

HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

October 2, 2019

HDRC CASE NO: 2020-011
ADDRESS: 241 E FRENCH PLACE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NCB 1715 BLK LOT 12
ZONING: R-6
CITY COUNCIL DIST.: 1
APPLICANT: Darcy Focke, 241 E French Pl
OWNER: John B. Focke,
TYPE OF WORK: Historic Landmark Designation

REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting a finding of historic significance for the property located at 241 E French Pl.

APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

Unified Development Code Sec. 35-606. - Designation Process for Historic Landmarks.

- a. **Authority.** Requests for landmark designation may only be made by or with the concurrence of the property owner. In instances where a property owner does not consent to the landmark designation, the historic preservation officer shall request a resolution from city council to proceed with the designation process prior to any zoning commission hearing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a request for landmark designation may be made and approved by the city council. To the extent that this subsection conflicts with any other provisions of this chapter, this paragraph shall control except for buildings, objects, sites, structures, or clusters heretofore designated as local landmarks or districts, National Register landmarks or districts, state historic landmarks or sites, or state archaeological landmarks or sites. Additionally, requests for designation shall be made on a form obtained from the city historic preservation officer through the office of historic preservation. Completed request forms shall be returned to the office of historic preservation for processing. All buildings, objects, sites, structures, or clusters heretofore designated by the city council as historic landmarks under any pre-existing ordinance of the City of San Antonio shall be accorded the protection of properties designated historic landmarks under this chapter and shall continue to bear the words "historic, exceptional" (HE) or "historic, significant" (HS) in their zoning designation.
- b. **Designation of Historic Landmarks.**
 1. **Initiation.** Any person, the historic and design review commission, zoning commission, the historic preservation officer, or the city council may initiate a historic landmark designation by filing an application with the historic preservation officer. Requests for designation shall be made on a form obtained from the city historic preservation officer. Completed request forms shall be returned to the office of historic preservation for processing. Owner consent for historic landmark designation shall be required unless a city council resolution to proceed with the designation has been approved. Additionally, owners may submit with the application a written description and photographs or other visual material of any buildings or structures that they wish to be considered for designation as non-contributing to the historic landmark.
 2. **Decision.** The historic preservation officer shall refer a completed application for historic landmark designation to the historic and design review commission. Property owners of proposed historic landmarks shall be notified of the historic and design review commission hearing by the historic preservation officer by mail prior to a historic and design review commission hearing for historic landmark designation. Notice to property owners shall state the place, date, time and purpose of the historic and design review commission hearing. The historic preservation officer shall also send notice of the meeting to any registered neighborhood associations located within the proposed district boundary. The historic and design review commission shall make and forward its recommendation to the zoning commission within forty-five (45) days from the date of submittal of the designation request by the historic preservation officer. Upon submittal of the historic and design review commission's recommendation, the proposed historic district or landmark designation shall be submitted to the zoning commission for its review recommendations along with its finding of historic significance. The zoning commission and the city council shall process the application as prescribed in [section 35-421](#) of this chapter and this section. The zoning commission shall schedule a hearing on the historic and design review commission recommendation to be held within sixty (60) days of receipt of such recommendation and shall forward its recommendation to city council which shall schedule a hearing to

be held within sixty (60) days of council's receipt of such recommendation. Upon passage of any ordinance designating a historic landmark, or removing or upgrading the designation of historic, the city clerk shall send notice of the fact by mail to the owner or owners of affected property.

Unified Development Code Sec. 35-607. – Designation Criteria for Historic Districts and Landmarks.

- a. **Process for Considering Designation of Historic Districts and Landmarks.** Historic districts and landmarks shall be evaluated for designation using the criteria listed in subsection (b) and the criteria applied to evaluate properties for inclusion in the National Register. In order to be eligible for historic landmark designation, properties shall meet at least three (3) of the criteria listed. Historic districts shall consist of at least two (2) or more structures within a legally defined boundary that meet at least three (3) of the criteria. Additionally, all designated landmarks and districts shall demonstrate clear delineation of the legal boundaries of such designated resources.
- b. Criteria for Evaluation.
 3. **Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation;**
 5. **Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;**
 8. **Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship;**
 13. **It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic or cultural motif.**

FINDINGS:

- a. The request for landmark designation was initiated by the property owner.
- b. **HISTORIC CONTEXT:** The structure at 241 E French Pl is a one-story, single-family brick Folk Victorian home built c. 1883 for Jacinto Gonzales. It is located in the Tobin Hill neighborhood of City Council District 1. John B. Focke is the current owner. The property is north of the Tobin Hill historic district, but is within the boundaries of the Tobin Hill Community Association. The homes in this neighborhood represent the styles popular at the time of their construction in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. A 2005 survey effort in Tobin Hill identified this block as eligible for designation as a local historic district. Many residents of the Rock Quarry neighborhood, named after the street that ran along the east edge of the city blocks (now St. Mary's St), worked at the quarry or with affiliated businesses; Jacinto was listed in the 1881 city directory as a mason for the Texas Building Association. In 1893, Jacinto was appointed to the police force and served until his death in 1897. His wife Josefa remained at 308 Yndo St until 1907. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps indicate that the wood-framed addition to the rear of the house was built between 1912 and 1951, while the roof over the porch on the primary elevation was added after 1951.
- c. **SITE CONTEXT:** The structure at 241 E French Pl is a one-story, single-family brick Folk Victorian home built c. 1883. The property is located on a block bounded to the south by E French Pl, the west by McCullough Ave, the north by E Russell Pl, about three blocks north of the Tobin Hill local historic district, and the east by Gillespie St. It is one block east of the Monte Vista local historic district, and one block northwest of the E French Place local historic district. The property has a gravel driveway with a concrete apron; a married sidewalk runs along the south edge of the property, and there is a brick path leading from the right-of-way to the front porch.
- d. **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** The home has a cross-gabled roof form clad in composition shingles, and its historic core is of brick construction on a stone foundation with wood-framed rear additions. The home has four-over-four wood windows on the historic core. There is a round decorative element centered below the south and east gables with a floral or leaf pattern. The north elevation is dominated by two rear additions, one at the northeast corner and the other extending from the rear gable. The original rear gable is visible above the addition; the gable of the addition is lower and wider than the original, and the addition is clad in wood and corrugated steel. There is a large wood platform patio at the northeast corner of the home. Character-defining features of 241 E French Pl include brick construction on stone foundation, a cross-gabled roof form, and round decorative elements centered below the south and east gables.
- e. **EVALUATION:** In order to be eligible for historic landmark designation, properties shall meet at least three (3) of the 16 criteria listed. Staff evaluated the structure against all 16 criteria and determined that it was consistent with UDC sec. 35-607(b):

3. **Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation;** the property was owned by Jacinto Gonzales, an early resident of the Rock Quarry neighborhood who, like other early residents of the neighborhood, worked in the quarry. Gonzales also worked in public service as a member of the San Antonio police force, 1893-97.
 5. **Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;** as an example of early Folk Victorian architecture in San Antonio.
 8. **Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship;** the home was built c. 1883 and represents one of the earliest homes in present-day Tobin Hill.
 13. **It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic or cultural motif;** the property is located in an area of the Tobin Hill Community Association identified by staff as an eligible local historic district.
- f. The City offers a tax incentive for the substantial rehabilitation of historic properties because historic landmarks possess cultural and historical value and contribute to the overall quality and character of the City and its neighborhoods. If historic designation is approved, rehabilitation and restoration work may be eligible for this incentive. State and Federal tax incentives are also available for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and provide substantial relief for rehabilitation projects.
 - g. If the HDRC approves the Finding of Historic Significance, then the recommendation for designation is submitted to the zoning commission. The zoning commission will schedule a hearing and then forward its recommendation to the City Council. City Council has the ultimate authority to approve the historic designation zoning overlay.
 - h. Per UDC Sec. 35-453, once the commission makes a recommendation for designation, property owners must receive a written approval (a Certificate of Appropriateness) for any exterior work until the City Council makes their final decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a finding of historic significance and that the Historic and Design Review Commission should recommend approval for the landmark designation of 241 E French Pl to the Zoning Commission and to the City Council based on findings a through e.

CASE MANAGER: Jessica Anderson

City of San Antonio One Stop



January 27, 2020

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CoSA Addresses

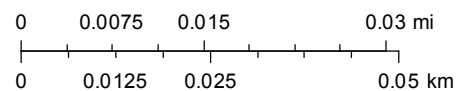
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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Statement of Significance

Property Address: 241 E French Pl

1. Application Details

Applicant: Darcy Focke, on behalf of John B. Focke
Type: Application for Historic Landmark Designation
Date Received: 2 January 2020

2. Findings

The structure at 241 E French Pl is a one-story, single-family brick Folk Victorian home built c. 1883 for Jacinto Gonzales. It is located in the Tobin Hill neighborhood of City Council District 1. John B. Focke is the current owner.

Tobin Hill is located just north of downtown San Antonio. It is bordered to the north by Monte Vista and Trinity University, to the west by San Pedro Avenue and San Antonio College, to the east by Highway 281 and Pearl Brewery, and to the south by Interstate 35 and the River North District. A 2005 survey effort in Tobin Hill identified this block as eligible for designation as a local historic district. The property is north of the Tobin Hill historic district, but is within the boundaries of the Tobin Hill Community Association. There is not a cohesive architectural statement for the community association, but the homes represent the styles popular at the time of their construction in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Examples of Folk Victorian, Tudor Revival, Craftsman, and Spanish Eclectic are present throughout the neighborhood.

The address first appears in the 1883 city directory, which lists Jacinto Gonzales on the “[west side] Rock Quarry road [near north] city limits.”¹ The house was addressed 308 Yndo from c. 1895 until c. 1924, when it was readdressed 241 E French Pl. Many residents of the Rock Quarry neighborhood, named after the street that ran along the east edge of the city blocks (now St. Mary’s St), worked at the quarry or with affiliated businesses; Jacinto was listed in the 1881 city directory as a mason for the Texas Building Association.² In 1893, Jacinto was appointed to the police force³ and served until his death of dysentery on March 18, 1897.⁴ Josefa remained at 308 Yndo St until 1907.⁵

After 1907, the property went through a number of renters. Residents of note include James P. Bridge, c. 1940-41, whose occupation was listed as an assayer,⁶ or someone who examines ores for presence of gold or silver; and Henry Wedemeyer, c. 1942-43,⁷ who was superintendent of the WPA Arts & Craft project and who along with Ethel Harris of San Jose Pottery designed the tile murals at Alamo Stadium.⁸

¹ San Antonio City Directory, 1883, p. 168.

² San Antonio City Directory, 1881, p. 153.

³ “Finished At Last. Mayor Paschal Completes the List of Police Officers.” *San Antonio Daily Light*, Thursday, March 16, 1893, p. 7.

⁴ “Mortuary.” *San Antonio Daily Light*, Friday, 19 March 1897, p. 4.

⁵ San Antonio City Directory, 1907, p. 638.

⁶ San Antonio City Directory, 1940, p. 136.

⁷ San Antonio City Directory, 1942-3, p. 960 and 1134.

⁸ The Living New Deal (web site). “Alamo Stadium Tile Murals—San Antonio TX.” Accessed 24 January 2020. <https://livingnewdeal.org/projects/alamo-stadium-tile-murals-san-antonio-tx/>.

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Sanborn Fire Insurance maps indicate that the wood-framed addition to the rear of the house was built between 1912 and 1951, while the roof over the porch on the primary elevation was added after 1951.⁹

3. Architectural Description

The structure at 241 E French Pl is a one-story, single-family brick Folk Victorian home built c. 1883. The property is located on a block bounded to the south by E French Pl, the west by McCullough Ave, the north by E Russell Pl, about three blocks north of the Tobin Hill local historic district, and the east by Gillespie St. It is one block east of the Monte Vista local historic district, and one block northwest of the E French Place local historic district. The property has a gravel driveway with a concrete apron; a married sidewalk runs along the south edge of the property, and there is a brick path leading from the right-of-way to the front porch.

The home has a cross-gabled roof form clad in composition shingles, and its historic core is of brick construction on a stone foundation with wood-framed rear additions. The front-facing gable has two four-over-four wood windows with a shared sill and false shutters. There is a round decorative element centered below the gable with a floral or leaf pattern. A short staircase leads to the front porch, which is tucked deep below an eave. There is a door at the west end of the porch and a four-over-four wood window facing the street.

The east elevation has a single four-over-four wood window with false shutters centered below the gable, which appears to have been plastered over the brick. There is a round decorative element centered below the gable with a floral or leaf pattern. There is a staircase to the porch to the south and a wood-framed addition to the north clad in wood and corrugated steel with a single modern two-lite window. The west elevation has two four-over-four wood windows; a brick chimney protrudes from the peak of the roof above. The north elevation is dominated by two rear additions, one at the northeast corner and the other extending from the rear gable. The original rear gable is visible above the addition; the gable of the addition is lower and wider than the original, and the addition is clad in wood and corrugated steel. There is a large wood platform patio at the northeast corner of the home.

Character-defining features of 241 E French Pl include:

- Brick construction on stone foundation
- Cross-gabled roof form
- Round decorative elements centered below the south and east gables

4. Landmark Criteria

The property meets the following criterion under UDC 35-607(b):

- **3: Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation;** the property was owned by Jacinto Gonzales, an early resident of the Rock Quarry neighborhood who, like other early residents of the neighborhood, worked in the quarry. Gonzales also worked in public service as a member of the San Antonio police force, 1893-97.

⁹ Sanborn Fire Insurance Map: San Antonio, Texas. 1912, vol. 2, sheet 214; 1911-1951, vol. 2, 1912-Jan 1951, sheet 213.



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- **5: Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;** as an example of early Folk Victorian architecture in San Antonio.
- **8: Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship;** the home was built c. 1883 and represents one of the earliest homes in present-day Tobin Hill.
- **13: It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic or cultural motif;** the property is located in an area of the Tobin Hill Community Association identified by staff as an eligible local historic district.

5. Staff Recommendation

A property must meet at least three of the 16 criteria used to evaluate eligibility for landmark designation, and this assessment determines that 241 E French Pl meets this threshold. Therefore, staff recommends a finding of historic significance for the property at 241 E French Pl. Further research may reveal additional significance associated with this property.



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The Daily Light.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1893

AN EXPERIMENT.

International and Great Northern R. R. "Cannon Ball" train No. 2 leaves San Antonio daily at 6 p. m. carrying the most magnificent Pullman Buffet sleeping cars, lighted by gas, for Dallas (via Hearne) and St. Louis without change. Good connections via Taylor for Temple, Waco, Fort Worth, Sherman, Denison and all points beyond. Two through trains daily. Twelve hours quickest route to St. Louis. 2 27 1m

To Property Owners and Real Estate Agents.

The new City Map will be sent to the Publishers in about a week. Any one wishing to subdivide acreage property and having same appear on Map can do so free of charge by applying to Paul Pretzer, ex-City Engineer, at 209 Adams street.

The uncompleted Map can be seen in Nic Teng's show window.

The new City Map will be complete in every detail. In addition to showing streets, blocks and subdivisions correctly, each Block in the City will have a separate number, termed City Block number; no two Blocks having the same number. 3 13 1w*

AN EYE OPENER.

Keep your eye on the real estate transfers and see the bone fide home seekers who are buying in Grand View Addition, which offers the best inducement in the state for safe, sure and reliable investments. See A. J. May, over Texas Nat'l Bank. 17 t f

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Physicians.

Dr. Wilke,
Office Rooms, 7 and 8 Alamo Ins. Building.
Hours, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Specialty:
Surgical, Chronic and Woman's Diseases.

Dr. Frank D. Boyd,
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Alamo Fire Insurance Bldg., Room 24, take elevator

Land Agents

Dignowity, James V.

FINISHED AT LAST.

MAYOR PASCHAL COMPLETES THE LIST OF POLICE OFFICERS.

The City Jailor Discharged—Street Car Matters Taken Up— Numerous Reso- lutions.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the city council held a caucus, which they said would last until 4:30 o'clock, the regular hour for holding a public meeting. The halls in the city building were packed again, and the eager citizens were compelled to remain out of the chamber until ten minutes of six o'clock. This aroused the wrath of every one, and when the doors were thrown open a feeling of disgust prevailed for a few moments.

Mayor Paschal called the meeting to order and after the roll call, responded to by the twelve fathers, he said: "Gentlemen of the council, we will begin the business where we left off last Monday. Under the charter, I will call for a vote on the following nominations for the police force: S. M. Foster, Antonio Herrera, Romaldo Perez, O.H. Parker, Henry Springer, Henry Krempkau, Clemente Dunn, C. Cadena, O. S. Coy, J. A. Addington, **Jacinto Gonzales**, Ygnacio Chavez, C. O. Gulwest, James Bowen, Stephen Dolan, William Bill, R. G. Ellis, R. W. Peterson, John Fitzhenry, William Lilly, Charles E. Rogers, Adam Irving and Ed Dobrowolski." The mayor then appointed Limberger and Daugherty as tellers and the vote was counted, resulting in the election of these candidates without a desenting vote.

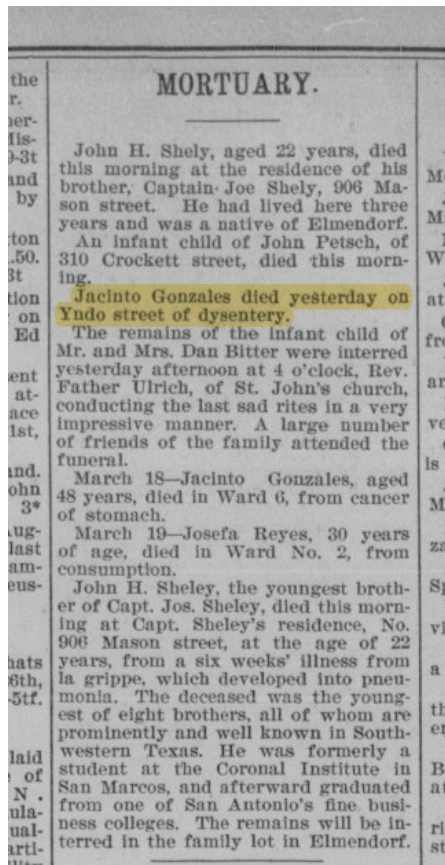
*Jacinto Gonzales was appointed to the police force in 1893.
San Antonio Daily Light, Thursday, 16 March 1893, p. 7.*

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*Announcement of Jacinto Gonzales' death.
San Antonio Daily Light, Friday, 19 March 1897, p. 4.*

John Focke
344 Upper Cibolo Creek Rd
Boerne, TX 78006

12 / 26 / 2019

City of San Antonio
Office of Historic Preservation
1901 S. Alamo
San Antonio, TX 78204

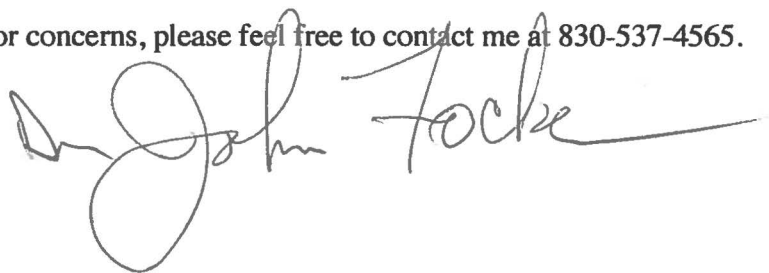
Dear Office of Historic Preservation,

I, Dr. John Focke, hereby give my daughter, Darcy Focke permission to act on my behalf with regards to making any and all decisions pertaining to the property located at 241 E French Pl in San Antonio, TX 78212.

The scope of this letter of authorization includes the application for a Historic Landmark Designation and all that applies to this process.

This letter of authorization will be in effect from 12 / 26 / 2019 , to 12 / 26 / 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 830-537-4565.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Focke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent and the last name "Focke" following in a similar style.

**This is NOT a Tax
Statement**

2019 Notice of Appraised Value

**Do Not Pay From
This Notice**

BEXAR APPRAISAL DISTRICT
411 N. FRIO, P.O. BOX 830248
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78283-0248
 Phone: (210) 224-2432 Fax: (210) 242-2453

Account#: 119693
Ownership %: 100.00
Geo ID: 01715-009-0120
Legal: NCB 1715 BLK LOT 12
Legal Acres: 0
Situs: 241 E FRENCH PL SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212
Owner ID: 431067

DATE OF NOTICE: April 1, 2019

#BWNCTVY
#0311969307#

***** THIS IS NOT A BILL *****

Property ID: 119693 - 01715-009-0120
 FOCKE JOHN B
 344 UPPER CIBOLO CREEK RD
 BOERNE, TX 78008-8018

Dear Property Owner,
 We have appraised the property listed above for the tax year 2019. As of January 1, our appraisal is outlined below.

Appraisal Information				Last Year - 2018			Proposed - 2019	
Improvements (Structures / Buildings, etc.) Market Value				102,530			124,150	
Market Value of Non Ag/Timber Land				61,470			118,150	
Market Value of Ag/Timber Land				0			0	
Market Value of Personal Property/Minerals				0			0	
Total Market Value				164,000			242,300	
Productivity Value of Ag/Timber Land				0			0	
Appraised Value				164,000			242,300	
Homestead Cap Value excluding Non-Homesite Value (i.e. Ag, Commercial)				164,000			242,300	
Exemptions (DV - Disabled Vet; DP-Disabled Person; HS-Homestead; OV65-Over 65)								
2018 Exemption Amount	2018 Taxable Value	Taxing Unit	2019 Proposed Assessed Value	2019 Exemption Amount	2019 Taxable Value	2018 Tax Rate	2019 Estimated Taxes	FreezeYear and Tax Ceiling
0	164,000	BEXAR CO RD & FLOOD	242,300	0	242,300	0.023668	57.35	
0	164,000	SA RIVER AUTH	242,300	0	242,300	0.018580	45.02	
0	164,000	ALAMO COM COLLEGE	242,300	0	242,300	0.149150	361.39	
0	164,000	UNIV HEALTH SYSTEM	242,300	0	242,300	0.276235	669.32	
0	164,000	BEXAR COUNTY	242,300	0	242,300	0.277429	672.21	
0	164,000	CITY OF SAN ANTONIO	242,300	0	242,300	0.558270	1,352.68	
0	164,000	SAN ANTONIO ISD	242,300	0	242,300	1.582800	3,786.18	

DO NOT PAY FROM THIS NOTICE TOTAL ESTIMATED TAX: \$6,944.15

The difference between the 2014 appraised value and the 2019 appraised value is 130.24%. This percentage information is required by Tax Code section 25.19(b-1).

The governing body of each unit decides whether or not property taxes will increase. The appraisal district only determines the value of your property. "The Texas Legislature does not set the amount of your local taxes. Your property tax burden is decided by your locally elected officials, and all inquiries concerning your taxes should be directed to those officials."

If you qualified your home for a 65 and older or disabled person exemption for school taxes, the school taxes on that home cannot increase as long as you own and live in that home. The tax ceiling is the amount that you pay in the year that you qualified for the 65 and older or disabled person exemption. The school taxes on your home may not go above the amount of the ceiling, unless you improve the home (other than normal repairs and maintenance). This situation may also apply to the county, junior college district, and some cities.

Included are copies of the following documents published by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts: (1) Property Taxpayer Remedies; and (2) notice of protest.

Deadline for filing a protest: May 15, 2019
Location of Hearings: 411 N FRIO ST
ARB will begin hearings: May 28, 2019

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To file a protest, complete the "Notice of Protest" form on the back of this notice by following the instructions included in the form. Mail or deliver the form to the appraisal review board at the following address no later than the deadline stated above:

Bexar Appraisal Review Board
 PO Box 830248
 San Antonio, TX 78283-0248.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the appraisal district office at (210) 224-2432 or at the address shown above.

Sincerely,
 Michael Amezcua
 Chief Appraiser

Bexar CAD

Property Search Results > 119693 FOCKE JOHN B for
Year 2019

Tax Year: 2019

Property

Account

Property ID: 119693
 Geographic ID: 01715-009-0120
 Type: Real
 Property Use Code: 001
 Property Use Description: Single Family

Legal Description: NCB 1715 BLK LOT 12
 Zoning: R-8
 Agent Code:

Protest

Protest Status:
 Informal Date:
 Formal Date:

Location

Address: 241 E FRENCH PL
 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212
 Neighborhood: TOBIN HILL NORTH
 Neighborhood CD: 57027

Mapsco: 618E1
 Map ID:

Owner

Name: FOCKE JOHN B
 Mailing Address: 344 UPPER CIBOLO CREEK RD
 BOERNE, TX 78006-8018

Owner ID: 431067
 % Ownership: 100.0000000000%

Exemptions:

Values

(+) Improvement Homesite Value:	+	\$101,850	
(+) Improvement Non-Homesite Value:	+	\$0	
(+) Land Homesite Value:	+	\$118,150	
(+) Land Non-Homesite Value:	+	\$0	Ag / Timber Use Value
(+) Agricultural Market Valuation:	+	\$0	\$0
(+) Timber Market Valuation:	+	\$0	\$0
=====			
(=) Market Value:	=	\$220,000	
(-) Ag or Timber Use Value Reduction:	-	\$0	
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(=) Appraised Value:	=	\$220,000	
(-) HS Cap:	-	\$0	
=====			
(=) Assessed Value:	=	\$220,000	

Taxing Jurisdiction

Owner: FOCKE JOHN B

% Ownership: 100.0000000000%

Total Value: \$220,000

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Appraised Value	Taxable Value	Estimated Tax
06	BEXAR CO RD & FLOOD	0.023668	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$52.07
08	SA RIVER AUTH	0.018580	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$40.56
09	ALAMO COM COLLEGE	0.149150	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$328.13
10	UNIV HEALTH SYSTEM	0.278235	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$607.72
11	BEXAR COUNTY	0.277429	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$610.34
21	CITY OF SAN ANTONIO	0.558270	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$1,228.19
57	SAN ANTONIO ISD	1.530950	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$3,368.09
CAD	BEXAR APPRAISAL DISTRICT	0.000000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$0.00
Total Tax Rate:		2.834282			
Taxes w/Current Exemptions:					\$8,235.42
Taxes w/o Exemptions:					\$8,235.42

Improvement / Building

Improvement #1: Residential State Code: A1 Living Area: 953.0 sqft Value: \$101,850

Type	Description	Class CD	Exterior Wall	Year Built	SQFT
LA	Living Area	A - SB		1910	953.0
OP	Attached Open Porch	A - NO		1910	25.0
OP	Attached Open Porch	A - NO		1910	104.0
DCK	Attached Wood Deck	A - NO		1910	160.0
DCK	Attached Wood Deck	A - NO		1910	270.0
PA	Terrace (patio slab)	A - NO		1910	64.0

Land

#	Type	Description	Acres	Sqft	Eff Front	Eff Depth	Market Value	Prod. Value
1	RES	R/1 Family not Farm Single	0.1671	7280.00	56.00	130.00	\$118,150	\$0

Roll Value History

Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap	Assessed
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	\$101,850	\$118,150	0	220,000	\$0	\$220,000
2018	\$102,530	\$61,470	0	164,000	\$0	\$164,000
2017	\$93,530	\$61,470	0	155,000	\$0	\$155,000
2016	\$87,600	\$48,780	0	136,380	\$0	\$136,380

Deed History - (Last 3 Deed Transactions)

#	Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Deed Number
1	12/17/2009	Deed	Deed	BRASINGTON ROBERT W	FOCKE JOHN B	14298	0310	20090242285
2	5/28/2008	Deed	Deed	MULBERRY TERRACE PARTNERS LTD	BRASINGTON ROBERT W	13512	2310	20080111756
3	11/16/2007	GWD	General Warranty Deed	HERNANDEZ	MULBERRY	13227	0230	20070271739

Statement of Significance

The property located at 241 E. French Pl. has many historical features as well as history in San Antonio Texas. There have been findings of this property being built in 1892 as well as 1910, this has not been confirmed. This property is worthy of a historical landmark Destination due to the age and its beautiful brickwork with curved segmental arched windows as well as the 15 foot ceilings with original beaded wood and crown molding , there is an original double sided fireplace where early inhabitants would have cooked due to there being no electricity or plumbing in the original construction of this house. There is evidence of an out house as well as a water well on the property. Not only is the age and character worthy of a historical landmark but there is also a significant finding which unfolded in the home in 1940 and was put in the San Antonio light newspaper. In the 1940s a man named Pat bridge ran an ore sampling business out of this cottage located at 241 E. French Pl. in San Antonio Texas, although being far from mines this San Antonio resident was a gold umpire, determining the value of gold or in one or possibly 20 railroad cars standing at one of the thousands of smelting towns. He would settle disputes between gold miners and gold smelters when they could not agree upon quantity of gold contained in a shipment to the smelter, Mr. bridge had a shop in the back of this home where he worked and had a kiln where he melted down these samples, Mr. bridge had a degree in metallurgy received from Yale University in 1923 assisting him on Saturdays in his garage laboratory is Charles H Frick a local chemist who is especially accurate at measuring.

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ALTHOUGH FAR FROM MINES

S. A. Resident Is 'Gold Umpire'

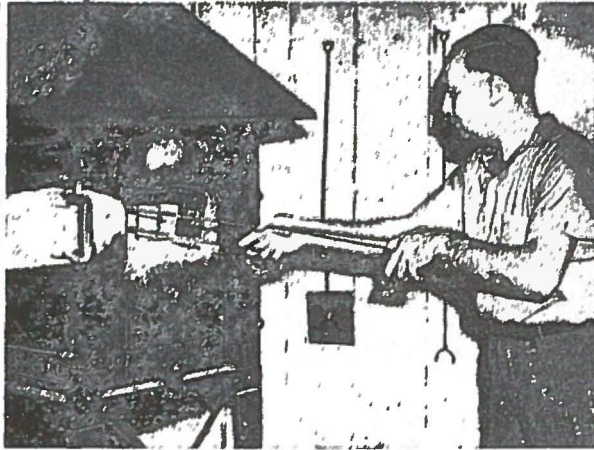
Minute Samples Sent Him in Disputes

In a cottage at 241 East French place are dozens of small metal envelopes stacked in neat rows, containing minute ore samples.

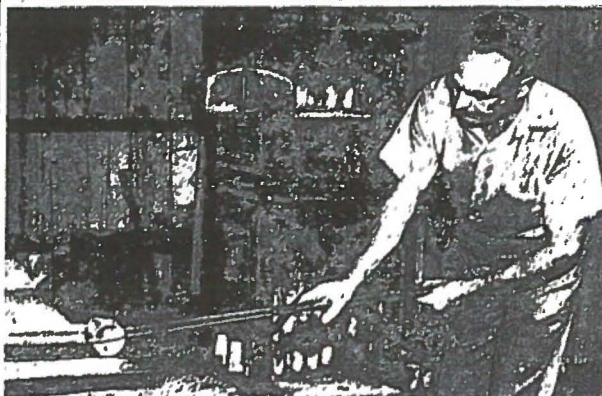
Pat Bridge, who calls himself a "gold umpire," determines the value of gold ore in one, or possibly 20 railroad cars standing at any one of the thousands of smelting towns. He settles disputes between gold miners and gold smelters. When they can not agree upon quantity of gold contained in a shipment to the smelter, they send a sample of a load of ore to Bridge or one of the thousands of other "gold umpires."

By running a series of tests on the sample, these umpires—they are really chemists—ascertain the weight of gold, silver and other precious metals in it. By simple ratios, they calculate the weight and the value of the whole shipment.

"If they seem unusual I should be located in San Antonio, because it is not very near a mining or smelting area," Bridge said, "but my reputation has me here for my



PAT BRIDGE, "GOLD UMPIRE," TAKES GOLD ORE CRUCIBLE FROM KILN. Smelting process entails heating of ore with chemicals, lead.



AFTER LEAD FORMS, LIQUID IS Poured INTO IRON FORMS TO COOL. Gold sinks to the bottom of "button" and residue is scraped away.

non-partisan functions as an umpire."

TWO TESTS. Bridge has two separate tests. One is for ore which contains oxide only; another is for ore containing sulfides or organic matter or both. Ore of the latter type, Bridge pointed out, can be distinguished by their black color.

The chemical phenomenon behind both procedures, however, is that gold, silver, platinum and other precious metals have a great affinity for molten lead. So they are heated in a furnace with a mixture of chemicals including lithium cyanide (an oxide of lead).

As the heat increases, the oxygen of the litharge is captured by certain other chemicals, and the lead becomes molten. It then forms a small ball holding the desired metals.

This lead ball or button, after it has been cooled and beaten into a cube, is put back into the furnace. With no other chemicals to absorb the oxygen, the lead this time becomes powdery lead oxide again, part of which goes out as a gas and the remaining portion being absorbed by the bone ash container holding the cube.

After this operation, the precious metals remain in the container. The gold can be isolated by treatment of the whole with nitric acid and a flame.

DELICATE SCALE.

Because an error of one ounce in measurement means a loss of 25 cents per ton of ore to the miner or to the smelter, Bridge does all his weighing on a delicate balance



HERE, BRIDGE WEIGHS FINISHED GOLD PELLET. Scale mounted on concrete to stop vibration.

especially mounted on concrete to 1913, came here three years ago. He has a degree in metallurgy received from Yale university in 1925. Working here on Saturdays in his garage laboratory is Charles H. Frick, 287 Queen Anne court, local chemist, who is especially accurate at measuring.

In addition to assaying for gold, silver and other precious metals, Bridge determines quantitatively for all of the metallic or inorganic elements both on sample work and on hand sample work.

AUTO STRIKES S. A. CHILD, 8

When she stopped to pick up three pennies which had dropped from her hand, Mary Fuentes, 8, of 206 Columbus street, suffered a scalp wound when hit by a car. Willie Ruiz, 23, of 218 Knorr street, was helped as driver.

The accident happened at Travis street and Santa Rosa avenue, and she was taken to the Santa Rosa hospital for medical attention.

Oct. N. L. Maloney, 80, of 707 Broadway, was struck by an automobile in the 200 block of North Flores street, and was treated at the Robert H. Green hospital for hand and hip injuries.

Charles Jones, 618 Manchaca street, said he was cut on the elbow by an unidentified knife on the railway tracks near Poplar street.

Mrs. Ida Louise Hank, 319 Mary street, went to the hospital to have a fish bone removed from her throat.

Girl Has Broken Jaw After Crash

Vera Lee Powers, 15, 1505 Ramona street, Thursday had been treated at the Santa Rosa hospital for a broken jaw suffered in an auto collision at Gracemere place and Elmendorf street.

The girl was riding in a car driven by E. V. Powers when the Powers car and an auto driven by Richard Hutcheson, 2023 West Houston street, collided, according to police.

Criminal Law to Be Conopus Topic

Members of the Conopus club will hear a discussion of desirable changes in administration of criminal law by Bernard Loden, San Antonio attorney, at a meeting at noon Friday.

Loden studied law at the University of Texas. He served on the district attorney's staff under Lamar Seeliger and has practiced law for a number of years in San Antonio.

TPA Will Start Member Campaign

Members of the San Antonio unit of the Traveler's Protective association will institute a drive for members Saturday, under the leadership of Arthur Beck, chairman of the membership committee.

Please relative to a picnic and barbecue to be held at an early date will be discussed at a meeting of

HEART ATTACK

Rainfall Cuts

HAS NO CASH.









1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

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PROVIDENCE

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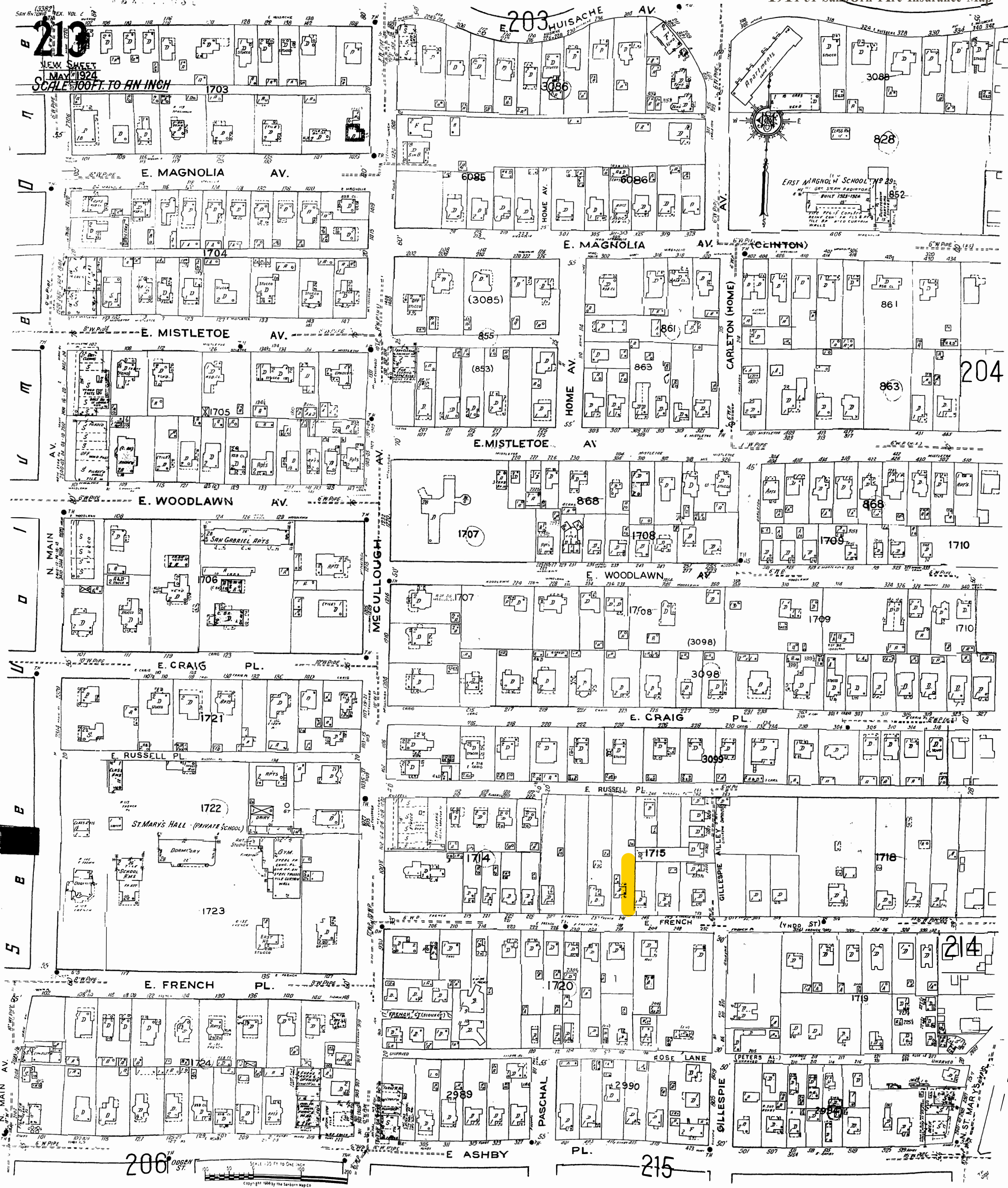
Scale of Feet.

MC CULLOUGH

AV. NOT PAVED.

205

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	Gonzales Elano, r. ws S. Flores s of river nr Conner's store.		
	Gonzales Florencio, waiter Rafael Sancho, r. same.		
	Gonzales George (c), r. 213 Dawson.		
	Gonzales Gregorio, lab, r. sw cor Zavalla, Frio.		
	Gonzales Gustina, dishwasher W. H. Lemon, r. same.		
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	Gonzales Jacinto, r. ws Rock Quarry road nr n city limits.		
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	Gonzales Jose, barber, shop 21 W. Commerce, r. same.		
	Gonzales Jose Marie, r. ss Leal bt N. Pecos, Frio.		
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	Gonzales Mariano, mechanic, h. Mrs. Josefa Gonzales.		
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	Gonzales Natividad Mrs. (wid), r. ns Cevallos bt S. Flores, creek.		
	Gonzales Pedro, shoemkr, shop 632 W. Commerce, r. same.		
	Gonzales Pedro, h. Jacinto Gonzales.		
	Gonzales Santos, blksmith Simon Pena, r. 314 S. East.		
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	Gonzales Vernavec, lab, r. 433 Perez bt Pecos, N. Leona.		
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