

LANDMARK DESIGNATION REPORT

LANDMARK NAME: The Pizzitola Building**AGENDA ITEM:** C**OWNERS:** Anthony Pizzitola and Lydia Bilton**HPO FILE NO.:** HP2025_0042**APPLICANTS:** Anthony Pizzitola**DATE ACCEPTED:** Feb -10- 2025**LOCATION:** 1138 W Gray Street, Houston, TX, 77019**HAHC HEARING:** Apr-10-2025

SITE INFORMATION: Lot 4 and Tract 3A, Block 6, Rosemont Heights, City of Houston, Harris County, Texas. The site includes a one-story brick commercial building with an adjoining one-story stucco single family residence attached to the rear.

TYPE OF APPROVAL REQUESTED: Landmark Designation**HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY**

The Pizzitola Building can be described as a one-story brick commercial building constructed circa 1932-34. Attached to the rear of the commercial building is a one-story stucco, single family residence. A covered porch connects the house to the rear wall of the brick commercial structure. The two buildings possess excellent integrity and are prime examples of early twentieth century commercial construction with adjoining living quarters. Originally, the stucco house sat where the commercial building is currently located at the front of the lot facing W Gray Street. The house was listed as 1136 W Gray and was the only building on the lot. When Frank Pizzitola acquired the property in the early 1930s, he decided to pick up the stucco house and relocate it to the rear of the lot. After this move was complete, he constructed the commercial brick building in its place with plans to utilize the site as a rental property. Over the years, 1138 W Gray has been occupied by numerous local Houston businesses from grocery stores to a picture framing shop. The current owner, Anthony Pizzitola, son of Frank Pizzitola, named the building in honor of his late father. The Pizzitola Building located at 1138 W Gray Street meets Criteria 1, 3, 4, 5, & 8 for Landmark Designation.

HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE*Frank Raymond Pizzitola*

Frank Raymond Pizzitola was born to Gaitano John Pizzitola and Anna Ciulla on July 31, 1894, in Orange, Texas. He was the fourth of five sons: Vincenzo (b.1877), Giovanni “John” (b.1879), Jack (b.1882), and Joseph George (b.1896) Pizzitola. His parents both immigrated to the United States through New Orleans, Louisiana from Bisacquino, Citta Metropolitana di Palermo, Sicilia, Italy between 1886-1888. From New Orleans, the Pizzitolas went to Orange, Texas. Frank was born there and worked in the oil fields during his teen years. He had only a fourth-grade education. By the 1910 Census, the family is shown as living on a county road in La Marque, Texas where Gaitano Pizzitola is listed as a farmer, and Frank is sixteen years old. He was drafted to World War I in June 1917 at the age of 22 and is listed as working as a laborer in a machine shop called “Lane and Bowler”.

As time went on, Frank moved away from home and eventually settled in Houston, Texas following the war. According to the 1920 Census, he was living in a boarding house at 1113 Travis Street, and his occupation was a foreman at an auto shop. On November 23, 1921, Frank married Miss Bernadine Magdalen Guseman at Annunciation Catholic Church in Houston, Texas. The 1923-24 City of Houston

Directory lists F R Pizzitola residing at 1402 Matthews; he then lived at 820 Fairview Avenue and worked at “Pizzitola Bros Meat” at 4113 McKinney Avenue by 1926. On the 1927 directory, he is still listed as a butcher, and the couple has moved to Taft Street. According to the 1930 Census, Frank, Bernadine, and Bernadine’s mother Lenora are shown living together at 1301 Taft with Frank’s occupation being the owner of a butcher shop called “Frank’s Quality Market”. In addition to the butcher shop, Frank owned a small grocery store which was run by Bernadine. He was taught at an early age that one’s degree of wealth was determined by the amount of land owned at a time. He made it a point to acquire as many properties as he possibly could in order to make a name for himself.

Over the years, Frank continued to manage his businesses (c.1920-1940s) and rental properties in addition to working as a general contractor. Together, he and Bernadine had one child. Anthony Frank Pizzitola was born on July 17, 1949. Upon Frank’s passing on July 21, 1974, the property at 1138 W Gray was left to his son. Anthony married Lydia Bilton in 1976 and moved into the stucco house at the rear of the property. They remained tenants of the house until 1987. Anthony continues to be the proud owner of 1138 W Gray to this day.

1138 W Gray Construction and Occupant History

When Frank Pizzitola acquired the property along W Gray Street, a one-story stucco house sat on the lot and was addressed as 1136 W Gray. The house appears on the 1925 Sanborn map, so its construction took place approximately between 1924-25 according to city directories. An advertisement in the Houston Chronicle from August 1932 shows “1136 W Gray, 6-room stucco” house under the Bargain Counter listing the property for \$4500. With the intention of having various rental properties, Frank decided to purchase the property, pick up the existing house, and move it to the rear of the lot. In its place fronting the street, he built the brick commercial building which was addressed as 1138 W Gray upon its completion. According to the 1932 Texas General Contractors Association Bulletin, F. R. Pizzitola was awarded a contract to construct a one-story 43 x 50 brick store at 1138 W Gray Ave.

According to the current owner, Anthony Pizzitola, his father found architectural plans for a brick commercial building and modified them to his own design. With his experience working in various labor-intensive industries, Frank came to view himself as self-proclaimed general contractor and was extremely handy. Considering this was at the time of the Great Depression, Pizzitola made it a point to be as frugal as possible. He employed people who had been laid off from their office jobs and they went to work building the structure entirely by group force. They mixed mortar by hand, and layered walls with bricks, concrete plaster, and more brick. By 1934, the building was complete and ready for a local business to set up shop.

The first business to occupy 1138 W Gray was Nowell’s Grocery No.2 in 1934. Newspaper advertisements mention the business having two store locations: 2403 Taft with “Good charge accounts solicited. Free delivery” and 1138 W Gray available for “cash and carry”. Nowell’s No.2 is listed as the tenant of 1138 W Gray in newspapers through 1943. In December 1946, a new name is associated with the address: W. T. Morrow. A newspaper advertisement from January 1948 shows a grocery store as the tenant of the building, which is Morrow Food Market. By December 1954, the grocery business is listed as being for sale at 1138 W Gray. The listing reads, “Grocery. (old established). Must sell. Account health. Good fixtures, clean stock. Living quarters. 1138 W Gray”. This advertisement is run in papers

repeatedly from 1954-1966. Other listings mention the address as having an adjoining house with reasonable rent. This pattern continues until the next tenant comes along.

In summer of 1966, 1138 W Gray became an auction house. Announcements ran in the newspapers almost daily to notify the community of the “Gigantic Public Auction” happening each week. The auctions were advertised as taking place every Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 in the evening. Items available included everything from furniture, home appliances, jewelry, and antiques to restaurant booths, automobiles, and industrial equipment. The auctions were open to the public and even included antique estate items from around the country, not just local finds. Most of the advertisements name Col. Mutt Meeks as the auctioneer leading the weekly sales. By the summer of 1970, 1138 W Gray is listed in an advertisement for a new store that is “in need of furniture and guns”. The business is listed as Mack’s Pawn Shop in an article mentioning local robberies which occurred in November later that year. Mack’s was robbed of \$118 by two gunmen at 2:40 p.m. The address continues to be mentioned throughout the early 1970’s as having a good selection of bargain sales each week. A new auction house announces its opening at 1138 W Gray in an advertisement on July 4, 1976. The company listed is Bowles Auction Co. The business served not only as an antique auction house and consignment, but also as a place to host poetry events. Poetry readings, as well as workshops were held at Bowles on Fridays from 8:00-12:00 p.m. Local poets, musicians, and playwrights were given the opportunity to present their work in a “coffeehouse atmosphere” for the public. The building remained an auction house until the late 1980s.

According to a newspaper article from July 1989, a “Montrose Retail Space or Studio” is listed as being available for rent at 1138 W Gray. The advertisement describes the building as “2000 sqft 14’ ceiling, tons of A/C, great curb appeal on heavily traveled downtown artery”. In the 1990s, the building became occupied by an art furniture gallery, and then a picture framing shop in 1998. The framing shop remained as the tenant of the commercial space as well as the adjoined stucco house until 2023 when the business owner passed away. Since then, both buildings have remained vacant. Anthony Pizzitola, property owner since 1974, maintained and restored the buildings following the vacancy. The restoration project was completed in 2024 and is currently awaiting a new tenant to occupy the commercial space as Frank R. Pizzitola had originally intended.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

1138 W Gray – Commercial Building

The building fronting W Gray Street can be described as a one-story brick commercial storefront with an adjoining stucco house attached to the rear. The commercial structure is seven bays wide (storefront along W Gray Street) and six bays deep. The building is constructed entirely of brick in various shades of orange and neutral tones in a running bond pattern. Textured face bricks are used on the entire south (front) elevation and continue until the halfway mark along the west (left) and east (right) elevations. The bricks then change from a textured face to a smooth face brick throughout the remaining rear portion of the building. The front elevation has a storefront entrance with two separate entry points with a brick pillar divide: one single door with a large glass pane stretching $\frac{3}{4}$ of the door face and a transom above, and one set of double doors with a large glass pane stretching $\frac{3}{4}$ of each door face and a transom above. The two entrances give the impression that two businesses could occupy the building at once. Storefront style picture windows span across the rest of the front elevation from the edge of the door to

the end of the wall. Seven rows of decorative black and white smooth geometric ceramic tiles run the length of the façade and go from the base of the picture windows to the edge of the sidewalk entry. A metal awning shelters the entire front elevation from the elements. Cables connect the awning to the upper portion of the façade with a diamond shaped brick pattern at the attachment site. Along the top edge of the awning, a row of divided lite transom windows spans across the elevation. A stepped parapet tops the front façade with a cornice lined with bricks in a dentil pattern. On either side of the parapet is a decorative masonry corbel with curled ends. The parapet hides the flat roof which extends from the front to the rear of the building. The interior is one large commercial space with a small bathroom.

1138 W Gray (Previously 1136 W Gray) – Rear Stucco Single-Family Residence

The building located at the rear of Lot 4, Tract 3A can be described as a one-story textured stucco single-family residence on a pier-and-beam foundation. The building is five bays wide and seven bays deep with a covered front porch adjoining to the rear of the commercial building. Masonry steps lead up to the covered porch from the east (right) elevation and have a raised landing leading to the inside. The building is topped by a hipped-gable roof and includes six rooms on the interior.

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The information and sources provided by the applicant for this application have been reviewed, verified, edited and supplemented with additional research and sources by Cara Quigley, Planning and Development Department, City of Houston.

APPROVAL CRITERIA FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Sec. 33-224. Criteria for designation

(a) The HAHC, in making recommendations with respect to designation, and the city council, in making a designation, shall consider one or more of the following criteria, as appropriate for the type of designation:

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EXHIBIT A

PHOTOS

THE PIZZITOLA BUILDING
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Photo XX: South (front) elevation facing W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: Stepped parapet detail on the south (front) elevation facing W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.

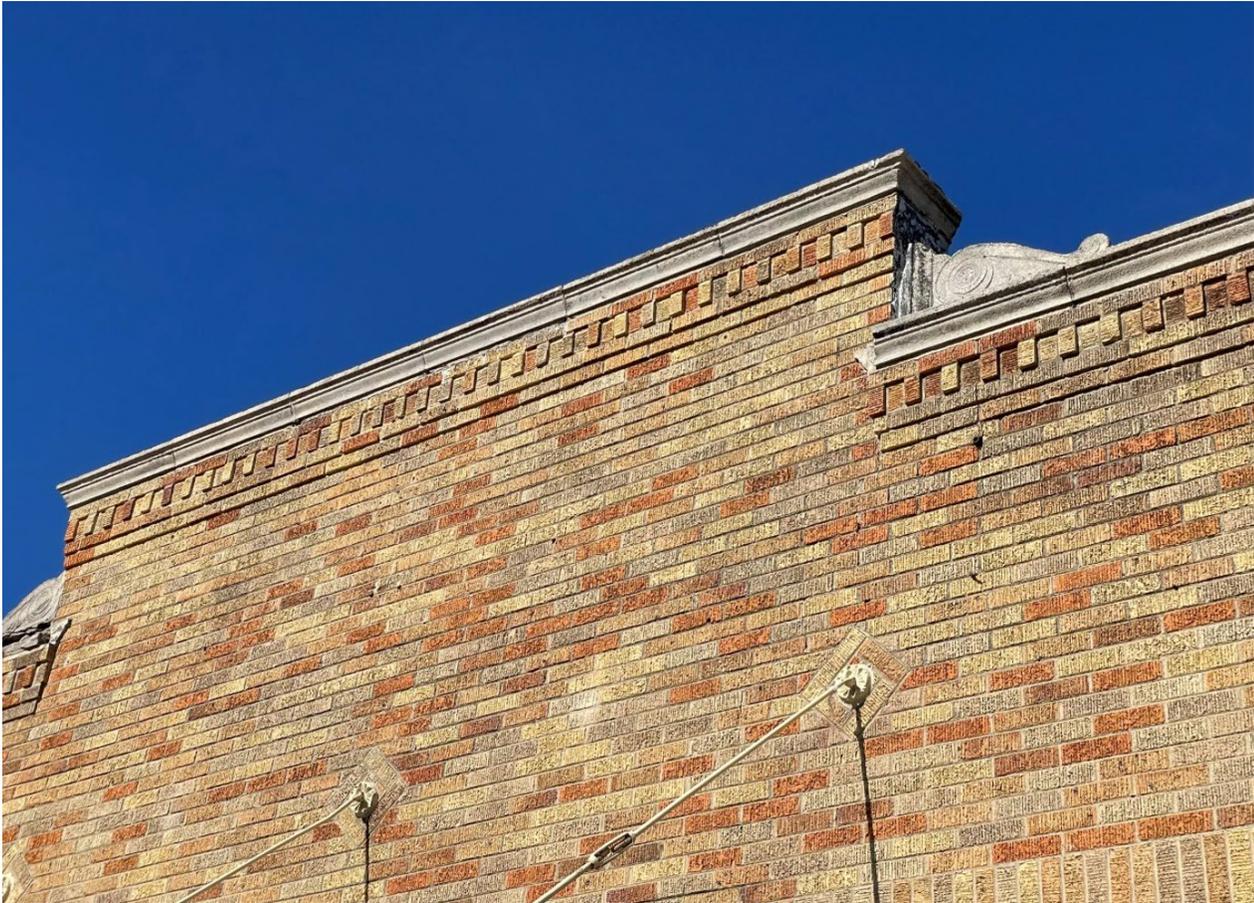


Photo XX: Decorative tile detail on the south (front) elevation facing W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: Front entry hardware on the south (front) elevation facing W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Front entry from W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: Oblique view of the southwest (front left) corner looking towards the rear of the lot. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: West (left) elevation looking towards the rear of the lot. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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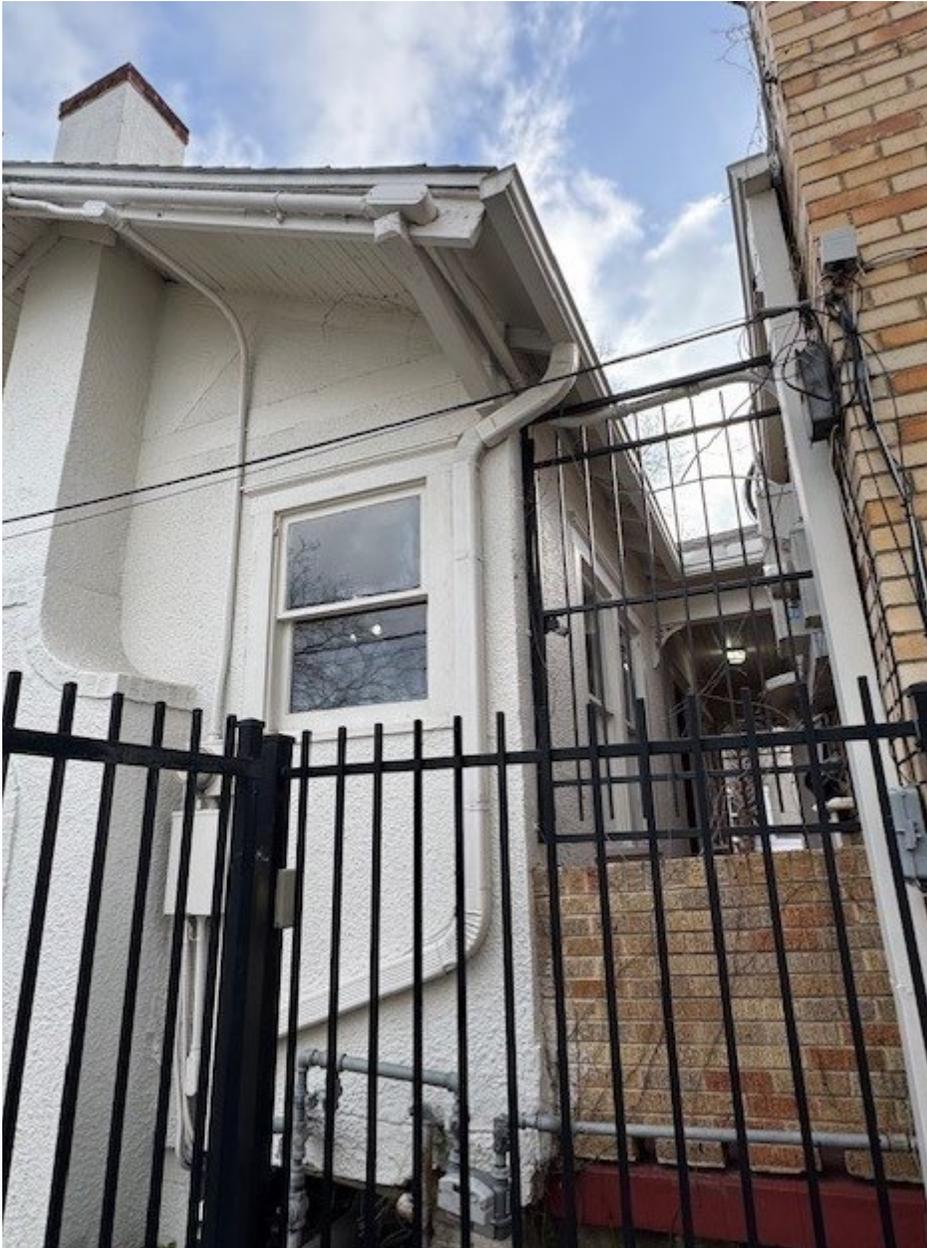
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Photo XX: West (left) elevation of the adjoining stucco residence at the rear of the lot. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Detail view of the covered porch from the west (left) elevation that adjoins the stucco house to the rear of the commercial building. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: Oblique view of the southeast (front right) corner facing W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: East (right) elevation. Camera looking south towards W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Brick detail halfway down the west and east side elevations. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.

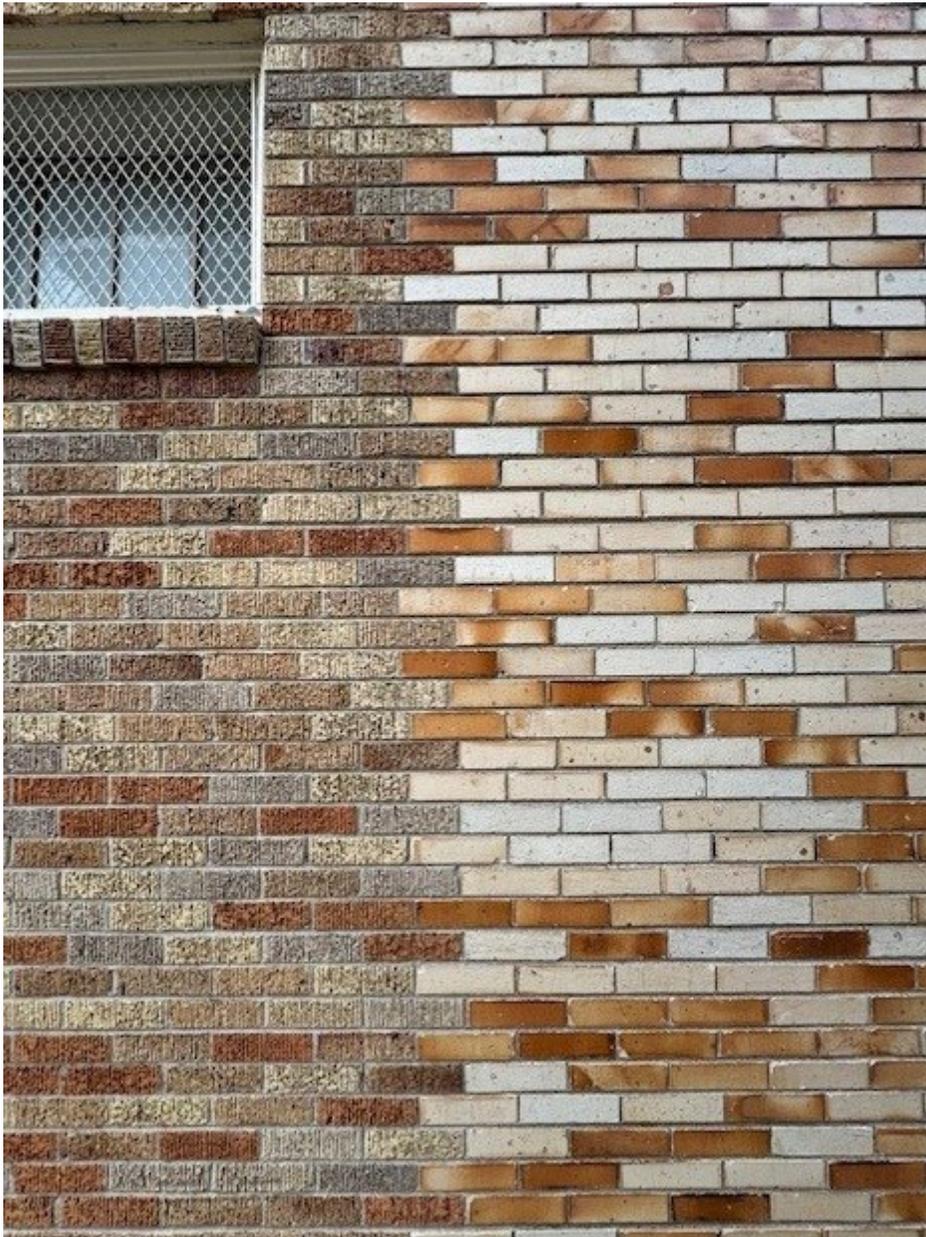


Photo XX: Northeast (rear right) corner of the east (right) elevation. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.

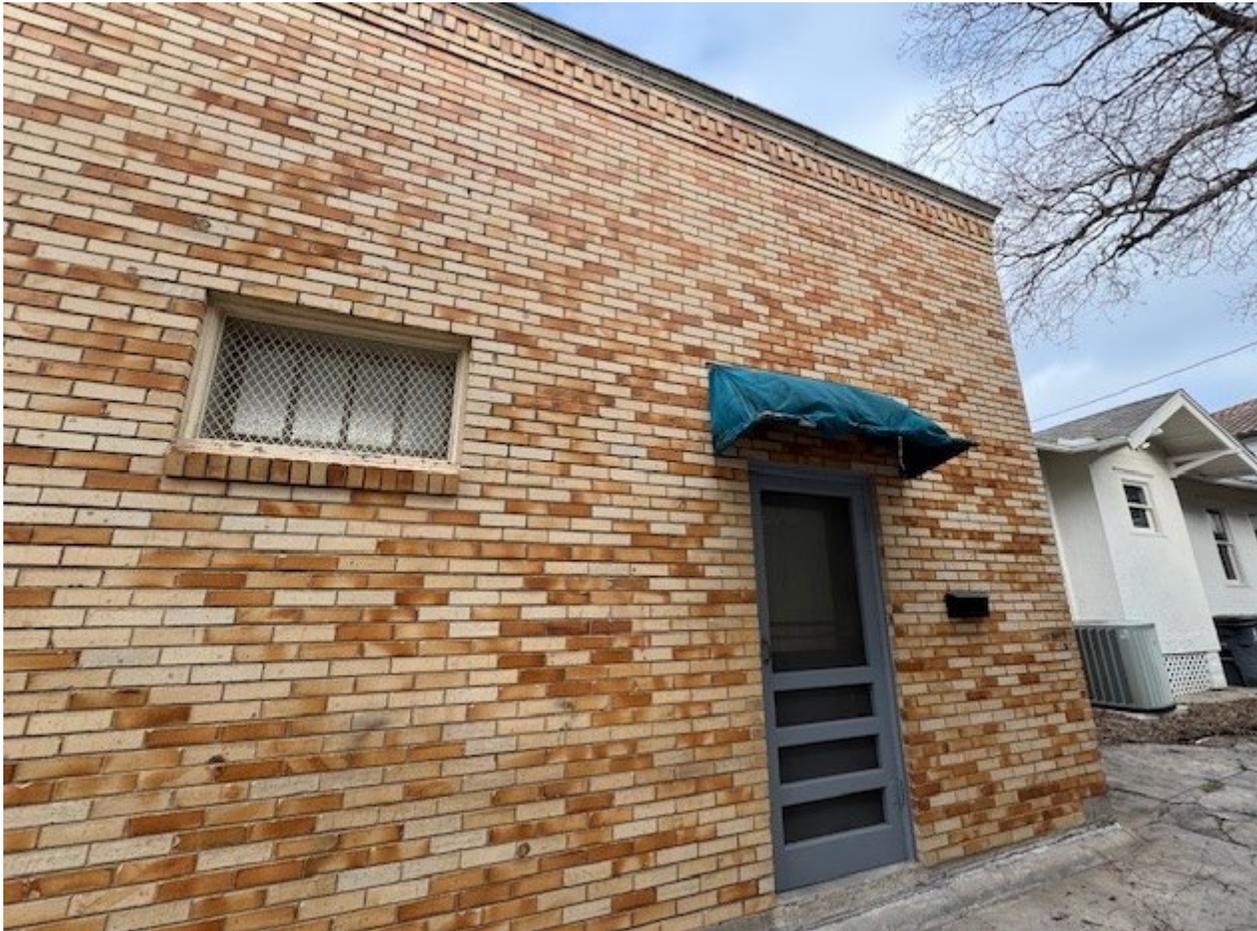


Photo XX: Northeast (rear right) corner. Camera looking south towards W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: Northeast (rear right) corner of commercial building and southeast (front right) corner of rear stucco house adjoining at the middle with the covered porch. Camera looking south towards W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Interior of commercial building entering the space from W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Interior of commercial building looking towards W Gray Street from the rear of the space.
Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: Interior view of storefront windows looking out to W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: Oblique view of the east (right) elevation of the stucco house at the rear of the lot. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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Photo XX: East (right) elevation of the stucco house at the rear of the lot. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: East (right) view of the covered porch adjoining the stucco house to the commercial building.
Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Covered porch adjoining the two buildings. Camera looking west (left). Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: View of covered porch adjoining the two buildings. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Interior of the rear stucco house looking south out to the rear of the commercial building.
Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Interior of the rear stucco house looking west (left). Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Interior of the rear stucco house looking west (left). Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



Photo XX: Interior of the rear stucco house looking northeast (rear right). Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



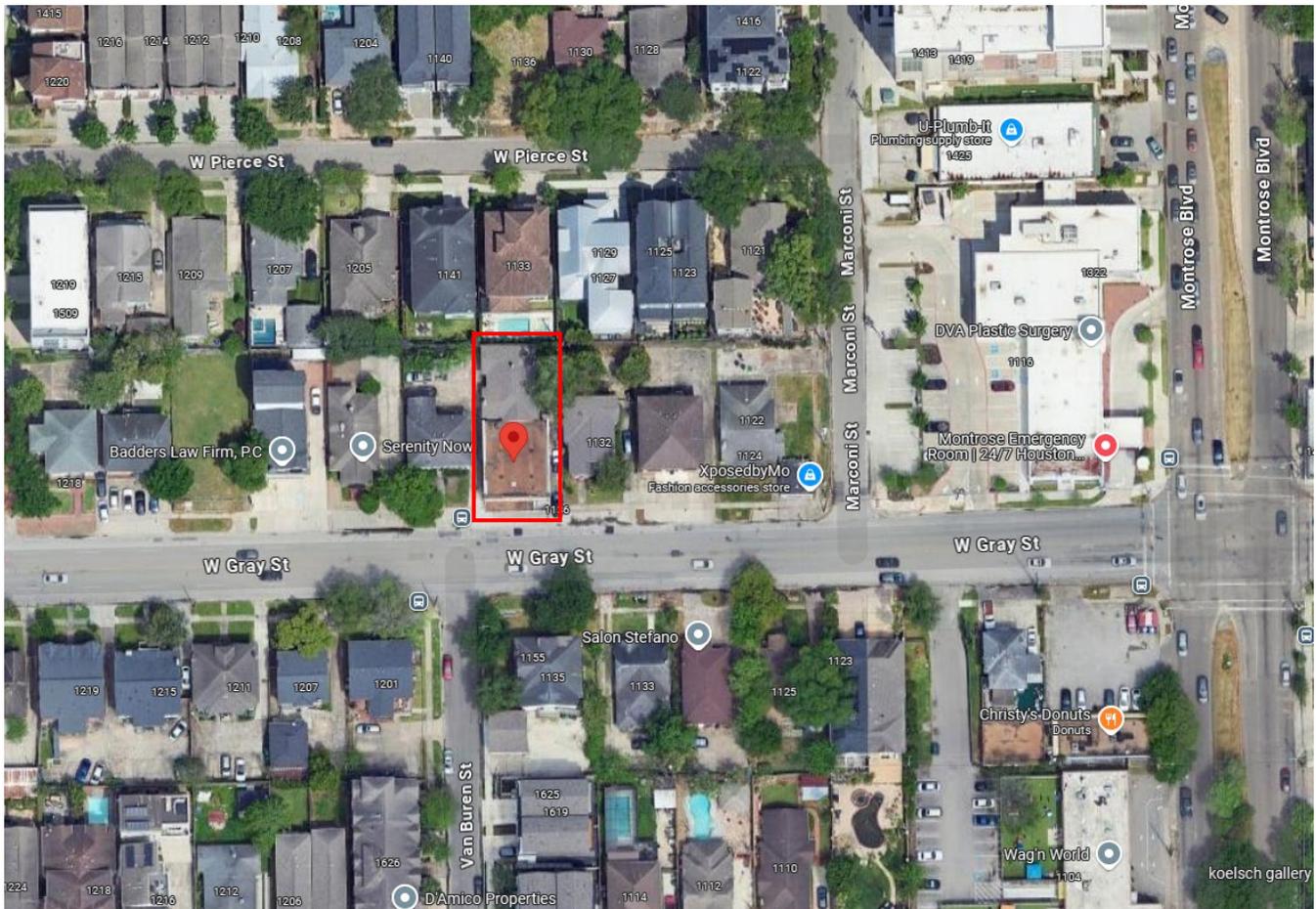
Photo XX: Interior of the rear stucco house looking east (right). Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



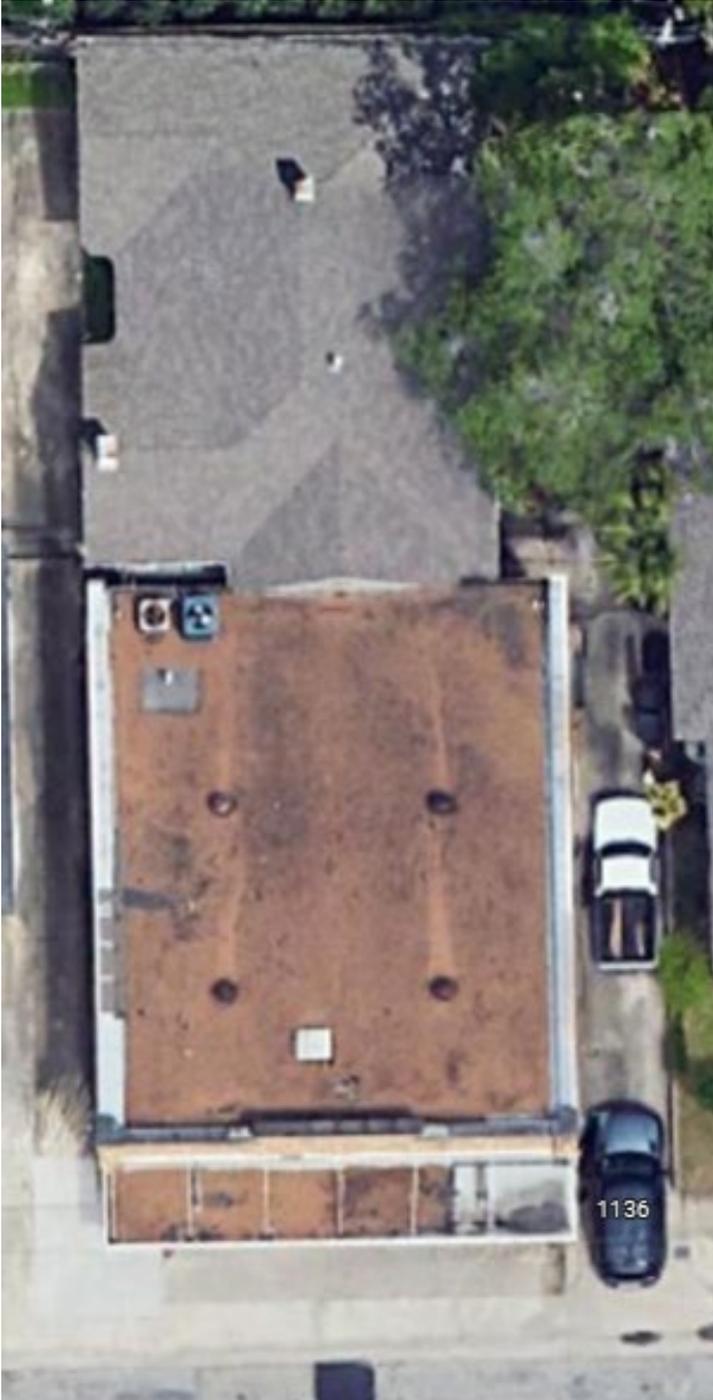
EXHIBIT B SITE MAP

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Map XX: Aerial view of the site. Accessed March 2025, Google Maps.



Map XX: Aerial view of the site. Accessed March 2025, Google Maps.

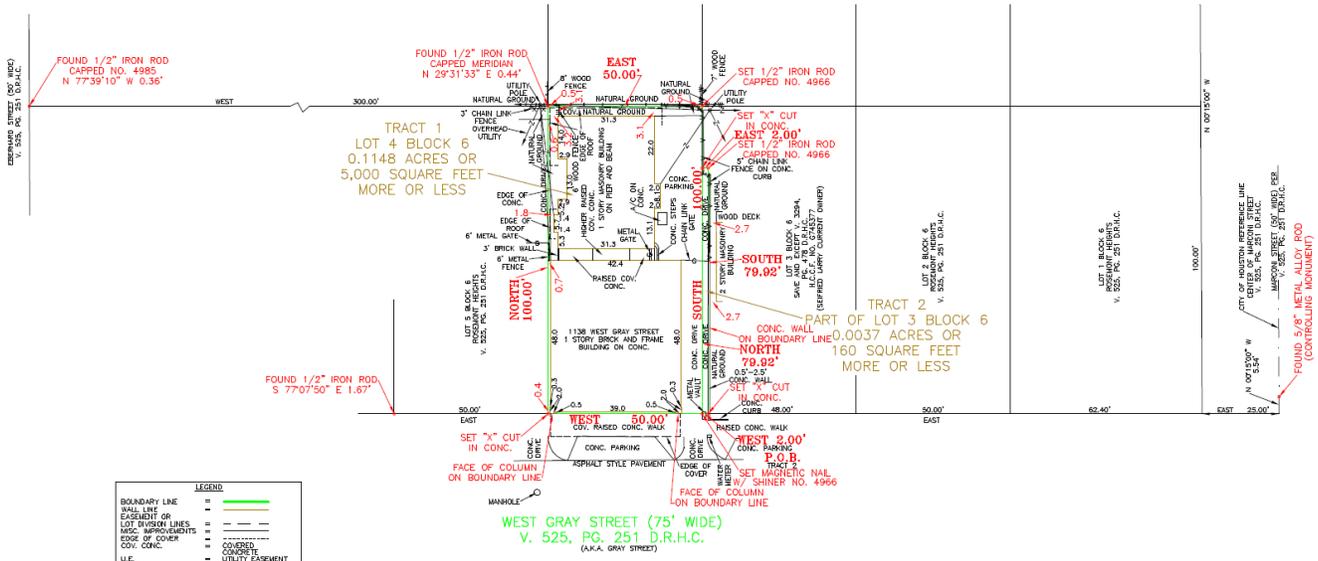


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Map XX: Survey of the site dated December 10, 2023. Courtesy of Anthony Pizzitola, 2025.



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WALL LINE	---
EASEMENT OR LOT DIVIDER LINES	---
MISC. IMPROVEMENTS	---
EDGE OF COVER	---
CONC. CONC.	---
COVERED	---
UTILITY EASEMENT	---
A.C.	---
B.L.	---
M.R.H.C.	---
D.R.H.C.	---
F.C.	---
FEMA	---
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY	---
FLOOD INSURANCE	---
F.M.	---
HARRIS COUNTY CLERK'S FILE	---

FLOOD ZONE DETERMINATION IS PERFORMED BY GRAPHIC PLOTTING ONLY OF FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP. NO FIELD SURVEYING WAS PERFORMED TO DETERMINE THIS ZONE AND THE EXACT LOCATION CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED BY AN ELEVATION STUDY. WE DO NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXACT DETERMINATION. FLOOD ZONE DETERMINATION IS NOT A STATEMENT BY THIS SURVEYOR OF ACTUAL FLOODING CONDITIONS CONCERNING SUBJECT PARCEL. SURVEY NOT BASED ON ABSTRACT OF TITLE. THERE MAY BE EASEMENTS, SETBACK LINES AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING SUBJECT TRACT NOT SHOWN BY THIS SURVEY. THIS SURVEY IS NOT VALID WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL. SURVEY NOT VALID UNLESS REPRODUCED OR PRINTED AT STATED SCALE.

STANDARD LAND SURVEY

TO ANTHONY FRANK PIZZITOLA
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY WAS MADE FROM AN ON THE GROUND SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON CONDUCTED BY MYSELF OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION ON DEC. 10, 2023 AND THAT THIS MAP REPRESENTS THE FACTS FOUND AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY AND THAT THIS SURVEY SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIES WITH THE CURRENT TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS MANUAL OF PRACTICE FOR A CATEGORY 1B, CONDITION II STANDARD LAND SURVEY.

DEWARD KARL BOWLES
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 4966
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EXHIBIT C HISTORIC DOCUMENTATION THE PIZZITOLA BUILDING

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(NOTE: FIGURES ARE ARRANGED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

Figure XX: 1910 U.S. Census lists the Pizzitola family living on a county road in La Marque, TX. Members of the household include Gaitano, Annacilla, Frank (16), and Joe (13). Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

RELATION	NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	INDUSTRIES	PROFESSIONS												
Head	Gaitano	M	38	Married	8	None														
Wife	Annacilla	F	35	Married	8	None														
Daughter	Frank	M	16	Never	8	None														
Daughter	Joe	M	13	Never	8	None														

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Figure XX: WWI Draft Registration Card for Frank Pizzitola (22) from June 1917. Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

Form 1 37 REGISTRATION CARD 46 No. 4	
1	Name in full <i>Frank Pizzitola</i> Age in yrs. <i>22</i>
2	Name address <i>Samarque Texas</i>
3	Date of birth <i>July 31 1894</i>
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>natural born</i>
5	Where were you born? <i>Orange Texas</i>
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Laborer in machine shop</i>
8	By whom employed? <i>Lane & Bowler</i> Where employed? <i>Houston Texas</i>
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>no</i>
10	Married or single (circle)? <i>single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>
11	What military service have you had? Rank _____ branch _____ years _____ Nation or State _____
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>no</i>

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
Frank Pizzitola

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 42-3-16-A	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>tall</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>medium</i>
2	Color of eyes? <i>brown</i> Color of hair? <i>black</i> Build? <i>no</i>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>no</i>

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Edwin Mills
(Signature of a Justice)

Precinct *14*
City or County *Lubbock*
State *Texas* June 5-17.
(Date of Registration)

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Figure XX: 1920 U.S. Census lists Frank Pizzitola (25) as a boarder and working as a foreman at an auto shop. Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

STATE Texas DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 143 (191-376) SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 8 SHEET No. 12

COUNTY Harris FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 67

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Fourth Precinct No. 1 (part of) NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Houston City WARD OF CITY Fourth

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____ ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 17 DAY OF June 1920 Martha E. Robertson ENUMERATOR

HEAD OF HOUSE	NAME	RELATION	SEX	BIRTH	CITIZENSHIP	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE		OCCUPATION
						Place of Birth	Mother Tongue	
1	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
2	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
3	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
4	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
5	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
6	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
7	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
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16	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
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18	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
19	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
20	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
21	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
22	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
23	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
24	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
25	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
26	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
27	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
28	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
29	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
30	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
31	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
32	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
33	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
34	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
35	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
36	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
37	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
38	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
39	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
40	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
41	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
42	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
43	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
44	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
45	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
46	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
47	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
48	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
49	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	
50	John Jones	owner	M	20 1870	U.S.	Italy	carriage maker	

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Figure XX: Texas Marriage Records from 1921 listing the union of Frank Pizzitola and Bernadine Guseman. Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

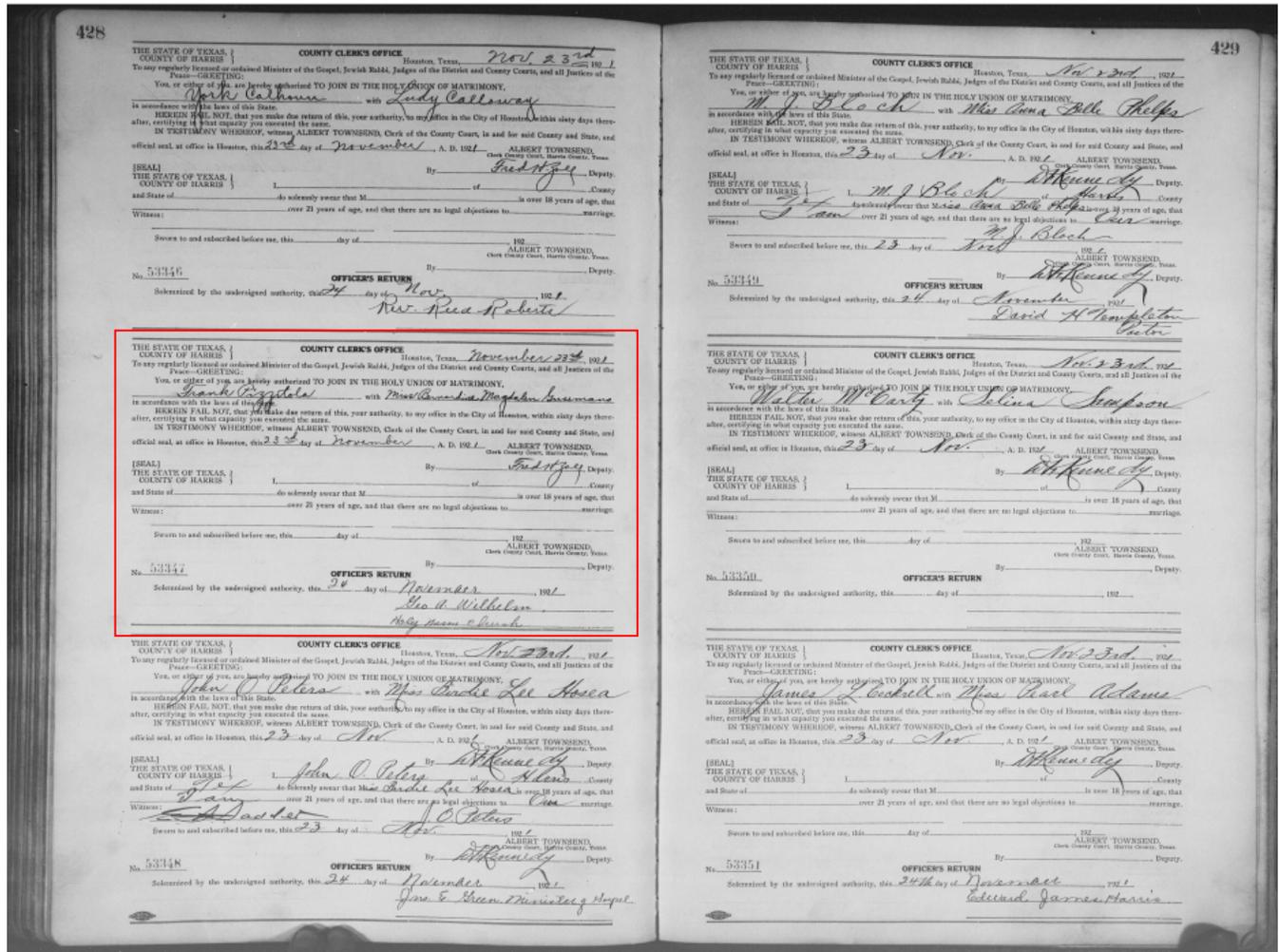


Figure XX: Frank's Quality Market, c.1923. This photo was printed in the Houston Chronicle advertising the market. Photo courtesy of Anthony Pizzitola, 2025.

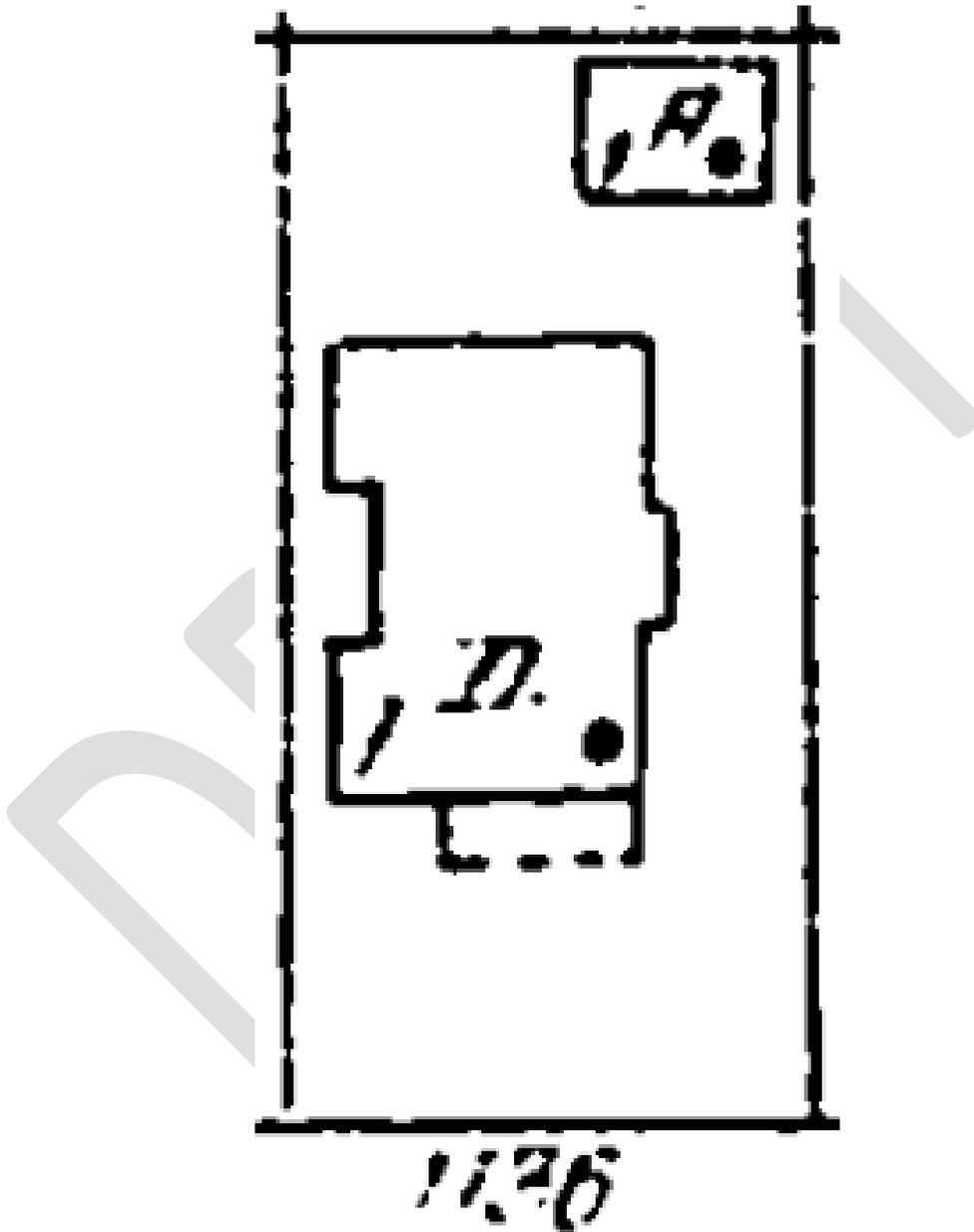


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Figure XX: 1925 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map showing the stucco single family residence on the lot and addressed as 1136 W Gray Street. Accessed March 2025 from Houston Public Library Digital Archives.



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Figure XX: Harris County Tax Records from 1928 listing the original owner of the stucco house addressed 1136 W Gray Street. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

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Block or Abstract No. 6 Survey or Addition ROSEMONT HEIGHTS. Plat No. S. D. CITY D. D. CITY

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PATENT				CERTIFICATE				
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			M D Y					

RENDERED FOR TAXATION

Year	BY WHOM RENDERED	Tract No.	ACRES OR LOTS	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE		Blg. Permit No.	DATE	Amount of Permit	Importer's Value	TRANSFER	Consideration	DATE
				Land	Improvements							
1918	<i>B. F. Coop</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>625</i>	<i>2600</i>							
	<i>J. H. Johnson</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>2845</i>							
	<i>R. B. Vaughan</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>675</i>	<i>4775</i>							
	<i>M. J. ...</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>...</i>							
	<i>A. C. ...</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>5500</i>							
	<i>Scott Shambaugh</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1725</i>							
	<i>do</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1725</i>							
	<i>do</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1725</i>							
	<i>do</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1418</i>							
	<i>do</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1418</i>							
	<i>do</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1418</i>							
	<i>do</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>775</i>								

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Figure XX: Building Land Assessment (BLA) documents for 1136 W Gray from 1929. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

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APR 30 1929

Lot 11 Block 6

Owner Shambaugh Scott

Addition Rosemont Hghts

REMARKS: Stucco - Comp Roof

30x40-1200x2 1/2-3000 net 1000

1929 Value \$3000

1929 Value \$2250

No. 1136 W Gray Street

N. W. E. S.

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Lot 11 Block 6

Owner Scott Shambaugh

Addition Rosemont Hghts

REMARKS: dep 10%
2030 for 1929

1929 Value \$1850

1929 Value \$2250

No. 1136 W Gray Street

N. W. E. S.

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Figure XX: 1930 U.S. Census listing Frank (35) and Bernadine (30) Pizzitola, and Lenora Guseman (67) living at 1301 Taft. Frank is listed working as a Butcher and owner of the butcher shop. Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	RACE	MARITAL STATUS	OCCUPATION
Frank Pizzitola	Head	1895-03-10	M	Italian	Married	Butcher and owner of the butcher shop
Bernadine Pizzitola	Wife	1900-03-30	F	Italian	Married	
Lenora Guseman	Daughter	1863-04-27	F	German	Single	

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Figure XX: BLA documents for 1136 W Gray from 1931. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

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Shamberg, S 6/20 , 19 31 Owner

Lot 4 Block 6 Addition Rosemont Hts

REMARKS:

Cur Exp'te \$ 1200

Value.....\$ _____

Value.....\$ _____

No. _____ Street _____

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VALUE FIXED BY
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_____ May 13th , 19 31 Owner

Shamough, Scott. Owner

Lot 4 Block 6 Addition Rosemont Hts

REMARKS:

Cur Value.....\$ 2000

Lin Value.....\$ 1675

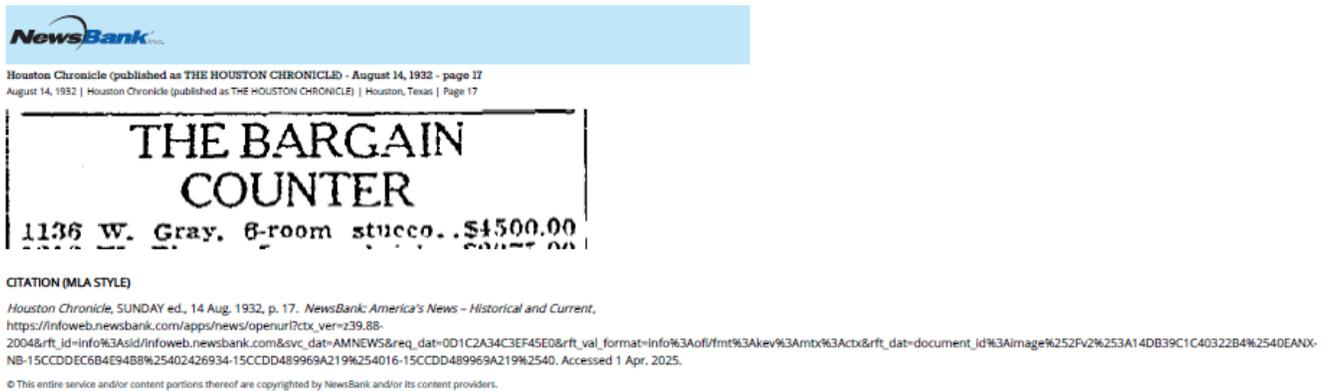
No. _____ Street _____

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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1932 listing 1136 W Gray for sale. Accessed April 2025.



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Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - August 14, 1932 - page 17
August 14, 1932 | Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 17

**THE BARGAIN
COUNTER**

1136 W. Gray. 6-room stucco. \$1500.00

CITATION (MLA STYLE)

Houston Chronicle, SUNDAY ed., 14 Aug. 1932, p. 17. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*.
https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Aamt%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252F2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%2540EANX-NB-15CCDDEC6B4E94B8%25402426934-15CCDD489969A219%254016-15CCDD489969A219%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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Figure XX: Texas General Contractors Bulletin from 1932 listing a contract awarded to F R Pizzitola for a new brick HoustonStore. Accessed March 2025 from Houston Public Library.

Day labor, Houston	.....	Sinclair Refining Co.	Fill sta (36x38 bk) 2101 Austin st.
General Const. Co., Houston	....	Mrs. Sallie Rosenfield....	Res (2-sy 40x26 bv) 2402 Southmore.
J. J. Kuhn & Sons, Houston	....	V. N. Nicosia, Houston	Apt (2-sy 36x56 bv) 407 Westmoreland
J. J. Kuhn & Son, Houston	....	F. R. Pizzitola, Houston	Store (1-sy 43x50 bk) 1138 W Gray ave
C. A. Lloyd, Houston	.....	Sinclair Refining Co.	Fill sta (1-sy 22x72 bk) 2803 Milam
T. J. Portele, Houston	.....	Dr. H. L. Bartlett, Htn.	Res (2-sy 7-rm 24x34 bv) 1602 Waugha
A. E. Scott, Houston	H. E. Johnson, Houston	Res (1-sy 31x49 bv) 2202 Shakespea
B. B. Smith, Houston		

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Figure XX: BLA documents for 1136 & 1138 W Gray from 1932. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

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4/4/32, 19____
Shambaugh, J. Owner
 Lot 4 Block 6
Rosemont Htg. Addition

REMARKS:
5%
\$ 1930 for 32

County Value \$ 2030
 Owners Value \$ 1600

No. _____ Street _____

Harris County Form 281
 BUILDING ASSESSMENT
 Houston, Texas

Map No. 52 Page 368 Permit No. 880
 Vol. 52 Page 368 11-1-1932
 Owner J. H. Pizzitola
 No. 1138 W. Gray Ave Street or Avenue
 Addition Rosemont Htg. Block 6 Lot 4

One Story Bldg.
 Size of Building
43 wide 50 deep 1 stories
 Size of Garage
 _____ wide _____ deep _____ stories

Material: Frame, Brick, Veneer, Stucco. Yellow Brick
 Inside Finish: Rough, Plain, Ornamental, Hard Wood, Pine, Plaster.
 Roofing: Slate, Tile, Tin Shingle, Copper, Composition, Iron, Tar and Gravel, Paper, Asbestos.

Permit Value, \$ 2500
 No. Sq. Ft. 2150 Per. Sq. Ft. 50
 No. Sq. Ft. _____ Per. Sq. Ft. _____
 No. Sq. Ft. _____ Per. Sq. Ft. _____

1932
8/21/33
New Plan

Assessed Value of Building, \$ 970
 Rendered in name of J. H. Pizzitola

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Figure XX: Harris County Tax Records from 1932 listing 1136 & 1138 W Gray existing. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

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Block or Abstract No. 6 Survey or Addition Rosemont Nite Plat No. _____ S. D. _____ D. D. _____

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P A T E N T				C E R T I F I C A T E				
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Year	BY WHOM RENDERED	Tract No.	ACRES OR LOTS	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE		Htg. Permit No.	DATE	Amount of Permit	Inspector's Value	TRANSFER	Consideration	DATE
				Land	Improvements							
1931	Chas. R. Morrison S		2	625	6375							
	B. F. Coop. Est S		5	625	2600							
	J. H. Johnson S		10	800	3825							
	A. J. Stengel S		16	500	2050							
	H. K. Kootter S		3	625	2025							
1932	Mrs. Bertha Busse B		20	775	2675							
	H. F. Vaughan B		11	815	3125							
	Mrs. Mable Halvick B		3	625	2525							
	P. J. Vantrien B		12	500	2125							
	W. A. Herbert, Inc. B		7	625	2125							
	Atlantic Life Ins. Co. B		8	625	2000							
	Fred C. Bomerwitz B		13	500	1500							
	Libertan Savings & Bldg Assn B		1	950	3125							
	Scott Shoarbaugh S		4	625	1800							
	B. F. Coop. Est S		5	625	2600							
			1									

Mabel 1502 Stuart
Dudg. Co. (Harrison) date 12/31

FR Pizzitola 4000 10/7/32

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Figure XX: BLA documents for 1138 W Gray from 1933. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

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March 29th 1933, 19

Pizzitola, F.R. Owner

Lot 4 Block 6

Rosemont Hts Addition

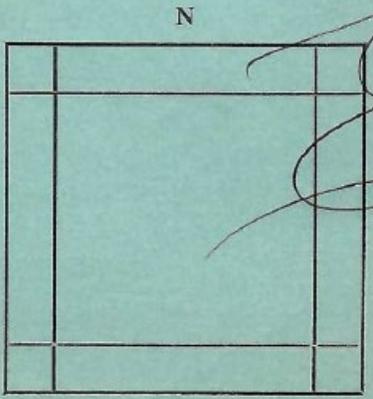
REMARKS:

County Value.....\$ 1620 *1370*

Owner's Value.....\$ 1200 *11*

No. _____ Street _____

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Figure XX: 1950 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map showing the bricked commercial building and attached stucco house at the rear of the lot. Accessed March 2025 from Houston Public Library Digital Archives.

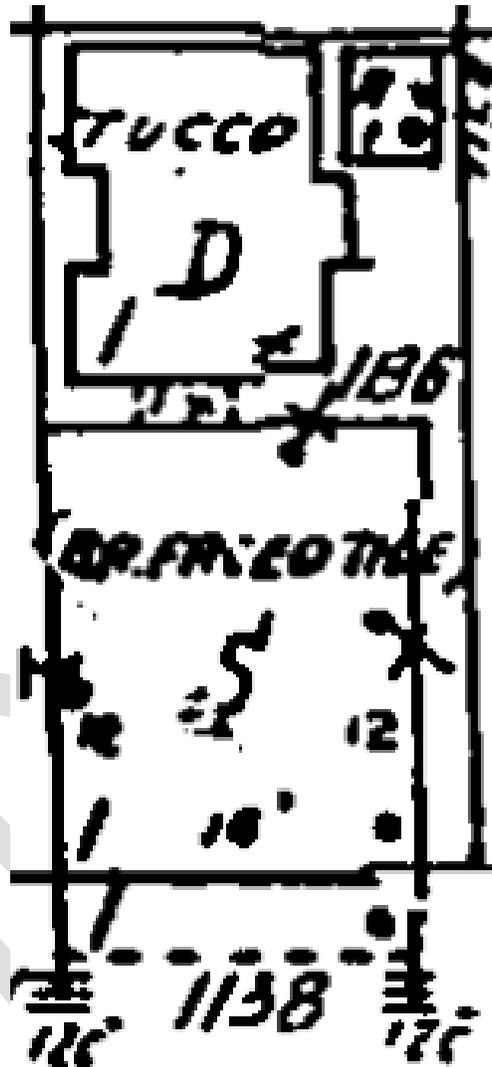
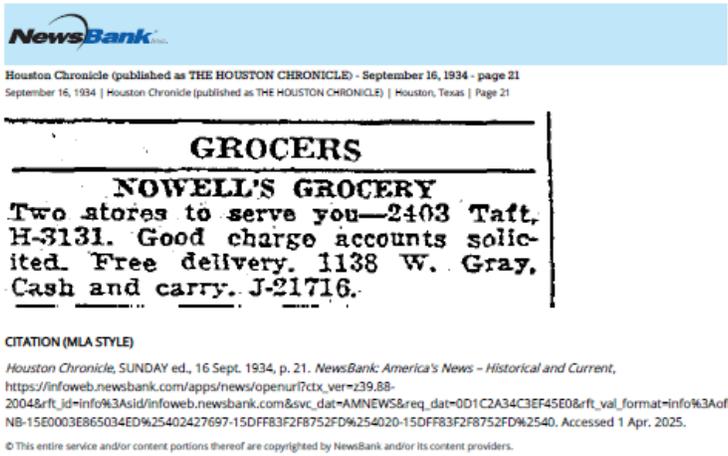


Figure XX: Newspaper ad from 1934 for Nowell's Grocery at 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



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Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - September 16, 1934 - page 21
September 16, 1934 | Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 21

GROCERS

NOWELL'S GROCERY
Two stores to serve you—2403 Taft,
H-3131. Good charge accounts solic-
ited. Free delivery. 1138 W. Gray.
Cash and carry. J-21716.

CITATION (MLA STYLE)
Houston Chronicle, SUNDAY ed., 16 Sept. 1934, p. 21. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current,
https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-15E0003E865034ED%25402427697-15DFF83F2F8752FD%254020-15DFF83F2F8752FD%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.
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Figure XX: 1940 U.S. Census listing Frank (46), Bernadine (40), and Lenora (75) living at 1301 Taft. Frank is listed working as a general repairman at home. Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

Figure XX: Frank and Bernadine Pizzitola c.1940's. Courtesy of Anthony Pizzitola, 2025.



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Figure XX: WWII Draft Card for Frank Pizzitola (47). Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U-1263	1. NAME (Print) FRANK RAYMOND PIZZITOLA <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1301 TAFT HOUSTON HARRIS TEXAS <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small>			
3. MAILING ADDRESS SAME <small>(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)</small>			
4. TELEPHONE L. 4637 <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	5. AGE IN YEARS 47 DATE OF BIRTH July 31 1894 <small>(Mo) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Orange Texas <small>(Town or county) (State)</small>	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS John Pizzitola 1948 W. Lomas			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Self. 1301 Taft			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
<small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>			

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 16-21630-2

Frank P. Pizzitola
(Registrant's signature)

Figure XX: Newspaper listing from 1946 naming WT Morrow at 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - December 12, 1946 - page 45
December 12, 1946 | Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 45

MORROW, W. T. 1138 W. Gray

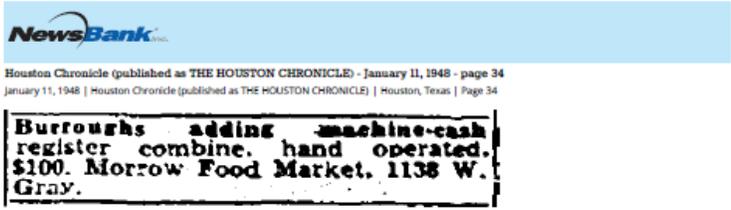
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Houston Chronicle, HOME Two Star ed., 12 Dec. 1946, p. 45. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*,
https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%2540EANX-NB-16089746C0BAAD1F%25402432167-160893984E1CAB3D%254044-160893984E1CAB3D%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1948 naming Morrow Food Market at 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



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Houston Chronicle, SUNDAY ed., 11 Jan. 1948, p. 34. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*.
https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Aamt%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-1621985491F07540%25402432562-161FAE256EBBEDF0%254033-161FAE256EBBEDF0%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.
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Figure XX: BLA documents for 1136 & 1138 W Gray from c.1950s. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

Map No. _____ Addition <u>Rosemont Hts</u>		No. Sq. Ft. <u>1318</u>		Price Per Sq. Ft. <u>3.00</u>		Price <u>\$ 3950</u>	
Block <u>6</u> Lot <u>4</u>				Percent Good <u>75</u>		Other Bldgs. <u>2960</u>	
OWNER <u>Pizzitola J R</u>				Total All Bldgs.			
ADDRESS <u>1136 W Gray (acq 1138)</u>		TYPE OF PROPERTY <u>Res</u>		OCCURRED VACANT		LAND VALUE	
BASEMENT, Whole Part _____		FLOORING, Pine, Hardwood, Cement, Tile, Marble, Dirt _____		Front x Depth		Unit Value Factor Front Ft. Value - - \$	
FOUNDATION, Concrete, Stone, Brick, Piers, Posts. _____		INTERIOR TRIM, Plaster, Hardwood, Marble, Metal, Built-in Features _____		_____		_____	
WALLS, Brick _____ Stone Hollow Tile, Stucco, Metal, Concrete Blocks, Box _____ Weatherboard _____		HEATING, Furnace, Stoves, Fireplace, Chimneys, Gas _____		_____		_____	
ROOF CONS., Concrete, Steel, Wood Truss _____		LIGHTING, Electricity <u>✓</u>		_____		_____	
ROOF, Hip, Gable, Mansard, Flat _____		PLUMBING, Sewer, Water, Baths _____		_____		_____	
ROOFING, Composition, Metal, Slate, Wood, Shingles, Tile, Asbestos _____		ELEVATORS <u>✓</u>		_____		_____	
EXTERIOR TRIM, Stone, Terra Cotta, Metal, Wood, Marble, Granite _____		CONDITION, Good, Fair, Bad, Obsolete _____		_____		_____	
PERMIT DATE _____ NO. _____ AMT. _____		TOTAL		_____		_____	

Map No. _____ Addition <u>Rosemont Hts</u>		No. Sq. Ft. <u>2150</u>		Price Per Sq. Ft. <u>2.90</u>		Price <u>\$ 6230</u>	
Block <u>6</u> Lot <u>4</u>				Percent Good <u>90</u>		Other Bldgs. <u>2960</u>	
OWNER <u>Pizzitola J R</u>				Total All Bldgs. <u>8710</u>			
ADDRESS <u>1138 W Gray</u>		TYPE OF PROPERTY <u>Store</u>		OCCURRED VACANT <u>✓</u>		LAND VALUE	
BASEMENT, Whole Part _____		FLOORING, Pine, Hardwood, Cement, Tile, Marble, Dirt _____		Front x Depth		Unit Value Factor Front Ft. Value - - \$	
FOUNDATION, Concrete, Stone, Brick, Piers, Posts. _____		INTERIOR TRIM, Plaster, Hardwood, Marble, Metal, Built-in Features <u>Wood</u>		_____		_____	
WALLS, Brick _____ Stone Hollow Tile, Stucco, Metal, Concrete Blocks, Box _____ Weatherboard _____		HEATING, Furnace, Stoves, Fireplace, Chimneys, Gas _____		_____		_____	
ROOF CONS., Concrete, Steel, Wood Truss _____		LIGHTING, Electricity <u>✓</u>		_____		_____	
ROOF, Hip, Gable, Mansard, Flat _____		PLUMBING, Sewer, Water, Baths _____		_____		_____	
ROOFING, Composition, Metal, Slate, Wood, Shingles, Tile, Asbestos _____		ELEVATORS <u>✓</u>		_____		_____	
EXTERIOR TRIM, Stone, Terra Cotta, Metal, Wood, Marble, Granite _____		CONDITION, Good, Fair, Bad, Obsolete _____		_____		_____	
PERMIT DATE _____ NO. _____ AMT. _____		TOTAL		_____		_____	

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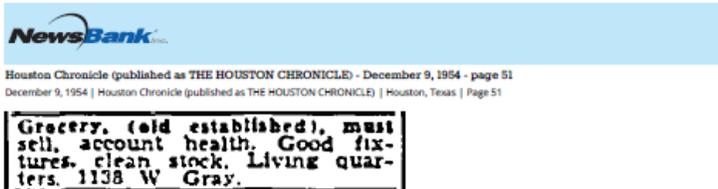
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Figure XX: 1950 U.S. Census listing Frank (55) and Bernadine Pizzitola living at 1301 Taft. Frank is shown working as a contractor. Accessed March 2025 from Ancestry.com.

1950 U.S. Census listing for Frank (55) and Bernadine Pizzitola living at 1301 Taft. The listing includes names, relationships, ages, and occupations. Frank is listed as a contractor.

FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD		FOR ALL PERSONS										FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER									
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	SEX	AGE	RACE	HOW LONG IN PRESENT HOME	IN FOREIGN BIRTH	WHAT STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY BORN	EDUCATION	WORKING	INDUSTRY	UNEMPLOYED	REASON	INDUSTRY	UNEMPLOYED	REASON	INDUSTRY	UNEMPLOYED	REASON			
Frank Pizzitola	Head	M	55	It	10	No	Italy	8	Yes	Contractor											
Bernadine Pizzitola	Wife	F	46	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Clifford P. Pizzitola	Brother	M	36	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Marge Pizzitola	Sister	F	35	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Raymond Pizzitola	Brother	M	33	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Joseph Pizzitola	Brother	M	23	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Humphrey Pizzitola	Sister	F	17	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Murphy Pizzitola	Brother	M	15	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Clay Pizzitola	Brother	M	13	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Ritwick Pizzitola	Brother	M	12	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Charles Pizzitola	Brother	M	11	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
John Pizzitola	Brother	M	10	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Joseph Pizzitola	Brother	M	9	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
William Pizzitola	Brother	M	8	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Robert Pizzitola	Brother	M	7	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Thomas Pizzitola	Brother	M	6	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Richard Pizzitola	Brother	M	5	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Joseph Pizzitola	Brother	M	4	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
William Pizzitola	Brother	M	3	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Robert Pizzitola	Brother	M	2	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Thomas Pizzitola	Brother	M	1	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												
Richard Pizzitola	Brother	M	0	It	10	No	Italy	8	No												

Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1954 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



CITATION (MLA STYLE)

Houston Chronicle, FINAL One Star ed., 9 Dec. 1954, p. 51. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-161BB8F649679735%25402435086-161BB7B46730F11C%254050-161BB7B46730F11C%2540, Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.
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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1965 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.

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Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - May 20, 1965 - page 45
May 20, 1965 | Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 45

**WELL ESTABLISHED grocery store.
Well-stocked and clean. House ad-
joining, reasonable rent. 1138 W.
Gray, JA 8-9491.**

CITATION (MLA STYLE)
Houston Chronicle, FINAL ed., 20 May 1965, p. 45. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*,
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Figure XX: Newspaper obituary from 1965 for Bernadine Pizzitola. Accessed April 2025.



Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - October 15, 1965 - page 54
 October 15, 1965 | Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 54

* * *
PIZZITOLA—Mrs. Bernadine Pizzitola, 65, 1301 Taft, passed away Friday in a local hospital. Member of Maria S S Del Balzo, Altar Society of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters of America, Our Lady of Victory Court 234. Survivors: Husband, Frank R. Pizzitola; son, Anthony Pizzitola; several nieces and nephews, all of Houston. Rosary 8 p.m. Friday Earthman's Fannin Street chapel, 7:30 p.m. by Catholic Daughters of America, Our Lady of Victory Court 234. Services 2:30 p.m. Saturday Fannin Street chapel, 3 p.m. Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral Catholic Church. Burial Garden of Gethsemani. Pallbearers: G. T. Pizzitola, T. L. Pizzitola, Otto Pizzitola, Johnny Pizzitola, S. L. Pizzitola, Nathan L. Trapolina, Joe L. Trapolina, B. F. Guseman. Earthman Funerals, 2420 Fannin, CA 3-4541.
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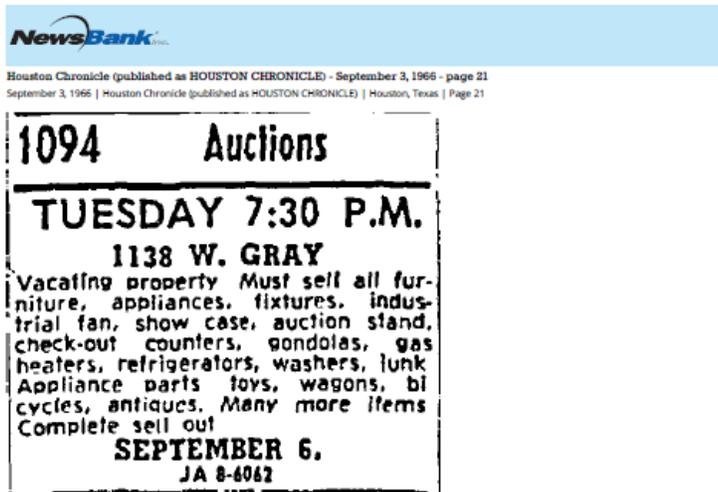
Houston Chronicle, FINAL ed., 15 Oct. 1965, p. 54. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*.

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https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=239.88-2004&rfc_id=info%3Asid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rfc_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Ambx%3Actx&rfc_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-16275EDA87129309%25402439049-1626EB591C736D43%254053-1626EB591C736D43%2540, Accessed 31 Mar. 2025.

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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1966 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



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Houston Chronicle, FINAL ed., 3 Sept. 1966, p. 21. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%25252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-16272A191207D6D5%25402439372-162727B1158EDEAC%254020-162727B1158EDEAC%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1967 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.

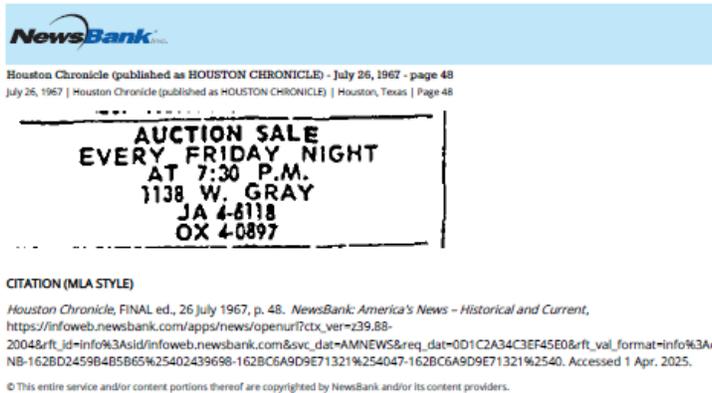


Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1967 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.

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Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - October 15, 1967 - page 65
October 15, 1967 | Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 65

ANTIQUE AUCTION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, STARTING 7:30 P.M.
1138 W. GRAY, HOUSTON
MURPHY'S ANTIQUES FROM MAINE
Mr. Murphy is bringing to Houston one of New England's largest antique shops to be sold in part here in Houston. Everything sold in lots to suit all buyers. A partial listing: Mid-Victorian, Chippendale, Sheraton furniture, leather bound Bibles, art glass, lamps, pocket watches, mantle and kitchen clocks, secretaries, china cabinets, rockers, paintings, frames, Oriental 6x9' rugs, round tables with chairs, pedestals, statues, jars, settees, crystal, and heavy press glassware, carnival, Bavarian porcelain dishware. Hundreds of items. Try to attend. We would appreciate it.

AUCTIONEER,
MUTT MEEKS
CA 7-1515, EXT. 160

CITATION (MLA STYLE)

Houston Chronicle, Four Star ed., 15 Oct. 1967, p. 65. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3AAsid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%2540EANX-NB-1647A36925D20DDD%25402439779-16479D42D53E5FB2%254064-16479D42D53E5FB2%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1970 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.

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Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - May 19, 1970 - page 47
May 19, 1970 | Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 47

NEED FURNITURE & guns, new store, 1138 W. Gray. Will pickup. Pay cash. 523-3766.

CITATION (MLA STYLE)
Houston Chronicle, FINAL ed., 19 May 1970, p. 47. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*.
https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&ft_id=info%3Asid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ft%3Ake%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-162F68D041381272%25402440726-162F6AB34502259D%254046-162F6AB34502259D%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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38-215-00-004
HARRIS COUNTY BUILDING ASSESSMENT

Total mkt. val. \$ 22020 **BOARD** 1972

Improvements 494

Map No. 188-4-5d Mar 10 1972

J.R. Pizzitola Owner

Lot 4 Pt B Blk. 6

Rosemont Hotel Addition

Remarks _____

_____ Lead _____

Their Value \$ _____

Our Value C \$ 5990 Sever

No. 1138 W Gray Street

N

	W Piece	
W		E
W	W Piece	E

S

Land-40% \$ 6850

POSTED TO BB INV.
4-25-72

COUNTY ACCOUNT NO.				
SEQUENCE NO.	VOL.	PG.	SUB.	ITEM
218750000	52368	-		4
<u>363</u> nt				
<u>City Board Re-worked</u>				
<u>1973</u>				
1972 New Total VALUE <u>2270</u>				
DATE				
NEW OWNER				
<u>Pizzitola, J.P.</u>				

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Figure XX: BLA document (pg. 2 of 2) from 1972 listing 1138 W Gray. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

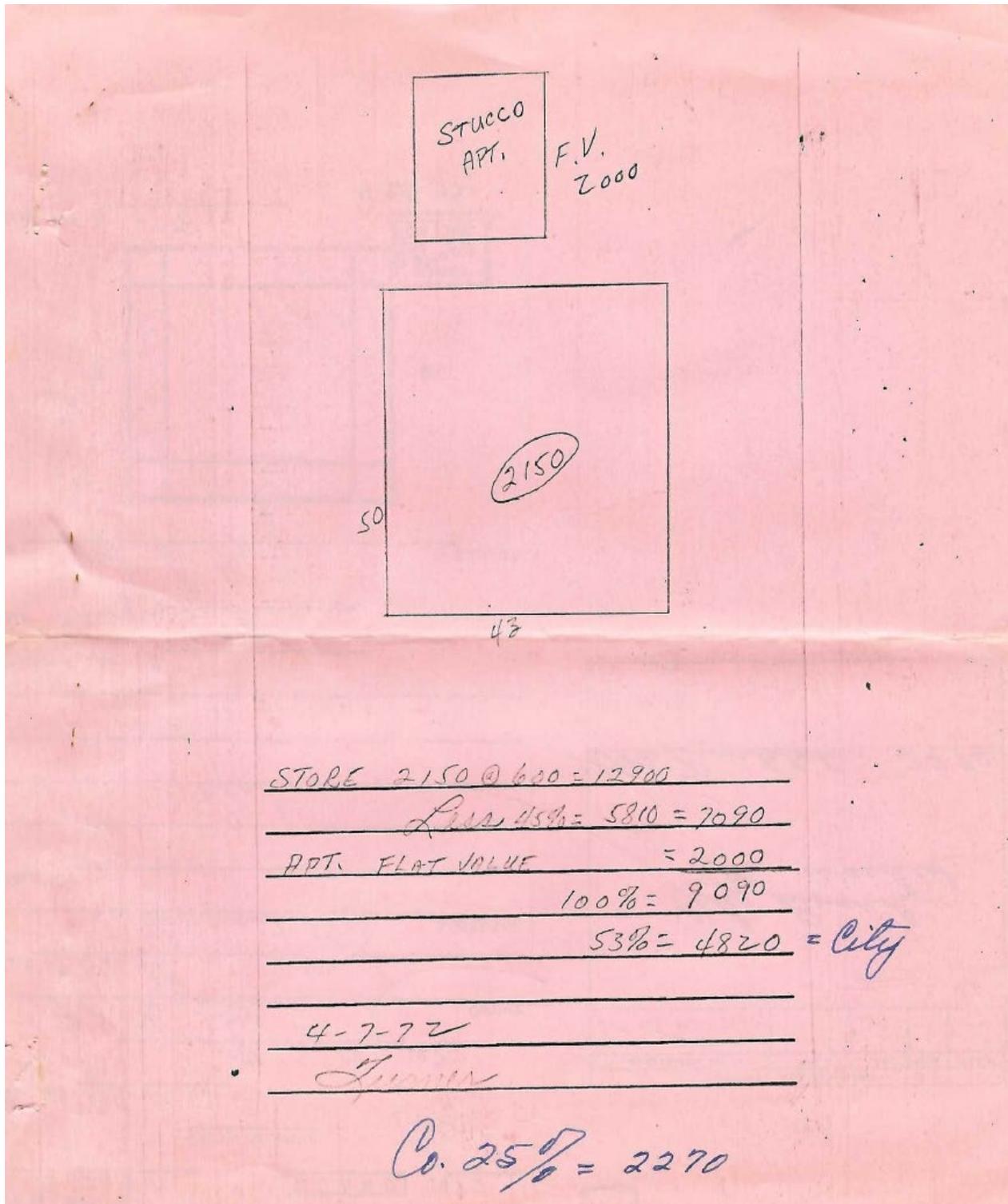


Figure XX: Newspaper obituary from 1974 for Frank Pizzitola. Accessed April 2025.


 Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - July 22, 1974 - page 64
 July 22, 1974 | Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 64

PIZZITOLA * * *
 — Frank Raymond Pizzitola, 79, 1301 Taft died Sunday Member of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, member of Sacred Heart Society. Survivors: Wife, Mrs. Rosalie S. Pizzitola; son, Anthony F. Pizzitola; step-daughters, Miss Marylou Blust, Miss Monica Blust, all of Houston; step-son, Edward J. Blust, California; brother, Joseph G. Pizzitola, Houston; several nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Rosary 7:30 p.m. Monday Earthmans Fannin St. Chapel. Mass Tuesday 23rd, 10 a.m. Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. Interment Garden of Gethsemani. Pallbearers: Tannie Pizzitola, Tannie G. Pizzitola, Steve Pizzitola, Marion Aquilina, Anthony Aquilina, Joe V. Pizzitola, John Pizzitola, Joseph Trapolino. Honorary Pallbearers: Sebastian Rocaforte, Jasper Pizzitola, Marion Aquilina, Sr., Vincent Chiedo, Norman DeLoof, Otto Pizzitola. Graveside services auspices Veterans of Foreign Wars. EARTHMANS, 2420 Fannin, 223-4541.

CITATION (MLA STYLE)
 Houston Chronicle, FINAL ed., 22 July 1974, p. 64. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&ft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Aemb%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-1634BF85FA204DDE%25402442251-16346646E567A0E0%254063-16346646E567A0E0%2540, Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.
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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1976 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



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Houston Chronicle, Four Star ed., 4 July 1976, p. 115. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-163690B7ED47CEFC%25402442964-16364555D58C8B3D%2540114-16364555D58C8B3D%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1976 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - August 7, 1976 - page 18
August 7, 1976 | Houston Chronicle (published as HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 18

**POETRY READING: Poets Workshop
and Sunsprout magazine to sponsor
First Friday poetry reading from 8 to 12
p.m. Friday at Bowles Auction Co., 1138
W. Gray. Poets will read their own work
in a coffeehouse atmosphere.**

CITATION (MLA STYLE)

Houston Chronicle, Street final ed., 7 Aug. 1976, p. 18. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*,
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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1980 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



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Houston Chronicle, Evening Final ed., 20 June 1980, p. 96. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-1642657F80BEF9EF%25402444411-16425F8C5998B8F6%254095-16425F8C5998B8F6%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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Figure XX: Newspaper advertisement from 1989 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



Houston Chronicle - July 1, 1989 - page 121
July 1, 1989 | Houston Chronicle | Houston, Texas | Page 121

**MONTROSE RETAIL SPACE OR
STUDIO. 2000 open sq. ft. 14' ceiling.
8 tons of A/C. Great curb appeal on
heavily traveled downtown artery.
1138 W. Gray. Anthony Pizzitola
667-1711 or 671-9411**

CITATION (MLA STYLE)

Houston Chronicle, Two Star ed., 1 July 1989, p. 121. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*.

https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-17069C464B2FA68E%25402447709-1706981AB465983B%2540120-1706981AB465983B%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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Figure XX: Newspaper article from 1990 mentioning 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.



Working sculptor

Roberto Valdes, a local Houston sculptor working and showing in Houston for the last five years, is directing his energy on putting together marble furniture.

Drawing upon Houston's contemporary skyline and it's neo-classical buildings for inspiration, he has now completed his work and is ready to begin showing his work, and to work with area business people and residents. His work is on display at Mobil Art, 1138 W. Gray, where he is manager. Jose Luis Gomez is owner of the art furniture gallery.

CITATION (MLA STYLE)

Houston Chronicle, Four Star ed., 13 June 1990, p. 292. *NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current*. https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ft%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%2540EANK-NB-170E0B14E97BF4D7%25402448056-170E0B4418CAB2A6%2540291-170E084418CAB2A6%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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