



Genealogy of a House

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Today we'll cover...

Research tools available online and what kind of information you'll find there.

How OHP uses these tools to build narratives about properties in San Antonio and **how ScoutSA can help you learn about your home.**



SAPL Genealogy Desk

genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Texana and Genealogy Room at the Central Library

While there's onsite access to some of the tools we discuss today if you visit the Texana Room, some tools are also available through SAPL online.

Get a library card!

- Apply online at mysapl.org for immediate access to online databases.



Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Available online through SAPL:

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1904

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1911-24

1892

1911-51

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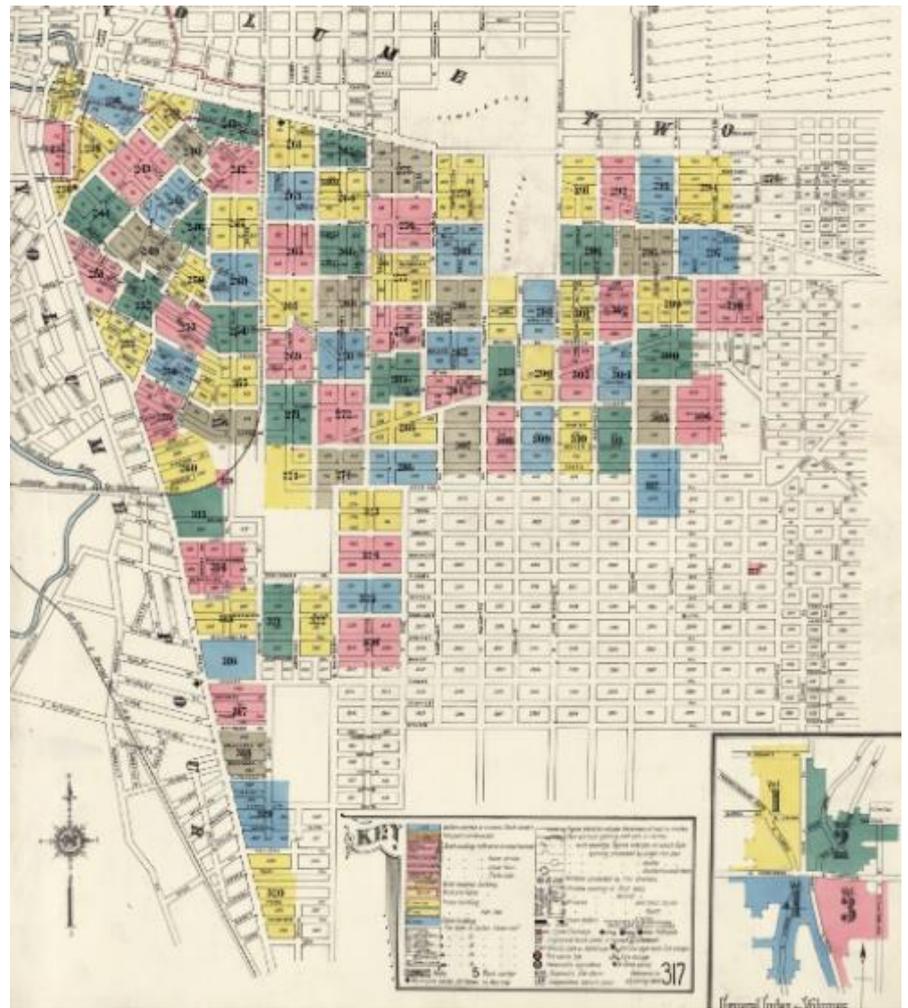
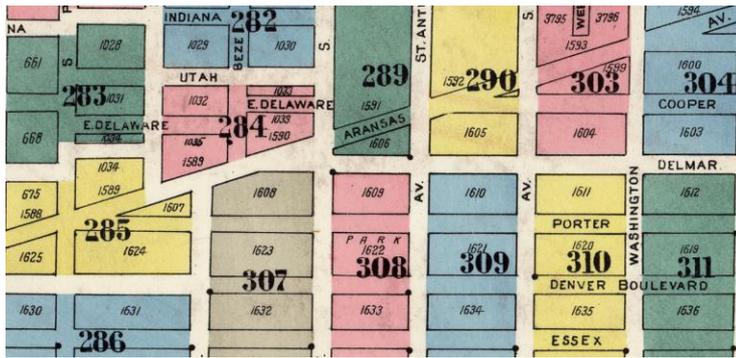
1911-52 (updated set)

Color maps from 1931, 1934, and 1938 are available by request from the SAPL Genealogy Desk.

UT PCL also has color maps available online for all years listed above 1877-1912, with some coverage in the 1920s.

Consult Sanborn maps first to see whether your house number or street name changed over time!





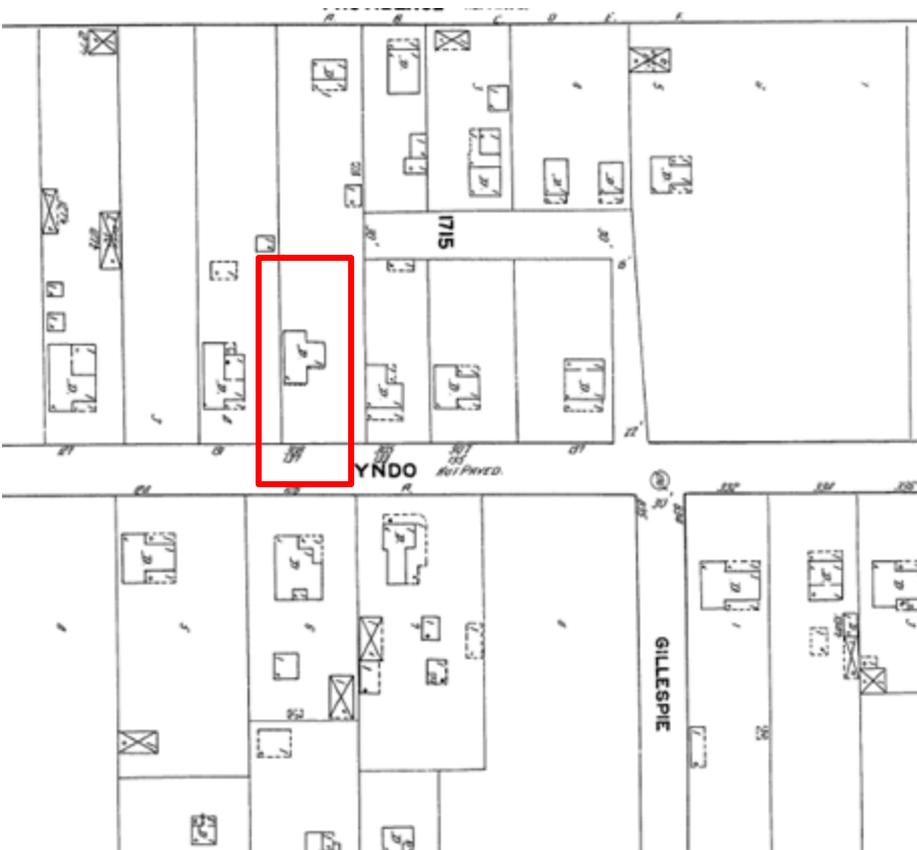
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- Volume
- Key
- Index

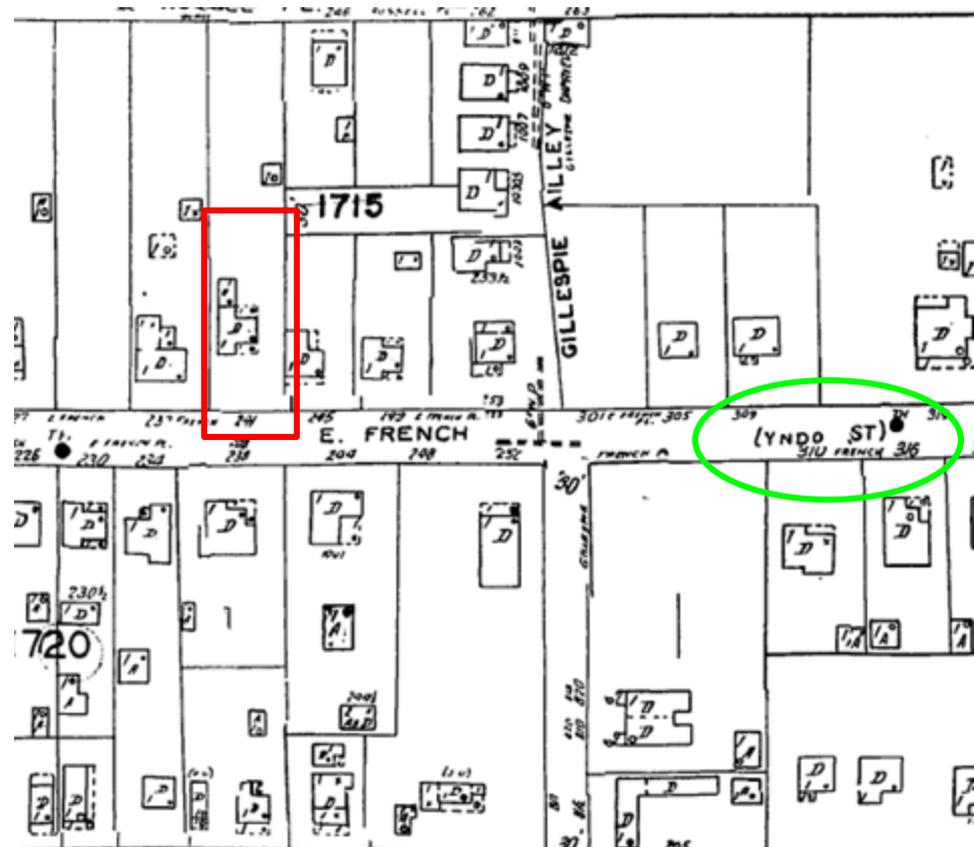
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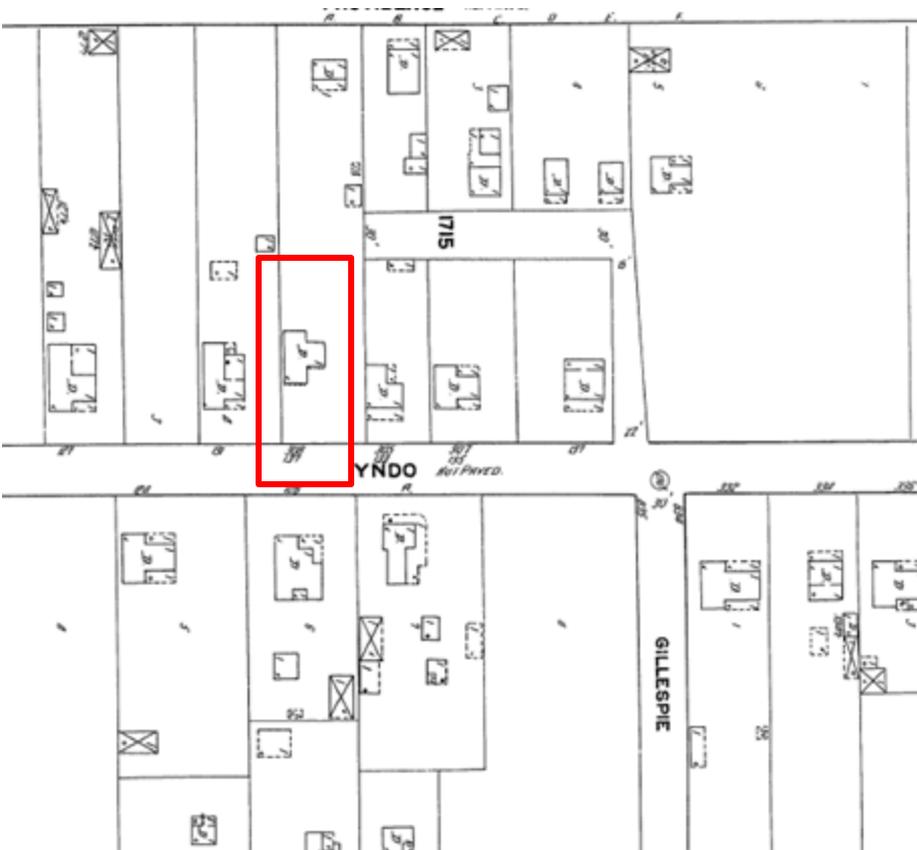
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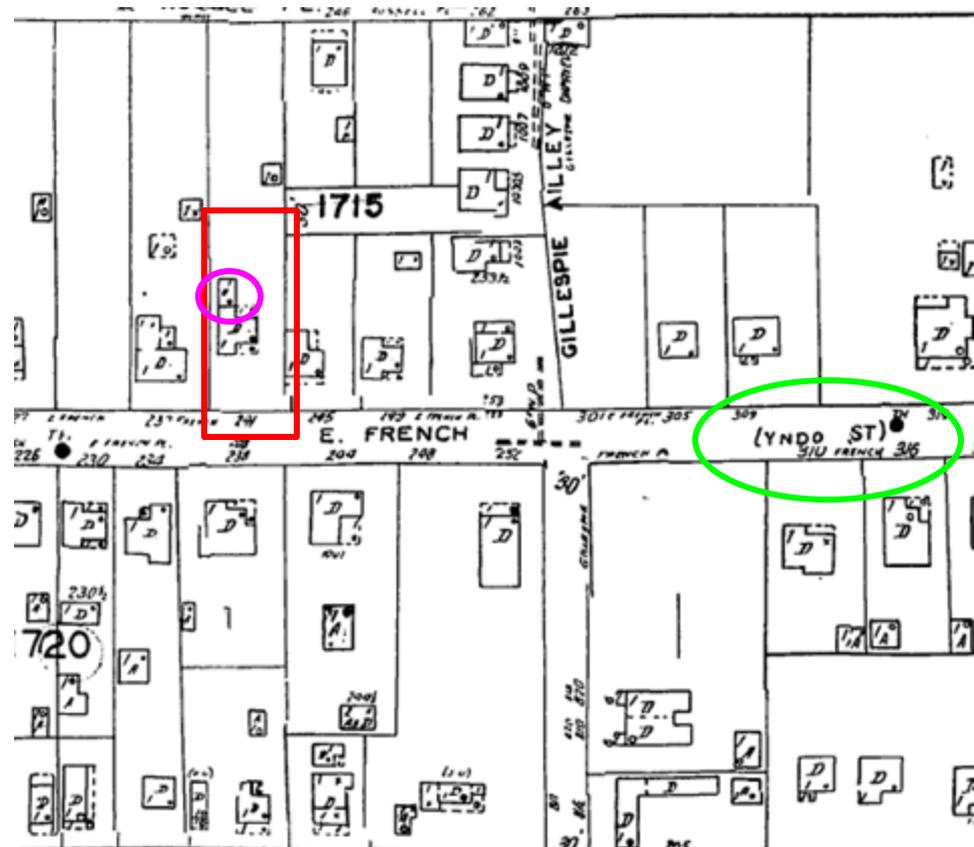
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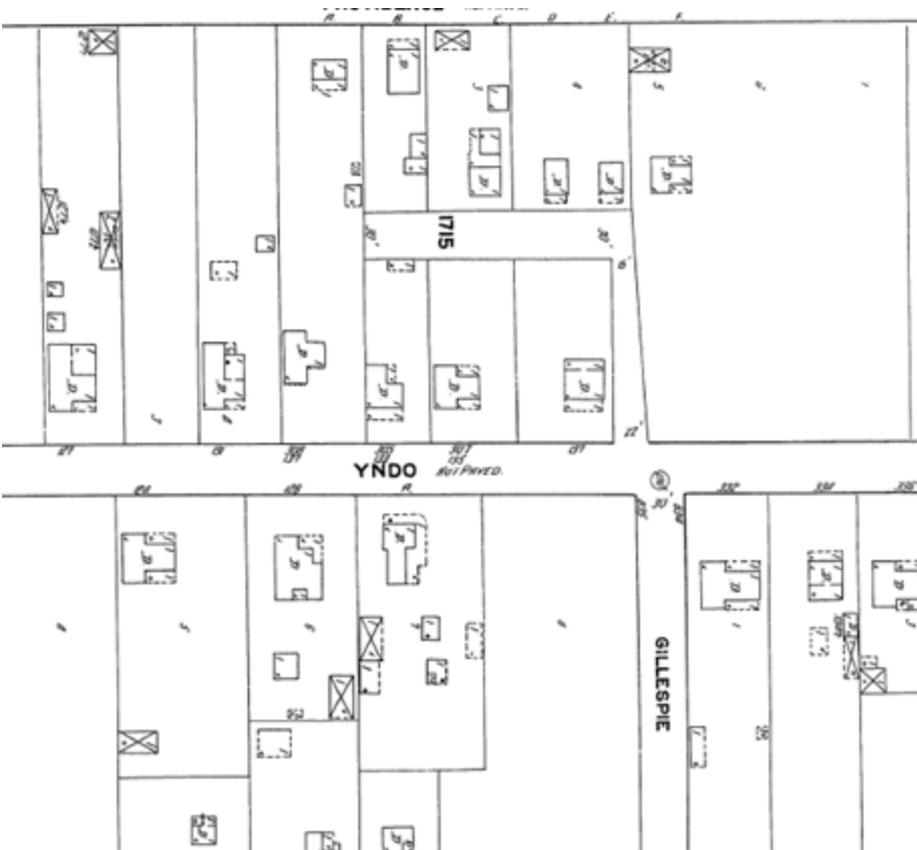
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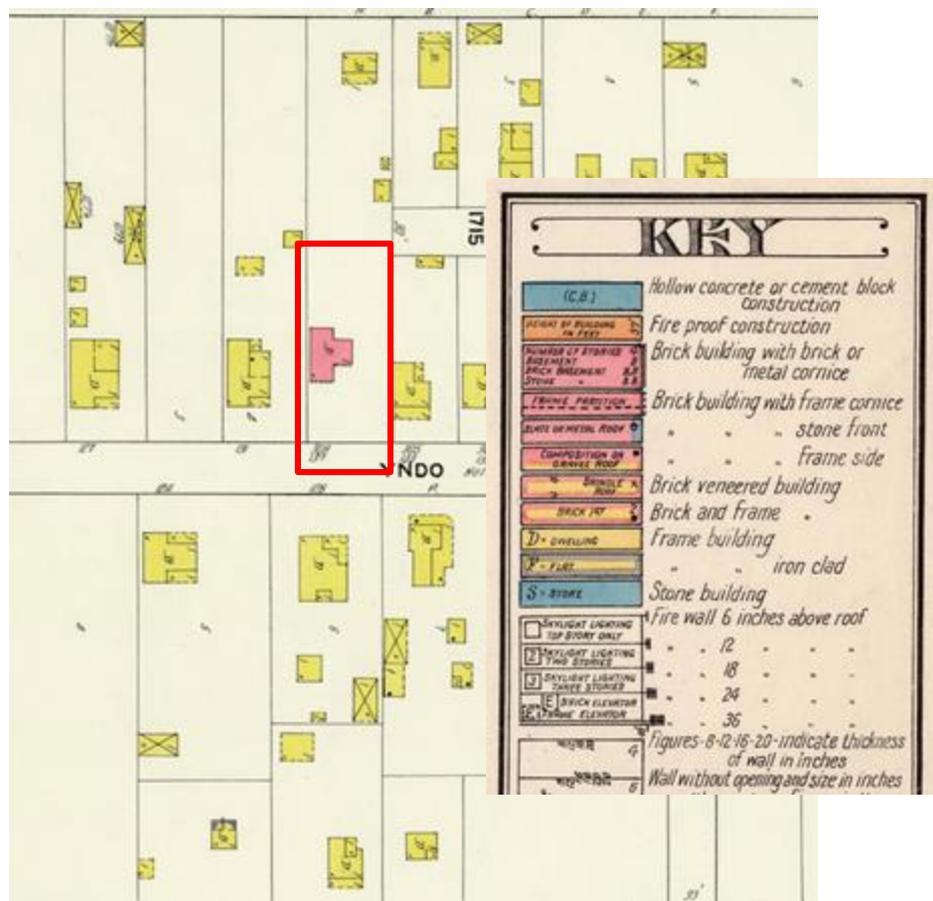
1951



1912 black and white



1912 color



241 E French Place



City Directories

1877 through 1960 available online through SAPL under HeritageQuest (Databases > H > HeritageQuest).

Not all years have a directory, and many volumes cover two years, eg 1910-11.

The Texana Room has hard copies of directories available for onsite use.



Browse Individual Records vs Keyword Search

Home **Search** HeritageQuest

Family History Books and Directories

Find information on your ancestors and where they lived

People Publications **City Directories**

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Year

Lived In Location

City, County, State, Country

Any Event

City, County, State, Country

Add family member: Spouse

Spouse First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Keyword Exact

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers" ▾

Publication Title

How to use the U.S. City Directories?

You'll discover more than your ancestor's name and address in city directories. Download our guide, [6 Things to Find in City Directories](#), to learn more.

Related data collections

[U.S. Federal Census Collection](#)

[1940 United States Federal Census](#)

The 1940 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1940, with details about a household's occupants that include birthplaces,



Browse Individual Records vs Keyword Search

Home Search HeritageQuest

All U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995 results for Gobbledygook

Search Filters

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1 more search fields:
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Anything:

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U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995

This database is a collection of city directories for various years and cities in the U.S. Generally a city directory will contain an alphabetical list of its citizens, listing the names of the...

[Learn more about this database...](#)
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View Record	Name	Residence Year	Residence Place	Spouse	View Images
Your Search for Gobbledygook returned zero good matches					
Why? Although there may be many good matches for your ancestor in our content, we can't return good matches without more information.					
What should you do? * Add details about your ancestor – even an educated guess can increase your chances of getting a high-quality match.					



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To browse this image set, select from the options below.

State

Texas ▼

City or County

San Antonio ▼

Year

1892 ▼

Title

San Antonio, Texas, City Directory, 1892

Browse Individual Records vs Keyword Search

U.S. City Directories, 1872-1995

Texas > San Antonio > 1892 > San Antonio, Texas, City Directory, 1892

Save

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THE

City n Antonio

1877

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Browse by Street vs Name: 1622 W Huisache Individual Landmark, Beacon Hill

HUISACHE AV W—Contd
Maryland Apts—Contd
 110Goebbels Emma Mrs
 120Kirkpatrick Trudy S Mrs
 SanPedro Intersects
 4080Pokloff Max ©
 4110Nevill Wm G ©
 4110Robinson Mollie S Mrs
 rear Vacant

N Calaveras Intersects
 16020Wright Richd C
 △Henry Robt E ©
 16070Genard Leo P
 16080Brock Norman H ©
 16100Ximenes Edw T ©
 16110Fields Medina Mrs ©
 16120Smith Jos S
 16150Loeloff Charlotte Mrs ©
 16160Brown Jas M jr ©
 16190Kuhl Jerome L ©
 16220White Richd N ©
 16230Rau Arth E ©
 16260Lassiter French O ©
 16270Mally Mattie T Mrs ©
 16280Woolley Glen C ©
 16300Wright Buel N ©
 16310Hefley Wm T
 16370Mathis Gladys
 16410Johnson E H Mrs

Raymond (Nellie) carp r1731 E Commerce
 Raymond E (Margt) USA h114 Cleveland blvd
 Rebecca emp Tex State Emp Serv r1224 Main av
 " Reber C (Nancy) emp SA Transit Co h1531 W
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 Richd W (Mary F) buyer SA Cattle Co h323
 Drake av
 Robt lab Kelly Fl
 " Robt A carp Ft S
 " Robt B USA h351
 Robt B student r3
 Robt C (Mildred)
 " Robt L USA h124
 Robt L (Ora) whs
 h1802 W Housto



Other Information in City Directories

NINTH.

102—Dr & G Watts (h) 4.
103—Baylor Hospital (Bessie E
Baylor) (h) 4.
105—Lee W Earnest (h) 4.
113—Jonathan Bowman (h) 6.
114—J H Morison (h) 6.
116—B D Kimmis (h) 5.
120—J N Brown (h) 3.
136—Mrs M E Jackson (r) 6.
138—W B Goforth (r) 2.
210—Vacant.
309—Mrs Annie Hoarel (r) 3.
310—H Thornton (r) 2.
315—C Grice (c) (r) 6.
315—rear—Cornelia Grice (c) (r) 4.
326—Vacant.
414—Mrs E Howard (r) 2.
416—E F Boyle (r) 4.
417—G W Derr (r) 2.
422—Chas Townsend (c) (r) 4.
425—G C King (r) 4.
426—Ed Garrison (c) (r) 5.
427—Vacant.
428—C Green (c) (r) 4.
429—A C Jonas (h) 4.
432—Geo Spurrier (r).
432, rear—M J Wheeler (c) (r) 2.
436—W M Williams (h) 3.

Ninth St, 1909 City Directory

h = homeowner

= residents at this address

r = renter

rear = accessory dwelling

c = Black resident

Vacant (self-explanatory)



Other Information in City Directories

Raymond (Nelle) carp r1731 E Commerce
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Drake av
Robt lab Kelly Field r723 S Pine
" Robt A carp Ft Sam Houston r1526 Mission rd
" Robt B USA h3511 Broadway apt 9
Robt B student r320 Army blvd
Robt C (Mildred) radio repr h113 Meerscheidt
" Robt L USA h1248 Santa Anna
Robt L (Ora) whsemn Scobey Fireproof Storage
h1802 W Houston

Searching by last name may provide information about the resident's employer, which can sometimes help build a case for eligibility.

Not shown in our examples:

- wid [man's name] = the woman listed is a widow; will occasionally include the date of husband's death
- Names of adult children living at the same address
- Under Constr (build date!)
- No response (structure is there, but no reported resident)



Newspaper Research

OHP uses **NewspaperArchive.com** (subscription service)

- Available onsite at any SAPL computer

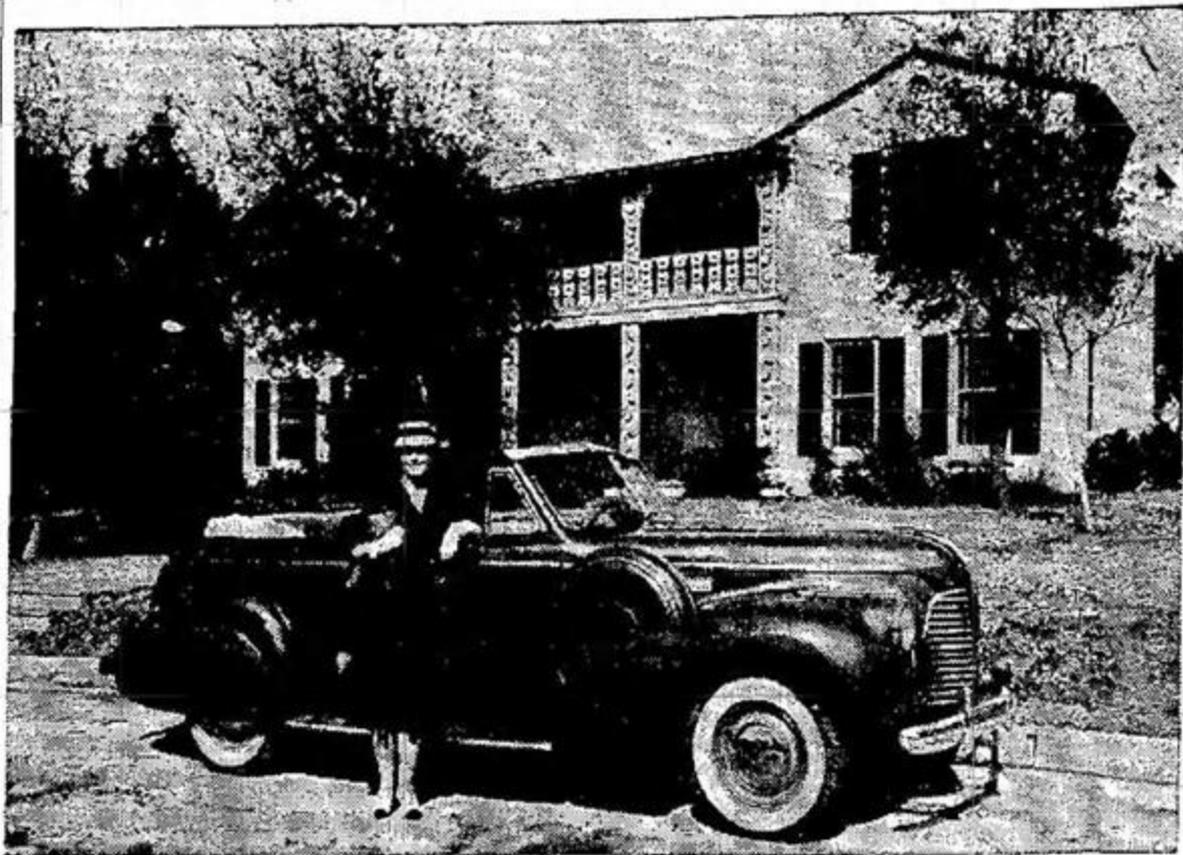
Newspaper Source Plus available through SAPL online (Databases > N > Newspaper Source Plus)

Express-News online is more helpful for recent history, but worth searching!

Portal to Texas History has the Express-News and Register archives.

Institute for Texan Cultures has the San Antonio *Light* photo collection.

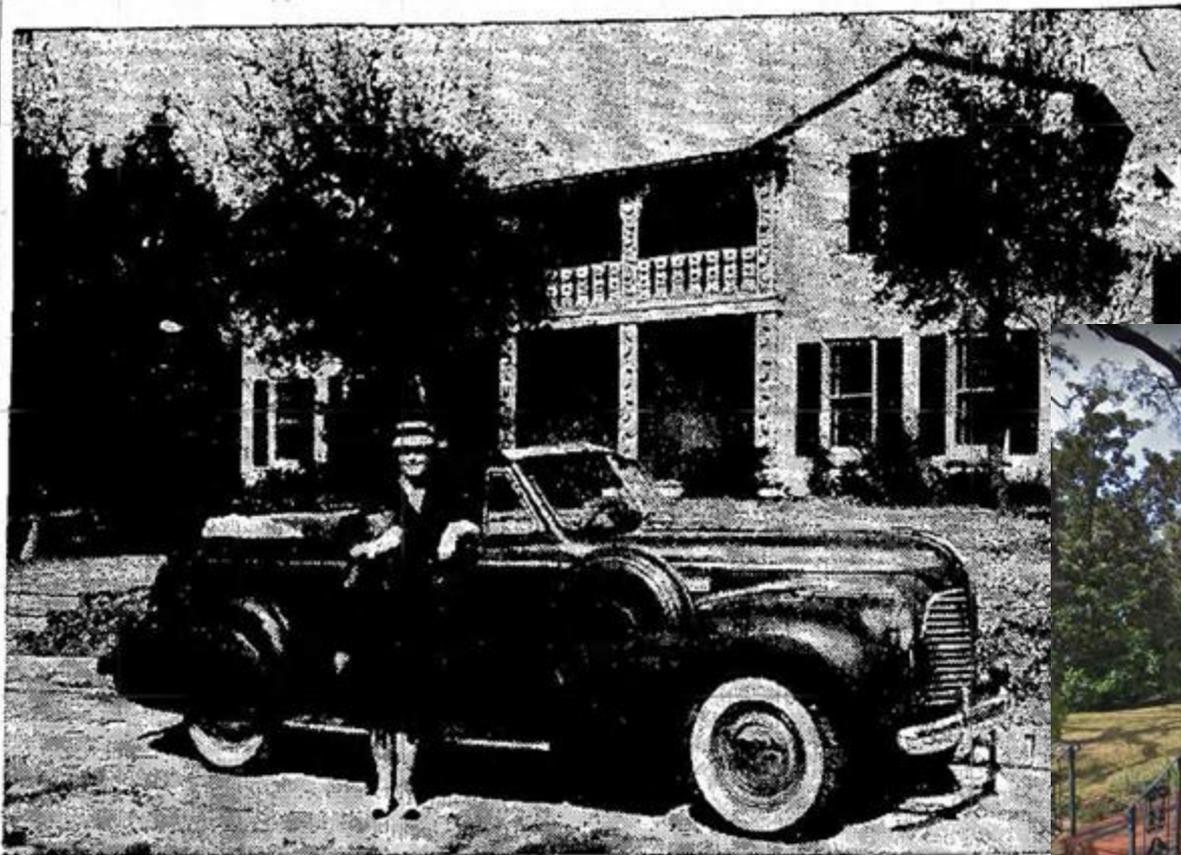




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247 E Summit Ave Monte Vista LHD

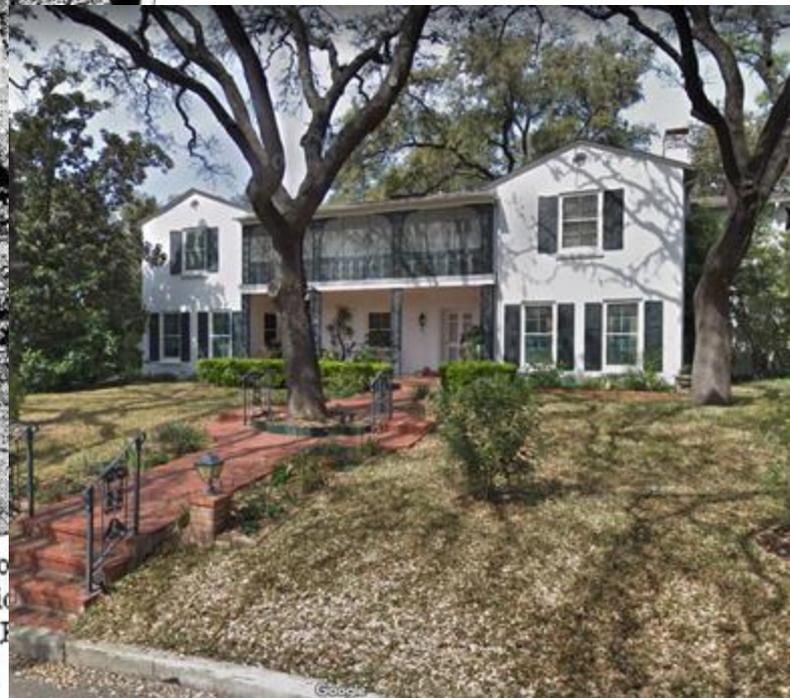
San Antonio *Express*,
17 March 1940, p. 10C.



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New Bungalow—Highland Park

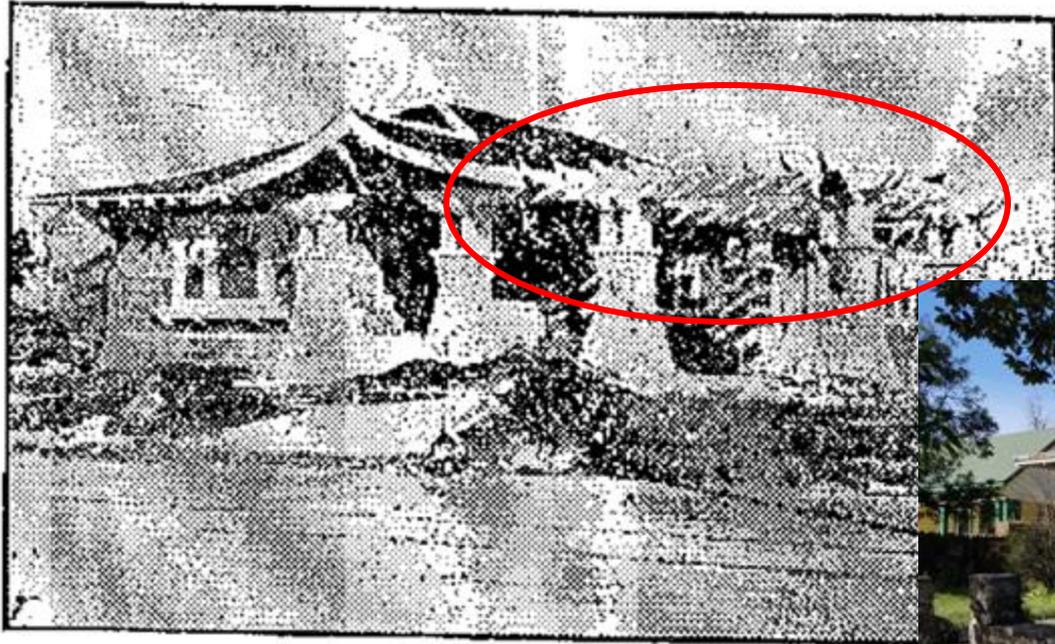


**843 Rigsby Ave
Individual Landmark
Highland Park**

San Antonio *Light*,
4 June 1922, p. 3-D.



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LADD OPENS SALE OF S. A. LANDS

Continuation of Large Block Bought in Mexico

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MANAGER

W. O. W. WILL BUILD IN S. A.



MASSEY NEW DEPT. HEAD

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NEW ESTATES ARE OPENED

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W. O. W. WILL BUILD IN S. A.

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L. A. Manufacturer Opens S. A. Branch

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German Struggles to Get Theater

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Northwest of the City GREENLAWN ESTATES

City Water
City Gas
City Lights
Telephones
and Paved
Drives

Country Estates with
City Improvements



Now Open—Drive Out Today!

98 Superb Country Homesites—Fifteen Minutes From Houston St.—High on the Sloping Hillside Overlooking the City and Magnificent Distances to the North and East.



How to Go:

Follow the Fredericksburg Road east from right at the Van Ness Junction Road. Greenlawn Estates are located at one and a half miles north of the Fredericksburg Road. Large signs will direct you to the estates.

LOCATION: In the path of San Antonio's most rapid urban and suburban growth, GREENLAWN ESTATES are surrounded by two of the most vibrant Fredericksburg Road and Van Ness Roads, a paved highway. GREENLAWN ESTATES lie just east of a mile north of the Fredericksburg Road and three miles north of the Van Ness Road on the corporate boundary—just beyond the city limits.

IMPROVEMENTS: The sites in GREENLAWN ESTATES are superb. There is city water from large overhead mains just installed, city gas, electric and telephones. Great schools are nearby. In fact, these delightful country estates have all the amenities and conveniences of a smart city life.

ELEVATION: It is estimated that the highest point in GREENLAWN ESTATES is fifty feet higher than Houston Street, and much higher than the Fredericksburg Road at the point where the Van Ness Road Road branches off. From this point on the west, the terrain rises gently to the northeast, affording most desirable and an excellent view of the city as well as many miles of sloping hills to the north and east.

RESTRICTIONS: GREENLAWN ESTATES are among the country homes. Beyond of San Antonio's most beautiful country estates, the Van Ness Road Road closely resembles. Therefore, in keeping with the high character of this ideal suburban locality, the following restrictions are made as to indicate proper property owners and secure investment in city future types of homes. The houses in GREENLAWN ESTATES will therefore be protected against neighboring structures that would detract from the value of these properties.

Each Estate Faces 100 Feet or More, on a Paved Drive
Depths From 300 to 400 Feet

Four to Six Times the Area of City Lots

\$1,200 and up to \$5,000

CONVENIENT TERMS

Miller-Darrough Co.
Office on the Property Phone Wholesale 1089

Greenlawn Estates Local Historic District

San Antonio *Light*,
2 October 1927, p. 53.

How to Go:

Follow the Fredericksburg Road and turn right at the Vance-Jackson Road. Greenlawn Estates are located just 4-10 of a mile north of the Fredericksburg Road. Large signs will direct you to the property.



RESTRICTIONS: GREENLAWN ESTATES are among fine country homes. Several of San Antonio's most beautiful country places face the Vance-Jackson Road directly opposite. Therefore, in keeping with the high character of this ideal suburban vicinity, the building restrictions are such as to definitely protect property owners and assure construction of only better types of homes. Purchasers in GREENLAWN ESTATES will thereby be protected against neighboring structures that would detract from the value of their property.

Miller-Darrough Co.

Office on the Property

Phone Woodlawn 1029

Building Trade Night School.

If you want to become a mechanic call at the new building trade school, 612 Market street, opposite old market. All branches of this industry taught. No trouble to answer questions. Henry Schoenfeld.

avenue, \$600.

R. H. Hunstock to Henry Schoenfeld lots 8, 9 and 10 in block 3, on Bryant and Lowell streets, in South Park, Hunstock's addition, \$550.

Edmund Merritt Nolan to Lillian

HENRY SCHOENFELD HURT

Henry Schoenfeld, Sr., a building contractor, is lying at his home, 1325 Garden street, suffering from injuries sustained yesterday, when a scaffold on which he was standing, in Lowell street, gave way and precipitated him to the ground. He is severely bruised about the arms and body and fear is entertained that he is internally injured.

215 Lowell Individual Landmark Roosevelt Park

Top: San Antonio *Daily Light*,
24 February 1903, p. 7.

Middle: San Antonio *Daily Light*,
13 January 1907, p. 9.

Bottom: San Antonio *Light*,
31 January 1908, p. 9.

FALL KILLS WELL KNOWN CONTRACTOR

Henry Schoenfeld Expires From
Injuries Received Several
Days Ago.

Injuries received several days ago when a scaffold on which he was standing, fell, caused the death yesterday of Henry Adolph Schoenfeld, a well known building contractor, at his home, 1325 Garden street.

Mr. Schoenfeld came to San Antonio in 1890 from Austin where he had been employed in the erection of the Driskill hotel and state capitol buildings. The most pretentious contract he had here was the Southwestern hospital for the insane. He had also done much other work and had been identified with the construction of many buildings, both public and private. He was a native of Saxony, Germany, and was 56 years old.

Surviving him is his widow and six children—Mrs. James Arthur of Alpine, Felix, Annie, Clara, Henry Jr. and Charles Schoenfeld of this city. Two brothers—Emil and Max Schoenfeld—reside at Fredericksburg.

The decedent was a member of the Woodmen of the World and the San Antonio Deutscher Maennerchor, having been prominently identified with the entertainments of the latter organization.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from the family residence and the burial will be in the Lutheran cemetery.

215 Lowell Individual Landmark Roosevelt Park

San Antonio *Light*,
3 February 1908, p. 2.



Findagrave.com



The screenshot shows the Find A Grave website interface. At the top left is the logo with a question mark and the text "Find A Grave". To the right are navigation links: "MEMORIALS", "CEMETERIES", "FAMOUS", "CONTRIBUTE", "REGISTER", and "SIGN IN". The main heading reads "World's largest gravesite collection." followed by the subtext "Over 180 million memorials created by the community since 1995." Below this is a search filter bar with the following inputs: "Richard", "N", and "White". The second row of filters includes "Year Born" with a dropdown set to "Exact" and the value "1977", and "Texas, United States of Am" with a dropdown set to "Exact" and a "Browse" button. An orange "SEARCH" button is positioned below the filters, along with links for "More search options" and "Search tips". At the bottom of the page, a photo credit reads "Photo of Payne Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery by Shawn Riley".



Findagrave.com

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Amp up your collection with bold new colors and graphics

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1 matching record found for

Richard × N × White × Died 1977 × Texas, USA ×

[Refine Search](#)

 Less   Relevance ▾



Richard Neyland White ✨
23 Oct 1895 – 31 Oct 1977

Sunset Memorial Park
San Antonio, Bexar County,
Texas, USA



**Claim free?
Get rewarded.** Allstate



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Richard Neyland White

BIRTH	23 Oct 1895
DEATH	31 Oct 1977 (aged 82)
BURIAL	Sunset Memorial Park San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, USA
PLOT	Masoleum II, Wall 1224-1199
MEMORIAL ID	63456932 · View Source

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Family Members

Spouse	Children
 Bess Barbin White 1903-1994	 Richard Neyland White 1921-1993

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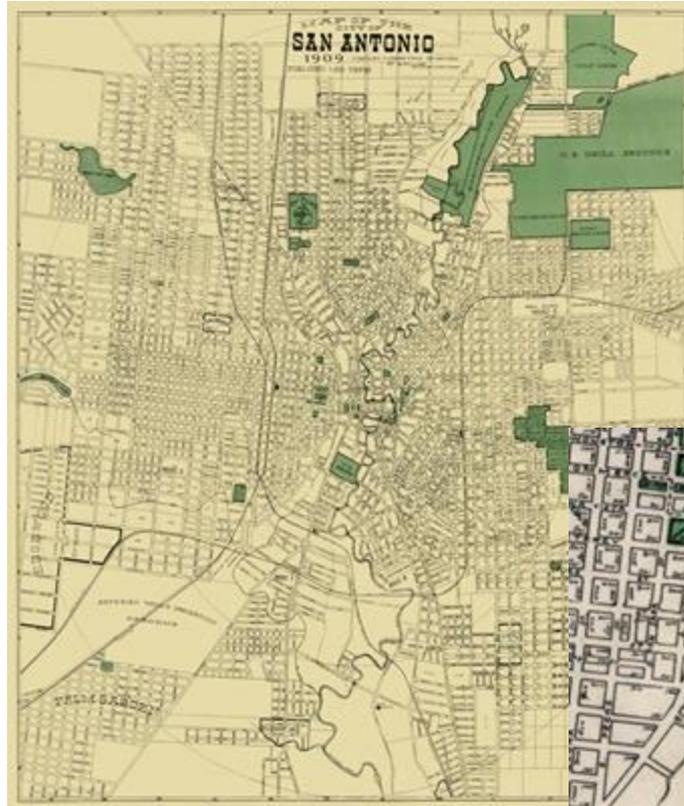
Historic Maps

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'TEXAS BIRD'S-EYE VIEWS' website. At the top left is the logo for 'A MON CARTER MUSEUM'. The main title 'TEXAS BIRD'S-EYE VIEWS' is displayed in large, white, serif font on a dark green background. Below the title is a navigation menu with links: HOME | BROWSE | ABOUT | ARTIST BIOS | TEACHING RESOURCES | BUY | CREDITS | CONTACT | HELP. The central feature is a large, detailed historical map of San Antonio, Texas, from 1886, showing a grid street pattern and a river. In the bottom right corner of the map area, there are four small orange icons: a plus sign, a minus sign, a square with a circle, and a square with a square. Below the map, the text 'SAN ANTONIO IN 1886' is on the left and 'FEATURES' is on the right.

1873, 1886,
and 1891
Birdseye Maps of
San Antonio



Historic Maps



1909 map of San Antonio streets available numerous places online by searching "1909 San Antonio street map"



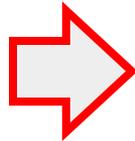
COSA Maps

One Stop Map

- Zoning information, both base and overlays
- Neighborhood association
- City Council District

NEW! OHP Explorer Map

- Quickly search for recent COAs that can help establish dates of modifications and additions



Follow OHP on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter **@sapreservation** to be notified when the Explorer Map is up and running!

Historic Aerial Photography

Available for free at **HistoricAerials.com**:

1955	2004
1963	2008
1966	2010
1973	2012
1986	2014
1995	2016

Helpful for determining dates of modifications to structures as well as changes to neighborhood context not covered by Sanborn maps (which end in 1952).



+ 1001 Leal, san antonio tx

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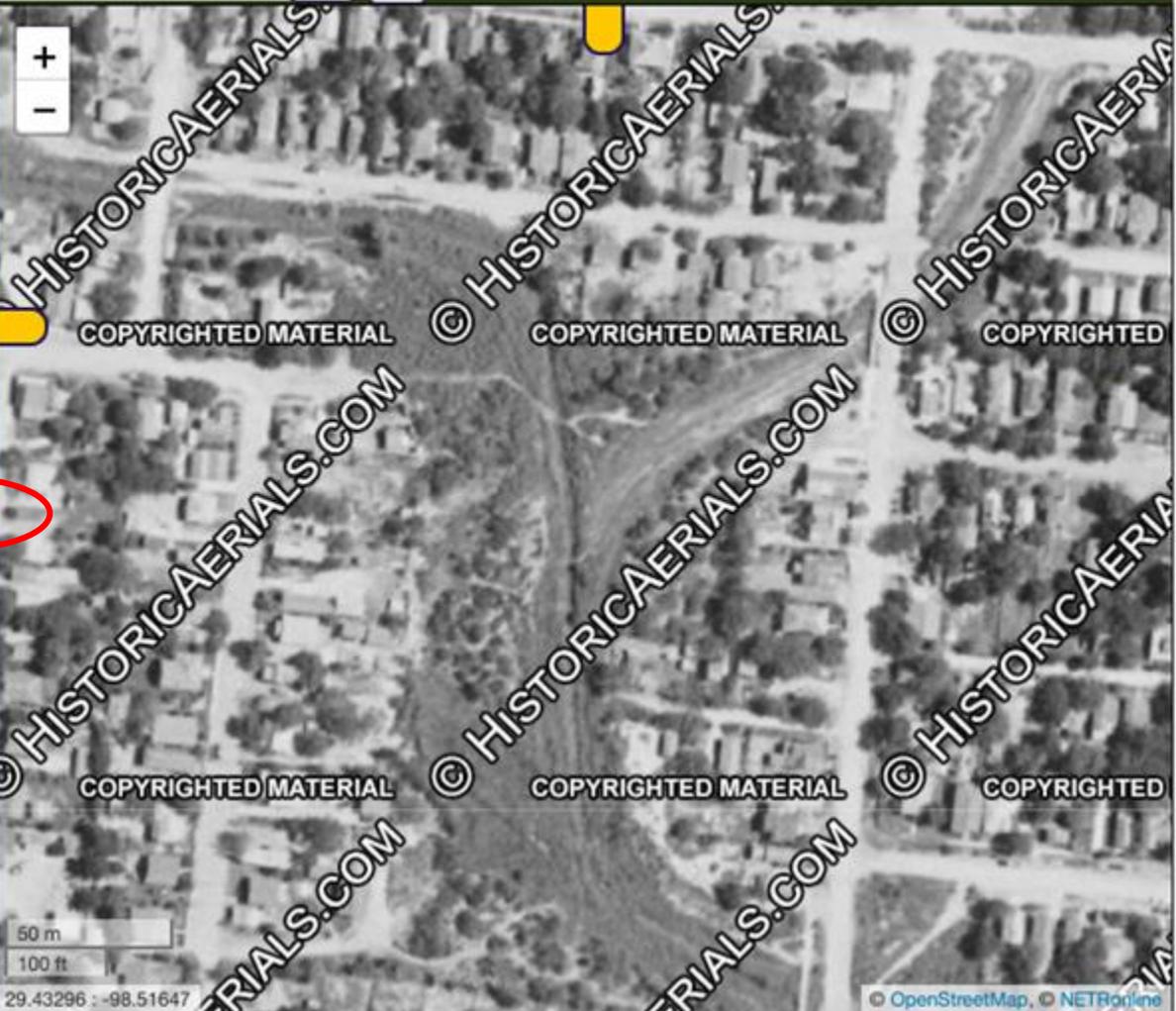
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- 1963
- 1955



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29.43376 : -98.51982

OpenStreetMap, NETRonline

Deed and Plat Research (for the real detectives!)

Bexar County Clerk: **bexar.tx.publicsearch.us**

- Search for deeds or plats by name, address, legal description, and more

You **might** find:

- Names of first/early owners and subsequent owners
- Who built the property (very occasionally, architect)
- Who platted or replatted the neighborhood

Searching the address at **BCAD.org** is a good place to start.



Google it!

- Articles from other cities, states, and countries
- Family-specific genealogy websites
- Portal to Texas History
- Institute of Texan Cultures
- Other search results that create leads you can confirm using the other tools we discussed



Managing Expectations

These tools can't always help us determine

- an exact year of construction
- the architect/builder
- for whom the house was built
- the home's first resident

Factors that impact availability of information:

- When was the home built?
- Was it within city limits at the time it was built?
- Who was the home built for?
- Was there a prominent architect or builder of record?



How We Use These Tools

ScoutSA uses these tools to

- Build cases for designation
- Research homes for which demolition is requested
- Complete historic assessments and requests for review of contributing status

They help us determine which, if any, of the 16 criteria a property meets under UDC Sec. 35-607(b), the city code used to determine eligibility for individual landmark and local historic district designation.



Designation Criteria Buckets: UDC Sec. 35-607(b)

- Affiliation with a prominent person
- Affiliation with a prominent event
- Architectural style and construction methods
- Relationship to other properties nearby
- Cultural significance
- Archaeological significance

These criteria are based on the Secretary of the Interior's criteria for National Register listing, but are written through the lens of San Antonio history.



Supporting Design Review

Our research also helps build our office's knowledge of neighborhood histories and lays the groundwork for our design review team to review requested scopes of work on individual landmarks and in local historic districts.

For example, it can help them assess the impact of requested modifications to the original footprint and materials vs later additions or material changes.



How ScoutSA can help

- Designation case management (free!)
- Records request (free!)
- Historic assessment (\$350)



Links to Resources

Sanborn Maps:

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