

1509 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Galveston, Texas  
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legal: outlot 44 NW

Architectural description

The 1903 Marie Schorer Cottage is an asymmetrical Queen Anne style cottage with a side gable roof and intersecting forward facing gable bay with shingle detailing. The front door is a typical 'Queen Anne' style door and is a combination of wooden panels and glass with a transom. The porch windows are 2/2 and all windows in the bay window are 1/1. Scrolled brackets detail the bay window and porch. Other porch details are turned posts and intricate woodwork above the scrolls. There is a small, hipped roof dormer with casement windows. Board and batten siding enclose the raised basement.

source	info
city. directory, 1875-76, 1876-77, 1877-78	no listing Schorer
1891, Sanborn map	1-story frame dwelling with wood shingle roof. House is horseshoe-shaped with a central projecting bay in the front. The front porch mimics this projecting bay. There is a 1-story rear ell with shingle roof and rear porch and a 2 and 1/2-story frame stable with shingle roof. There is a 1-story frame building in the rear of the property [possibly an out house or hen house].
1899 Sanborn map	same as 1891
original insurance record, 1904	States the house was built in December of 1903. House was originally 1 and 1/2 story with basement, and a frame building with a metal roof. Owned by F. Schorer. The basement was on 10' posts on 1' brick piers and partly enclosed. Both floors were assured by the owners [they lived there]. The lighting was originally oil and was later wired for electricity. Gasoline was originally used for the cook stove. There were 4 rooms and 2 halls and 1 bath, 2 pantry's and 2 porches

	and one wooden cistern.
City directory, 1903	<b>Schorer, Frank</b> - Dealer in firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle, sporting goods also gun and locksmith, agt. Dupont powder mills, 2206 Mechanic. Res. 1509 20 <sup>th</sup> Street.
City directory, 1903, business section	Listed under <b>Ammunition</b> - Frank Schorer, [one of 3 dealers], shop 2206 Mechanic. [one of six listed under <b>gun and locksmiths</b> ], [one of 3 listed under <b>guns and pistols</b> ]. <b>Ad on p. 240 under initial 'S'</b> . Ad says: Scorer, Frank. Importer and dealer in firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle and general sporting goods, 2206 Mechanic street, iron safes and locks opened and repaired. Also keys of all kinds made to order. Re-stocking and repairing fine guns a speclalty . . . . .
city directory, 1905	<b>Schorer, Frank</b> (A.D. Bridges, manager) dealer in fire arms, ammunition, fishing tackle, sporting goods. <b>Schorer, Marie</b> (widow Frank) res. 1509 20 <sup>th</sup> Street
1899 Sanborn, corrected 1906	same as 1891 Sanborn
city directory, 1908	<b>1509 20<sup>th</sup> Street</b> - Schorer, Marie Mrs.
city directory, 1909	<b>1509 20<sup>th</sup> Street</b> - Schorer, Marie Mrs. <b>Schorer, Marie</b> (widow Frank) r. 1509 20 <sup>th</sup> Street <b>Schorer, Victor</b> , gunsmith, h. 1509 20 <sup>th</sup> Street <b>Schorer, Frank</b> (Joseph Keppler) expert gun, safe and locksmith. [I am not sure what 'Joseph Keppler' means - maybe he was the manager of the store?]
city directory, 1921	<b>1509 20<sup>th</sup> Street</b> - Pask, W. S.
city directory, 1923	<b>1509 20<sup>th</sup> Street</b> - Pask, WS <b>Pask, William S.</b> (Essye K) stenographer, r. 1509 20 <sup>th</sup> Street.
Sanborn map, 1912 with 1931 paste overs	This shows the existing house. A 1 and 1/2 story frame dwelling with basement. The façade has a side projecting bay and inset porch, typical of the Queen Anne style architecture and early 20 <sup>th</sup> century transitional between Queen Anne and Colonial

	Revival. Porch is 2-story. There is also a 2-story rear porch and a 1-story out building with a composition roof.
city directory, 1934-35	1509 20 <sup>th</sup> Street - Jamail, Jm. Jamail, J.M. - John M (Eva) 1509 20 <sup>th</sup> Street.

DESCRIPTION AND ESTIMATE Of the Present Cash Value

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the 1 1/2 - 1 - B story Metal roofed frame building,  
 located on Lot No. 6 - 7 in Block No. N. W. 1/4 @ L. 44 No. 1511 gas framed 20 Street,  
 the City of Galveston, owned by St. Scherer, W. S. Pask Phone 3246

Basement 10 ft post on 1 ft brick floor pt enclosed east & north  
 First Floor by (11) attached tenant for dwelling  
 Second Floor by (8) " " for " "  
 Third Floor by " " for " "

DESCRIPTION:

When built? Dec 1903 Last repaired or painted? 1937  
 Is it on leased ground? No When does lease expire? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is used for lighting? Oil (Wired for 600 light) Is gasoline used? No - Cool flame  
 Size of building? 36 x 33 4 x 15 & 17 x 2 1/2 ft  
 Number of rooms: Rough ceiled and papered 4 Halls 2 Bath room 1  
 Ceiled and painted 3  
 Number closets? 2 & pantry Porches? 2 Mantels and grates? 1

Location thereof? 3' brick to 3 ft shelves  
 Estimate: 5111  
2/19/31 2300  
 The above described building would cost, at present value of materials and labor, \_\_\_\_\_

Some wooden cutters & foundation \$ 400  
 W. Steele, trustee, to H.O.C. 55 feet north and south by 117 feet east and west out of the northeast quarter of the northwest block of outlet 44 and improvements; \$2600. (United States revenue stamp indicates transaction up to \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Douvry to Nick G. Gavrel, 55 feet north and south by 117 feet east and west of the northeast quarter of the northwest block of outlet 44, as described, and improvements; \$2500 (United States revenue stamps indicate transaction up to \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Owners' Loan Corporation to Douvry, 55 feet north and south by 117 feet east and west out of the northeast quarter of the northwest block of outlet 44; \$2750 (no revenue stamp).  
 FUS - A. R. Hill to W. R. Hill, part of lot 7, northwest block of outlet 44, with improvements; \$2,000.  
 Marie Schorer et al to W. S. Pask, part of northeast quarter of northwest block of outlet 44, with improvements; \$3,500.  
 Edna A. Crenshaw Hall and others to Rio J. Fiori, the south 42 feet of the north 75 feet of lot 7 and the south 42 feet of the north 75 feet of the east 18 feet 8 inches of lot 6 in northwest block of outlet 44 in Galveston and improvements, \$10. (No rev. stamps).

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:  
10-7-44 20  
12/18/37  
5/23/20  
4/8/20  
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Galveston, Texas, 18 day of Jan, 1904  
 Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_