

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Waddell's House Furnishing Company

Other name/site number: n/a

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

2. Location

Street & number: 806 Sampson

City or town: Houston

State: Texas

County: Harris

Not for publication:

Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this (nomination request for determination of eligibility) meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property (meets does not meet) the National Register criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following levels of significance:

national statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

_____ State Historic Preservation Officer	_____ Date
Signature of certifying official / Title	
_____ Texas Historical Commission	
State or Federal agency / bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

_____ Signature of commenting or other official	_____ Date
_____ State or Federal agency / bureau or Tribal Government	

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register
- other, explain: _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public - Federal

Category of Property

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: COMMERCE/TRADE / warehouse

Current Functions: VACANT / NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification: OTHER / industrial

Principal Exterior Materials: Brick, Concrete, Steel

Narrative Description (see continuation sheets 7-6 through 7-7)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
	B	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
	D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations: n/a

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE, COMMERCE

Period of Significance: 1912-1945

Significant Dates: 1912

Significant Person (only if criterion b is marked): n/a

Cultural Affiliation (only if criterion d is marked): n/a

Architect/Builder: C.D. Hill & Company (architects); Street & Born (construction)

Narrative Statement of Significance (see continuation sheets 8-8 through 8-11)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography (see continuation sheets 9-12 through 9-13)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office (*Texas Historical Commission, Austin*)
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): n/a

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 0.468 acres

Coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (use decimal degree format)

Datum if other than WGS84: n/a

1. Latitude: 29.745684 Longitude: -95.343939

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, and 12, Block 551 South Side Buffalo Bayou (SSBB), Rangers Extension, City of Houston, Harris County, Texas.

Boundary Justification: The boundary consists of all legal parcels for the Waddell's House Furnishing Company 4-story warehouse located at 806 Sampson, Houston, Harris County, Texas.

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Additional Documentation

Maps (see continuation sheet Map-14 through Map-17)

Additional items (see continuation sheets Figure-18 through Figure-20)

Photographs (see continuation sheet Photo-21 through Photo-29)

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Photographs

Waddell's House Furnishing Company
Houston, Harris County, Texas
Photographed by Erick Bretana, January 2015

Description of Photograph(s): East elevation of 1912 warehouse building, view southwest.
Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0001

Description of Photograph(s): 1912 warehouse building on left and Factory building on right, view west. Axonometric photo image of east (on left) and north (on right) elevations of warehouse and east elevation of the Factory building.

Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0002

Description of Photograph(s): North elevation of 1912 warehouse building, view east
Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0003

Description of Photograph(s): West elevation of 1928 factory building (on left) and 1912 warehouse building (on right), view east.

Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0004

Description of Photograph(s): West and south elevations of 1912 warehouse building, view east
Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0005

Description of Photograph(s): Interior of 1912 warehouse building, first floor, view east
Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0006

Description of Photograph(s): Interior of 1912 warehouse building, second floor, view west
Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0007

Description of Photograph(s): Interior of 1912 warehouse building, third floor, view west
Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0008

Description of Photograph(s): Interior, 1912 warehouse building lift shaft and access core, view north
Photograph Number: TX_Harris County_Waddell's House Furnishing Company_0009

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Narrative Description

The Waddell's House Furnishing Company is located in Houston's former Third Ward in a neighborhood dominated by scattered small scale industrial buildings with a smattering of fragmented residential clusters, and empty parcels. There is an active freight rail line that still runs trains regularly through the area. The property for Waddell's House Furnishing Company at 800 - 806 Sampson contains two separate buildings: a 1912 four-story warehouse and a 1928 factory building. There is a concrete parking area between the two buildings, and the two buildings never shared an interior connection. The four-story 1912 warehouse is load-bearing masonry with a red brick veneer and wood sash windows. It has a highly simplified, industrial, and purpose-built design. Ornament is limited to the stepped brick parapet and remnants of painted signs advertising the company. The warehouse building retains the vast majority of its original design, with the only changes visible on the ground floor where doors and openings have been removed and covered with plywood to prevent access and vandalism on the now-vacant building. The 1928 building is of reinforced concrete construction with a brick veneer and does not retain sufficient integrity to be considered for inclusion in this nomination.

The Waddell's House Furnishing Company is located in Houston's former Third Ward. Now, the neighborhood is scattered industrial buildings with a smattering of residential infill. There are still a number of empty parcels in the area, despite its proximity to Houston's downtown. Additionally, the freight rail lines constructed in the early 20th century are still extant and operable on both the north and south sides of the property boundary. There is a vacant lot immediately to the west, rail lines on the north and south sides, and one-story prefabricated metal industrial buildings across the street on the east. Vegetation in the area is limited to grass and untended bushes; there are no trees or maintained landscapes.

The 1912 four-story warehouse (806 Sampson) is a four-story, rectangular plan, load-bearing, industrial-style masonry building rising from a rectangular-plan masonry foundation, with mostly intact wood double-sash (9/9) windows on all four levels, and flat (shallow slope to the southwest) roof behind a stepped brick parapet. The building has no particular style beyond its industrial, purpose-built appearance. There is no ornament or design choices to indicate that the building belongs to a specific architectural style. Brick units are standard (4x4x8-inch) dimensions, and the walls are load-bearing, multiple-wythe assemblies of American bond with headers at every 6th course, corresponding to window sills of canted rowlocks, and no visible lintels. The roof is penetrated only in its general center by a large 1-story elevator penthouse; c. 1983 repairs to the otherwise consistent tarred-roofing material appear at the north corner.

The north (main) façade is 11 bays wide with an ABBBBBBBBBA composition with paired windows at the end bays and triple-grouped windows in the middle 9 bays. On the first floor, there is a solid concrete truck-loading dock with a simple shed roof supported by metal-pipe posts. The loading dock and canopy provided sheltered delivery-vehicle access to multiple freight-loading doors along this elevation. There is a single enclosed window on the first level in the first (easternmost) bay; the freight-loading doors are paired and retain their original sliding "garage" doors. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th levels have their wood-frame 9/9 window sets still in place but damaged and deteriorating from exposure.

The east (Sampson Street) elevation is five bays wide, with paired windows in the end bays and triple-grouped windows in the middle three bays giving the elevation an ABBBA composition. The longtime occupant's name is painted on this elevation's brick in faded white serif-font letters on a black panel between the 3rd and 4th-floor window bands:

WAREHOUSE | WADDELL'S HOUSEFURNISHINGS | [faded/unclear: WAREHOUSE, SHOWROOM]

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A simple cornice of 8 stepped-brick courses wraps around the southeast elevation as well as the northeast elevation just below the shallow stepped parapet of the same bricks. No apparent coping other than mortar tops the parapet bricks.

The west elevation is a blank brick wall from ground to roof. Below the parapet is a painted sign with indecipherable faded white lettering on a black panel. The 11-bay south (rear) elevation is similar to the opposite north elevation and faces a railroad spur. The first level was once penetrated by freight doors at the 2nd, 6th, and 10th bays; the doors have since been infilled. Flanking and between the freight-loading bays at the 1st level are small 3/3 light hinged windows. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th levels are detailed similar to the Sampson elevation, with most wood-frame 9/9 window sets still in place but damaged and deteriorating from exposure. Between the 3rd and 4th-floor window bands is a painted sign, extending across all 11 bays, with faded white serif-font lettering on a black panel:

[faded/unclear] | HOUSE FURNISHINGS [two words] | [faded/unclear: WAREHOUSE, SHOWROOM]

Each floor's interior space covers about 20,000 square feet and is open plan with the original wooden support columns still in place as well as the original wood flooring. There is a central freight elevator with an internal staircase within the elevator shaft. There are two staircases in the building, one on each side of the elevator shaft. The staircase construction appears to be site built by carpenters and repaired and rebuilt over time. There are no character defining features on these two staircases. It is likely that the staircase within the freight elevator shaft was original to the building and the other staircases added at a later date. There are no character defining features unique to the interior, though there is significant vandalism on the interior, in the form of graffiti spray painted onto the historic masonry.

1928 factory building (800 Sampson) is a two-story concrete frame building with red brick infill walls, and steel frame multi-light industrial windows. The building was constructed as the mattress assembly building for Waddell's House Furnishing Company. The company also constructed a **1950 showroom addition** onto the east elevation of the 1928 factory building. The 1950 addition was a prefabricated, one-story, steel-frame building with a concrete roof and flooring, and it was clad in painted brick and CMU. Because it was attached directly to the east façade of the 1928 factory building, the industrial windows and brick spandrels were removed and the remaining openings infilled with concrete. As a result, the 1928 building lost significant integrity of materials, design, and workmanship; the 1928 building retains less than 75% of its historic materials. Moreover, vandalism and neglect had contributed to significant integrity loss with respect to its remaining materials. The 1950 showroom building was demolished in 2015, and the 1928 factory building is recommended ineligible for listing due to its integrity loss.

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Statement of Significance

The Waddell's House Furnishing Company Warehouse Building at 806 Sampson was constructed in 1912 in a light-industrial and worker-housing area about 1.5 miles southeast of downtown Houston in the former Third Ward. At that time, the Hugh Waddell family had operated the family-owned business exclusively from downtown retail spaces since 1882. The Sampson Street warehouse marked a major expansion of the family's traditional furniture business and its extension into mattress manufacturing in the new four-story brick building. The business built an adjacent separate concrete-frame mattress assembly building in 1928. The 1912 warehouse supported the downtown Waddell operation through 1938 when the downtown retail store on Prairie Avenue was destroyed by fire. The subsequent Waddell retail location is unclear, but might have operated from the 1912 warehouse and/or the 1928 building. Although Waddell's closed its entire furnishings business by 1988, the family owned the Sampson Street property through 1998 when the current owner acquired the property. The 1912 warehouse at Waddell's House Furnishing Company is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A for Commerce at the local level of significance for its role as a prominent Houston furniture company. The building is also nominated under C for Architecture as an excellent intact example of one of the largest pre-war warehouses in Houston. The period of significance is 1912-1945, which marks the first two generations of Waddell's and the height of the business' success.

Hugh Waddell (1842–1915), an Irish immigrant, arrived in Houston by 1873 and found employment at R.B. Latham's central Houston retail furniture business. In 1882 Waddell established his own retail business in a small 2-story building at 411 and 412 Main Street in downtown Houston selling furniture, carpets, and associated goods.¹ Marketed as H. Waddell's Mammoth Furniture and Carpet House,² the store was well known for its "large and magnificent show windows" used to display whole tableaus, not just individual pieces of furniture.³ Waddell built a 3-story building downtown at 1102–1112 Prairie Avenue (southeast corner of the Fannin intersection) in 1895, supporting retail sales and wholesale stock of furniture, floor coverings, window dressings, mantels, baby carriages, refrigerators, and bicycles. A major addition was designed by Cooke & Co architects and added to the Prairie store in 1905 and 1906, bringing the building's height to six stories.⁴ Hugh and wife Jenny raised four children including boys Mayne Reid and Hugh Kerr, who both assisted at the retail store by 1905. The whole family participated in business organizations, local aid organizations, and community fundraising efforts.⁵

Waddell's House Furnishing Company incorporated in 1911 with father Hugh as president, son Mayne as vice president, and son Hugh K. as secretary-treasurer.⁶ The company even sold some stock in the company, as noted in newspaper advertisements.⁷ As a mark of their booming prosperity, Waddell's won contracts to provide the furnishings for a number of hotels during the 1910s, including the Bender,⁸ the De George,⁹ and the Rice Hotels (NRHP #78002947). Newspaper reports state that Waddell's provided nearly 50 carloads of furniture for the Rice Hotel prior to its grand opening.¹⁰ The newspaper estimated that the Rice Hotel spent approximately \$350,000 outfitting its

¹ "H. Waddell, Furniture and Goods," *The Houston Post*, Sunday March 11, 1894, pg. 24.

² "H. Waddell's," *The Houston Post*, Sunday February 28, 1897, pg. 14.

³ "Look in," *The Houston Post*, Tuesday December 22, 1896, pg. 4.

⁴ "Bids and Proposals," *The Houston Post*, Thursday April 6, 1905, pg. 10; "A Formal Opening," *The Houston Post*, Sunday April 22, 1906, pg. 5.

⁵ "Have Sixty-Five Thousand," *The Houston Post*, Saturday May 19, 1906, pg. 11.

⁶ "Transfer of Business," *The Houston Post*, Sunday August 6, 1911, pg. 50.

⁷ "No More Stock Available," *The Houston Post*, Sunday October 1, 1911, pg. 32.

⁸ "Fifty Cars of Furniture," *The Houston Post*, Sunday September 17, 1911, pg. 15.

⁹ "New De George Hotel has Ordered Furniture," *The Houston Post*, Sunday November 9, 1913, pg. 87.

¹⁰ "Many Carloads of Furniture," *The Houston Post*, Tuesday April 29, 1913, pg. 9.

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rooms.¹¹ Waddell's regularly took out full-page ads in both the *Houston Post* and *Houston Chronicle*, and they offered free shipping to "any point in Texas."¹² Their catalogue was also mailed anywhere upon request.

City Directories advertise a number of furniture retailers in Houston from 1918 until the late 1960s. Notable names include the Stowers Furniture Company, Haverty Furniture Company, E. A. Hudson Furniture Company, and Cohn Furniture. The city also had several other furniture companies that did not have the same longevity and success as those. However, Waddell's House Furnishing Company is one of few furniture companies in Houston that appears consistently in the city directories from 1918 until the late 1960s

In 1911 the Waddells purchased several adjacent lots in the Third Ward in the 800 block of Sampson Street between Rusk and railroad tracks near Harrisburg Road for \$6,800 and began plans for constructing a new warehouse.¹³ The same year, Waddell's borrowed \$50,000 against the Sampson Street property that covered the construction cost of the 1912 warehouse and mattress operation on a "Houston Belt & Terminal (HB&T) Railway siding at Sampson Street."¹⁴ The Waddell's Sampson Street warehouse was built far outside Houston's original and dense warehouse area near downtown and the city's original port at the foot of Main Street. At the time of construction, the port was in the process of relocating 13 miles to the east to its current location at IH-610 and Buffalo Bayou.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps from the 1920s show that the neighborhood in this period was predominantly modest one-story single family residences with scattered light industrial facilities along the railroad tracks. Later Sanborn maps demonstrate the trend continued into the 1950s, and it remains true in 2016. Presumably, the housing was used for laborers at nearby industrial facilities. The property was likely chosen for its relatively low purchase price and low taxes, and the railroad tracks immediately adjacent on the south surely allowed for easy shipping of goods from the warehouse to the showroom downtown. Given that the site was not used as a showroom until after the fire at the downtown location in 1938, the easy proximity of the warehouse for shoppers was not likely a consideration for the Waddells when they purchased the property.

Designed by notable Dallas-based architecture firm C.D. Hill & Company in 1912, the building was planned to be the largest warehouse in Houston.¹⁵ Other C.D. Hill projects in Houston include the South Texas National Bank Building¹⁶ and First Church of Christ, Scientist.¹⁷ The firm's prominent Dallas projects include the First Presbyterian Church, old City Hall, the Davis Building, and several high style residences.¹⁸ Compared to Hill's other surviving projects, the 1912 Waddell's warehouse is significantly less ornate and does not adhere to any high style of design. That a vernacular work from a significant architect survived over a century is remarkable, particularly when so many high style examples of his work remain.

The *Houston Post* reported that the building permits taken out for the construction of the warehouse required completion within six months, and construction was performed by the Street & Born construction company.¹⁹

¹¹ "Hotel will Cost Large Fortune," *The Houston Post*, Sunday October 27, 1912, pg. 51.

¹² "Waddell's House Furnishing Co.," *The Houston Post*, Sunday March 2, 1913, pg. 25.

¹³ "Mortgage Filed," *The Houston Post*, Sunday October 6, 1912, pg. 14.

¹⁴ "Mortgage Filed," *The Houston Post*, Sunday October 6, 1912, pg. 14.

¹⁵ "The Waddell Warehouse," *The Houston Post*, Saturday March 9, 1912, pg. 10.

¹⁶ "Summary of the News," *The Houston Post*, Wednesday, March 10, 1909, pg. 1.

¹⁷ "Architects' Notes," *The Houston Post*, Thursday October 6, 1910, pg. 7.

¹⁸ "Charles D. Hill, Dallas Architect," Architecturally Significant Homes, accessed 13 Oct 2016

<http://significanthomes.com/architect/charles-d-hill/>.

¹⁹ "The Waddell Warehouse," *The Houston Post*, Saturday March 9, 1912, pg. 10; "Real Estate Deals," *The Houston Post*, Friday December 8, 1911, pg. 178.

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Construction costs were estimated to be \$50,000.²⁰ Plans also included “large freight elevators and other modern warehouse equipment.”²¹ In 1913, an article on Houston’s warehouse inventory described the building as “one of the finest private warehouses” in the city.²² The Sampson property contained the warehouse with over 100,000 square feet of floor space, and the mattress factory that sold “Real Felt” mattresses “made in our own \$10,000 factory under the most sanitary conditions.”²³ Despite the frequent coverage in the paper, no historic photographs of the warehouse have been identified.

Patriarch Hugh Waddell died in 1915 at age 75 at the family’s summer home in Seabrook, Texas²⁴ and sons Mayne and Hugh K. became president and vice president, respectively, of the company. Despite the loss of the family patriarch, Waddell’s still earned the distinction of selling the most Hoosier-brand kitchen cabinets of any company in the United States.²⁵ Hoosier cabinets were incredibly popular during the 1920s, and they introduced the idea of organization and efficiency to kitchen layouts.²⁶ A 1916 article noted that Waddell’s was one of the largest furniture companies in the south,²⁷ and the 1925 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map showed the Sampson Street buildings as collectively sheltering furniture storage, a carpentry shop and planing mill, and a 1-story mattress factory (demolished to make way for the 1928 factory, Exhibit A, pg. 1).

Their downtown six-story building succumbed to fire in 1938 and the company continued to operate the warehouse, mattress factory, and retail sales from their Sampson Street facility. Mayne died in 1940 and Hugh K. died in 1945, leaving the business to the third generation of Waddells. In the 1950s Joske’s department store leased much of the 1912 building for merchandise and furniture storage. Records are not clear on how long Waddell’s continued its own operation from Sampson Street; the family sold the presumably abandoned property in 1998. Over the decades, Waddell’s descendants continued to operate the company at locations on North Main, South Main near the Museum District, on Fondren Road near Westpark, and briefly one in Baytown until the company closed in 1988 after 107 years in business.²⁸

Summary

The 1912 Waddell’s House Furnishing Company warehouse is nominated under Criterion A in the area of Commerce with significance at the local level for its role as a major component and survivor of a well-known family-owned Houston home furnishings business. The period of significance, from 1912-1945, was selected to include the first two generations of Waddell businessmen, marking the height of the business’ success. The company was a major player in Houston business for several decades through two generations of the Waddell family, as evidenced through the many contracts they had to outfit several of Houston’s hotels and particularly the Rice Hotel. The 1912 four-story warehouse is also significant under Criterion C, in the area of Architecture at the local level. A 2016 re-survey of Houston’s downtown warehouse district identifies the Waddell’s 1912 warehouse as a remarkably intact pre-World War I multi-story Houston warehouse, and its continued existence demonstrates an important piece of Houston’s architectural history. The warehouse is additionally significant for being one of the largest warehouse in Houston at the time of its design and a remaining example of C.D. Hill’s vernacular industrial design. It retains integrity of location, design,

²⁰ “Buildings to be Rushed,” *The Houston Post*, Sunday April 14, 1912, pg. 37.

²¹ “The Waddell Warehouse,” *The Houston Post*, Saturday March 9, 1912, pg. 10.

²² “Houston’s Warehouse System Is Excellent,” *The Houston Post*, Monday September 1, 1913, pg. 27.

²³ “Waddell’s House Furnishing Co.,” *The Houston Post*, Sunday March 2, 1913, pg. 25.

²⁴ “Houston,” *The Houston Post*, Tuesday July 13, 1915, pg. 1

²⁵ “Waddell Company Wins in Kitchen Cabinet Contest,” *The Houston Post*, Sunday August 1, 1915, pg. 4.

²⁶ Keith Pandolfi, “Staple of the 1920s Kitchen: Hoosier Cabinets,” This Old House Online, accessed 27 June 2016 http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/photos/0,,20443833_20879993,00.html.

²⁷ “From the Grand Rapids Herald,” *The Houston Post*, Wednesday January 12, 1916, pg. 9.

²⁸ Malcolm Waddell, personal correspondence to author, June 9, 2016.

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materials, workmanship, and feeling, with somewhat diminished integrity of setting and association with the change in the surrounding neighborhood from a predominantly light-industrial and worker-housing landscape to a neighborhood in transition with open parcels and scattered new townhouse development. The adjacent 1928 two-story factory building is not included as part of this nomination, as it retains less than 75% of its original perimeter walls including the primary façade, and the loss of integrity has rendered it ineligible for listing.

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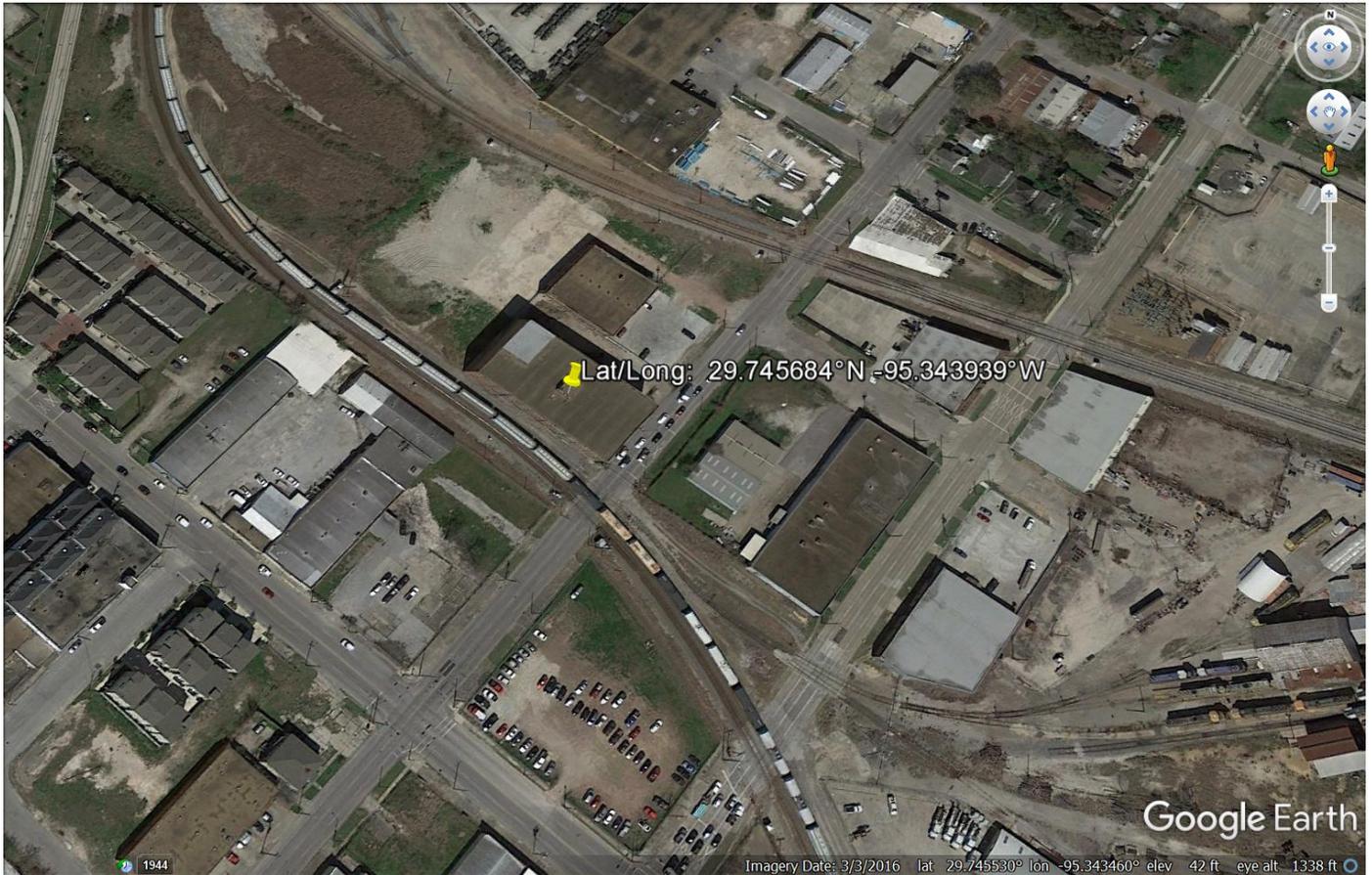
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Location Map

Source: Google Earth, accessed October 18, 2016.

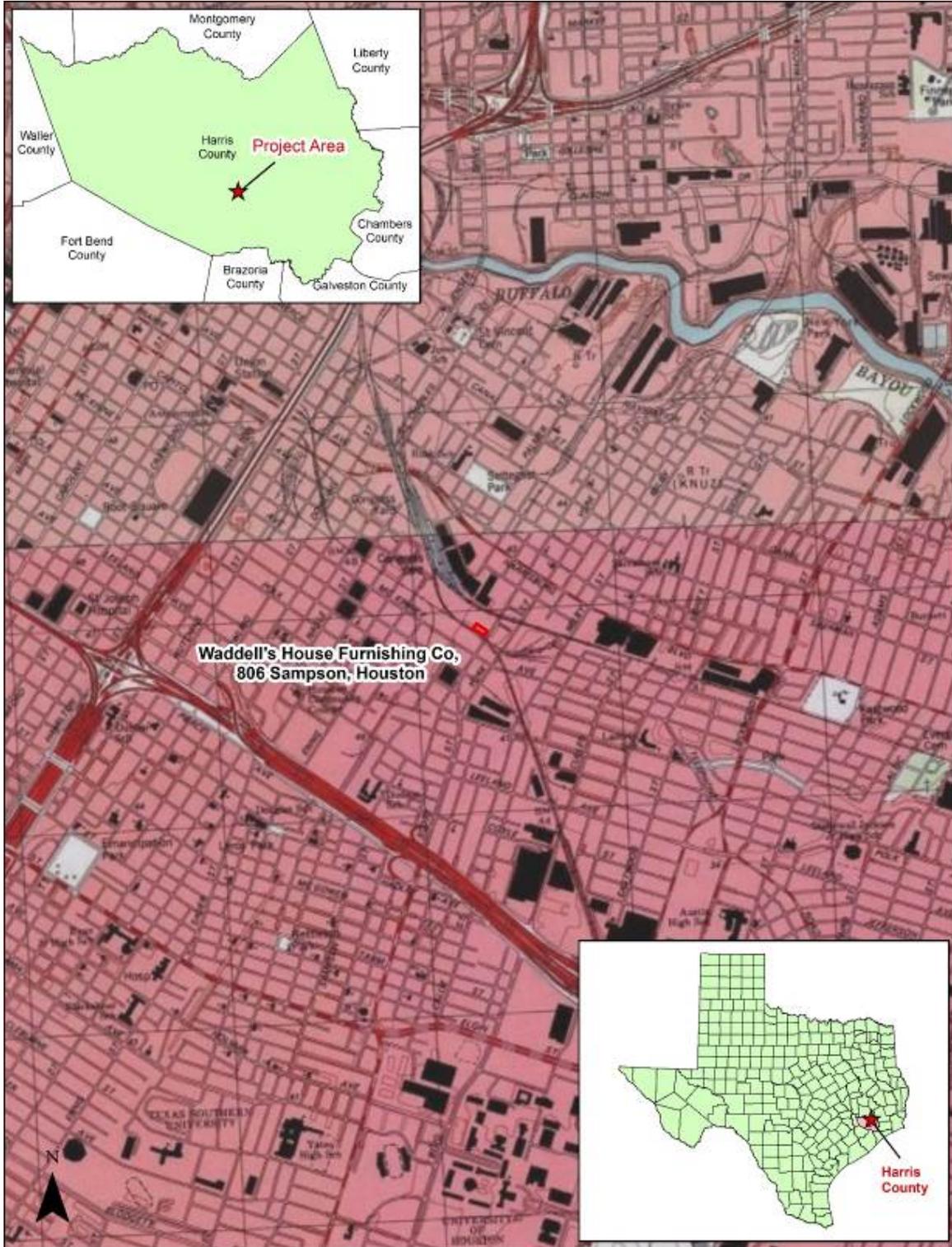


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Location Map

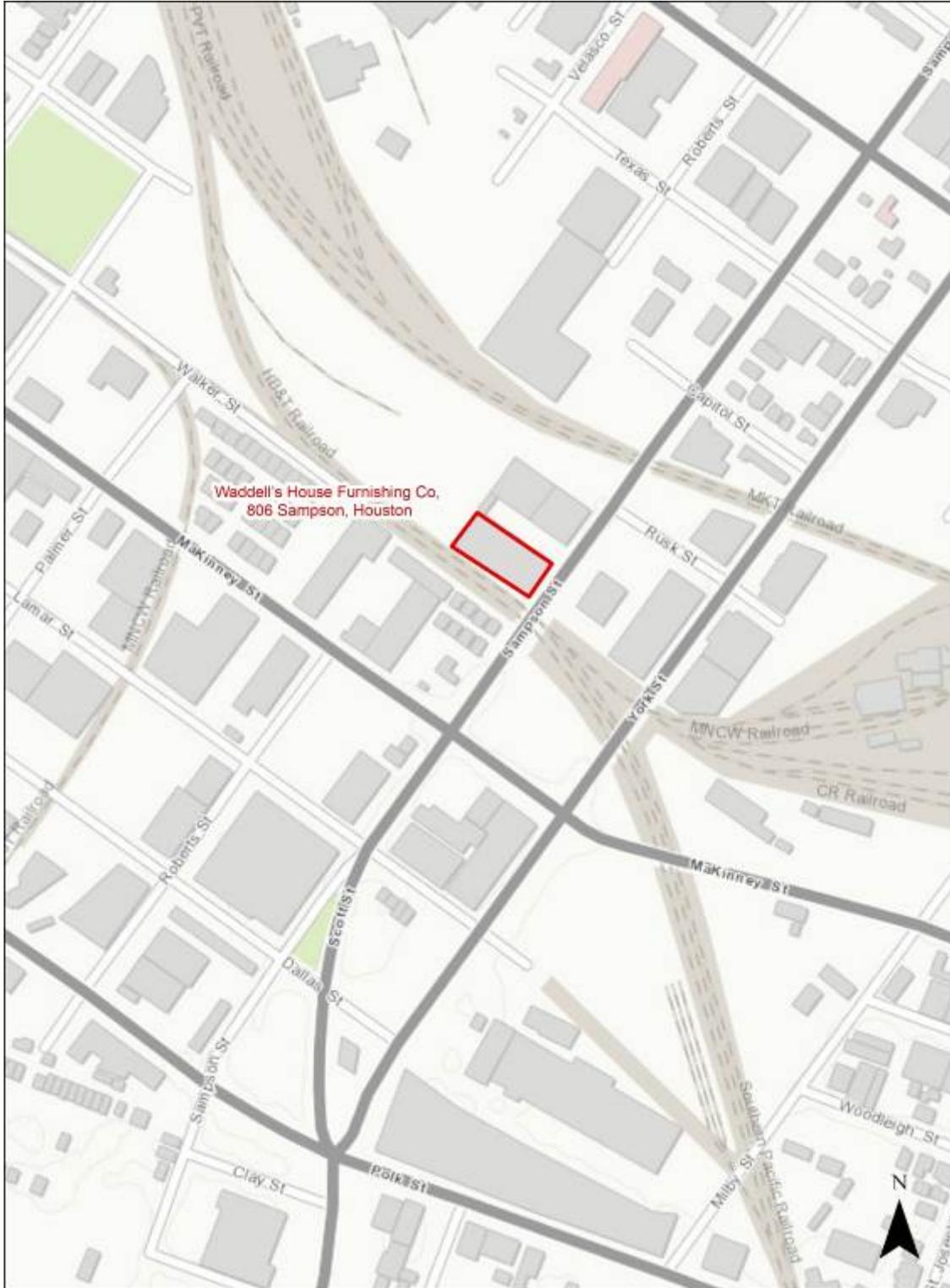


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Footprint of nominated building

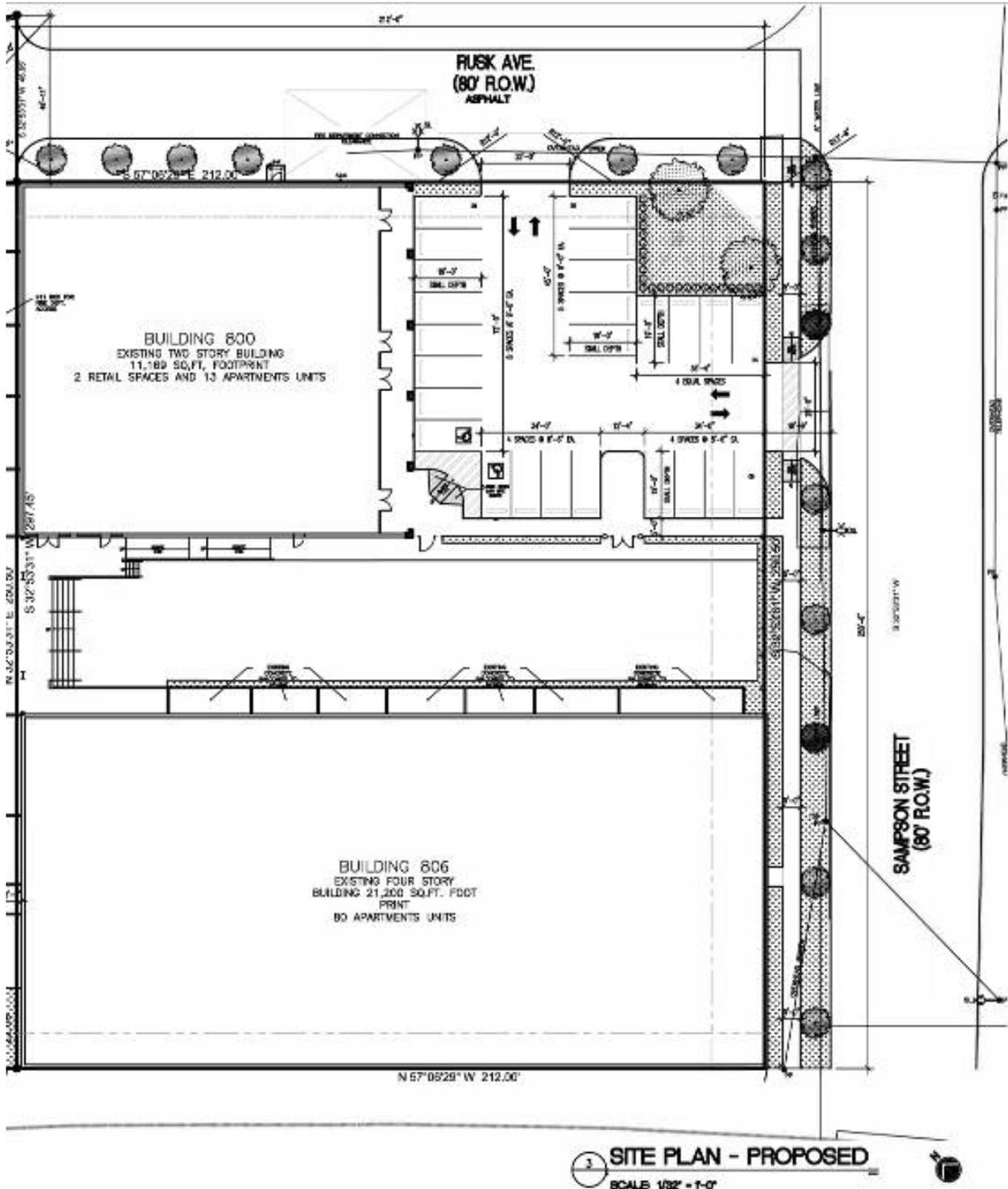


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Proposed site plan following the planned rehabilitation for the Waddell's House Furnishing Company, showing each building on property and their addresses. Courtesy Cisneros Design Studio.

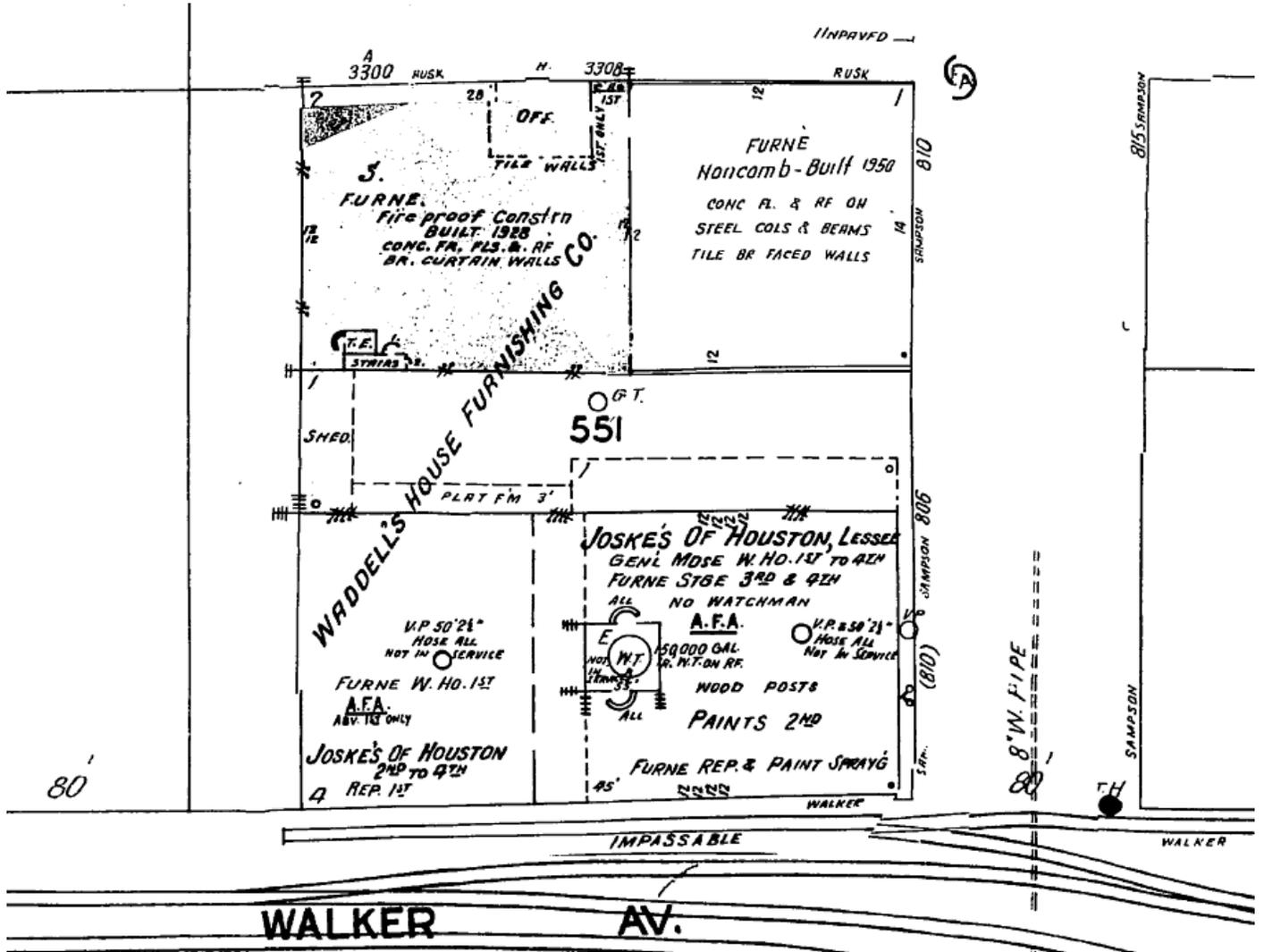


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FIGURE 1 – Sanborn Map 1924-1951, vol. 4, sheet 437



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FIGURE 2 – Houston Post advertisement, Sunday, August 27, 1911. Source: newspapers.com

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Many Other Like Values



POURCH ROCKER
No. 10
A large heavy rocker, oak, all hand made with selected broad grained, solid pine joints, with a fine finish. \$18.00 value.
**A \$2.25 Value,
Sale Price,
\$1.80**

WADDELL'S

HOUSEFURNISHING COMPANY
SUCCESSORS TO H. WADDELL

To Have a Purpose in Mind is One Thing. To Bring That Purpose into Execution is Another.

At the beginning of this sale we had but one thought—that was to reduce stock. Therefore to carry out our purpose, we have marked down hundreds of articles—all new, up-to-date goods, to the extent of **ONE-FIFTH**. This per cent is a big one. **ONE MORE WEEK. MAKE YOUR PURCHASE THIS WEEK and SAVE 20 PER CENT.**

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No. 10



Make of solid oak, finished with Faglin's oak stain, and hand made at home.
Sale Price \$2.40

Better Than the Average \$4.00 Chair—This

POURCH ROCKER
No. 10

It is actually better in every respect than many of the \$4.00 chairs. The material throughout is superior heavy, a made of hard maple, with select oak and with hand made joints, in every respect, and it is remarkably comfortable—it is practically cheap at \$2.25.
Sale Price, \$2.20



<p>Collaps Go-Carts No. 31—Wash \$2.00, reduced to \$1.00 No. 32—Wash \$2.50, reduced to \$1.00 No. 40—Wash \$2.00, reduced to \$1.00 No. 30—Wash \$2.00, reduced to \$1.00</p>	<p>Davenport Beds No. 203—Spanish leather upholstered, with double spring, was \$80.00, sale price \$64.00 No. 202—Spanish upholstered, with double spring, was \$40.00, sale price \$34.00 No. 201—Spanish upholstered, with double spring, was \$40.00, sale price \$34.00</p>	<p>CHIFFOROBES No. 791—Genuine Mahogany, with 22" seat, oak price \$132.00 No. 792—Genuine Mahogany, with 22" seat, oak price \$100.00 No. 793—Genuine Oak, with 22" seat, oak price \$60.00</p>	<p>CENTER TABLES No. 708—Round 24-inch top Golden Oak \$14.00, worth \$2.75, reduced to \$1.40 No. 677—Square top Golden Oak \$14.00, worth \$2.75, sale price \$1.40 No. 678—Square top Golden Oak with French legs, \$2.00 value, sale price \$1.40</p>	<p>ALL HAMMOCKS All Couch Hammocks Reduced One-Fifth</p>
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BRASS BEDS
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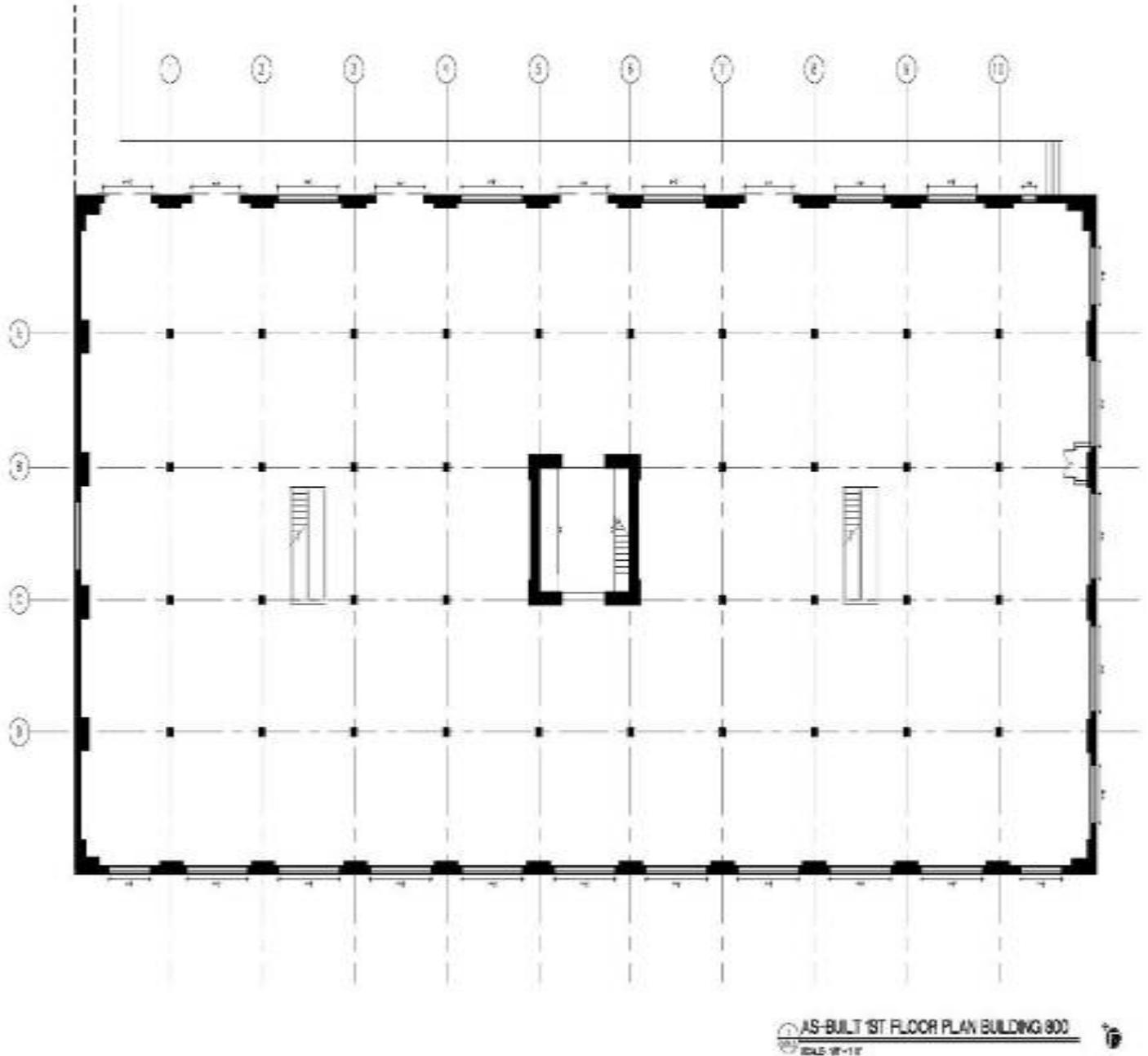
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FIGURE 3 – Typical floor plan for the 1912 warehouse. Courtesy Cisneros Design Studio, Architects LLC



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PHOTO 1 – 1912 warehouse east elevation, view west

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PHOTO 2 – 1912 warehouse north elevation, view west with non-contributing 1928 factory on right

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Photo 3 – 1912 warehouse north elevation, view east

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PHOTO 4 – West elevation, view east. 1928 factory on left, 1912 warehouse on right.

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PHOTO 5 – 1912 warehouse west and south elevations, view east

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PHOTO 6 – 1912 warehouse interior, first floor, view east

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PHOTO 7 – 1912 warehouse interior, second floor, view west

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PHOTO 8 – 1912 warehouse interior, third floor, view west

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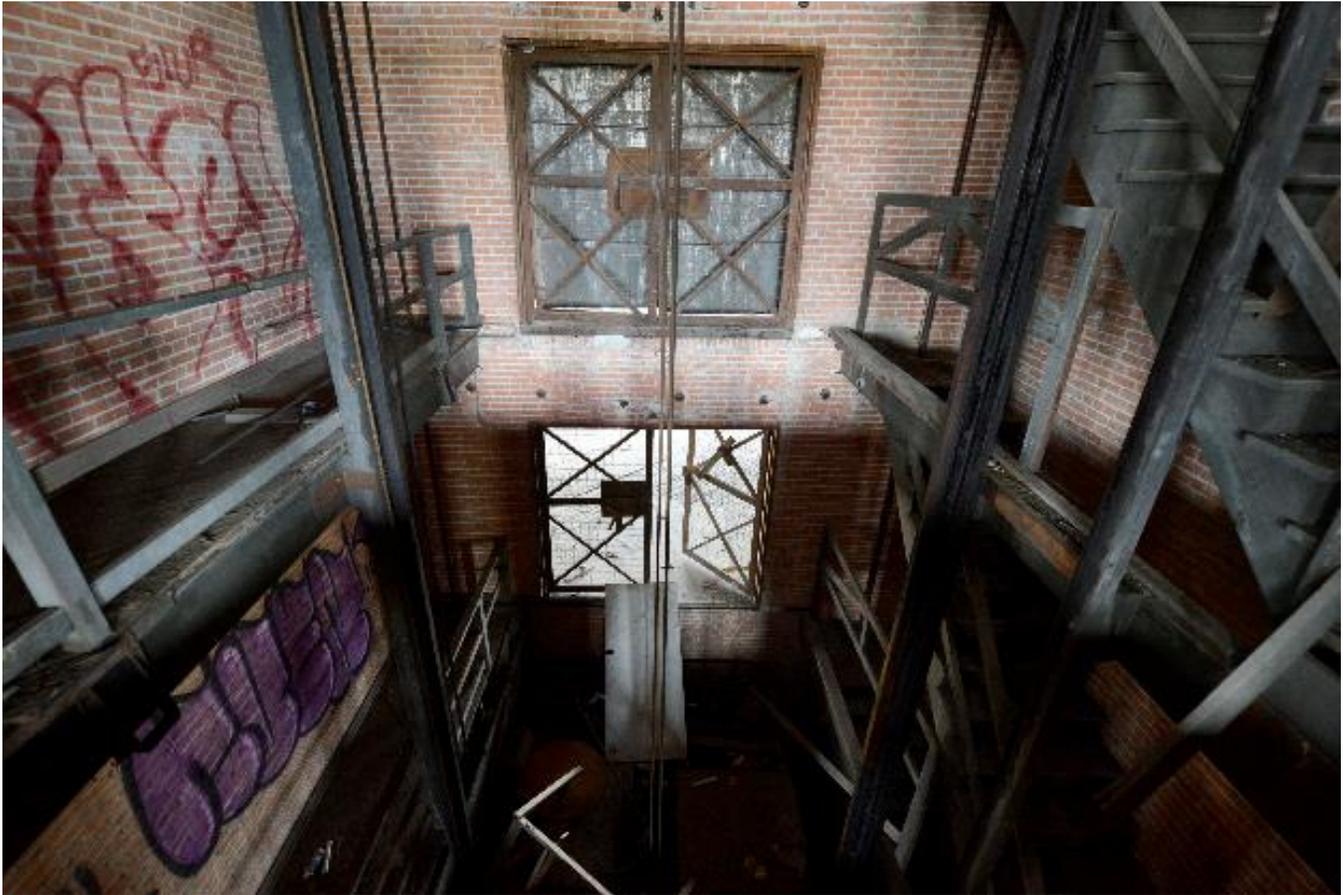


PHOTO 9 – 1912 warehouse interior, warehouse lift shaft and access core, view north