



History of 511 16th Street

The house currently located at 511 16th St. was built in 1868 and was originally located on the property of St. Mary's Cathedral at the intersection of 20th and Church streets (original address: 2001/2003 Ave. F [Church]). According to insurance maps dating back to 1877, the structure was identified as a 1 & ½ story Tailor's shop. In the aftermath of the great storm of 1900, the building had its roof replaced. In January 1911, the structure was sold for \$100 and moved for a cost of \$250 to the rear of the property of the Wilbur F. Cherry House (built ~1854) at 1602 Church Street. Mr. Wilbur Cherry was the founding publisher of *The Daily News*, the oldest newspaper in the state of Texas. It is unclear if the house was purchased and moved by Catherine Cherry (the widow of Wilbur Cherry), or Ernest F. Schmidt, who was the next owner of the Cherry house and presumably divided the lots. The house was initially given the address 513 16th St. but was later changed to 511 16th St. The vast majority of homes in this area were destroyed in the great fire of 1885. Because it was moved to its present location after the 1885 fire, it is among the oldest homes in the area, which include the Wilbur F. Cherry House that was inexplicably spared from the fire. Although the house has changed hands on numerous occasions over nearly 150 years, its stout construction and historic charm have endured time and destructive storms, including most recently Hurricane Ike in 2008.

The following documents are available at the Galveston Texas History Center of the Rosenberg Library and the University of Texas' collection of Sanborn Maps.

5m

4447
2785
436
Apr Lot 8-9

DESCRIPTION AND ESTIMATE

Of the Present Cash Value of the *1 1/2* story *Shingle* ~~Asbestos~~ *Comp*
 roofed *Asph* Building, situated on Lot No. *8 & 9* in Block No. *436*
 in the City of Galveston, owned by *E. M. Stewart* ~~in~~ *Benjamin Wade* '48
 and occupied by *tenant* ~~as~~ *J. G.* as *Dwelling*
~~2001-2005~~ *513 - 16th St*
(511) *Duplex*

DESCRIPTION.

When built? *1868* *Moved to lot 8*
 Is it on leased ground? *no* *1900*
 Is it encumbered or in litigation? *no* *Rep'd after storm part new roof*
 What is used for lighting? *oil* *Ground owned by Catholic Church*
 Size of Building? *48 x 90 ft*
 Number of Rooms? *2 hall 1k 2 bath 2 1/2 bath 2 hall*
 Number of Closets? *1* *1 chimney*
 Number of Galleries? *Balcony* *1 grate & mantle*

ESTIMATE.

Ernest F. Schmidt, also known as E. F. Schmidt, to Florence M. Schmidt, lot 8 in block 436 and improvements, and all of lot 9 in block 436 and improvements; \$1, etc. (No revenue stamp). <i>3/7/40</i>	would cost, at present value of materials and labor,	\$ <i>1200</i>
Florence M. Schmidt, widow, to Benjamin Wade and wife, lots 8 and 9 in block 436 and improvements; \$10 etc. (United States revenue stamps indicate transaction up to \$18,000). <i>11/4/48</i>		\$
Benjamin Wade and wife to E. M. Stewart and wife, lot 8 in block 436, and improvements; \$10 (United States revenue stamps indicate transaction up to \$11,500). <i>1/10/54</i>		\$ <i>1200</i>
From which I deduct for depreciation from age, use or location <i>25%</i>		\$ <i>300</i>
E. M. Stewart and wife to Edward R. Wallace and wife the north 46 feet 10 inches of lot 8 in block 436 and improvements; \$10 (U. S. rev. stamps indicate transaction up to \$5500). <i>2/9/57</i>		\$ <i>300</i>
Making the present Cash Valuation		\$ <i>900</i>
Maximum Insurance permitted by Board rule...		\$

REMARKS.

Moved from lot 7 block 380 Jan 1911. Sold for 100 cash 250 to owner & house will be repaired & on now seen to good.

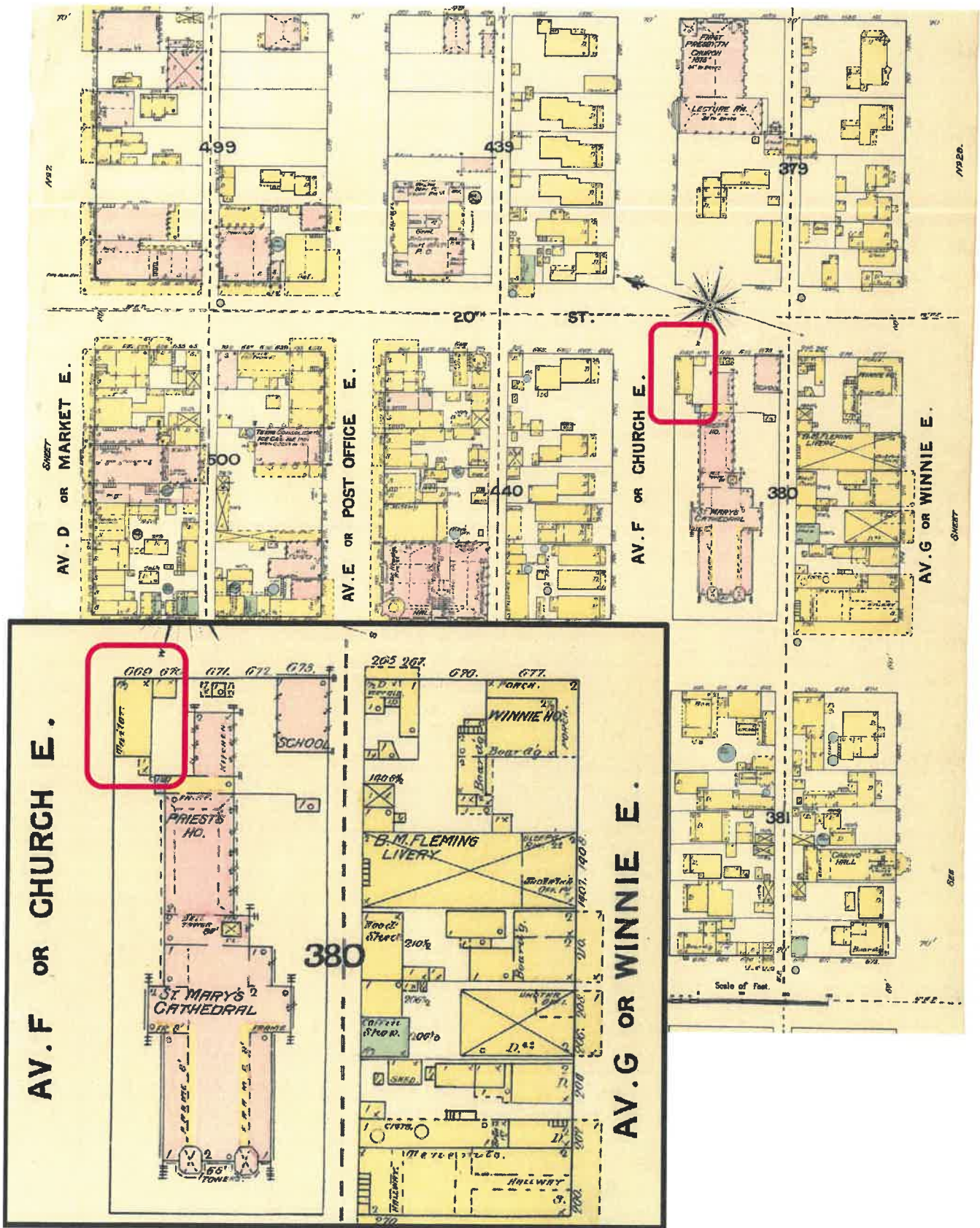
B. W. & Co. 4 Mar 03
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A. G. Powers
 Inspector.

Galveston, Texas, *1* day of *July* 189*4*

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Original location at St. Mary's Cathedral, Church & 20th, 1889 Sanborn Map



Current location at 16th St., 1912 Sanborn Map

