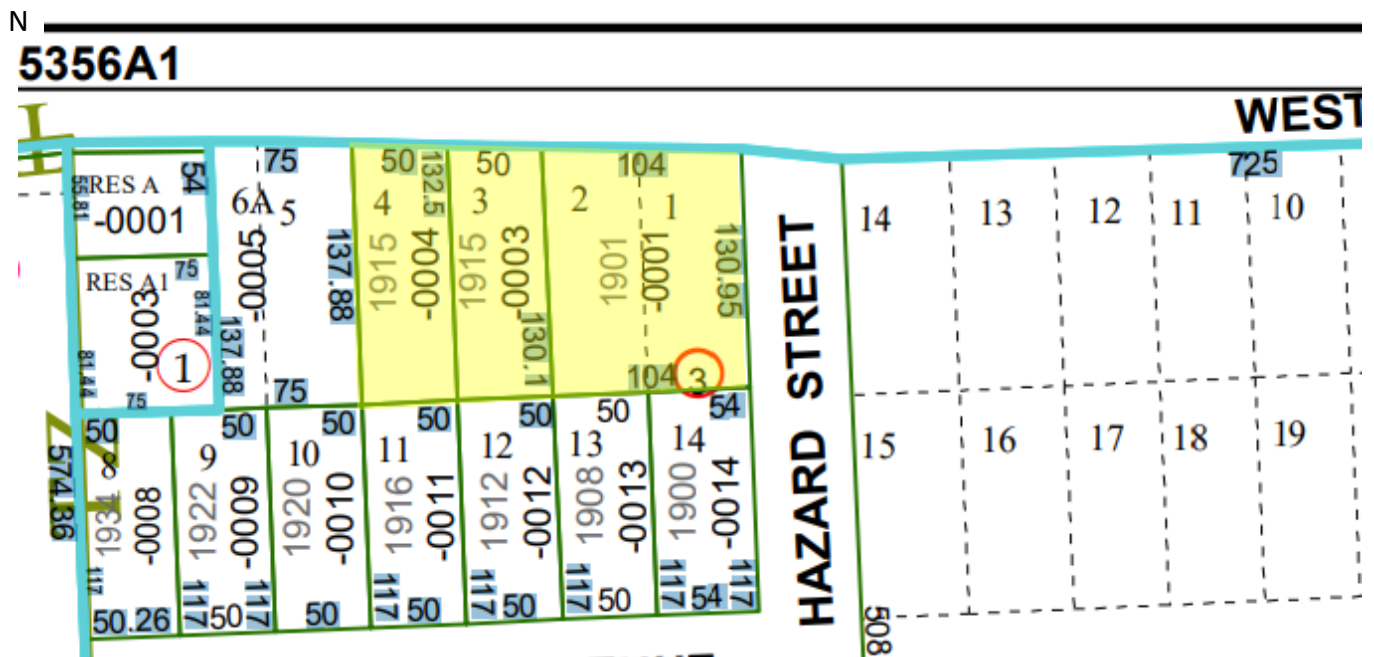
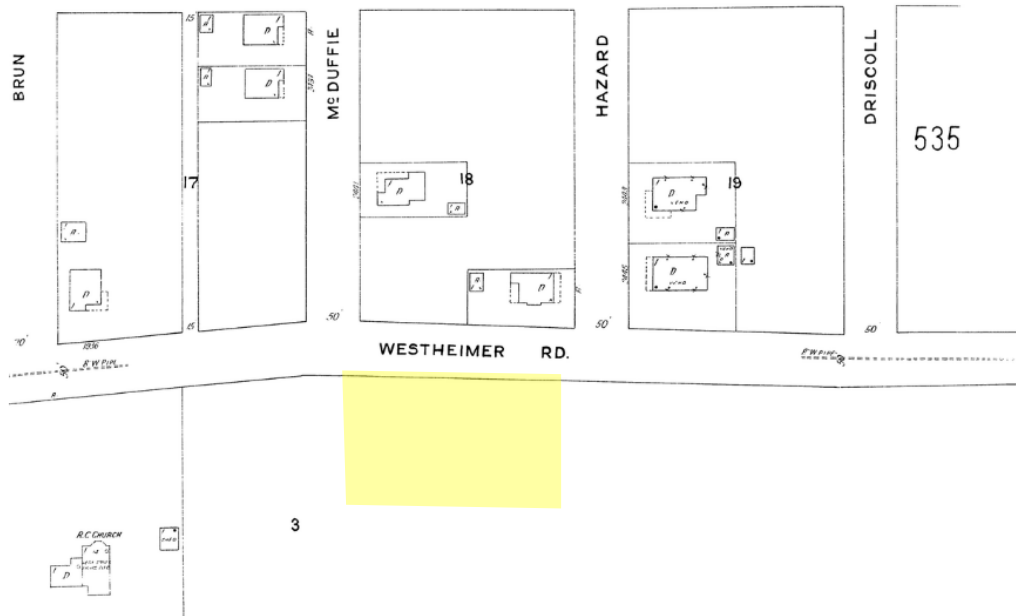


IMAGE: HCAD

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## SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS c.1925 Vol 5, 1925, Sheet 534 – no construction

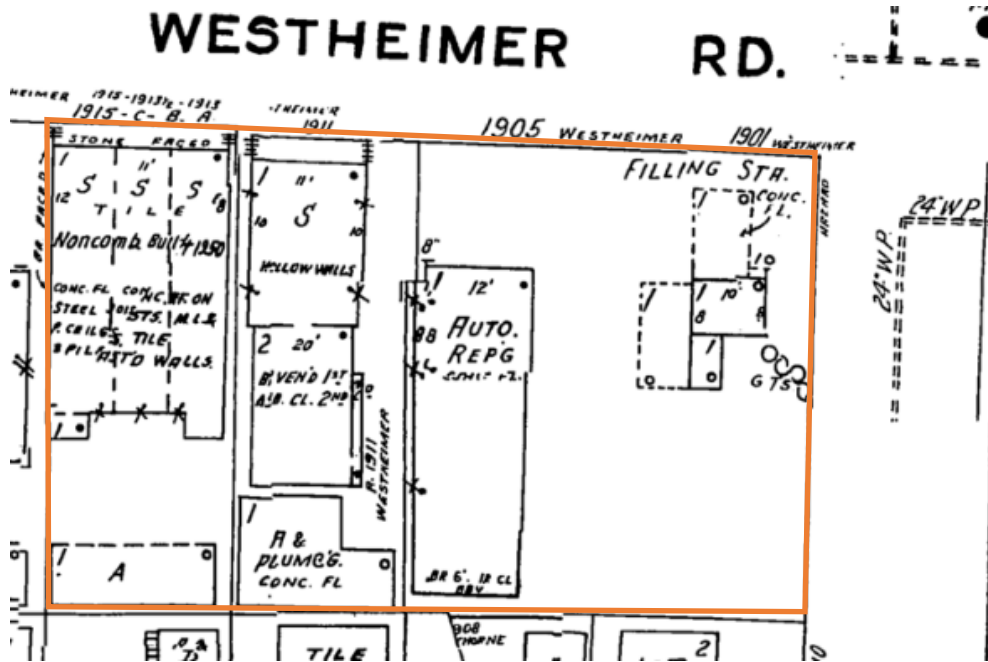


## c.1951, Vol 5, sheet 534





## SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP & HISTORIC AERIALS c.1951, Vol 5, sheet 534



Historic Aerials c. 1957



Images Courtesy HistoricAerials.com

## CURRENT AERIAL & HISTORIC AERIAL



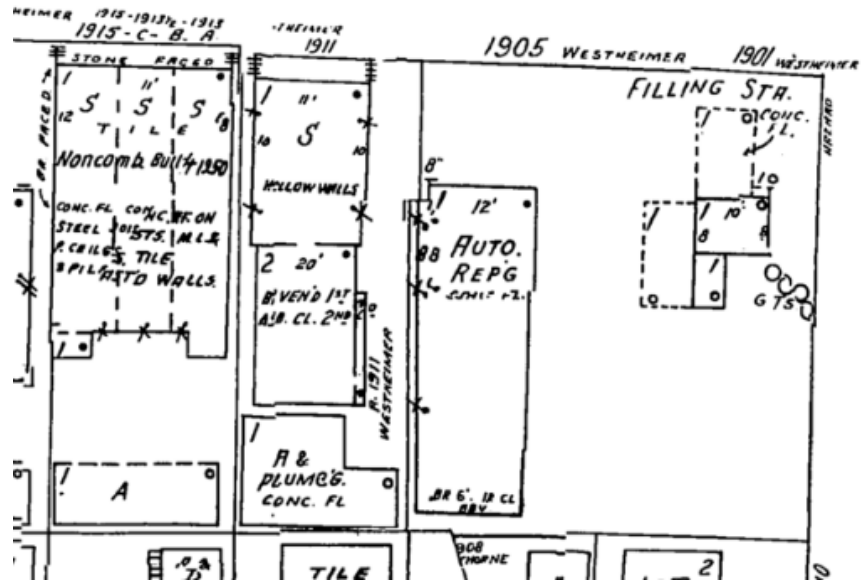
Historic Aerials c. 1964



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### WESTHEIMER RD.



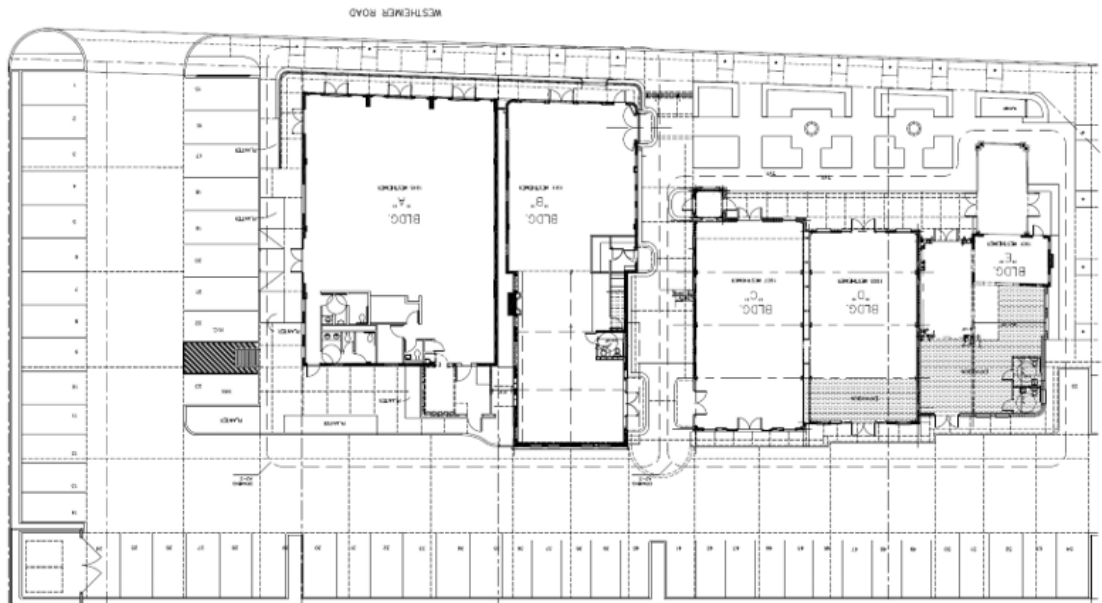
DRAWING SET: C. 1996



1915

1911

1901





## 1901 Westheimer



Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996, pre- new construction



Current Photo – Google Earth 5/22

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Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects, post- alteration

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New Construction c.1996

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## 1901 Westheimer: interior historic fabric/structure



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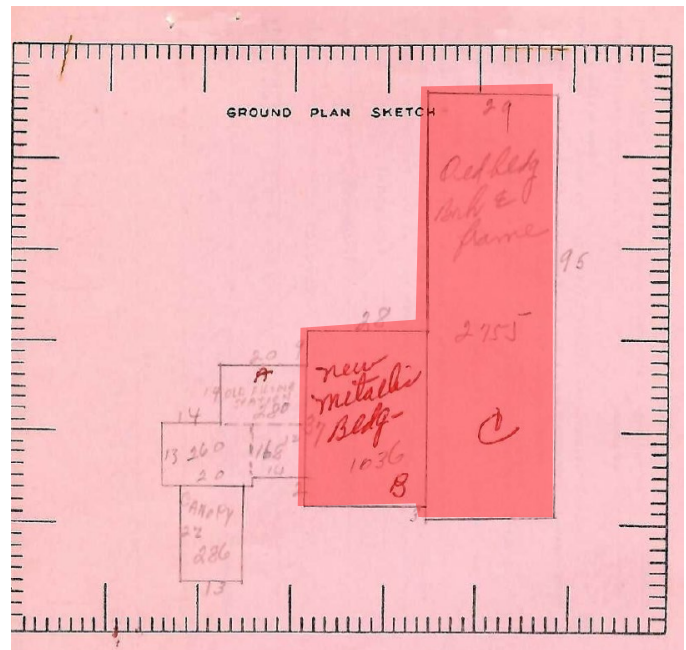


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**Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996, pre- new construction**

Mid-century garage and early garage removed due to lack of structural integrity



“New Metallic Garage c. 1968” B and C removed

1901 Westheimer

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New Construction c.1996

## 1901 Westheimer

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New Construction c.1996

## 1901 Westheimer

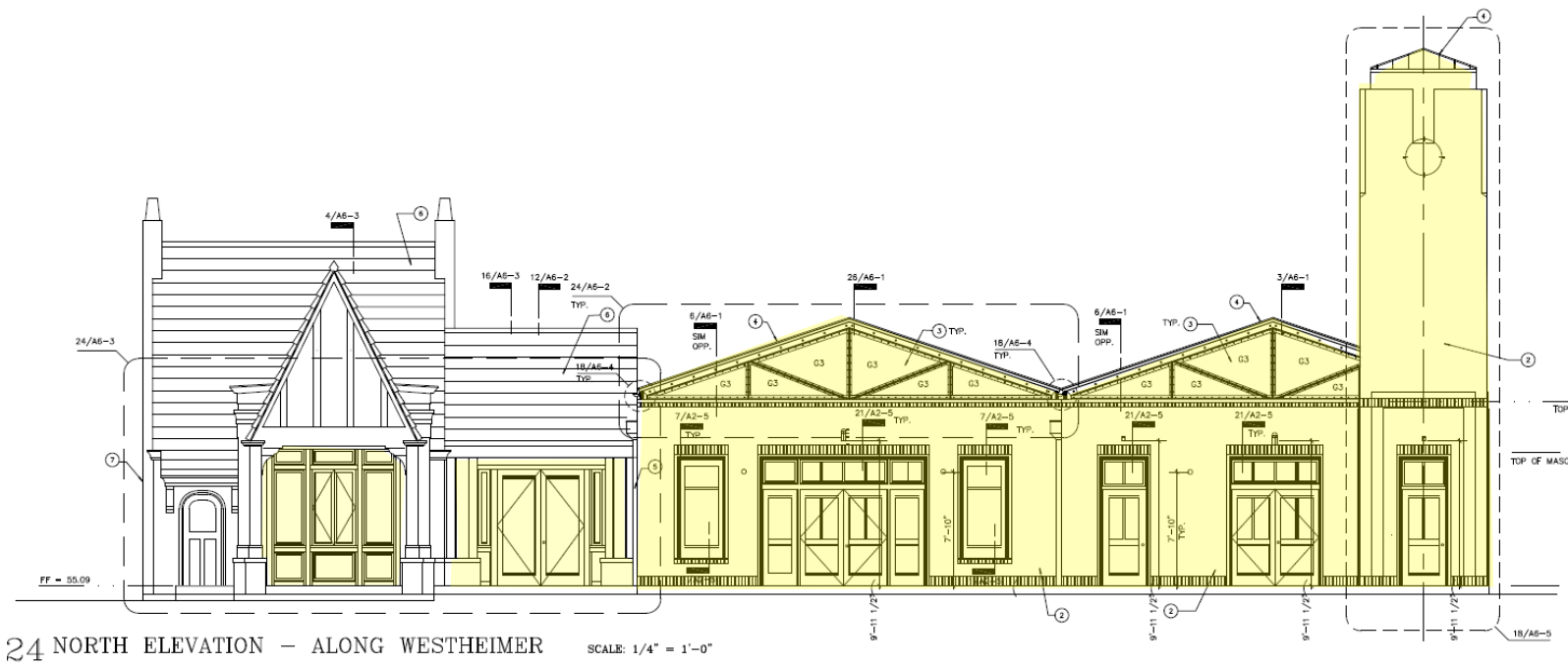




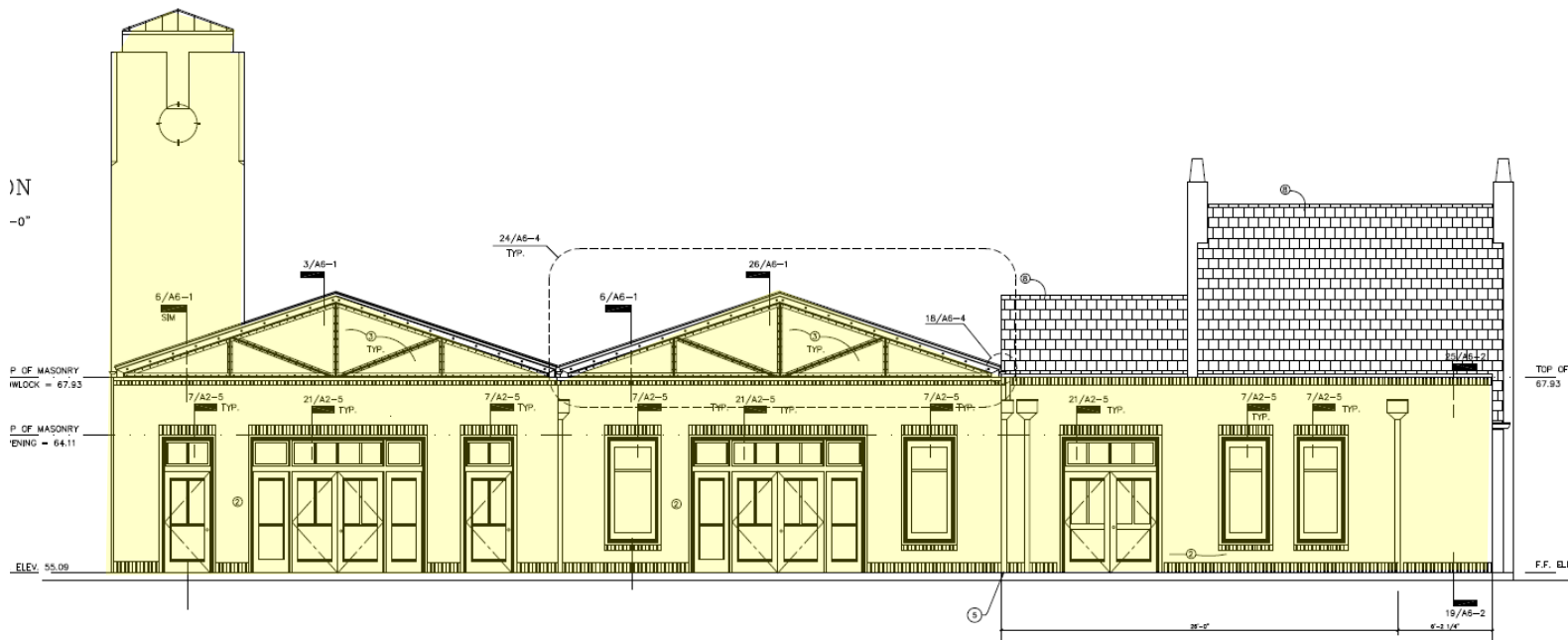
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## 1901 Westheimer

## DRAWING SET: C. 1996 : FRONT ELEVATION, FACING NORTH



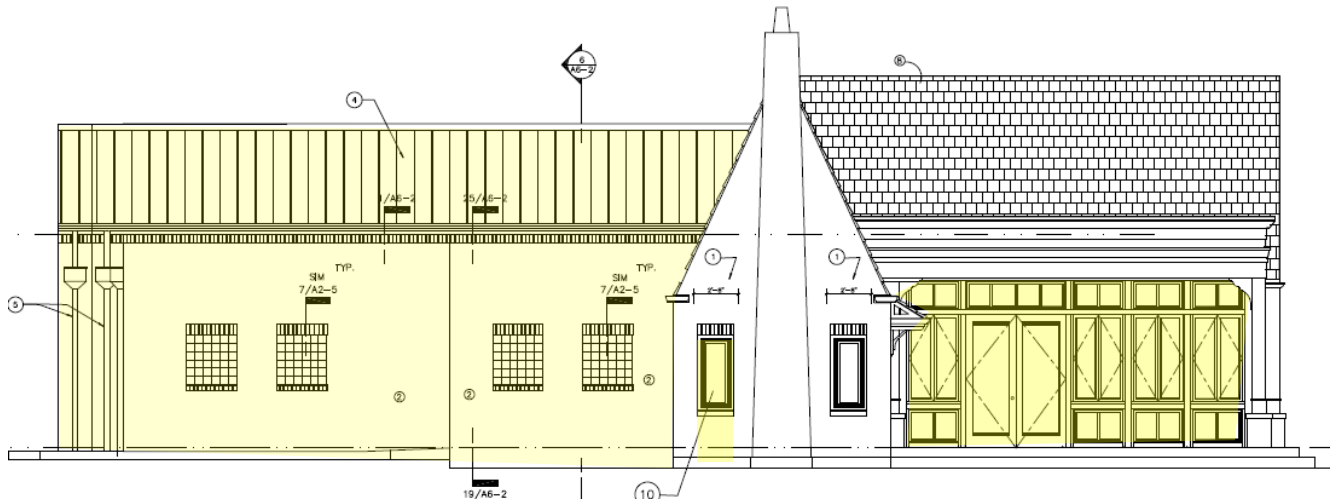
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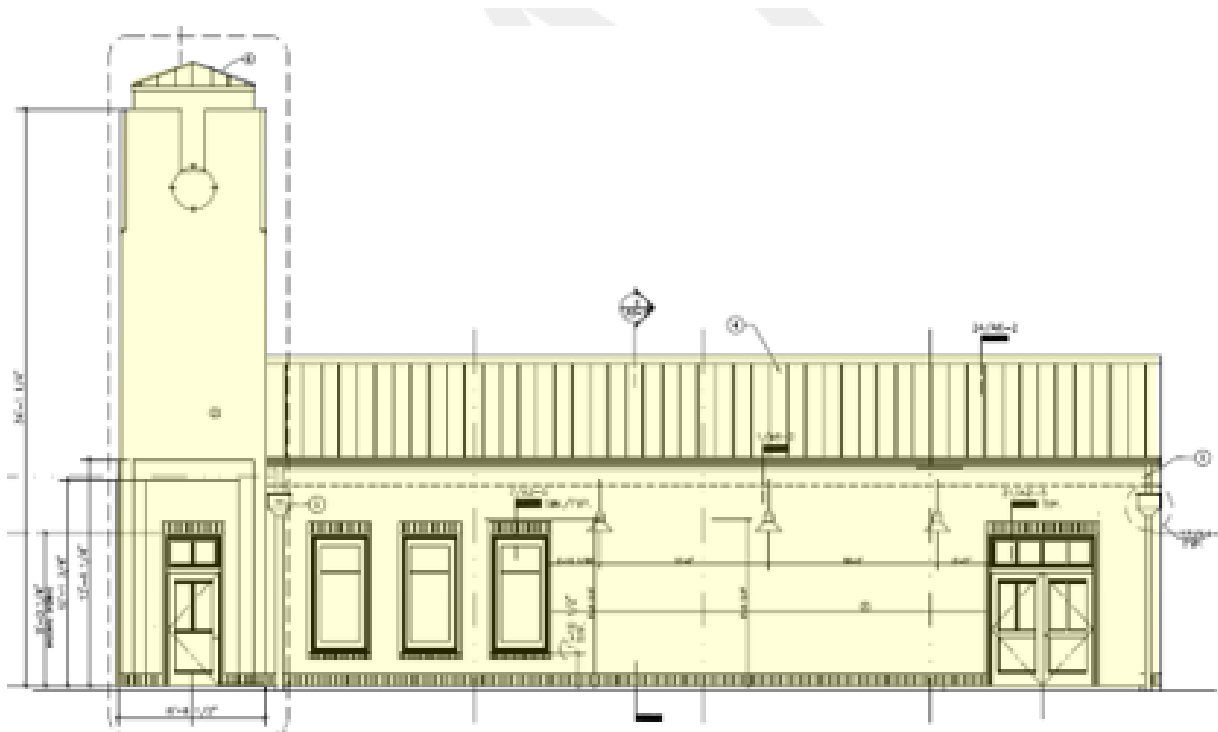
## 1901 Westheimer

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## 1901 WESTHEIMER – EAST SIDE ELEVATION, FACING HAZARD STREET



## 1901 WESTHEIMER – WEST SIDE ELEVATION



## 1901 Westheimer

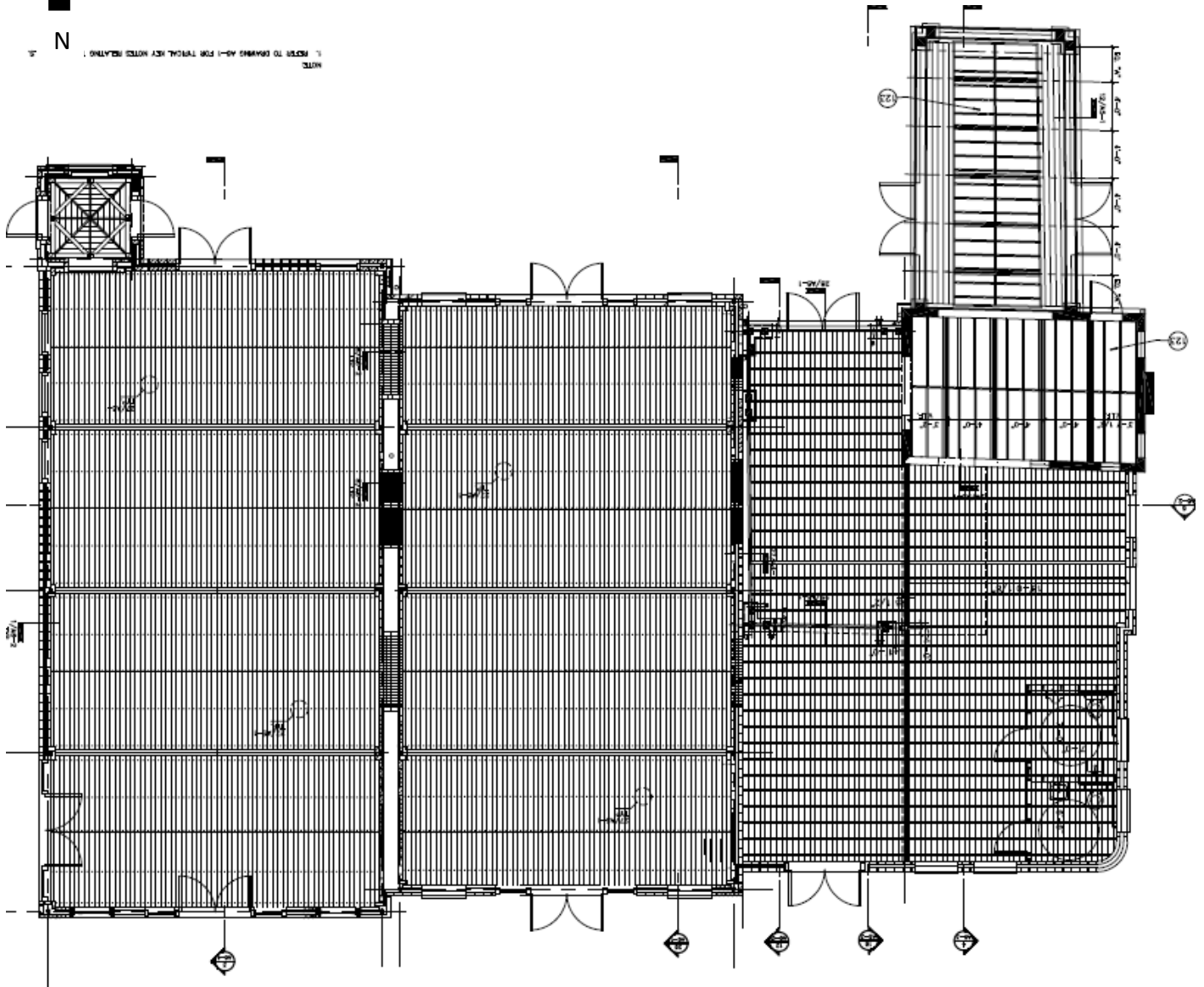
EXHIBIT - DRAWING SET: C. 1996

## ROOF PLAN



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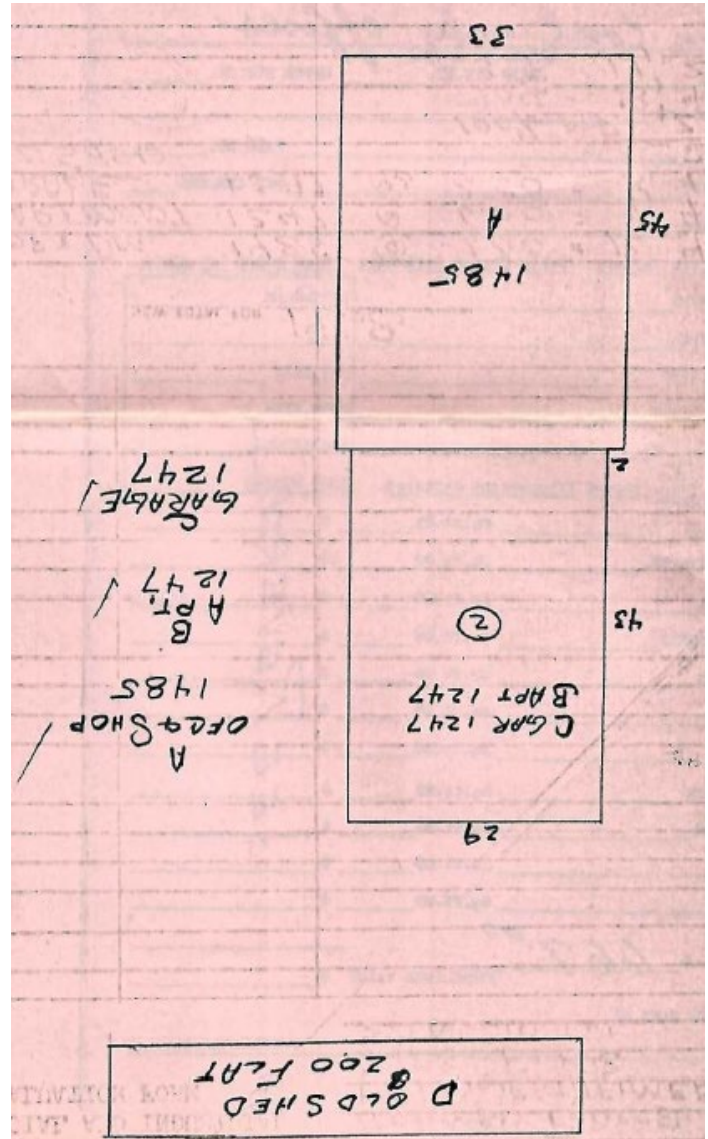
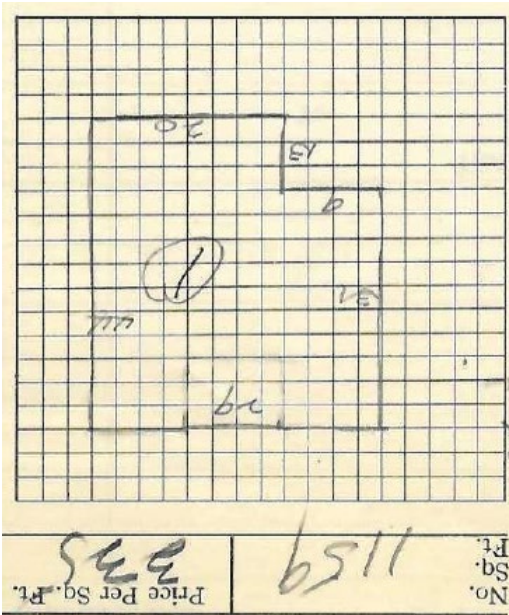
### 1911 Westheimer

Harris County Archive Documents



c. 1930: Home Owner Loan Corp,  
**Cotton Exchange Beag. (Dallas)**  
 Sold as 5-6 Room Bungalow  
 (Residence)  
 Probably Demolished

### C. 1968 HCAD



NEW TOTAL FOR 1968

A SHOP + DEQ	1485	@
B APARTMENT	1247	@
C GARAGE	1247	@
D OLD SHED		

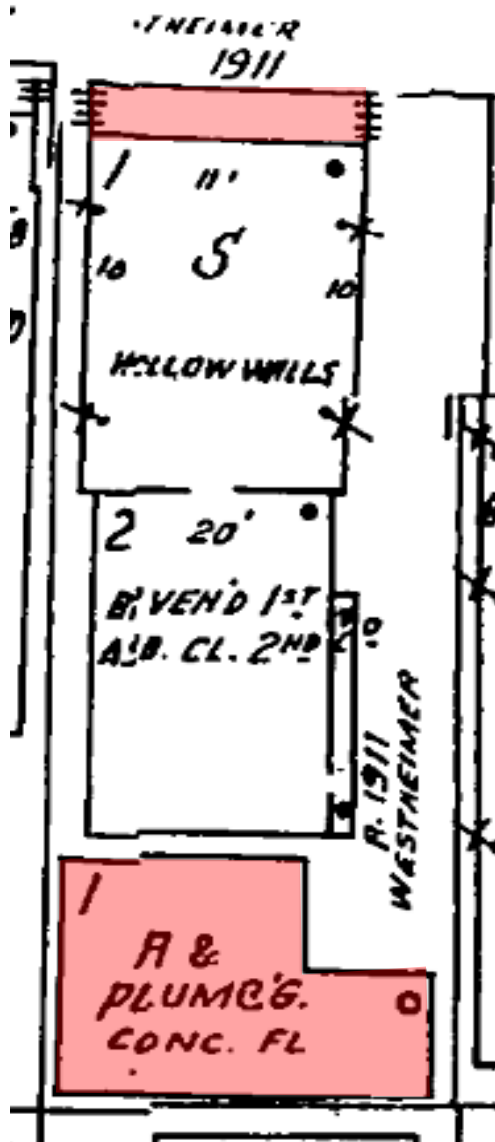
## 1911 Westheimer

Sanborn map vs. Current Aerial (Google Earth)



1911 Westheimer c. 1951

Current



## 1911 Westheimer

Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996, pre- new construction



**Current Photo – Google Earth**



**1911 Westheimer**



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Current Photo – Google Earth

## 1911 Westheimer



**Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996, pre- new construction**



**Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects, post- alteration**

## **1911 Westheimer**

**Interior structure - Storefront**



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## **1911 Westheimer**



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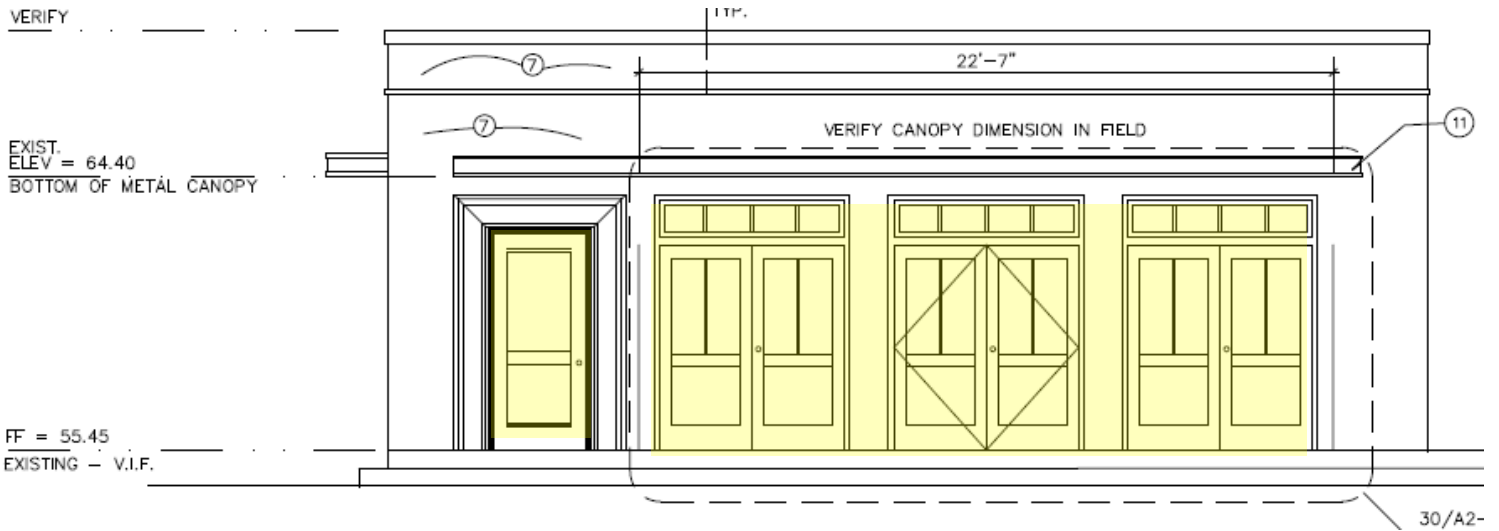
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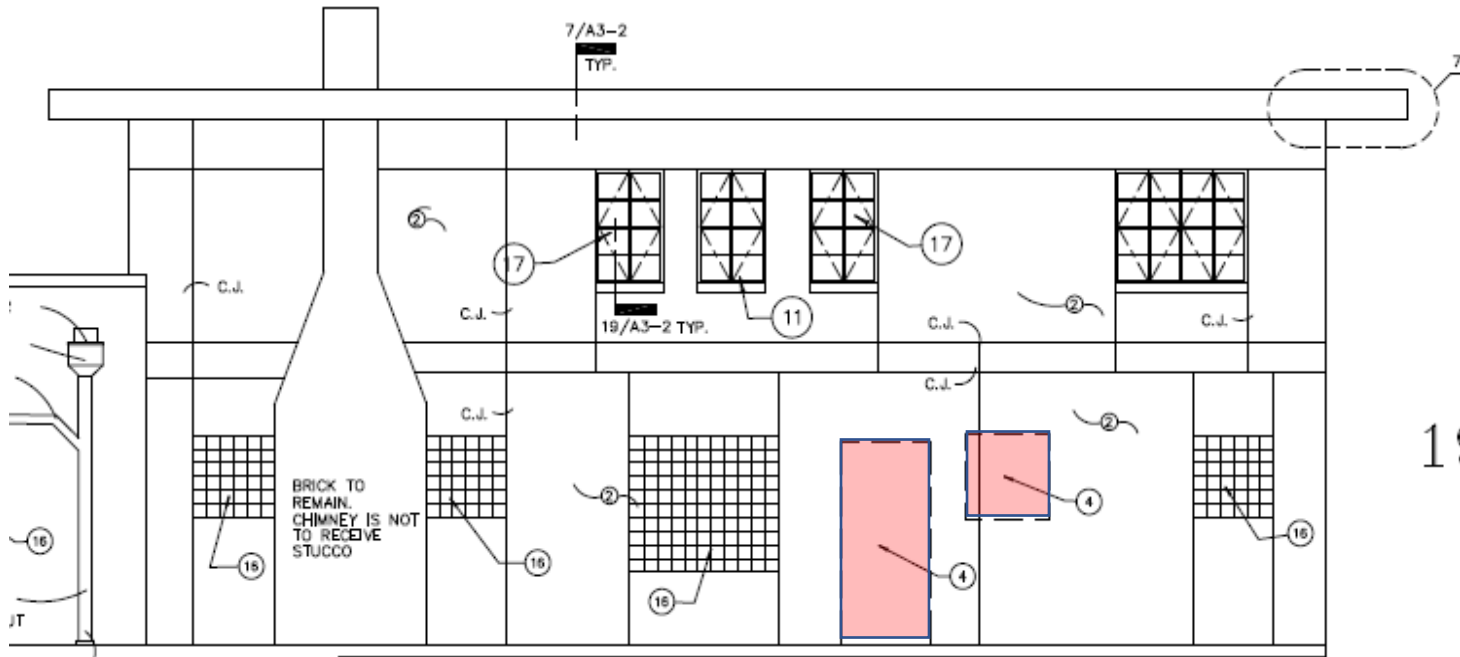
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## 1911 Westheimer

## Drawing Set: c. 1996 : FRONT ELEVATION, FACING NORTH



## REAR ELEVATION, FACING SOUTH

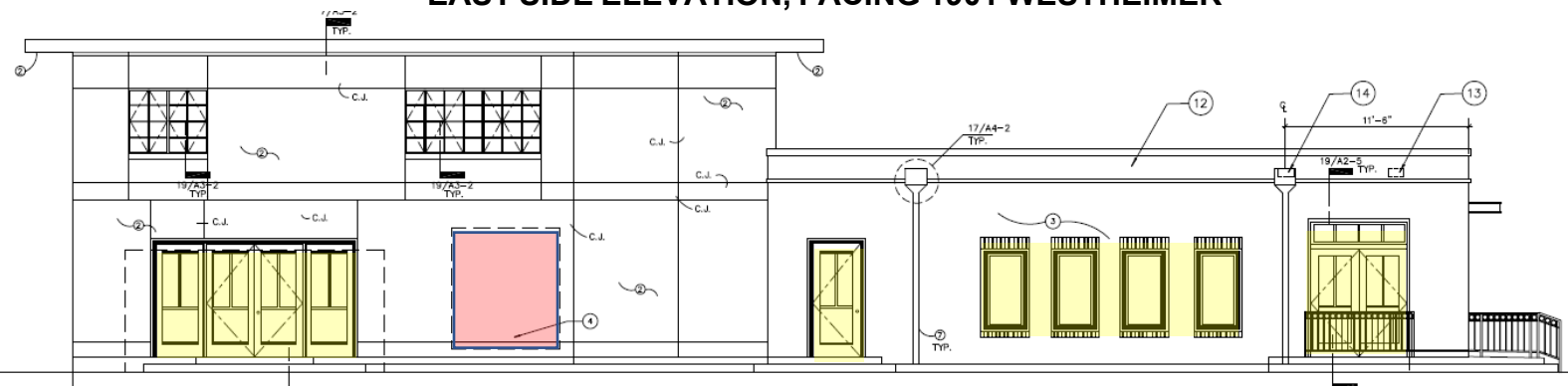


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## 1911 Westheimer



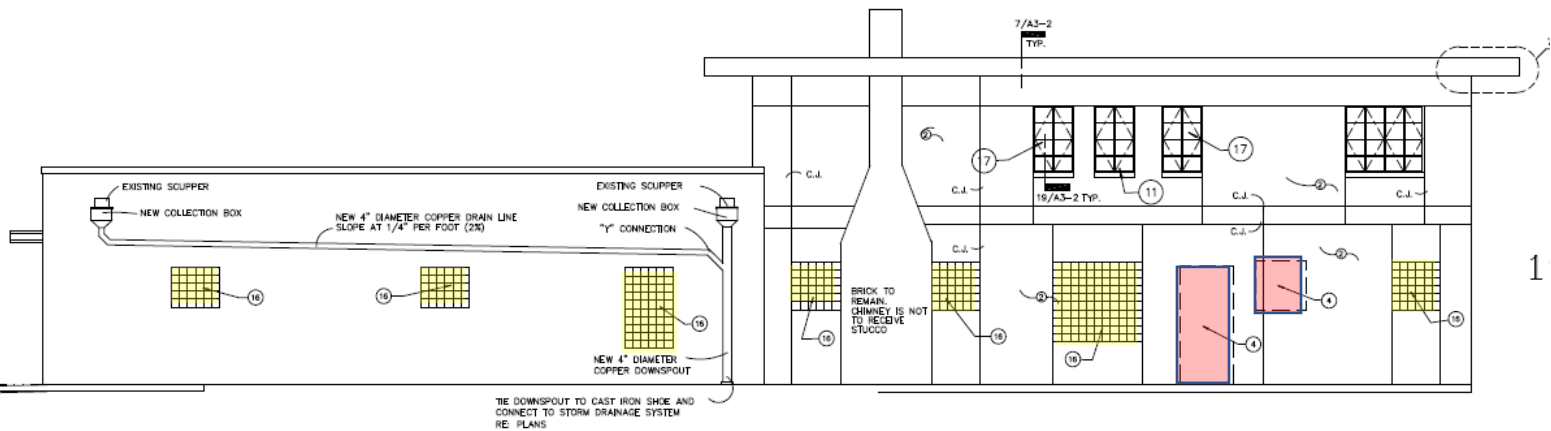
**EAST SIDE ELEVATION, FACING 1901 WESTHEIMER**



2. STUCCO OVER EXISTING BRICK,FRAMING AND SOFFIT TYPICAL FOR WEST, SOUTH, AND EAST FACADES OVER THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF 1915 WESTHEIMER
3. EXISTING BRICK VENEER TO BE PRESSURE WASHED PER THE SPECIFICATIONS.
4. EXISTING WINDOW TO BE REMOVED. WALL TO BE PATCHED AND PREPARED TO BE APPLIED WITH STUCCO.
5. EXISTING WINDOW, BRICK AND BRICK SILL TO BE REMOVED. OPENING TO BE PATCHED WITH STRUCTURAL CLAY TILE TO MATCH EXISTING FACADE. VERIFY IN FIELD.
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9. NEW WROUGHT IRON ORNAMENTAL GATE. REFER TO THE SPECIFICATIONS.
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**WEST SIDE ELEVATION, FACING 1915 WESTHEIMER**





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## 1915 Westheimer

**C.1930 HCAD – 29' x 44' : 1,276 sq ft \*demolished, probably residential**

IMPROVEMENTS	
No. Sq. Ft.	Price Per Sq. Ft.
1276	340

**C.1949 HCAD – 48’ x 80’ : 3,840sqft masonry building with tar and gravel roof**

**Owners c. 1950: Hotmann Plumbing Co.**

**Harris County  
BUILDING ASSESSMENT  
Houston, Texas**

Permit No. 5287

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Owner Hotman Plumbing Co

No. 1915 Westheimer Street

Survey or Addition Window pl

Abst. Lot or Trk. 4 Blk. 3

**Size of Building**

\_\_\_\_\_ wide \_\_\_\_\_ deep \_\_\_\_\_ stories

\_\_\_\_\_ wide \_\_\_\_\_ deep \_\_\_\_\_ stories

Remarks Stone Bldg 48 x 80  
Olding gone

**1915 Westheimer**

**C.1953 HCAD – 48’ x 80’ : 3,840sqft, Owners c. 1950: Hotmann Plumbing Co.**

37-113-3

Harris County  
BUILDING ASSESSMENT  
Houston, Texas

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Vol. 54 Page 219 Permit No. 4636  
217 Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Date 5-13 1953

Owner Hotmann Plumbing  
No. 1915 Westheimer Street

Survey or Addition Window fl

Abst. \_\_\_\_\_ Lot or Tr. 4 Blk. 3

Type \_\_\_\_\_ Residential \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_  
Industrial \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Fab \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior: PermaStone — Rock — Brick Veneer — Frame — Stucco — Concrete Tile — Claytile — Cedar Shakes — Composition — Shingle — Redwood.  
Interior: Sheetrock — Plastered — Paneled — Cellotex — Plywood — None.  
Floors: Oak — Plywood — Cement — Tile — Pine — Asrock — Higgins — Terrazzo — None.  
Roofing: Shingle — Asbestos — Terra-Cotta — Tile — Composition — Slate — Copper — C-Iron, Tar and Gravel.  
Foundation: Concrete Slab — Piers — Blocks, Beams — Brick — Piers-Wood.  
Plumbing: 1 Tile — 2 Tile — 3 Tile — Other: None.  
Climatizers: Dual. Temp. Ac — Tons, Attic Ventilation — Central Heat Unit — Gas Stoves — None.  
Electrical Equipment: Part — All — Sprinklers.  
Condition: New — Good — Fair — Poor — Obsolete.

Air Cond + Reval  
Unit see air cond

Permit Val. 1100  
Year Built \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:  
3840 sq. ft. 4.25' - 16320

Moved here \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

No. Sq. Ft. 5-5-54 Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_  
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1955 New lot Assessed Value of Building 6520  
Hotmann Plumbing Co

## 1915 Westheimer

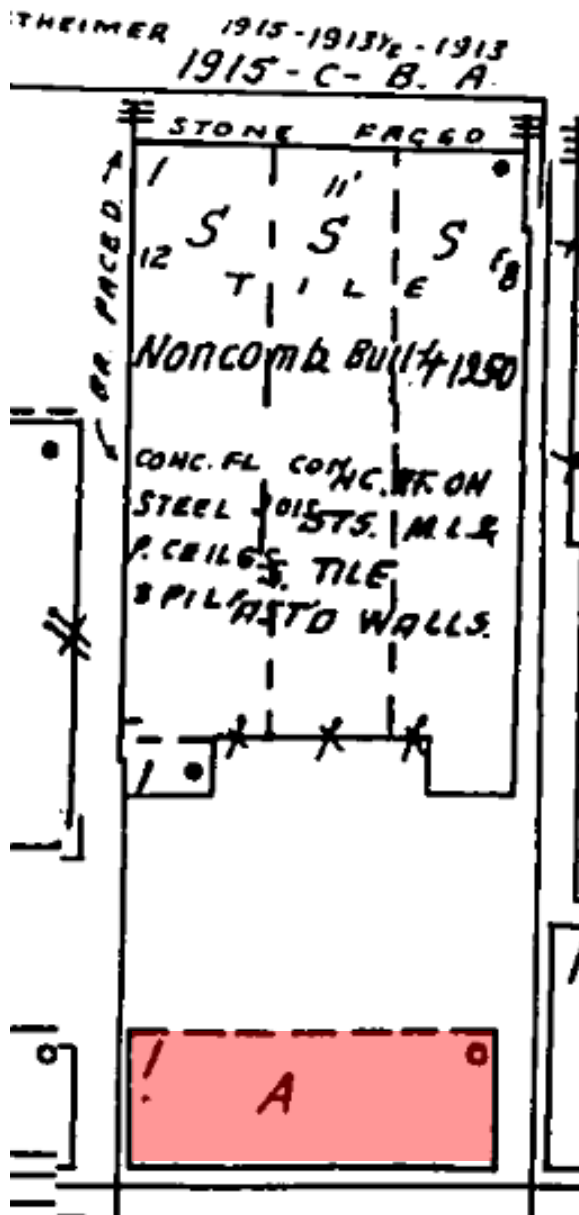
Sanborn Map & Current (Google Maps)



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1911 Westheimer c. 1951

CURRENT AERIAL



Noncombustible Building, stone faced plaster walls, steel joists rear garage

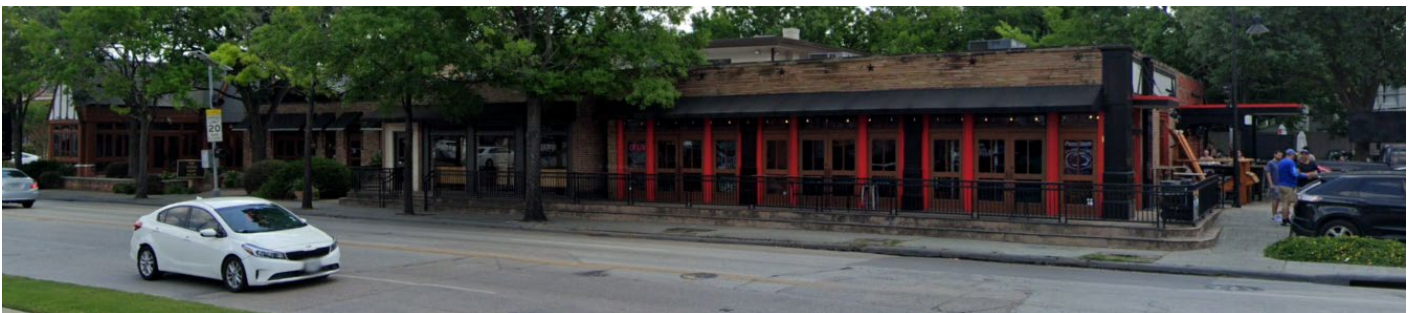
3 store fronts – façade has been altered c. 1960

## 1915 Westheimer

Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996



**CURRENT, courtesy Google Maps and Earth**

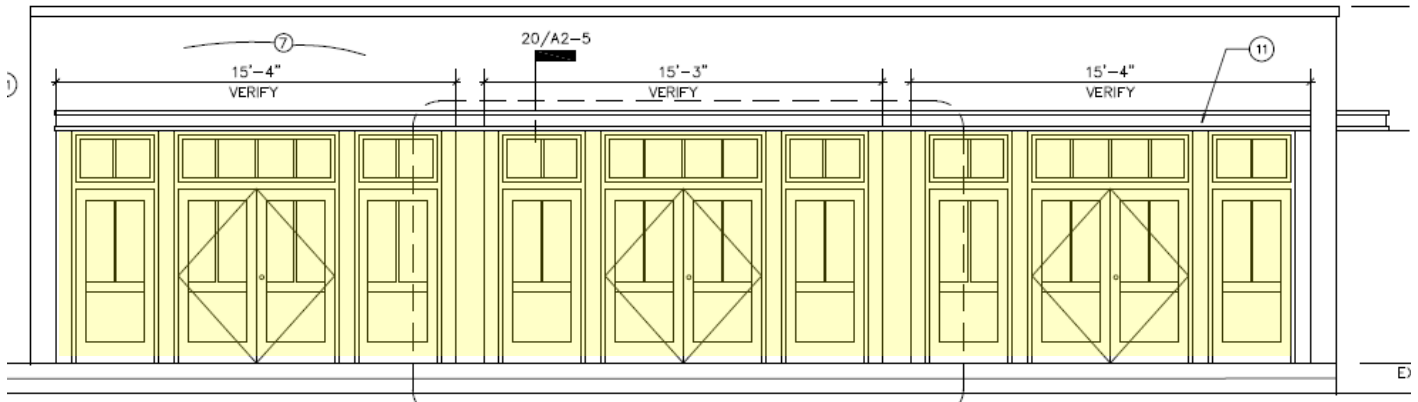


## **1915 Westheimer**

**Photo Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996 – NORTH ELEVATION, FRONT FACING WESTHEIMER**



- 7. EXISTING BRICK BRICK FINISH TO REMAIN.
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- 9. EXISTING STRUCTUTAL CLAY WALL
- 10.
- 11. EXISTING METAL CANOPY TO BE RECLAD IN STAINLESS STEEL TO MATCH EXISTING. VERIFY IN FIELD. EXTEND TO 5'-0" FROM THE EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION.



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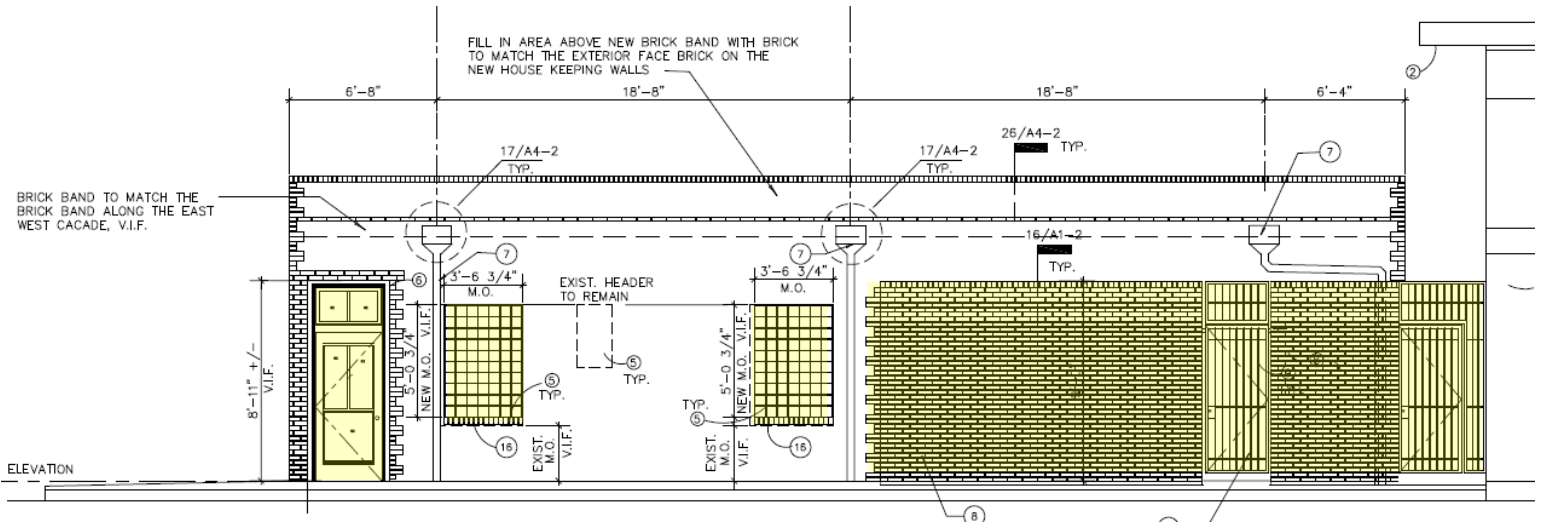


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## 1915 Westheimer

## SOUTH ELEVATION, REAR

Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996



PER THE STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS, COORDINATE.

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## 1915/1911 Westheimer

### SOUTH ELEVATION, REAR



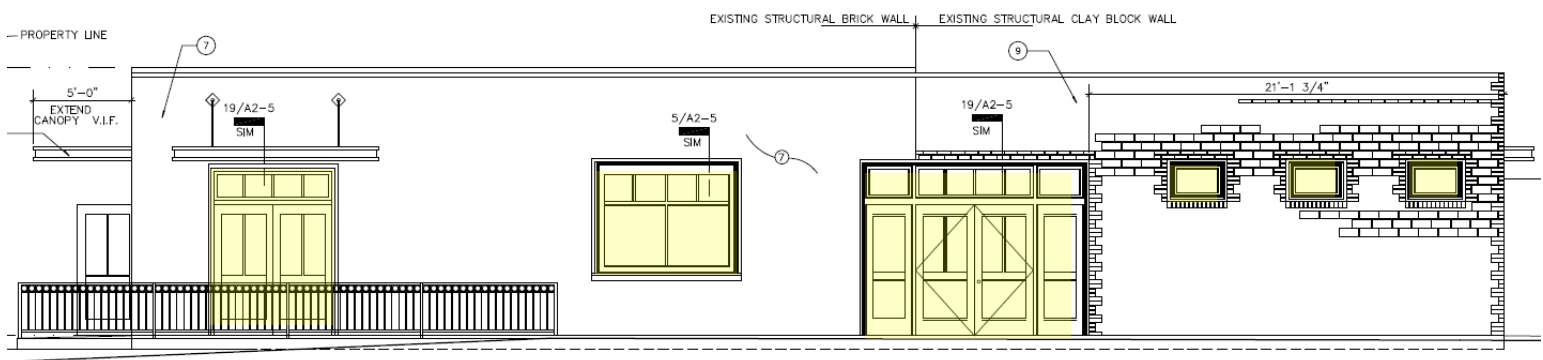


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## **1915 Westheimer**

**WEST SIDE ELEVATION, FACING PARKING LOT**

**Courtesy Mirador Architects c. 1996**



6. NEW SLATE ROOF TO REPLACE EXISTING CLAY SHINGLES. RE: RELATED DETAILS.
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**\*CURRENT PHOTO – MODIFIED FROM 1996 PLAN**



**1915 Westheimer**



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**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE SEE SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORAL  
RESEARCH ATTACHMENT\*\*\*\*\***

**IMAGES, INFO, ADS, AND ARTICLES SPECIFIC TO  
EACH PROPERTY/OWNER\*\*\***

# WINLOW WESTHEIMER CENTER: SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH

## Winlow Place

### • Summary Timeline

Date	Event	Source
c.1923	Winlow Place Subdivided	COH, PND
c.1924	Development and paving begin on West Alabama, with about 50% sell-through of lots	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1925	Winlow Place Junior High built, and Deed Restrictions Established	<i>Houston Chronicle</i> , Winlow Place Civic Club
c.1928	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1901 Westheimer: J.P. Lawrenson owns</li> </ul>	Harris County Assessor Archives
C 1930	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1911 Westheimer Home Owner Loan Corp (HOLC)/Cotton Exchange Beag./Dallas owns</li> <li>1915 Westheimer: Angelina M Puccio owner of</li> <li><i>Both properties are residential</i></li> </ul>	Harris County Assessor Archives
<b>c.1931</b>	Road improvements on Westheimer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1911 Westheimer "6 room house for sale"</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1911 Westheimer: M.F. Batchelor, contractor owns sells to J.G. Eichorn</li> </ul>	Harris County Assessor Archives, <i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1901 Westheimer The Shuberts own, Ben Bartholomew Service Station</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i> , Harris County Assessor Archives
<b>c.1939</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1905 (1901) Westheimer Remodel and addition (service bays/garage)</li> <li>1911 Westheimer -Mr. and Mrs. Banks Hotmann purchase residence</li> </ul>	Harris County Assessor Archives
c.1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1901 Westheimer - Hartman Service Station</li> <li>City Council Approves new construction over sewer for 1911 Westheimer</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1901 Westheimer – Advertised as Phillips 66</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
<b>c.1949</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1915 Westheimer Six room brick cottage advertised to be moved (to make way for new construction)</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1950	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1915 Westheimer -Hotmann Plumbing Co assumes ownership</li> </ul>	Harris County Assessor Archives
<b>c.1953</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1915 Westheimer- Improvements to Kitty Wallace Shop seeks seamstresses</li> </ul>	Harris County Assessor Archives, <i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1955	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1901 Westheimer Danna Service Station/Rubin Glass Co.,</li> <li>1911 Westheimer -Banks Hottman elected second VP of Assoc. Plumbing Contractors of Houston and Harris County</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
<b>c.1961</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1915 Westheimer -Kitty Wallace Shop remodeled, lease renewed</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1911 Westheimer- Hotmann still owner</li> <li>1915 Westheimer- Bilt Rite Builders begins advertising showroom also at this location</li> </ul>	Harris County Assessor Archives. <i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1911 Westheimer -Maxwell Plumbing Co</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1901 Westheimer -A &amp; J Auto Repair</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1911 Westheimer - Jerry D Maxwell assumes ownership</li> </ul>	HCAD
c.1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1915 Westheimer Kitty Wallace shop assumed out of business</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T CON Properties LTD purchases all three properties</li> </ul>	HCAD
<b>c.1996</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A &amp; J Auto Repair moves out of 1901 Westheimer, all three properties are rehabilitated; addition included for 1901 Westheimer</li> <li>1911 Westheimer -Quatrine Washable Furniture</li> <li>1915 Westheimer -A series of restaurants assume the location</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i> , Mirador Architects
c.1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1901 Westheimer- WW Center wins Good Brick Award from Preservation Houston, Diedrich Coffee Shop Opens at</li> </ul>	Preservation Houston, <i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitty Wallace passes</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diedrich Coffeehouse lease renewal denied, to close 1901 Westheimer location. Firkin &amp; Phoenix, later to be named the Phoenix at 1915 Westheimer</li> </ul>	<i>Houston Chronicle</i>
c.2021	RC Winlow LP acquires all three properties (Radom Capital)	RC Winlow LP

## Winlow Place

- Established c. 1923 by the Winlow Place Company (see subdivision map) at the beginning of report <http://www.winlowplace.org/history#:~:text=Our%20History&text=The%20Winlow%20Place%20Addition%20was,as%20early%20as%201923%2D1928.>
- C.1923: Subdivided by the Winlow Place Company, "D.W. Steele of Burgheim Pharmacy, J.E. Winfree attorney and representative in the legislature from Harris County. Mr. Fields of Fields-Lutman Lumber Company. "



Image courtesy City of Houston Planning & Development, see next page for full map

## Winlow Place

- C.1923: Subdivided by the Winlow Place Company, "D.W. Steele of Burgheim Pharmacy, J.E. Winfree attorney and representative in the legislature from Harris County. Mr. Fields of Fields-Lutman Lumber Company. "

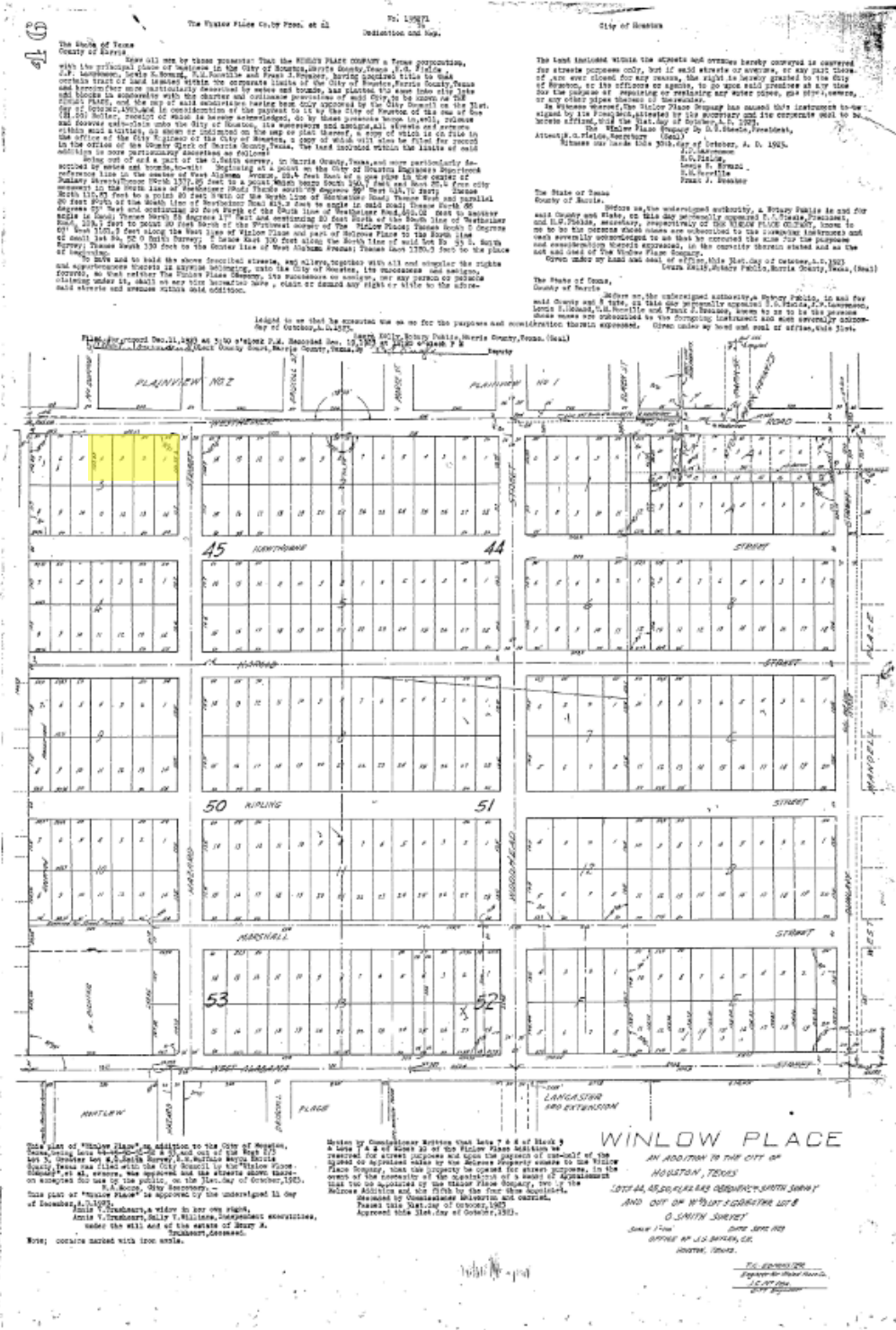


Image courtesy City of Houston Planning & Development

## Winlow Place

- C.1923: Subdivided by the Winlow Place Company
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**WINSLOW PLACE  
SUBDIVISION  
TO BE OPENED**

**Company Incorporated With  
Capital Stock of \$100,000  
to Put on New Addition  
West of Mandell Place.**

With the granting of a charter Saturday by the secretary of state at Austin to the Winlow Company of Houston, with a capital stock of \$100,000, announcement is made that this company will sponsor the development of **Winlow Place**, a tract of land to the west of Mandell.

The officers and directors of the new company are B. W. Steele, president; J. E. Winfree, vice president; H. G. Fields, secretary and treasurer; J. A. Moncrief and Scott Shambaugh.

**Winlow Place** is the first announcement of scheduled fall activity in Houston suburban real estate. It has a total of 300 lots, of which it is expected that 131 will be put on the market about the first of November. It lies between Westheimer Road and West Alabama, and begins at a point one block north of the new Mandell street car line.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), July 29, 1923: 42. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*

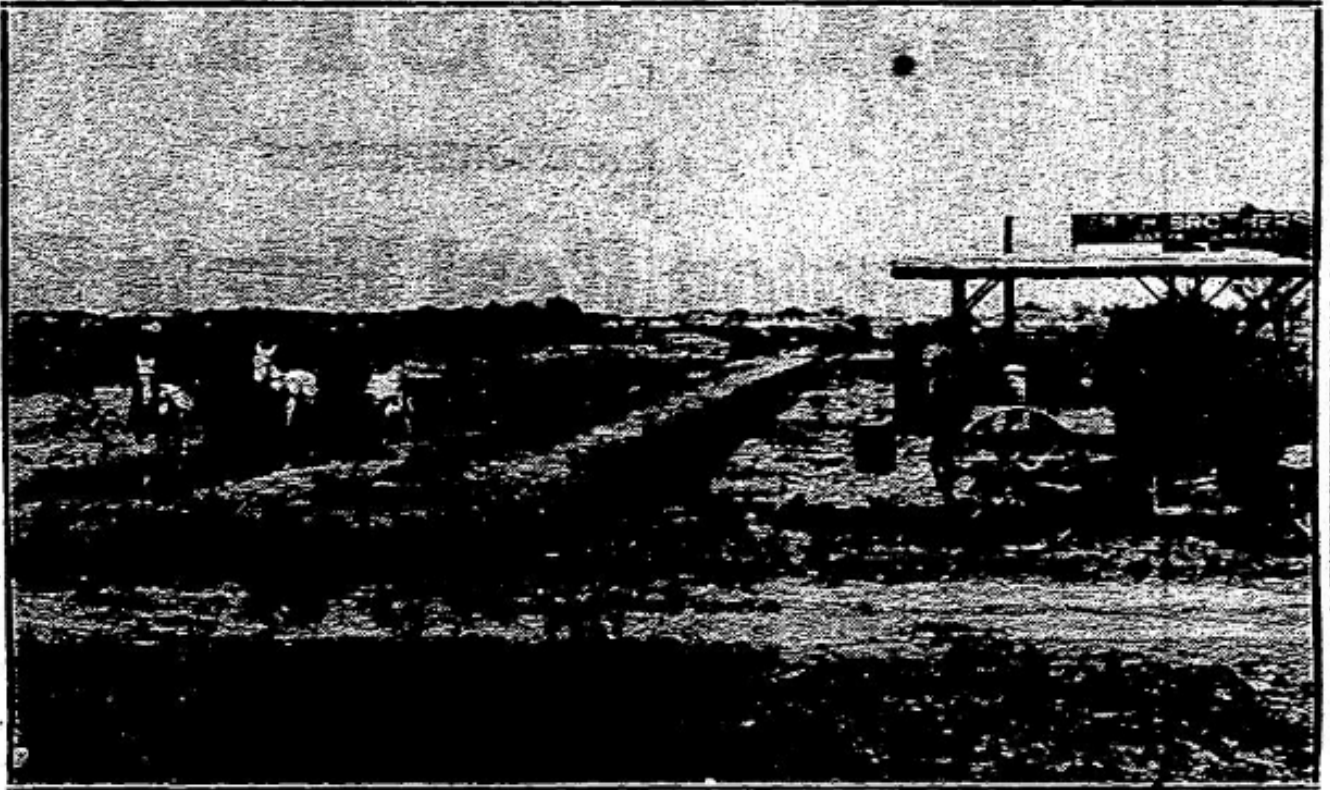
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15A7A727CF75F191%402423630-15A79D3FCDACB874%4041-15A79D3FCDACB874%40>

## Winlow Place



- C.1924: Development begins for Winlow Place, Developed by Guardian Trust Company

## Winlow Place Prepares for Rapid Development



Looking north on Woodhead at the intersection of West Alabama, showing work being pushed in **Winlow Place**.

In the near future this promises to be one of the attractive drives in the City of Houston as the present asphalt paving on West Alabama is

being extended to connect with Woodhead.

Woodhead to be paved to Westheimer and Westheimer is now being paved from the present terminus of the paving on Eathaway to Woodhead.

This addition promises to add

greatly to Houston and all Houstonians await with interest the completion of this section.

All lots east of Woodhead in this addition will be terraced and all streets will be of hard surface paving east of Woodhead.

This property is being developed by the Guardian Trust Company.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), April 6, 1924: 54. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B1E118F4BD3C95%402423882-15B18B27FA40BB37%4053-15B18B27FA40BB37%40>

### Winlow Place

- C.1924: Roads paved in asphalt, Ad for Winlow Place.

- Map advertising opening of Winlow Places shows lots 1-4 have not been sold

**WINLOW PLACE**

Announcing the Opening of  
**WINLOW PLACE**

The Closest Subdivision Having  
 TERRACED LOTS  
 And  
 BITULITHIC-ASPHALT STREETS  
 IN THE SECTION NOW OPENED  
 GAS, LIGHTS, WATER, SANITARY AND  
 STORM SEWERS COMPLETE

On June 1st  
 the prices of  
 all lots will be  
 raised.

**Served by Mandell Car Line**  
 Drive Out Main Street to West Alabama, Thence West to WINLOW PLACE—A Short,  
 Beautiful Drive

**Guardian Trust Company**  
 Main and Franklin Preston 2704

**LAYING PAVING IN WINLOW PLACE**

Putting the asphalt topping on West Alabama Street in Winlow Place, thus giving a continuous paved thoroughfare from the new subdivision to the down-town district, leading through Mandell, Moutrose and Courtland Place to Main Street.

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), May 4, 1924: 37. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B386D6C71CA2FF%402423910-15B37FF8A11BDE1D%4036-15B37FF8A11BDE1D%40>

## Winlow Place

- C.1924: Homes begin to be built

## NEW HOME IN WINLOW PLACE



THIS IS one of five new residences to be started in Winlow Place within the next 10 days, the total involving expenditures of approximately \$65,000 in improvements. This one is being erected in the 1700 block of Harold Avenue. It is to be of classic architecture with a colonial touch, of brick veneer and two stories high. The plans, which are being drawn by Brickley & Brickley, call for seven rooms, including three bedrooms on the second floor. It is to be equipped for Arcola heat. The same architects are drawing plans for four other houses to be erected in the same vicinity. None of them is to cost less than \$10,000. The one shown in the picture will cost approximately \$15,000. All are being built by the Winlow Place Company for which the Guardian Trust Company is sales agent.

Same page: "English Style" with fake half timbering, importance of automobiles in Houston architecture

### WEIRD IDEAS OF ARCHITECTURE FOUND IN SOME HOUSTON HOMES

Houston has an epidemic of trick houses. Hundreds of whims and fancies are evidencing themselves in homes being built in every part of the city. Some of them are good and some are not so good, in the opinion of Robert Hardin, home planner for Fain Carter Home Building Company.

That is the key to the whole affair; namely, the diagonal brace. It is easy to forget this when you build. If you do not put it in, you will have plenty of chance to remember it.

Another way to finish a wooden wall is to put a cement coat over it—a stucco exterior. We have learned how to put this stucco on so it will stay on—so there need not be any element of hazard about using such a wall. There are a lot of ways of experimenting with exterior stucco, using different kinds of materials to which the stucco will be applied, and using different kinds of materials in the stucco coat itself. Ordinarily home building mortals rush in where architectural angels fear to tread. Let your architect tell you what to do. He knows.

Brick also can be used as a veneer on other bricks, or you may have blocks facing a tile wall. We

In so far as these whims give birth to construction that functions as part of the home, they are good, he thinks. Anything that is put on a house which pretends to be something that isn't is a cheat and has no excuse for being. There is a great fad for imitation—the putting on of something that isn't what it seems.

For instance, there are those boards attached on the outside of a stucco house to give the effect of the English half-timber. The Englishmen who started building houses that way made these pieces of timber function as a framework and braces for the brick and mortar work. The timbers were not concealed and in the completed house gave a striped effect. It has been sought to imitate this appearance in the building of many Houston residences of the so-called English style.

Now when it comes to putting up a real English home, this architect is in favor of it. He's not a crank on the subject, but he thinks the Englishman has worked out the idea of a home as it should be. It is his castle and he builds it for comfort, just as they did in the old South. There are some homes in Houston on that

"But American home architecture is being influenced by the automobile and entertainment sought outside the home," opines Mr. Hardin. "People are building houses for the purpose of having a place to spend their unconscious hours, to keep out the weather and to provide sights for other automobilists."

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), September 7, 1924: 17. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15A5504BC49A890A%402424036-15A54E1BF97729E9%4016-15A54E1BF97729E9%40>.

### Winlow Place

- C.1924: Howard G. Fields Lumber company to build homes (Part of Winlow Place Co)

THEY Will Finance and Build Your Home  
of such a nature, which is guaranteed to give the borrower every dollar of the money loaned him in full, and will be repaid over the period of 20 years.

ARCHITECT  
 217 Bankers Mortgage Bldg.      Houston, Texas

**We Will Finance and Build Your Home**

IN

**WINLOW PLACE**

**Over 60%**

of the homes now in **Winlow Place** have been financed and built by us.

**LET US SHOW THEM TO YOU**

Building Material for the Christmas Home in Winlow Place  
 Furnished by Us

**HOWARD G. FIELDS  
 LUMBER COMPANY**

HARRISBURG BOULEVARD      WAYSIDE 1406

**Visit The  
 Christmas Home  
 TODAY**

IN

**Winlow Place**

This beautiful Bungalow will be open to the public for inspection today from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Visit this beautiful home and you will see one of the wonders of the architectural hand. It is designed to meet every requirement, and it embodies every modern convenience.

See It Today  
 1747 Harold St.

**GUARDIAN TRUST COMPANY**

EXCLUSIVE AGENTS  
 Preston 2704

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), January 4, 1925: 45. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B3D6051F57C76A%402424155-15B3819EE45EC24D%4044-15B3819EE45EC24D%40>

- C.1925: Howard G. Fields Lumber company to build homes (Part of Winlow Place Co)

Only One Opportunity  
 TO BUY IN

**WINLOW PLACE**

OPPOSITE THE PARK SURROUNDING  
 The \$450,000 New Junior High School  
 TO BE ERECTED IN THIS ADDITION

Better Hurry Before They Are All Sold  
 SALESMEN IN ADDITION DAILY, 4 TO 7 P.M.

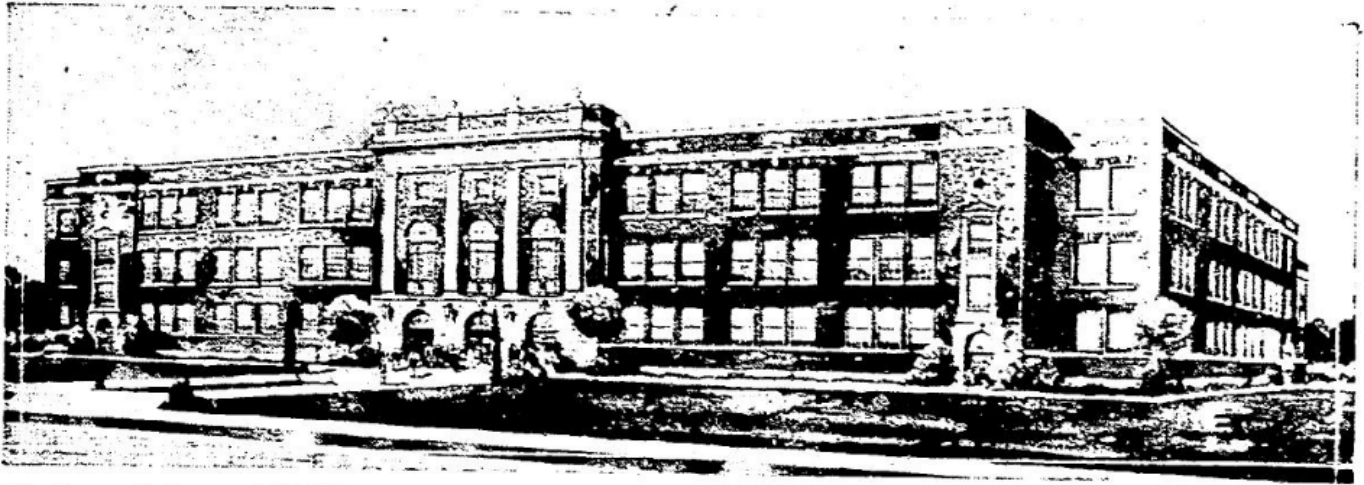
Guardian Trust Company  
 EXCLUSIVE AGENTS  
 PHONE PRESTON 2704

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), March 19, 1925: 26. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B3D15AB4F0828F%402424229-15B3806FB27C2D46%4025-15B3806FB27C2D46%40>

## Winlow Place

- C.1925: Winlow Place Junior High built July 1925 on Westheimer and Hazard, across the street from 1901 Westheimer

# New \$450,000 **Winlow Place** Junior High School



This picture of the new \$450,000 **Winlow Place** Junior High School was completed last week by Jonas & Tabor, architects, and R. O. Steele, associate architect. The school is to be located at Westheimer Road and Hazard Street. Contract was let several days ago.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), July 5, 1925: 17. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*

<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B3DB03BA5EFF83%402424337-15B3D3AFF1085C3F%4016-15B3D3AFF1085C3F%40>.

Photo Courtesy Google Maps:



## Winlow Place

- C.1926: Ad by the Winlow Place Company

# Winlow Place Permanently Desirable

**\$8000 buys**

brick veneer bungalow.  
Heat. Hardwood floors.  
Copper screens. Six-  
teen-foot sun parlor.  
Double garage. Easy  
terms.

**TERRACED LOTS.** Broad, clean paved streets, that  
are never flooded.

**EVERY LOT** within three blocks of Sidney Lanier  
School. A permanent asset of ever-increasing value.

**ADJOINS** established homes in Montrose and Mandell.

**HOUSTON'S** most elaborate residential development  
being made west of this property adds stability and  
value to every lot here.

**WINLOW PLACE** offers you every modern conveni-  
ence and every assurance of increasing value.

**\$1900.00 Buys Lot 50x125 Feet on Permanently Paved Street in New Section**  
Salesman on Ground 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Today, 3 to 6 P.M. Daily

**Winlow Place Company, J. N. Yeager, Sales Manager**  
801 Public National Bank Preston 7564

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), April 4, 1926: 34. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B5C0E91B297743%402424610-15B42BE25E51971E%4033-15B42BE25E51971E%40>.

## Winlow Place

- C.1926: Ad by the Winlow Place Company: Paved Roads and drainage

Women Enjoy Living in  
**Winlow Place**

*For the Clean, Inviting Beauty of the Addition and the Bright New Surroundings.*

**T**HE paved streets are broad, clean, neat always. No mud, no unsightly slush.

**B**IG storm sewers, high terracing. Dry yards, clean lawns. No breeding places for mosquitoes. No wet spots in back yards.

**A**NY of the 78 home-owning residents will tell you Winlow's high grade improvements and better drainage add to their leisure as well as their comfort. The Sidney Lanier School is right at their door. Nine-acre campus and playground.

**Only 29 Lots Left In Original Area**

A Very Few Remain in the New Section. These Can Now Be Bought at Pre-Development Prices

Winlow Place has concrete asphalt-topped streets, gas, water, sanitary and storm sewers, street car and express bus service, mail delivery twice daily, railway express delivery.

Winlow Place adjoins Montrose-Mandell, exclusive residence section, and is located between West Alabama and Westheimer.

**Now While the Weather Is Wet, Inspect and Compare Winlow Place With Any Other Part of Houston**

Salesmen at Field Office on West Alabama, 9 to 6 p.m. Daily  
Houses Open Evenings 7 to 8:30

**Winlow Place Company**

J. N. YEAGER, Sales Manager  
501 Public National Bank Preston 7864

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), April 25, 1926: 58. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&dcref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B521CEABFD008F%402424631-15B42BE4875BED1B%4057-15B42BE4875BED1B%40>

Winlow Place

- C.1926: Ad by the Winlow Place Company: "all conveniences"

**Stone  
Bungalow**

**E**XTERIOR particularly attractive and gives impression of hospitality, real value and solidity.

**A**LL rooms large and spacious, giving striking illustrations of comfort, convenience and luxury impossible with small, inadequate rooms. Two glistening tile baths. Double floors. Hardwood except kitchen. Plumbing best grade. Breakfast room has French doors opening to portico.

**T**HREE large bedrooms and big sun parlor. Spacious living room with hospitable fireplace. Durability, convenience and beauty prime consideration in constructing this distinctive home. Double garage with servant room above.

Open for inspection 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Today—3 to 6 p.m. Daily

*Highly terraced lots on paved street, with all conveniences, one block from car line and school, for \$2375.00.*

**Winlow Place Company**

J. N. Yeager, Sales Manager  
501 Public National Bank      Preston 7564

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), May 9, 1926: 60. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15B5268E67A75803%402424645-15B42BE5EB82F459%4059-15B42BE5EB82F459%40>.

## SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH

### 1901 Westheimer

1901-1903 Westheimer - Owner: C. 1928 JP Lawrenson of Winlow Place Company



BUILDING ASSESSMENT

Houston, Texas

Map No. 376 Permit No. 3079

Vol. Page 9/12, 1928

Owner JP Lawrenson

No. 1901-03 Westheimer Street or Avenue

Addition Winlow Place

Block 3 Lot 1-2

Size of Building

wide deep stories

Size of Garage

wide deep stories

With or without basement or cellar.

Foundation: Walls or Piers.

Material: Frame, Brick, Veener, Stucco. Tile

Outside Trimmings: Plain, Ornamental.

Inside Finish: Rough, Plain, Ornamental, Hard Wood, Pine, Plaster.

Roof: Hip, Gable, Flat.

Roofing: Slate, Tile, Tin, Shingle, Copper, Composition, Iron, Tar and Gravel, Paper, Asbestos.

Heating: Furnace, Steam, Gas, Stoves, Fire Place.

Plumbing: With or Without Bath Room.

Permit Value, \$ 5000

No. Sq. Ft. Per Sq. Ft.

No. Sq. Ft. Per Sq. Ft.

No. Sq. Ft. Per Sq. Ft.

1-7-29 - Hook for 1930

Assessed Value of Building, \$

Rendered in name of

COURTESY HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

1901-1903-1905 Westheimer Owners: 1901 Westheimer

- c. 1928: JP Lawrenson, Winlow Place Company
- c.1935-c.1960 Minnie A Shubert (and A.H. Schubert (August Hermann Schubert) HCA
  - Lived: 2532 Binz Ave, Riverside Terrace built c. 1920, HCA

- A.H. Schubert lived in Houston from 1929 to 1958 (died aged 77, born in Giddings)

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**SCHUBERT**—August Hermann Schubert 77, of 3532 Binz died 10:20 p.m. Tuesday in his home. Born in Giddings he had lived in Houston since 1929. Member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Survivors: Wife, Mrs. Minnie Schubert; several children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Private services 10 a.m. Friday Settegast-Kopf Drawing Room, with Pastor W. W. Stratman officiating. Burial Glenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers Ben Domaschke, Louis Domaschke, Joe Marek, Schubert Knittle, Paul Knittle, Warren Tomfoard. Please omit usual remembrances. Settegast-Kopf Co.

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*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), January 16, 1958: 48. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current*. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161E0B0F96438AD6%402436220-161DA404CE09D66F%4047-161DA404CE09D66F%40>.

- Moved to Meyerland: 4923 Imogene at 86 years old

501 Park Court, Bellaire.  
 Mr. J. E. SIMMONS, 45, 1930 Portsmouth, Apartment 8.  
 Mrs. Minnie A. SCHUBERT, 6, of 4923 Imogene.  
 George G. STEPHENS, 69, 02 W. 34th.  
 A. C. (Wally) Wallauer, 63, 714 Heights Blvd., accountant for Clayton, Inc.  
 James S. WATERS, 70, of 351 Vanderbilt, retired professor.  
 Mrs. Lucille Coons WESTERMAN, 57 of 10502 Bassoon.  
 Mrs. Elsie WAY, 37, 1929 Hrosridge.

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**SCHUBERT**—Mrs. Minnie A. Schubert, 86, 4923 Imogene, died 11:15 p.m. Monday in a Houston hospital. Lifelong resident of Houston. Member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Survivors: Sisters, Mrs. J. K. Timmins, Mrs. C. F. Lottman; brother, Dr. A. H. Kutschbach, all of Houston; number of other relatives. Services 10 a.m. Thursday, Rev. James F. Hennig officiating. Burial Glenwood Cemetery. Settegast-Kopf Co., 3320 Kirby Dr., JA-6-2411.

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*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), December 29, 1964: 41. *NewsBank:*

*America's News – Historical and Current*. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-162093F39ED961D2%402438759-162093056C281080%4040-162093056C281080%40>.

- **C.1936: "Ben Bartholomew Service Station" Advertised**

GET DOUBLE ~~2%~~ <sup>2%</sup> GREEN STAMPS FROM THESE SERVICE STATIONS ON WASHING, GREASING, OIL CHANGES-- June 15th Through June 19th

<b>Cochran &amp; Ketch Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15th through June 19th. 2122 North Main R. 20421	<b>CORNELIUS Service Station</b> GIVEN PROMPTLY DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15th through June 19th. 2714 Westheimer R. 21191	<b>Tex-a Service Station</b> L. CORNELIUS, Proprietor DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15th through June 19th. 1721 Lorraine P. 8913	<b>Ben Bartholomew Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15th through June 19th. 1901 Westheimer L. 0683
<b>CARTER'S Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15th through June 19th. 1714 Westheimer R. 21191	<b>GULF SUPER Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. 3011 Washington R. 20734	<b>GULF SUPER Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. Main at Tamm L. 1566	<b>Gulf Service Station</b> BEN SCHULZ DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. 1901 Westheimer L. 0683
<b>SHELL Service Station</b> VISIT SHERMAN DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. 922 Yale T. 6192	<b>TONY LUBBOCK Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. 1104 W. Gay--BT-028	<b>KING'S Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. 1721 Telfer at Peden L. 8995	<b>SHIELDS' Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. 3011 Washington W. 20734
<b>HARMON Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19th. 2708 N. Main T. 0988	If you are not already saving 2% Green Stamps start a book today-- Any merchant listed on this page will give you full information.		<b>Mathews Gulf Service Station</b> DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15 through June 19. 1819 Richmond Rd. H. 6188

**Ben Bartholomew Service Station**

DOUBLE STAMPS on Washing, Greasing and Oil Changes, June 15th through June 19th. Cars called for and delivered.

**1901 Westheimer L. 0683**

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), June 14, 1936: 38. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docrf=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15E19FA51EE3A9DE%402428334-15E19B8592DCCD34%4037-15E19B8592DCCD34%40>

**1901 Westheimer**

- **C.1946: Chevrolet and Cadillac (Car Dealer)**

**Chevrolet 1936 coach; Chevrolet 1932 coach; also Cadillac pickup. J-21753, 1901 Westheimer (Dealer).**

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), March 28, 1946: 26. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docrf=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-1608EEEF803A7AE%402431908-16082C2D1C43205E%4025-16082C2D1C43205E%40>

- **C.1946: Used Cars**

**Packard 1937 super 12 sedan; good condition; also other used cars. 1901 Westheimer J-21753.**

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), April 14, 1946: 18. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docrf=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-1608D1CC610D5D0A%402431925-16087CBDC2B720AB%4017-16087CBDC2B720AB%40>



**Phillips 66**

1920 – 1930



The Phillips Petroleum Company was founded in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, by brothers Frank and L. E. Phillips in 1917. However, the company did not begin marketing gasoline until 1927, the same year it began operating its first refinery near Borger, Texas. The company opened its first gas station in Wichita, Kansas, and went on to develop a largely regional trade area that extended from New Mexico, north to Minnesota, and east to Indiana. Phillips held large natural gas holdings from Kansas to the Texas Panhandle, and the company marketed its natural gasoline (developed from natural gas) at local service stations.

In Texas, Phillips 66 service stations initially operated in the Panhandle, but the company’s territory soon expanded to the Lubbock and Wichita Falls areas. The original stations, known as the Type B Cottage-style, were typically located in residential areas and attempted to blend into the neighborhoods by using architectural features of the Tudor Revival style, a popular residential architectural movement of the period. Some stations went a step further, to appear like an old English Cottage, bucolic and romantic.



Figure 4-15. Approximate distribution of Phillips 66 gas stations in the 1920s shown in gray.

**Form: House**



Figure 4-16. This detail from an ad appearing in the *Tulsa Herald* depicts the gas station form that Phillips 66 built in the late 1920s.



**Identifying Features:**

- Steeply pitched cross-gabled roof
- Brick or stucco exterior finish, often in a dark earth tone
- Exterior brick chimney on front; features include large “P” letter and circular brick work where company logo displayed
- Single-door entry set within bricked archway under front-facing gable
- Multi-light windows
- Gasoline pumps separated from the main building, usually on a raised island
- Typically located in a residential area
- Tudor Revival style

## 1901 Westheimer

- C.1955: “Rubin Glass Company” accident at “Danna Service Station”
  - Employee Ralph Barr

Houston's Family Newspaper

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### FIRST AID CREW

Bill Burson of Houston Funeral Home, left, and Officer J. B. Walzel give first aid to Ralph Barr, 30-year-old employee of Rubin Glass Co., who suffered severe cuts while installing plate glass windows in the Danna Service Station, 1901 Westheimer. Barr, who lives at 3433 Leeland, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and treated for lacerations of the right arm and thigh. (Chronicle Photo by Stan Begam)

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), April 21, 1955: 9. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161F9C08D0C87D0E%402435219-161F9684D343AAFA%408-161F9684D343AAFA%40>.

**1901 Westheimer**

**1901/1903 Westheimer: c.1960 OWNER: Mimi A. Shubert**

**HARRIS COUNTY BUILDING ASSESSMENT**

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DATE: 8-22-60 1960

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

No: 1903 Westheimer STREET

SURVEY OR ADDITION: Winlow Place

ABST. \_\_\_\_\_ LOT OR TOT. 1-2 BLK. 3

TYPE: RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL \_\_\_\_\_

INDUSTRIAL \_\_\_\_\_ PRE-FAB \_\_\_\_\_

EXTERIOR: PERMASTONE — ROCK — BRICK MASONRY — BRICK VENEER — FRAME — STUCCO — CONCRETE — TILE — CLAY TILE — CEDAR SHAKES — COMPOSITION — SHINGLE — REDWOOD

INTERIOR: PAPER — SHIP LAP — SHEETROCK — PLASTERED — PANELED — CELLOTEX — PLYWOOD — NONE

FLOORS: OAK — PLYWOOD — FLAGSTONE — CEMENT — TILE — PINE — AZROCK — HIGGINS — TERRAZZO — NONE

ROOFING: SHINGLE — ASBESTOS — TERRA COTTA — TILE — COMPOSITION — SLATE — COPPER — C IRON — TAR AND GRAVEL — STONE — SLAG — ALUMINUM

FOUNDATION: CONCRETE SLAB — BLOCKS — BEAMS — PIERS — BRICK — NONE

PLUMBING: 1 TILE — 2 TILE — 3 TILE — 4 TILE — 5 TILE — SPRINKLERS — OTHER — NONE

CLIMATIZERS: DUAL TEMP AC. — AC. — ATTIC VENTILATION — CENTRAL HEATING — GAS STOVES — NONE

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT: PART — ALL PERMIT NO. 10911

CONDITION: NEW — GOOD — FAIR — POOR — OBSOLETE PERMIT VALUE 4000

YEAR BUILT \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: A 7080200 1420  
B 27550250 6890  
Canopy 22601000 290  
28600  
3940  
4090 5160  
Bedroom 0360185 1920  
 MOVED HERE \_\_\_\_\_ FROM 7080  
3-961  
1962 rental  
 ASSESSED VALUE 2830

INSPECTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
 INSPECTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
 INSPECTOR (1830)

Shubert Mimmie A.

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- C.1971 : seeking accountant


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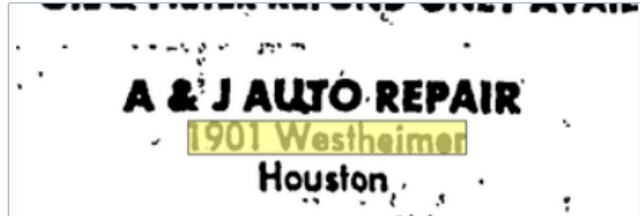
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- C.1977 : still auto repair, "A & J" (began in 1976)


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## 1901 Westheimer



- C.1978 : Hairbond


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**1901 Westheimer**

- C.1992 : still auto repair, "A & J" in the news:
- Arnie Serrano and Jake Hollabough – mechanics

## Business news

### Montrose mechanic becomes local institution by dealing clients fairly

By JEFF BRAY  
ThisWeek Correspondent

Arnie Serrano didn't want to locate his A&J auto repair shop on the corner of Westheimer and Hazard, but fate has a strange way of rearranging things when you least expect it.

"My friend Jake Hollabough and me opened up this place in 1976," Serrano said, sitting in his crowded office overlooking the frantic Westheimer traffic that seemed to feed into the nearby Shepherd Square shopping center. "We originally wanted to find a place up on FM 1960, and we found five acres up there. But just when we were about to buy it — BAM — the Fingers Brothers came in and bought it. We were really disappointed, man."

He shook his head at the memory, but shrugged.

"So, we found this place and opened up the shop."  
While the present location was too small to have the big dealership Serrano and his partner were hoping for, it has turned out to be a good thing in the long run. **A&J Automotive** has become a neighborhood institution — something those in the know know about. Word spreads among friends and friends of friends that this is the place to take your car if you want to get a fair deal.



Serrano

And in Houston, a fair deal from an auto mechanic is worth his weight in gold.

"People are very insecure about their cars," Serrano said. "In other cities you might be able to get by, but in Houston, you're dead without a car."

This philosophy rules Serrano's life and seems to dictate his actions. Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Serrano's family moved to Houston in 1959. He developed an early interest in auto mechanics, hanging around local garages and picking up the odds and ends of car maintenance. He worked for a wrecker service while in high school at the old San Jacinto High, known back then as "St. Jack." The building is now part of the Houston Community College.

"I worked for Mahan Volkswagen in 1968," said Serrano. "That's when Volkswagens were really big, man. Mahan was great. They sent me to Texas Tech. They paid for everything through the deal that Volkswagen of America had back then. After that, I went to classes once every two months in San Antonio, where they had a huge assembly plant."

Serrano said the plant burned to the ground in the early '70s. Oddly enough, the Volkswagen engines were made of nickel magnesium, a highly flammable material.

"Man, once that stuff starts burnin', it's like a napalm bomb," he said, laughing. "Water only makes it worse."

Serrano ran into Hollabough while working for Mahan Volkswagen, and the two decided to open shop together. The rest is Montrose history. Serrano married the year he and Jake went into business and began

to clean up the wreck that was the current building.

It is a little gas station building of English Tudor design that was popular for gas stations of the '20s and '30s. Serrano didn't know the exact date of its construction, but said he there has always been great interest in its design.

"Architecture students are always coming in to take pictures of it," he said, smiling.

The place was literally a dump when he and Jake moved in. Tons of cars and parts had to be removed. Then the business of business began.

At first, things were slow, but in a short while A&J developed a devoted clientele, he said.

"Many of our customers back then were old people," said Serrano. "They would call us up and ask us to come help them start their cars. When it got real cold, we'd go jump them or tow them. They'd pay us back with cookies and cakes."

Much of this group eventually died or moved away, replaced by a more affluent and diverse inner-city population, but Serrano discovered that loyalty was still just as important to these new people as it was to the previous generation.

"Jake left after his health got bad," Serrano said. "I settled for a smaller auto repair business, but I started to get to know the people around here. They'd come by and talk about anything and everything. Once we became comfortable, we stayed."

Serrano scoffs at the current pre-occupation with computerized car repair. He said he doesn't believe in replacing parts for the expense of it.

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- C.1994 : still auto repair, "A & J"

## Automotive

A&J Automotive, 1901 Westheimer at Hazard, specializes in tune-ups, body work and car sales. Customers receive quick estimates and maintenance of their automobiles from this small family-owned establishment. Call 526-7023.

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## 1901 Westheimer

- C.1994: New Owner: Jo Ann McKee
- C.1992: Kanaly Trust Comapny Trust et. al.

State Class Code	
F1 -- Real, Commercial	
Land Area	Building Area
13,618 SF	4,968

- C.1995: T Con Properties, remodeled c. 1996

Ownership History: 0542190000001	
1901 WESTHEIMER RD HOUSTON TX 77098	
Owner	Effective Date
T CON PROPERTIES LTD	08/16/1995
KANALY TRUST CO TR ETAL	09/10/1992
MCKEE JO ANN	01/02/1984

[end of record]

- C.1996: A&J Automotive closes after over 20 years in business

## Montrose auto shop moves to Heights

By **JEFF BRAY**  
ThisWeek Correspondent

After 20 years in the same Montrose location, Arnie Serrano recently moved his A&J auto repair shop to 5111 Washington near the Houston Heights.

He has not only brought his mechanics and tools, but most of his Montrose clientele. As far as customers are concerned, the Heights has gained something of an institution through Serrano's philosophy as an auto mechanic.

"Everybody's looking for a good doctor, attorney, dentist and mechanic, because they're the ones who really get into your pocket-book," he said.

Serrano did not want to leave his Westheimer location; his business had thrived there since 1976. When the owners sold the property for development as a shopping center, he looked north to the

Heights area.

"I had to look around and find something in approximately the radius where I wanted to be," he said. "It had to be near Montrose and downtown, and the Heights."

Serrano is no stranger to sudden change after doing business in Houston for so many years.

"My friend, Jake Hollabough, and me opened up business in 1976," Serrano said. "We originally wanted to find a place up on FM 1960, and we found five acres up there."

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### 1901 Westheimer

- C.1996: A&J Automotive, article continues:
  - “Serrano’s philosophy...feeling of community pride.”

## Auto

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fair price.

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Serrano ran into Hollabough while working for Mahan Volkswagen, and the two decided to open shop together. They set up

shop in a neglected, but quaint, 1920s filling station on Westheimer and Hazard.

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Serrano said he doesn’t believe in replacing parts for the expense of it. He said he has had to let some mechanics go because they automatically start replacing engine parts before finding the root of the problem. He also believes that computer diagnostics can lead to excessive expense due to their step-by-step methodology.

“I think the best mechanic is the one that uses common sense and experience,” he said.

Serrano said he thinks he is an “old timer” when it comes to auto repair.

“A lot of customers are going through transitions, just like we have,” he said. “In the ’70s and ’80s, people didn’t think about expense. They just wanted their cars ready on time. Now, those same cus-

tomers are more concerned about the cost. Things aren’t as affluent as they used to be for lots of people.” Serrano said the move has not affected his clientele.

“They know I haven’t just opened up,” he said. “I’ve been around a long time, and they have come with me to this new place. The vast majority of my business is still from the old neighborhood.”

Serrano said there is much development taking place in and around the Heights.

“If they don’t have a ride, I’ll take them back home while their car is being fixed,” he said. “I think most people appreciate being talked to. They also appreciate getting an estimate that I stick to. I have to face my customers personally. I don’t have the luxury of having someone else do that for me, so I have to stay on my toes and make sure my customers are satisfied.”

So far, Serrano’s philosophy has paid off with a large stable of loyal customers, and a feeling of community pride.

“I like treating people as I would like to be treated myself,” he said. “Right now, it’s a big burden owning a personal vehicle, and nobody seems to live close to where they work. When you need your car that badly, you need to feel more secure about where you’re taking it to get fixed.”

Serrano said he hopes his new neighbors in the Heights area will become as loyal to him as his Montrose neighbors are to this day.

“Man, you don’t relax in Houston,” he said. “But regardless of its faults, it’s still the best place to live. After two weeks away, you want to come back.”

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## 1901 Westheimer

- **C.1994: Diedrich Coffee shop opens: Live performances (one example of many)**

### **Acoustic/bluegrass**

**DARCIE DEAVILLE:** Tonight at Anderson Fair, 2007 Grant; 713-528-8576.

**ERIC TAYLOR:** Saturday at Anderson Fair.

**GIRLS WITH GUITARS:** Saturday at Cafe Maison, 2089 Westheimer; 713-528-6750.

**KEN VALENTINO:** Tonight at Diedrich/Montrose, 4005 Montrose; 713-526-1319.

**BILLY THOMPSON:** Saturday at Diedrich/Montrose.

**DOUG CLARK STEIGER:** Tonight at Diedrich/Vanderbilt, 3171 W. Holcombe; 713-669-9449.

**MARK CAMPBELL:** Saturday at Diedrich/Vanderbilt.

**LOFTIS BROTHERS:** Tonight and Saturday at Diedrich/Winlow, 1901 Westheimer; 713-522-8801.

**CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURE:**  
 Sunday at Houston Community College's Heinen Theater, 3517 Austin; 713-861-2316.

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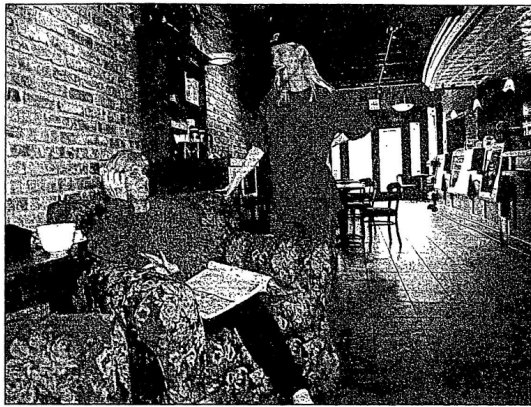
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  - The Mirador Group for construction of “Winlow Westheimer District”

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### **1901 Westheimer**

• C.1997: Diedrich Coffee shop in the press:

Cup o' hot java?



Thomas Nguyen photos  
Diedrich Coffee shop employee Robin Clark, standing in the above photo, visits with Nancy Winters. Diedrich opened in the Winlow Westheimer District. Below, the outside of the building is done in English cottage style.

## Diedrich Coffee steams into Montrose area

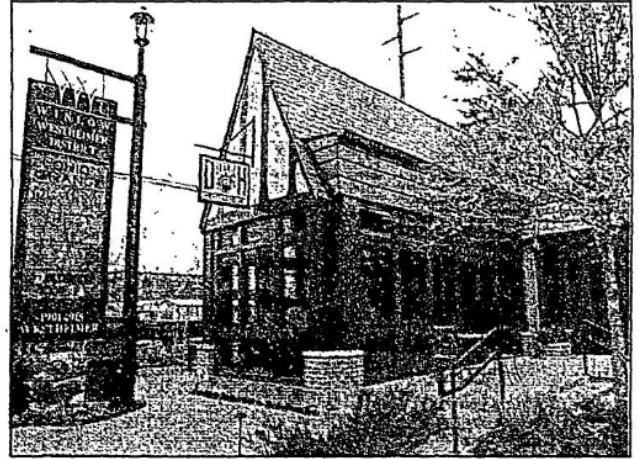
By JEFF BRAY  
ThisWeek Correspondent

In 1928, the corner of Westheimer and Hazard was a country lane with gravel and dirt roads forming the new lots of Winlow Place.

The land was almost completely without trees, and new homes were springing up around the recently constructed Lanier Junior High School.

On that almost rural intersection, a small gas station was built according to the designs of the day. Its half-timber portico gave it an English Tudor look, with

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### 1901 Westheimer

- C.1997: Diedrich Coffee shop in the press:

## Coffee

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the exception that there were gas pumps located underneath. For many years, the station served its function. Then it became a car-repair shop and fell into disrepair.

Today, that little gas station has taken on an amazing new life as the new Diedrich Coffee shop. The original structure has been painstakingly preserved and remodeled as part of a new shopping center called The Winlow Westheimer District.

"It used to be an old Pure Oil Company gas station," said Bradford Schmalfluss with T-CON Properties, Ltd., the developer of the center.

"The English-cottage style was a unique style developed by them. They built hundreds of them all over the U.S. to help promote their image."

Schmalfluss said Pure Oil was bought by Union Oil of California in the 1950s.

"We maintained the original building and added on the rear half," he said. "We saved anything we could, replacing rotten timber and things like that."

"The main seating area was where the cars drove through, and it's now enclosed in glass and Honduran mahogany. The windows can be opened by the customers onto the plaza and seating areas around the shop."

Schmalfluss added that the rest of the center consists of a restaurant and furniture store, with another space available for lease. He is very particular about who moves into the remaining space.

"We wanted to create a center where people can come and spend the afternoon," he said. "So far, the establishments already here have been amazed at the amount of business they've attracted."

The two other previously existing buildings on the site were built about 1940. They were refitted with copper roofs, downspouts and gutters. The middle section, which is new, also boasts century-old brick brought down from Chicago to give it an es-



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ablished and mellowed atmosphere. The attached clock tower tells time, and has alabaster faces.

"We were very selective in our tenant selection," Schmalfluss said. "We wanted a blend of quality."

Byron Dean, general manager of the coffee house at 1901 Westheimer, said the company has been pleased with the shop's progress since its inception.

"We opened in November 1996. We knew this would be a nice place, but it's exceeded every expectation," Dean said. "The little details of the building are incredible."

He said Diedrich Coffee, which came to Houston several years ago from southern California, has prided itself on taking buildings that have been restored or refurbished.

"We were looking for a certain feel," he said. "The developer, when he built the center, wanted to have a restaurant, furniture store and coffee house."

"He wanted it to be small and quaint."

Schmalfluss concurred.

"T-CON designed the shell and renovated it. We specifically wanted a coffee place in it. Diedrich came and did the interiors — the lighting, floors, furniture. We worked closely on the build-out together, and we're very pleased with the building. It's very tasteful."

Dean explained the converted gas station is now a special place for many people in the neighborhood.

"This store is what Diedrich does," he said.

"If we can save a building and do it right, we'll do it. We work with the architects and interior people, and no two stores in the Diedrich system are alike."

Currently, there are 44 Diedrich Coffee houses in the United States. Houston now has three Diedrichs, with several more planned.

The philosophy of the Winlow Square store will continue to benefit those who live nearby.

"Now that we're open, we're acquiring things from the neighbor-

hood," Dean said.

"We're putting work from local artists on the walls, and looking for antiques and things from local vendors."

As with most coffee houses, the flavor of the coffee always is offset by the flavor of the clientele.

"The people who come in here are a big part of what the coffee house has become," said Dean. "We've been real lucky with the crew we've got here."

Employees are encouraged to learn the names of customers, as well as their tastes, Dean said, and customers and employees are on a first-name basis.

Reflecting the diverse neighborhood in which it has stood for more than 65 years, the renovated building now is filled with people from all walks of life. The coffee house has become an institution in many parts of the city.

"In the morning, you get lots of people reading the paper and working on their laptop computers," Dean said.

"In the afternoon, we get a lot of business people who come in and lay their papers out and get to it. In the evening, we have a real mix of young people and more established residents, who come by for their coffee or latte."

Diedrich carries a full line of espresso, latte, cappuccino, pastries and desserts. Light sandwich menus are offered during the day for those who come in for lunch.

"People come and sit out on the patios," Dean said. "We have the west patio with the fountain, and there's the east patio with the permanent granite tables that are very popular. It's an alternative to the bars in the evening, and we're bringing in board games for people who like to play at their tables."

"I always feel good when I come in here," Schmalfluss said. "I think this center is the beginning of a Renaissance for Westheimer, from Shepherd all the way past Montrose Boulevard."

For information about Diedrich Coffee, call (713) 522-8801.

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), March 5, 1997: 176. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.

<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docrf=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-17219C34924FFB3E%402450513-171E5C790B7553B8%40175-171E5C790B7553B8%40>.

- 1997 Awarded Good Brick Award from Preservation Houston

## 1901 Westheimer

- C.1997: Dietrich Coffee shop in the press:

## Members 'Crawl' Montrose to enjoy good poetry, cup of joe

By **VICKI BOMKE THOMSON**  
ThisWeekend Correspondent

Cream, sugar ... or prose?  
Three Montrose-area coffeehouses will showcase a progressive literary event Wednesday, March 26, when The Flying Dutchman Writers Troupe sponsors Caffeine Crawl IV: It Walks Again By Night.

'You never know who you might run into that might know someone else — a publisher or collaborator, someone who can give you some feedback.'

**Carolyn Davis, member, Flying Dutchman Writers Troupe**

The event will begin at Diedrich Coffee, 1901 Westheimer Road, 7-7:45 p.m., continue at Topopee's, 1830 W. Alabama, 8-8:45 p.m., and conclude at Cafe Artiste, 1601 W. Main, 9-10 p.m.

Throughout the course of the evening, the coffeehouses will host readings of original poetry and prose from M. Alexander, Diane Hinkle, Jennifer Jeran, Sharon Klander, Catharina Lind-

strom, Michael A. Rosen, Cynthia Saxon, K.A. Thomas and Liam Weitz.

The gathering is open to the public, and no reservations are required.

"The coffee is not free, but the poetry is," said Montrose resident and professional writer R.T. Castleberry.

"Our writers' troupe is all about trying to get poetry into the community, and that's why we have these events in accessible places like coffeehouses.

"We're basically invading each of these businesses for about 45 minutes, and we want people to fall in and stay with us awhile. They are welcome to attend any or all of the readings, or stay behind and have some more coffee."

The Caffeine Crawl is designed to kick off the group's annual reading series, which runs March through October. Beginning next month, readings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at Diedrich Coffee.

The Flying Dutchman Writers Troupe was founded in 1989 when Castleberry, Herman Kluge, Charles W. Harvey and Christian Welch gathered to present one reading.

"We found there was a need and a niche for what we wanted to do, so we kept it going," he said.

"After three years, two of the founders, Charles Harvey and Christian Welch, dropped out, and we recruited Carolyn Davis."

See CRAWL on Page 4.

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), March 22, 1997: 117. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.

<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docrf=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-1721A1AEA433E4EB%402450530-172199DF49345CD5%40116>.

- C.1998: Dietrich Coffee shop advertising:

**BRIMMING OVER WITH PASSION.**

Coffee is Martin Diedrich's life passion. That passion finds its way into every drop of Diedrich coffee. No other coffee tastes like Diedrich coffee because America has Martin Diedrich's depth of knowledge or consuming passion for fine coffee. Visit your closest Diedrich Coffeehouse today and discover how wonderfully different a cup of coffee brimming over with passion can taste.

The ultimate culmination of Martin's brimming over passion can be found in LaLucie Royale coffee. It took Martin Diedrich's personal friendship to obtain 90 bags of a coffee so rare it can only be experienced once a year for a few weeks. You can't get this blend of LaLucie Royale anywhere else and you only have until April 19th to experience Martin Diedrich's latest passion.

**DIEDRICH COFFEE TEXAS LOCATIONS**

<b>CLEARLAKE</b> 1908 Bay Area Blvd. 281.441.1325	<b>MONTROSE</b> 4005 Montrose 713.526.1319	<b>WILLOWBRIAR</b> 3171 West Holcombe 713.669.9449	<b>WINLOW</b> 1901 Westheimer 713.522.8801
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Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), March 11, 1998: 132. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.

<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docrf=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-172B968CC47CF99E%402450884-1729EAEBF01276E6%40131-1729EAEBF01276E6%40>

### 1901 Westheimer



- C.2006: Dietrich Coffee shop in the press:

Thursday, October 26, 2006

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Coffeehouse closing upsets customers

■ Landlord elects not to lease site to Diedrich franchise

By TARA WHITE  
CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENT

Jeff Grant is furious that Diedrich Winlow Coffeehouse, 1901 Westheimer, is scheduled to close Nov. 6 after conducting business in that location for 10 years.

Grant, a loyal customer, has contacted everyone in his e-mail address book and has stood in front of the coffeehouse almost every day for weeks to protest its closure.

The property owner hired a 24-hour security guard and police were called because of his presence, but he is not budging.

Grant is not the only person upset about the closure of Diedrich, which serves about 3,500 customers each week. Hundreds have signed petitions to keep it from closing.

Dirk Smith, owner of the coffeehouse and president of Magna Cum Latte Inc., the Diedrich Coffee franchise in Houston, said his customers are upset because they know the business is being forced to close.

Smith said it is closing because T-Con Properties chose

*"People have business meetings here. College students come here to study. Parents feel this is a safe place for their children to hang out after school."*

—JEFF GRANT

Diedrich Winlow Coffeehouse patron

not to lease the property to him.

Said Bradford Schmalfluss, vice president of T-Con Properties and landlord for the space, "We have the right to lease with anyone we want to."

Schmalfluss also said T-Con had no obligation to lease to Smith because the company's original lease was with Diedrich Coffee's corporate office, which chose not to renew.

The property will be leased to The Upper Hand Salon, which is located at 1905 Westheimer next to the coffeehouse. The lease becomes effective on Nov. 7.

Rachael Gower, who owns the salon with her husband, Brian Williard, said they plan to use the space to expand their salon operations.

Smith said he does not understand T-Con's decision.

"Our coffeehouse has brought thousands of people to the Winlow Center," Smith said. "I have never paid the rent late. Bradford told me on several occasions I was the best tenant he had."

A letter dated May 11, addressed to Schmalfluss from Diedrich Coffee's corporate office, confirms that Diedrich Coffee did not plan to renew the lease.

However, it states that corporate officials asked Smith to negotiate a direct lease with Schmalfluss.

E-mail correspondences between Schmalfluss and Smith indicate that Smith and Schmalfluss agreed to move forward with the lease.

Schmalfluss sent Smith a draft of the lease agreement by e-mail in late May for Smith and his lawyer to review.

Negotiations moved forward until June 9, when Schmalfluss sent Smith an e-mail stating that T-Con would not proceed with lease discussions because it planned "to take the center in a different direction."

Smith said he was shocked by the e-mail, as he had returned only a day earlier to his home in California after a special trip to Houston.

Schmalfluss requested the trip because he wanted Smith to

discuss parking issues with The Upper Hand Salon.

"I jumped through hoops for him to make sure everything was going smoothly," Smith said. "I don't know what happened in those 11 hours to completely change his decision."

Gower said some have blamed the Upper Hand Salon for the closure of Diedrich Winlow Coffeehouse.

"We absolutely did not push anyone out," she said. "As small business owners we would never do that because we know how hard it is."

Smith plans to fight T-Con's decision until the day Diedrich closes, but he is also looking for a new location and wants to find a temporary space from which his employees could work.

He said employees also have the option to move to the two other Diedrich Coffeehouse locations in Houston, at 4005 Montrose Blvd. and 1008 Bay Area Blvd.

Grant said he will continue to do everything he can to keep the coffeehouse open.

"People have business meetings here. College students come here to study. Parents feel this is a safe place for their children to hang out after school," Grant said "I am going to keep speaking out because I know people love this place."

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), October 26, 2006: 176. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-1740451DAFA0C4F1%402454035-17400A0BA922D052%40175-17400A0BA922D052%40>.

**1901 Westheimer**

**1905 Westheimer (Lot 2) c. 1939 – remodel and addition (HCA)**

Form 590 INVESTIGATE

Map \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner Schubert, Minnie A

Lot 2 Block 3

Addition Winlow Place

REMARKS:

County Value . . . . \$ 2180

Owners Value . . . . \$ 1750

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Harris County  
BUILDING ASSESSMENT  
Houston, Texas

880

Map No. 54 Page 219 Permit No. 3/29/39

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Owner Schubert, A. H.

No. 1905 Westheimer Street or Avenue

Addition Winlow Place

Block 3 Lot 2

Remodel + add

Size of Building  
53.7 wide 29 deep \_\_\_\_\_ stories

Size of Garage  
\_\_\_\_\_ wide \_\_\_\_\_ deep \_\_\_\_\_ stories

Material: Frame, Brick, Veneer, Stucco.  
Inside Finish: Rough, Plain, Ornamental, Hardwood, Pine, Plaster.  
Roofing: Slate, Tile, Tin, Shingle, Copper, Composition, Iron, Tar and Gravel, Paper, Asbestos.

Permit Value, \$ 1500

No. Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_

7000  
1500  
560

Assessed Value of Building \$ 560

Rendered in name of Schubert, Minnie A.

IMAGE COURTESY HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

**SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH**

**1911 Westheimer: Owners c. 1930: S. G. Raphael, M.F Batchelor**

Form 590 INVESTIGATE		Form 590 INVESTIGATE	
Map		Map	
Vol. <u>54</u>		Vol.	
Page <u>219</u>		Page	
	19		<u>3-23-1932</u>
<u>Batchelor, M. F.</u>	Owner	<u>M. F. Batchelor</u>	Owner
Lot <u>3</u>	Block <u>3</u>	Lot <u>3</u>	Block <u>3</u>
<u>Winlow Place.</u>	Addition	<u>Winlow Place</u>	Addition
REMARKS:		REMARKS: <u>sq.</u>	
		<u>15%</u>	
		<u>1750</u>	
		<u>for 1932</u>	
Our Value.....\$ <u>2050</u>		<u>1932 Value. City. \$2060</u>	
His Value.....\$ <u>1250</u>		<u>1931 Value. Les. \$1250</u>	

IMAGE COURTESY HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

**M.F Batchelor – Contractor c.1923**



Business house and apartment erected at corner of Leeland and Hamilton for J. Segrato; **M. F. Batchelor**, contractor.

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), September 30, 1923: 79. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15A7A86520074CBD%402423693-15A7A6CDEAB793DC%4078-15A7A6CDEAB793DC%40>

**1911 Westheimer**

C.1931, Road Improvements on Westheimer/owners:

**OFFICIAL NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON WESTHEIMER ROAD FROM THE WEST LINE OF WOODHEAD STREET TO THE WEST LINE OF PERSA STREET.**

I. F. W. Turner, City Secretary of the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to the hereinafter set out resolution, do hereby give notice by publication of same of the matters and things therein contained, which resolution, follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT.  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY ENGINEER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PERSONS, FIRMS, CORPORATIONS AND ESTATES OWNING

FOR HEARING OF THE OWNERS OF SAID PROPERTY CONCERNING SAID ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY CHARTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

\* \* \*

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON: WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Houston has heretofore by resolution passed August 12, 1931, ordered

tered into between the City and said Brown & Root, Inc., of date November 2, 1931, for the performance of said work, with construction and maintenance bonds as required by the City Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has filed his written statement with the Council as to the cost of said pavement, and as to other matters required by the City Charter; and,

WHEREAS, according to the written statement of the City Engineer herein approved by the City Council the total

SOUTH SIDE					
Houston Independent School District, all of blk 2, Winlow Place	725	4,250.00	725	377.00	4,727.00
E. J. Attra, Its 1 and 2, blk 3, Winlow Place	104	624.00	104	54.08	678.08
M. F. Batchelor, It 3, blk 3, Winlow Place	50	300.00	50	26.00	326.00
Gasper Puccio and wife, Rosario Puccio, It 4, blk 3, Winlow Place	50	300.00	50	26.00	326.00
J. E. McDowell, It 5 and east 1/2 of 6, blk 3, Winlow Place	75	450.00	75	33.00	489.00
Lucille D. Cox, It 7 and west 1/2 of 6, blk 3 Winlow Place	75	450.00	75	39.00	489.00
George A. Rick, tract of land described in vol 847, pg 26, H. C. D. R.	209	1,254.00	209	108.68	1,362.68
J. A. Stein and W. T. Peckinpaugh, tract of land described in vol 795, pg 356 H. C. D. R.	209	1,254.00	209	108.68	1,362.68
J. C. Huston, tract of land described in vol 424, pg 21, H. C. D. R.	316	1,896.00	316	164.32	2,060.32
The Texas Co., Its 1, 2, 31 and 32, blk 1, Reness Court	200	1,200.00	200	104.00	1,304.00
Peckham Development Company, Its 1, 2, 31 and 32, blk 2, Reness Court	209	1,254.00	200	104.00	1,304.00
	4,296.4	\$25,778.40	4,296.4	\$2,234.13	
Cost to property owners					\$28,012.53
Cost to City of Houston					3,500.00
Total cost of all improvements					\$31,512.53

Engineering Dept., Houston, Texas, November 3, 1931. Compiled, W. G. Cottingham. Checked, L. F. Fuqua.

SOUTH SIDE	
Houston Independent School District, all of blk 2, Winlow Place	725
E. J. Attra, Its 1 and 2, blk 3, Winlow Place	104
M. F. Batchelor, It 3, blk 3, Winlow Place	50
Gasper Puccio and wife, Rosario Puccio, It 4, blk 3, Winlow Place	50
J. E. McDowell, It 5 and east 1/2 of 6, blk 3, Winlow Place	75
Lucille D. Cox, It 7 and west 1/2 of 6, blk 3 Winlow Place	75
George A. Rick, tract of land described in vol 847, pg 26, H. C. D. R.	209

**E.J Attra Lots 1 and 2**

**M.F. Batchelor Lot 3**

**Gasper and Rosario Puccio Lot 4**

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), November 5, 1931: 24. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&dcref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15CCD8A22B7508E3%402426651-15CCCF46D7066CD%4023-15CCCF46D7066CD%40>

## 1911 Westheimer

Owners c. 1932: S. G. Raphael, M.F Batchelor

1934 sold to : M.F Batchelor officially

S. G. Raphael to M. F. Batchelor, lot  
3, block 3, Winlow Place Addition,  
\$5240.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), August 3, 1934: 6. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15D7BB2F1CBDE07B%402427653-15D6628CA4FBC1F3%405-15D6628CA4FBC1F3%40>.

Owners c. 1932: M.F Batchelor to J.G Eichorn (lived in Riverside Terrace lot 30 blk 4)

M. F. Batchelor to J. G. Eichorn, lot  
3, block 3, Winlow Place Addition.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), November 26, 1934: 17. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15D7C976AE29CE2C%402427768-15D7C5EFB2CED63F%4016-15D7C5EFB2CED63F%40>.

1911 Westheimer – Owners c. 1932: M.F Batchelor's Granddaughter in the "Society Pages" c. 1937

**BILLIE EILEEN HOUGH**



Miss Billie Eileen Hough is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Batchelor of this city, and is a graduate this year from the high school in Cleveland, Ohio.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), June 1, 1937: 13. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15EB7BFC76032F98%402428686-15EB408771A6DC5E%4012-15EB408771A6DC5E%40>.

**1911 Westheimer**

**Owners c. 1930: Home Owner Loan Corp, Cotton Exchange Bldg. (Dallas)**

Map No. _____ Addition <u>Winlow Place</u>		No. Sq. Ft. <u>1159</u>		Price Per Sq. Ft. <u>335</u>	\$ <u>3880</u>
Block <u>3</u> Lot <u>3</u>		Percent Good <u>75</u>		<u>2910</u>	
OWNER <u>Home Owners Loan Corp 7/18</u>		Other Bldgs. <u>50</u>		Total All Bldgs. <u>2960</u>	
ADDRESS <u>Cotton Exchange Bldg Dallas</u>		Total All Bldgs. <u>1180</u>			
TYPE OF PROPERTY <u>Res.</u> OCCUPIED VACANT		LAND VALUE			
BASEMENT, Whole Part _____	FLOORING, Pine, Hardwood, Cement, Tile, Marble, Dirt _____	Front x Depth	Unit Value	Factor	Front Ft. Value - - \$
FOUNDATION, Concrete, Stone, Brick, Piers, Posts. _____	INTERIOR TRIM, Plaster, Hardwood, Marble, Metal, Built-in Features _____	<u>50 x 130.75</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>2260</u>
WALLS, Brick _____ Stone Hollow Tile, Stucco, Metal, Concrete Blocks, Box Weatherboard _____	HEATING, Furnace, Stoves, Fireplace, Chimneys, Gas _____				<u>900</u>
ROOF CONS., Concrete, Steel, Wood Truss _____	LIGHTING, Electricity _____				
ROOF, Hip, Gable, Mansard, Flat _____	PLUMBING, Sewer, Water, Baths _____				
ROOFING, Composition, Metal, Slate, Wood, Shingles, Tile, Asbestos _____	ELEVATORS _____				
EXTERIOR TRIM, Stone, Terra Cotta, Metal, Wood, Marble, Granite _____	CONDITION, Good, Fair, Bad, Obsolete _____				
PERMIT DATE _____ NO. _____ AMT. _____		TOTAL			
		<u>460-1340</u>			

IMAGE COURTESY HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

c. 1931- 6 Room House for Sale

**NOTICE—Will sacrifice my \$3000 equity in 6-room brick veneer home for \$1000. Part cash, balance to suit purchaser. 1911 Westheimer Ave. Hadler 6124.**

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), June 16, 1931: 23. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15CE90D89EE32595%402426509-15CE8DA1B1F0731E%4022-15CE8DA1B1F0731E%40>.

**1911 Westheimer**

c.1938 – \* brick veneer bungalow\* purchased by John Tom Kirby from HOLC

## **Veterinarian Buys House on Westheimer**

John Tom Kirby, veterinarian, has purchased from the HOLC a six-room brick veneer bungalow at 1911 Westheimer and will open a dog and cat hospital.

The price was \$5750. The sale was handled by Ethel Brosius, contract sales broker.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), July 17, 1938: 19. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15ECD9FBA51F8464%402429097-15ECD52AE3D176B5%4018-15ECD52AE3D176B5%40>

1911 Westheimer – Sold c. 1939: Home Owner Loan Corp (HOLC), to Banks Hotmann

5-Room brick veneer residence\*

**SEVERAL FINE  
HOMES BOUGHT  
DURING WEEK**

Mr. and Mrs. Banks Hotmann have purchased from the HOLC a five-room brick veneer residence at 1911 Westheimer for \$5750. The lot is 50x130 feet. Mr. Hotmann is owner of the Hotmann Plumbing Company. The sale was made by Frank W. Duncan through the office of Ethel Brosius, contract broker for the HOLC.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), February 12, 1939: 19. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-15ED8CE2C8207675%402429307-15ED8936CF596DDD%4018-15ED8936CF596DDD%40>

1911 Westheimer

c.1946: new construction approved by City Council \*\*storefront

## Council Authorizes Building Over Sewer

Attorneys for three property owners, under whose land the old Camp Logan sanitary sewer line is located, Wednesday afternoon persuaded City Council to let their clients build houses over the sewer line, in violation of a recently enacted city ordinance prohibiting any construction over a sewer line.

The houses will be built in the 1700 block of West Alabama, at 1911 Westheimer, and in the 1900 block of Kipling, with owners agreeing to hold the city blameless if their improvements are damaged by the sewer, and to pay part of the expense of rerouting the sewers around their houses if necessary.

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), April 4, 1946: 5. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&doref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-1608D1AF78E837B2%402431915-16089BFA6551C7AB%404-16089BFA6551C7AB%40>

### 1911 Westheimer – Owners c. 1945 through c.1968: Banks Hotmann (Plumbing)

Harris County BUILDING ASSESSMENT Houston, Texas				Harris County BUILDING ASSESSMENT Houston, Texas			
Permit No. <u>596</u>				Permit No. <u>3749</u>			
Vol. <u>54</u>	Page <u>217</u>			Vol. <u>54</u>	Page <u>217</u>		
Owner <u>Banks Hotmann</u>				Owner <u>Hotmann Plumbing Co</u>			
No. <u>1911 Westheimer</u> Street				No. <u>1911 Westheimer</u> Street			
Survey Addition <u>Winlow Place</u>				Survey Addition <u>Winlow Pl</u>			
Abst. <u>3</u>	Trk. Lot <u>3</u>	Blk. <u>3</u>		Abst. <u>3</u>	Trk. Lot <u>3</u>	Blk. <u>3</u>	
Size of Building				Size of Building			
<i>add to rear + 77 sq ft</i> wide <u>34</u> deep <u>42</u> stories <u>1</u>				wide <u>34</u> deep <u>42</u> stories <u>1</u>			
Size of Garage				Size of Garage			
wide <u>34</u> deep <u>42</u> stories <u>1</u>				wide <u>34</u> deep <u>42</u> stories <u>1</u>			
Material: Frame, Siding, Brick, Veneer, Stucco, C/Iron, Asbestos, Tile, Gyplap, Imitation Brick, Sheet Rock				Material: Frame, Siding, Brick, Veneer, Stucco, C/Iron, Asbestos, Tile, Gyplap, Imitation Brick, Sheet Rock			
Inside Finish: Papered, Pine, Sheet Rock, Plastered				Inside Finish: Papered, Pine, Sheet Rock, Plastered			
Floors: Pine, Oak, Cement, Tile <u>H. 2nd</u>				Floors: Pine, Oak, Cement, Tile			
Roofing: Shingle, Asbestos, Composition, Paper, Tar and Gravel, Slate, Tile, Tin, C/Iron, Copper.				Roofing: Shingle, Asbestos, Composition, Paper, Tar and Gravel, Slate, Tile, Tin, C/Iron, Copper.			
Plumbing: With or Without				Plumbing: With or Without			
Foundation: Solid Concrete, Concrete Piers, Concrete Blocks, Brick Piers, Wood Blocks				Foundation: Solid Concrete, Concrete Piers, Concrete Blocks, Brick Piers, Wood Blocks.			
Permit Value \$ <u>12,000</u>				Permit Value \$ <u>3,000</u>			
No. Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>	Per Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>			No. Sq. Ft. <u>1428</u>	Per Sq. Ft. <u>300</u>		
No. Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>	Per Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>			No. Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>	Per Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>		
No. Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>	Per Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>			No. Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>	Per Sq. Ft. <u>0</u>		
<i>old value on shop 1710</i> <i>Permit # 596 3360</i> <i>72070</i> <i>1948 New Total 5070</i>				<i>Shop 2110</i> <i>430</i> <i>1947 New Total 1710</i>			
Assessed Value of Building \$ <u>5070</u>				Assessed Value of Building \$ <u>1710</u>			
Rendered in name of <u>Banks Hotmann</u>				Rendered in name of <u>Hotmann Plumbing Co</u>			

IMAGE COURTESY HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

### 1911 Westheimer

c. 1955 Banks Hottman elected official



## Plumbing Contractors Elect Chiefs

M. E. Randall, owner of the Randall Plumbing Co., 2501 Yale, has been elected president of the Associated Plumbing Contractors of Houston and Harris County.

Randall succeeds James Page.

Other officers elected are G. B. Johnson, first vice-president; **Banks Hotmann**, second vice-president; Allison R. Smith, secretary-treasurer, and Ed F. Hillendahl, sergeant at arms.

The contractors also announced Saturday that their association will sponsor a new Harris County trade publication, the Houston Plumbing and Heating News.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), July 17, 1955: 6. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161F6A7E52B57DBD%402435306-161DAC0D8082B4CC%405-161DAC0D8082B4CC%40>.

### 1911 Westheimer

c. 1955 Banks Hottman's daughter married – they lived at the address

**Weekend Weddings Announced**

Mrs. Leslie **Banks Hotmann** was before her marriage Saturday in Bethany Christian Church, Miss Nancy Helen Richter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edgar Richter, 3519 Blue Bonnet. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Banks Hotmann**, 1911 Westheimer. Rev. John C. Knowles officiated.

Portrait by Roulande      Portrait by Hillis      Portrait by Gittings

**MRS. HOTMANN      MRS. WILLIAMS      MRS. SLATER      ALBRITTON-WILLIAMS**

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), August 3, 1955: 28. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161FBB7DA5F1AB12%402435323-161DAC2E68ABDA31%4027-161DAC2E68ABDA31%40>

**Possibly Bank's wife or sister – born 1916**

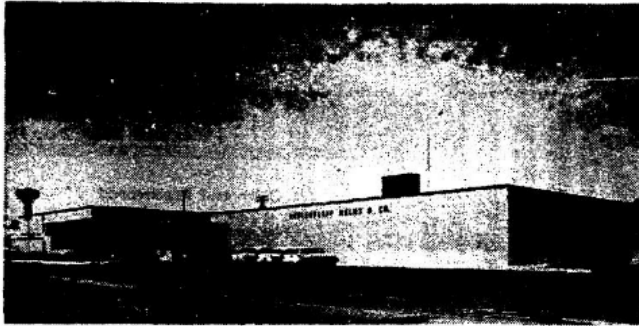
**HOTMANN**

IDA LOIS HOTMANN passed away on Saturday, May 26, 2001 at the Eden Home, Inc. at the age of 85 years. She is survived by one Nephew, Leslie Hotmann of Wimberly, Texas; one great Nephew, Craig Hotmann and wife Mary; Great Great Niece and Nephew, Elizabeth Hotmann and James Hotmann and one other brother, **Banks Hotmann** of New Braunfels, Texas. Visitation will be from 3-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Zoeller Funeral Home, with interment to follow in the Woodlawn Garden of Memories at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday in Houston, Texas.

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), May 29, 2001: 17. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-172B675BB1D278DF%402452059-172B62AC285CB174%4016-172B62AC285CB174%40>

**1911 Westheimer**

**c.1956 – advertisement/ highlight of building plumbing**



NEW QUARTERS OF WESSENDORFF, NELMS & CO.  
40,000 Square Feet of Tools at 5535 Harvey Wilson Drive

# Wessendorff, Nelms to Open New Building on Harvey Wilson Drive

The 41 employees-stockholders of Wessendorff, Nelms & Co. seller of tools in Houston for 34 years, extended an invitation to the public to attend open house Monday and Tuesday.

The "house" is the company's new, 40,000 square foot building at 5535 Harvey Wilson Drive.

"We want everyone with an interest in tools—even a slight interest—to come and to bring the family," President L. L. Nelms said. "If tools are a part of your work or your hobby, you'll see something of interest."

Open house will begin Monday and Tuesday at 8 a.m. and will continue until 9 p.m., Nelms said.

Visitors will have an opportunity to register, free, for a large assortment of door prizes, including items of interest to all members of the family. Winners need not be present when winning registrants are chosen.

Prizes include: Two nine-inch tilting arbor saws, a basic tool in any home workshop and one which has

will find tools of special interest to them in the big display room.

This room, air-conditioned and well lighted, is 160 feet long and 40 feet wide in its main portion, with a big window display and reception area. It has enabled Wessendorff, Nelms, for the first time, to display a major portion of the thousands of tools it has for sale.

The buildings is of concrete, brick and tile construction, located on a three-acre tract. Paved parking areas surround the building, providing ample parking for all employees and customers.

Eight thousand square feet of the building is devoted to office space and 24,000 warehouse area. An auditorium which will seat 100 people, to be used for company and customer meetings, is located above a portion of the office area.

Special features of the building include:

A pneumatic tube system which connects the credit and bookkeeping departments with sales and shipping departments.

A tool information library centrally located so that complete information is available quickly and easily to all sales personnel;

A special entrance and parking area for customers who order by telephone and pick up orders later;

A modern coffee and snack bar for employees and customers;

Dock-level shipping and receiving doors capable of handling the largest trucks;

A ground-level warehouse entrance.

The building is so built around the Wessendorff, Nelms operation that a visitor touring it will get a firsthand look at how the company manages to keep track of the thousands of tools it handles.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**WESSENDORFF, NELMS & CO.**

We Are Proud To Have Installed  
 The Plumbing In Your Fine New Building

**HOTMANN**  
**PLUMBING COMPANY**

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**Assortment Of Tools On Display**

Anyone with a passion for tools can spend hours browsing in the new 8000-square-foot Wessendorff, Nelms & Co. showroom and never look at the same tool twice.

Displayed in this big, air-conditioned room is one of the broadest assortments of quality tools to be found in any

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1911 Westheimer JA 6-1745

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), December 9, 1956: 95. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&dcref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161FE17D6F15CF24%402435817-161FE07D1708D274%4094-161FE07D1708D274%40>

1911 Westheimer

c.1963 advertisement for washer/dryer dealers (United States Steel - USS)



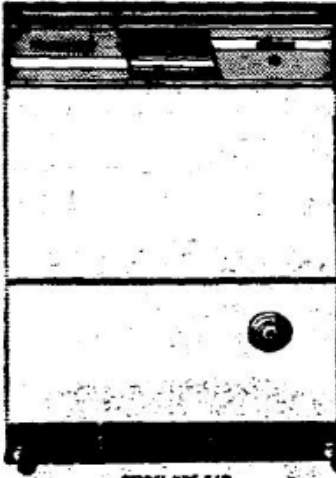


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**Plumbing  
Company**

**JA 6-1745**

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*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), December 4, 1963: 94. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
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### 1911 Westheimer

Owners c. 1945 through c.1968: Banks Hotmann (Plumbing)

Hotmann Plumbing Co – office, garage, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment and shed

NEW TOTAL FOR 1968

A SHOP + DEC	1485	@	7.00	=	10,400
B APARTMENT	1247	@	6.00	=	7,480
C GARAGE	1247	@	2.50	=	3,120
D OLD SHED					200
			100%	=	21,200
			City 40%	=	8,480
			Schedul 53%	=	11,240
			Co 20%	=	4,240

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 HOTMAN PLUMBING CO  
 1711 WESTHEIMER  
 LOT 3 BLK 3  
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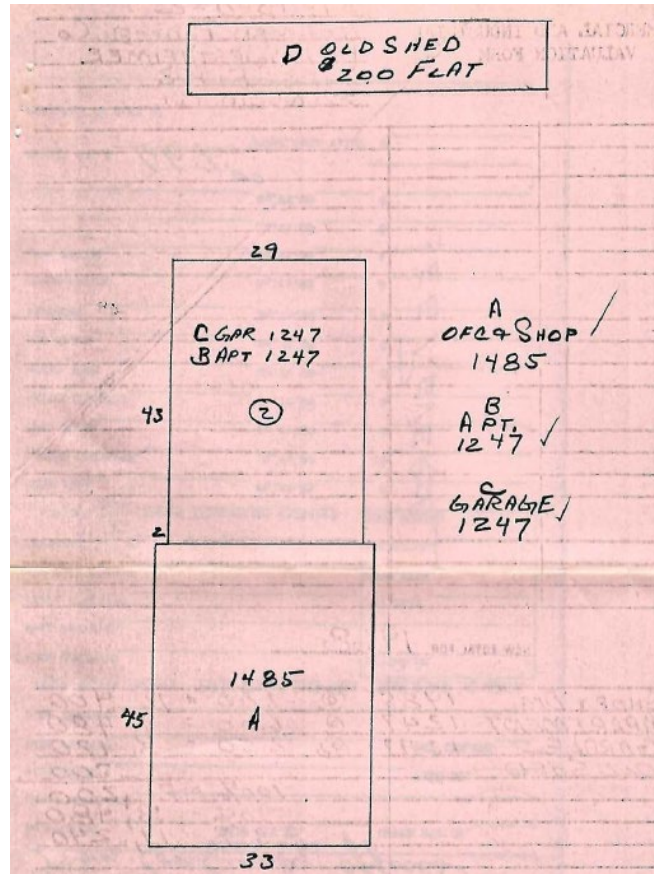


IMAGE COURTESY HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

1911 Westheimer

Owners or Renters: 1974: The Maxwell Plumbing Co.

Repair Service, 7002 Lawndale • Kitchen Designers Inc., 6131 Kirby Dr. • The Maxwell Plumbing Co., **1911 Westheimer** • John Moore Plumbing Co., 2222 Campbell • The World's Greatest Plumber: Joe Nettles, 5618 SW Freeway • Pereira

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), May 12, 1974: 308. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current*.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-16347D335F81C28D%402442180-163466326E605F6F%40307-163466326E605F6F%40>.

### **1911 Westheimer – Owners from HCAD**

Ownership History: 0542190000003	
1911 WESTHEIMER RD HOUSTON TX 77098	
Owner	Effective Date
T CON PROPERTIES LTD	08/16/1995
MAXWELL JERRY D	11/21/1986

State Class Code	
F1 -- Real, Commercial	
Land Area	Building Area
6,735 SF	4,202

### **1911 Westheimer**

**Business c1996: Quatrine Washable Furniture**

pillow is the unlikely combination of suede and suede fringe with intricate, almost Victorian-looking beading, for \$550.

■ The main event at Quatrine Washable Furniture, the new shop at **1911 Westheimer**, is custom slip-covered furniture. Cushy sofas and chairs with machine-washable slipcovers feature dressy to casual fabrics. The only other items for sale are incredibly delicate-looking lighting fixtures from Venice.

These unusual Venetia Studium chandeliers and lamps, which Quatrine is introducing to Houston, are

licensed reproductions of original turn-of-the-century designs by the fabled Fortuny company. Translucent silk is stretched over the fixtures' metal frames, then hand-painted with one of several intricate patterns.

Most of the designs are chandeliers, but the wall sconce and the floor lamp are suspended cone shapes. Silk tassels and Murano glass beads add the finishing touches. The fixtures start at \$775 for a wall sconce. A floor lamp is \$1,780, complete with a Fortuny-pleated silk velvet cover for the base.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), December 12, 1996: 144. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current*.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-171A74A516848970%402450430-17190608C5847A24%40143-17190608C5847A24%40>.



# SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORICAL RESEARCH

1915 Westheimer – Owners c. 1930: Angelina M. Puccio

Home address: 2516 Navigation

Map No. _____ Addition <u>Winlow Place</u> Block <u>3</u> Lot <u>4</u> OWNER <u>Puccio, Angelina M. W/R</u> ADDRESS <u>2516 Navigation</u> TYPE OF PROPERTY <u>Occupied</u> OCCUPIED VACANT BASEMENT, Whole Part _____ FOUNDATION, Concrete, Stone, Brick, Piers, Posts. _____ WALLS, Brick _____ Stone _____ Hollow Tile, Stucco, Metal, Concrete Blocks, Box _____ Weatherboard _____ ROOF CONS., Concrete, Steel, Wood Truss _____ ROOF, Hip, Gable, Mansard, Flat _____ ROOFING, Composition, Metal, Slate, Wood, Shingles, Tile, Asbestos _____ EXTERIOR TRIM, Stone, Terra Cotta, Metal, Wood, Marble, Granite _____	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">IMPROVEMENTS</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">No. Sq. Ft. <u>1276</u></td> <td style="width: 30%;">Price Per Sq. Ft. <u>340</u></td> <td style="width: 40%;">\$ <u>4340</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" rowspan="3" style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"> </td> <td>Percent Good <u>75</u> <u>3250</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Bldgs. <u>40</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total All Bldgs. <u>3290</u> <u>1320.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">LAND VALUE</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Front x Depth</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Unit Value</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Factor</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>50x130.75</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>@ 10</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>2260</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>900.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>420-1660</u></td> </tr> </table>	IMPROVEMENTS			No. Sq. Ft. <u>1276</u>	Price Per Sq. Ft. <u>340</u>	\$ <u>4340</u>			Percent Good <u>75</u> <u>3250</u>	Other Bldgs. <u>40</u>	Total All Bldgs. <u>3290</u> <u>1320.</u>	LAND VALUE			Front x Depth	Unit Value	Factor	<u>50x130.75</u>	<u>@ 10</u>	<u>2260</u>			<u>900.</u>			TOTAL			<u>420-1660</u>
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**1915 Westheimer**

**Owners c. 1950: Hotmann Plumbing Co. (same as 1911)**

**Harris County  
BUILDING ASSESSMENT  
Houston, Texas**

Permit No. 5287

Vol. 54 Page 219 217 9.30 19 49

Owner Hotman plby co

No. 1915 Westheimer Street

Survey or Addition Window pl

Abst. Lot or Trk. 4 Blk. 3

**Size of Building**

\_\_\_\_\_ wide \_\_\_\_\_ deep \_\_\_\_\_ stories

\_\_\_\_\_ wide \_\_\_\_\_ deep \_\_\_\_\_ stories

Remarks Stone Blk 48 x 80  
Olding gone

Material: Frame, Siding, Brick, Veneer, Stucco, C/Iron, Asbestos, Tile, Gyplap, Imitation Brick, Aluminum, Rock Veneer, Reinforced Concrete Masonry

Inside Finish: Papered, Pine, Sheet Rock, Plastered, Paneled, Celotex, Plywood, None

Floors: Pine, Oak, Cement, Tile, Asphalt Tile Conc

Roofing: Shingle, Asbestos, Composition, Paper, Tar and Gravel, Slate, Tile, Tin, C/Iron, Copper, Aluminum

Plumbing: With or Without Bath

Foundation: Solid Concrete, Concrete Piers, Concrete Blocks, Brick Piers, Wood Blocks, Solid Brick, Concrete Slab

Permit Value \$ 18000

No. Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Sq. Ft. 38400 - 400 Per Sq. Ft. 15360

7-20-50 +4480

1981 new total Assessed Value of Building \$ 6140

B Rendered in name of \_\_\_\_\_

Hotmann plumbing co

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1915 Westheimer

c. 1949: brick cottage to be moved off property



Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), August 11, 1949: 61. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-16120D453A4C3A6D%402433140-16120B29F7A97E68%4060-16120B29F7A97E68%40>.

1915 Westheimer

Owners c. 1950: Hotmann Plumbing Co.

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Harris County  
BUILDING ASSESSMENT  
Houston, Texas

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Vol. 54 Page 219 Permit No. 4636  
217 Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Date 5-13 1953

Owner Hotmann Plumbing  
No. 1915 Westheimer Street  
Survey or Addition Window fl

Abst. \_\_\_\_\_ Lot or Tr. 4 Blk. 3

Type \_\_\_\_\_ Residential \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_  
Industrial \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Fab. \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior: Permacrete — Rock — Brick Veneer — Frame — Stucco — Concrete Tile — Claytile — Cedar Shakes — Composition — Shingle — Redwood.  
Interior: Sheetrock — Plastered — Paneled — Cellotex — Plywood — None.  
Floors: Oak — Plywood — Cement — Tile — Pine — Azrock — Higgins — Terrazzo — None.  
Roofing: Shingle — Asbestos — Terra-Cotta — Tile — Composition — Slate — Copper — C-Iron, Tar and Gravel.  
Foundation: Concrete Slab — Piers — Blocks, Beams — Brick — Piers-Wood.  
Plumbing: 1 Tile — 2 Tile — 3 Tile — Other: None.  
Climatizers: Dual Temp. Ac—Tons, Attic Ventilation—Central Heat Unit—Gas Stoves—None.  
Electrical Equipment: Part—All—Sprinklers.  
Condition: New — Good — Fair — Poor — Obsolete.

Air Cond + Repair  
unit due air cond

Permit Val. 1100  
Year Built \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:  
3840 e 4.25' = 16320

Moved here \_\_\_\_\_ From 7390  
No. Sq. Ft. 5-5-54 Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Sq. Ft. 1955 New lotus Per Sq. Ft. \_\_\_\_\_  
Assessed Value of Building 6520  
Hotmann Plumbing Co

IMAGE COURTESY HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

## 1915 Westheimer

### c. 1952: Ceramic studio equipment for sale

**Ceramic studio fixtures, counters,  
wall shelving, tables, molds and 3  
kilns. 1915 Westheimer, JU-7373.**

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), June 5, 1952: 40. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161BEB9750707A12%402434169-161B4A3D80E84F60%4039-161B4A3D80E84F60%40>.

**5  
MEN**  
**To Assist Sales Manager**  
Earn while you train. Must be  
neat appearing, ambitious, own  
automobile. \$6000-\$15,000 per an-  
num if you qualify.  
**APPLY**  
**1915 WESTHEIMER**  
Appointment only 9 to 11—2 to 4.

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), August 4, 1952: 30. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161CF2FBF639B5B8%402434229-161B507510171C78%4029-161B507510171C78%40>.

### c. 1953: Help Wanted – Kitty Wallace Shop

**Need 2 alteration ladies, must be  
experienced, pleasant working con-  
ditions, good salary, 5-day week.  
Apply in person. Kitty Wallace  
Shop, 1915 Westheimer at McDuf-  
fie.**

*Houston Chronicle* (Houston, Texas), May 12, 1953: 42. *NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.*  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161B5F2726187510%402434510-161B478FE3DF4BB8%4041-161B478FE3DF4BB8%40>.

## 1915 Westheimer

c. 1954: store sale?

Furniture, paintings, silverware, chinaware, glassware, Lusters, brassware, fireside accessories, decorative accessories. Everything for the better home at give-away price. 1915 Westheimer

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), December 2, 1954: 45. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-161BB8DF1C2FABF1%402435079-161BAE482110C734%4044-161BAE482110C734%40>

c. 1961: remodel fir Kitty's Fur Shop, leased by Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wallace, 5 more years

**Kitty's Fur Shop  
Is Given New Look**

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wallace, 8114 Montridge, have renewed a lease for five years for their Kitty Wallace Shop at 1915 Westheimer, and invested more than \$5000 in remodeling and in building a refrigerated vault.

The lease was made with Banks Hottman, owner of a masonry store building of two spaces. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace own and operate a fur shop and a ladies' dress shop in the name of the wife who has been identified with the fur business in Houston for 20 years.

Wallace said the humidity-controlled vault is 16 by 20 feet in size and was designed by Walter Haertel Co. of Minneapolis.

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), March 19, 1961: 40. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current. <https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-1622663DC0969D76%402437378-161F44CA423E363A%4039-161F44CA423E363A%40>

**1915 Westheimer**

c. 1967: up for lease

**RENT OR Lease: 1915 Westheimer.  
Near Shephera. 1072' air conditioned  
building, JA 6-1745.**

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), October 26, 1967: 55. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-1647C200198877E4%402439790-16477DC416F80CD6%4054-16477DC416F80CD6%40>.

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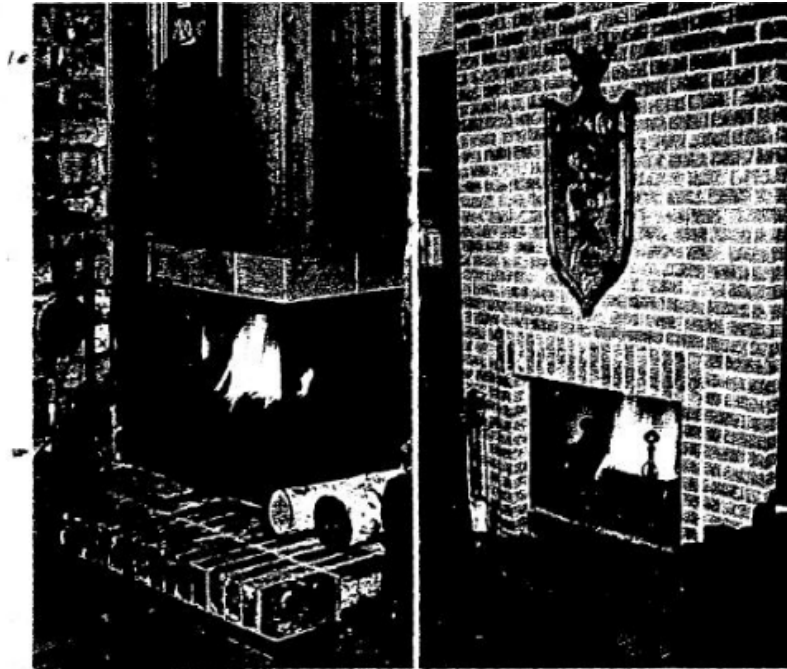


**BILT RITE BUILDERS**  
**1915 WESTHEIMER**  
DEPENDABLE HOME REMODELERS—CALL NIGHTS OR SUNDAYS

Houston Chronicle (Houston, Texas), June 4, 1968: 3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current.  
<https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=AMNEWS&docref=image/v2%3A14DB39C1C40322B4%40EANX-NB-162D72665728A0E2%402440012-162BCA455C1FFA08%402-162BCA455C1FFA08%40>.

## 1915 Westheimer

c. 1968: Bilt Rite Builders Showroom



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## c. 1950 - 1986: "Kitty Wallace Shop" custom furs and storage

### Restyling transforms old furs

By CHRYL LAFAYRE YORKS  
Houston Chronicle Fashion Writer

For many young women, the dream of owning a fur seems a financial impossibility. But restyling Grassy's ancient and outmoded mink jacket may offer new hope for the ownership dream.

Houston's newest furrier, Robert D. Koslow, recently conducted a series of fur clinics in his new Post Oak salon. Koslow said restyling a fur is advantageous during the summer months because the fur business slows down as temperatures climb and women's thoughts turn from fur to linen and cotton.

"We like to keep our skilled crafts people busy, so we don't lose them to someone else. So instead of making as many new coats for us in the summer, we try to encourage customers interested in restyling not to put it off until cold weather sets in. People can expect to save as much as 25 percent by restyling their fur in the summer," he said.

Determining whether a fur is a good candidate for restyling requires careful inspection. Terry Doch, managing director of Koslow's, said usually the decision can be made from an external examination, but if there is any doubt, the fur will be tested before any restyling work has begun.

Kitty Wallace, whose custom apparel shop specializes in fur restyling, also says customers can expect to save at least 20 percent on restyling in the summer. "Summer is our slow time," she said, "and we don't have to work overtime to complete our work. When a customer starts to go somewhere, the fur will be ready. When fall comes, everybody wants to have it done. You can't restyle a fur overnight."

Although no promises are made, fur restyling in the summer can be completed in "a couple of weeks, if necessary," Wallace said. In the winter, it's "first come, first served."

She agrees it's possible to determine if a fur can be successfully restyled by simply peering behind the lining to examine the condition of the skins. Skins that are too dried out cannot be restyled into a coat that will endure. If the fur is in good shape, it is cleaned and glazed, and reworked into the new silhouette.

The restyling process involves updating the silhouette of an existing fur by taking it apart completely, cleaning and glazing it, and then reassembling it. Additional pelts may be mingled with existing pelts when restyling a fur. This is often the case when a jacket or coat must be lengthened.

But adding pelts is not the only way



Restyling an outmoded fur can mean a world of difference to an outdated silhouette, and it can mean a new lease on life for a stole or cape.

to restyle. Outmoded mink stoles and capes (rarely worn today) can be supplemented with leather or suede to make a new-looking coat or jacket. This costs a good deal less than if she had to purchase additional fur pelts. Hats, flings or mufflers are other options.

Many vintage furs are better quality than those purchased today, says Wallace, making restyling an affordable but also attractive alternative to a new coat purchase. Still, the vintage fur must be in prime condition for restyling. Furs keep their good looks when stored properly, and cleaned and glazed regularly. (Koslow's recom-

mends cleaning and glazing yearly.) The cost of restyling varies. Most important is the condition of the fur and its natural underfur. Another variable is the amount of fur compared with the amount required for the new coat. It could be anywhere from \$700 to \$2,500, depending on how extensive the restyling. Labor and skins are the two primary areas of cost — both depend on the fur's condition.

Therefore, each said, caring for your fur now is all the more important. Proper care now assures a long life and even an afterlife — restyled as a horse of a different color, so to speak.

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## c. 2002: "Kitty Wallace aka "The Lady Furrier" passes at 89. 40 years in business (c1950-1990)

### WALLACE

**KITTY WALLACE**, 89, passed away Saturday, March 9, 2002, after a brief illness. Born in North Carolina, she was a resident of Houston for 60 years. For over 40 years, she ran her own business and was known across the nation as "The Lady Furrier". She was a member of the Eastern Star, Ransford Chapter #135 and Houston's First Baptist. Mrs. Wallace was preceded in death by her husband, June Wallace and is survived by her son, Paul Wallace and many wonderful friends. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Waltrip Funeral Directors, 1415 Campbell Rd. Graveside services and interment will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in Memorial Oaks Cemetery, 13001 Katy Frwy. at Eldridge.

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c. 1996: "Ohio Grange Restaurant" - second restaurant from people behind Empire Café (1732 Westheimer) Smoot and Patrick Hull to open

# Producer donates visit to movie set

**T**HE Sunday snooper: Movie producer Patrick Markey was in from L.A. last week on a breather from filming his new flick, *Horse Whisperer*, on location in Montana; it stars Robert Redford. While here, Markey gifted the live auction of the M.D. Anderson benefit Saturday night with a three-day visit to the set of that movie.



**Maxine Mesinger**  
Big City Beat

The benefit celebrated Marvin Zindler's 75th birthday and marked the retirement of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center President Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre. Markey's producing credits also include *Bogus*, starring Whoopi Goldberg; *A River Runs Through It*, starring Redford; and *The Joy Luck Club*. While here, Markey had dinner at Houston chum Jeanelle Swanson's abode; among other guests at the dinner were Smoot and Cinda Hull; Patrick's sister, Kathy Markey; Jeanelle's sons, Jay and Lee Swanson; and Lee's date, Dawn Wood. Smoot and Patrick are in the restaurant biz together here. Their first, Empire Cafe at 1732 Westheimer near Woodhead, is a big success, and they're putting finishing decorating touches on their second, the Ohio Grange Restaurant at 1915 Westheimer; it'll open soon. When Patrick winds up his business with Smoot, he'll head to Deauville, France, for the annual Deauville Film Festival; *Bogus* will be premiering there.

■ The black-tie Houston Grand Opera Wine Classic is set for Sept. 27 in the great-look-



Making plans for the black-tie Houston Grand Opera Wine Classic, set for Sept. 27, are, from left, George and Eileen Hricik, Gerald Schissler and Donna Hern.

ing art deco lobby of Texas Commerce Bank downtown. The Classic's co-chair George Hricik and wife Eileen, a committee member, hosted a meeting in their home recently of the other co-chairs, John Hern and Gerald Schissler, and committee members to lay out final plans. Christle's wine expert Ursula Hermacinski will be the auctioneer and Channel 13's Bob Boudreaux will emcee. Five chefs from Small Luxury Hotels of the World are being flown

in to work with Houston caterer Jackson Hicks to prepare a special five-course vintner dinner. In addition to the dinner wines, superb wines will be sold in live and silent auctions, as will wine-related trips, merchandise and events. For more info, call Judy Waters at 546-0242. Incidentally, the University of Houston's Sidney Berger says Boudreaux is an avid Shakespeare fan and performer; this was his seventh season as a cast member in UH's recently concluded

Houston Shakespeare Festival. This year the plays were *Macbeth* and *A Winter's Tale*, and Boudreaux was in both.

■ Foley's exec art director Sara Zimmerman and pals Barbara Hachenberg and Bill Boyer hosted an elegant dinner at Sara's home to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Charisse Dansereau and Julian Clark. They were married Saturday. Baker Hughes Inc. CEO Jim Woods and wife Jeanette celebrated one year of wedded bliss Monday night at Tony's, telling friends "life just gets better every day." ... Harriet Gertner and Mary Kay Freeman will celebrate their joint birthdays Thursday at a big luncheon at Hunan, Saks Pavilion. ... Steve Nettles had a farewell party at Cody's last week, his last day at the Montrose Clinic. He has joined Merck Pharmaceuticals.

■ The Fashion Group International of Houston's tea-time event, "Six Decades of Fashion," will be Sept. 12 at the Junior League and will commemorate the fabulous career of Fashion Group member Elsa Rosborough, a high-fashion designer model whose career spans 55 years. Elsa's career in photographic, television, fashion runway and showroom modeling for Victor Costa and Bergdorf Goodman spans six decades. Elsa had many opportunities to go to N.Y. early on in her career, but she nixed them all in favor of marriage and motherhood. She and Jim Rosborough have been married for 48 years and have four children and eight grandchildren. Elsa also has devoted time to teaching, at UH at one time, as well as being active in various community projects. No one could deserve the honor more. Chronicle fashion editor Linda Gillan Griffin will do the commentary on the fashion show and First Lady Elyse Lanier is honorary chair of the event. For information, call Patsy Flowers at 718-6801.

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## 1915 Westheimer

# Sabine to take Grange location

Sabine owners Bill Johnson, wife Alisa and brother Tom are relocating the restaurant to **1915 Westheimer**, formerly occupied by the Grange. The opening is anticipated for May 1.

Aaron Guest, the executive chef since the inception of Sabine, will continue at the helm in the kitchen.

Sabine will remain open at its current location at 2606 Sunset until shortly before opening on Westheimer.

## DIGEST



ered with green chocolate and four-leaf clovers.

### Alfresco dining

P.F. Chang's China Bistro, 4094 Westheimer, recently opened a patio

located on the second floor. Saks Fifth Avenue store, are set-price, wine-tasting dinner beginning at 5 p.m., Mo Saturdays. The four-course are \$39.95. For reservations, call 627-0500, Ext. 5115.

■ Boulevard Bistrot, 4311 Westheimer, will celebrate the Spring Equinox at 6 p.m. March 19 with a menu of the early spring harvest wines. Cost is \$20. For reservations call 713-524-6922.

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## c. 2002: Ciros closes, Epoch Café Opens

**December** — Several restaurants opened last month, including a third Barnaby's Cafe at 414 W Gray and a second Redwood Grill at 8899 Katy Freeway. Meanwhile, fusion restaurant Epoch opened at **1915 Westheimer**, formerly Ciros Italian Grill and Sabine. Nearby, Cole's Restaurant opened at 2100 Waugh.

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Until c. 2002: Epoch Cafe

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**c. 2003: Chef g's Seafood and Steakhouse (chef Gower Idrees)**

DIGEST  
Restaurateurs regroup,  
buy real estate

**O**NE restaurant closes, another opens.

Restaurateur Jeff Annon is opening a Berryhill Tamales and Tacos in mid-January at 3407 Montrose, formerly Urbana restaurant.

Meanwhile, the location vacated by Epoch restaurant at 1915 Westheimer was snapped up by financial planner-turned-chef Gower Idrees. Slated to open Jan. 15, the restaurant has been rechristened Chef g's Seafood and Steakhouse.

**Restaurant openings**

■ Pappadeux Seafood Kitchen has opened at 18165



**Dai Huynh**

After closing Cafe Perrier this summer, chef Frederick Perrier recently resurfaced with a new venue, Perrier Seafood Co.

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c. 2008 Firkin & Phoenix opens: Soccer pub, World Cup c. 2010 to present day 2022

# Fans get behind favorite team

Businesses strive to meet surging demand

By JOSE DE JESUS ORTIZ  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

World Cup fever has hit Houston, spreading fast and furious out of Africa.

The 31-day, 32-team tournament kicks off this morning, with South Africa hosting Mexico in the opener and fellow Group A teams France and Uruguay meeting later in the day.

Restaurants, sports bars, pubs and soccer apparel outlets across the city are altering their schedules, opening earlier than usual to meet the demand of passionate fans.

Popular soccer pub Firkin & Phoenix, 1915 Westheimer, usually opens at 11 a.m. From now until the World Cup finale July 11, it will open at 8:30 a.m. most days.

"And depending on who's playing, we'll open at 6:30 a.m.," said Firkin & Phoenix manager Vu Truong. "For sure the U.S.-England game (Saturday) is going to be a big game for us. We've got probably 90 percent of the pub already reserved up. For that game for sure, we'll have a big crowd."



KAREN WARREN: CHRONICLE

**SALES PITCH:** Sarah Shull is one of thousands shopping for just the right piece of merchandise to show allegiance to a favorite country or player in the 2010 World Cup.

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The U.S. is bidding to host the World Cup in 2018 or 2022.

"The game keeps growing in our country," U.S. national team coach Bob Bradley said. "There are more and more people who follow MLS teams, more and more kids playing all over the place. The game has tremendous roots; it has diversity.

"So every time we step on the field as a national team, we represent all the people

strongest domestic competition, in the Premier League.

"Just because we're American, and in the world of football, people still don't think Americans can play," U.S. midfielder DaMarcus Beasley said. "We like being underdogs, we don't mind it. It's just part of the history and how the media portrays us and we're fine with that role."

## England's prestige

It's U.S. star Landon Dono-

to be an exciting match."

First things first, though. It all starts with South Africa against Mexico, which counts hundreds of thousands of fans in the Houston area.

As a testament to Mexico's popularity, it is nearly impossible to purchase *El Tri's* new black jersey, which the players will wear in the opener.

Mexico has traditionally sported its famed green jersey, which remains the best-selling soccer jersey in the U.S. At Pasadena's Soccer

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