

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

| S | NA | S - satisfies | D - does not satisfy | NA - not applicable |
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- (1) Whether the building, structure, object, site or area possesses character, interest or value as a visible reminder of the development, heritage, and cultural and ethnic diversity of the city, state, or nation;
- (2) Whether the building, structure, object, site or area is the location of a significant local, state or national event;
- (3) Whether the building, structure, object, site or area is identified with a person who, or group or event that, contributed significantly to the cultural or historical development of the city, state, or nation;
- (4) Whether the building or structure or the buildings or structures within the area exemplify a particular architectural style or building type important to the city;
- (5) Whether the building or structure or the buildings or structures within the area are the best remaining examples of an architectural style or building type in a neighborhood;
- (6) Whether the building, structure, object or site or the buildings, structures, objects or sites within the area are identified as the work of a person or group whose work has influenced the heritage of the city, state, or nation;
- (7) Whether specific evidence exists that unique archaeological resources are present;

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- ☒ ☐ (8) Whether the building, structure, object or site has value as a significant element of community sentiment or public pride.

AND

- ☐ ☒ (9) If less than 50 years old, or proposed historic district containing a majority of buildings, structures, or objects that are less than 50 years old, whether the building, structure, object, site, or area is of extraordinary importance to the city, state or nation for reasons not based on age (Sec. 33-224(b)).

Sec. 33-229. Criteria for protected landmark designation

| S | NA | S - satisfies | D - does not satisfy | NA - not applicable |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (1) Meets at least three of the criteria for designation in section 33-224 of this Code; | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (2) Was constructed more than 100 years before application for designation was received by the director; | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (3) Is listed individually or as a contributing structure in an historic district on the National Register of Historic Places; or | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (4) Is recognized by the State of Texas as a Recorded State Historical Landmark. | | |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommend to City Council the Landmark Designation of The Pizzitola Building located at 1138 W Gray Street, Houston, TX 77019.

HAHC RECOMMENDATION [LEAVE BLANK FOR HAHC REPORT – INCLUDE FOR ACTION REPORT]

The Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to City Council the Landmark Designation of the [Full Name of Landmark] at [Address].

EXHIBIT A

PHOTOS

THE PIZZITOLA BUILDING
1138 W GRAY STREET, HOUSTON, TX 77019

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



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.



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



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.



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.



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.

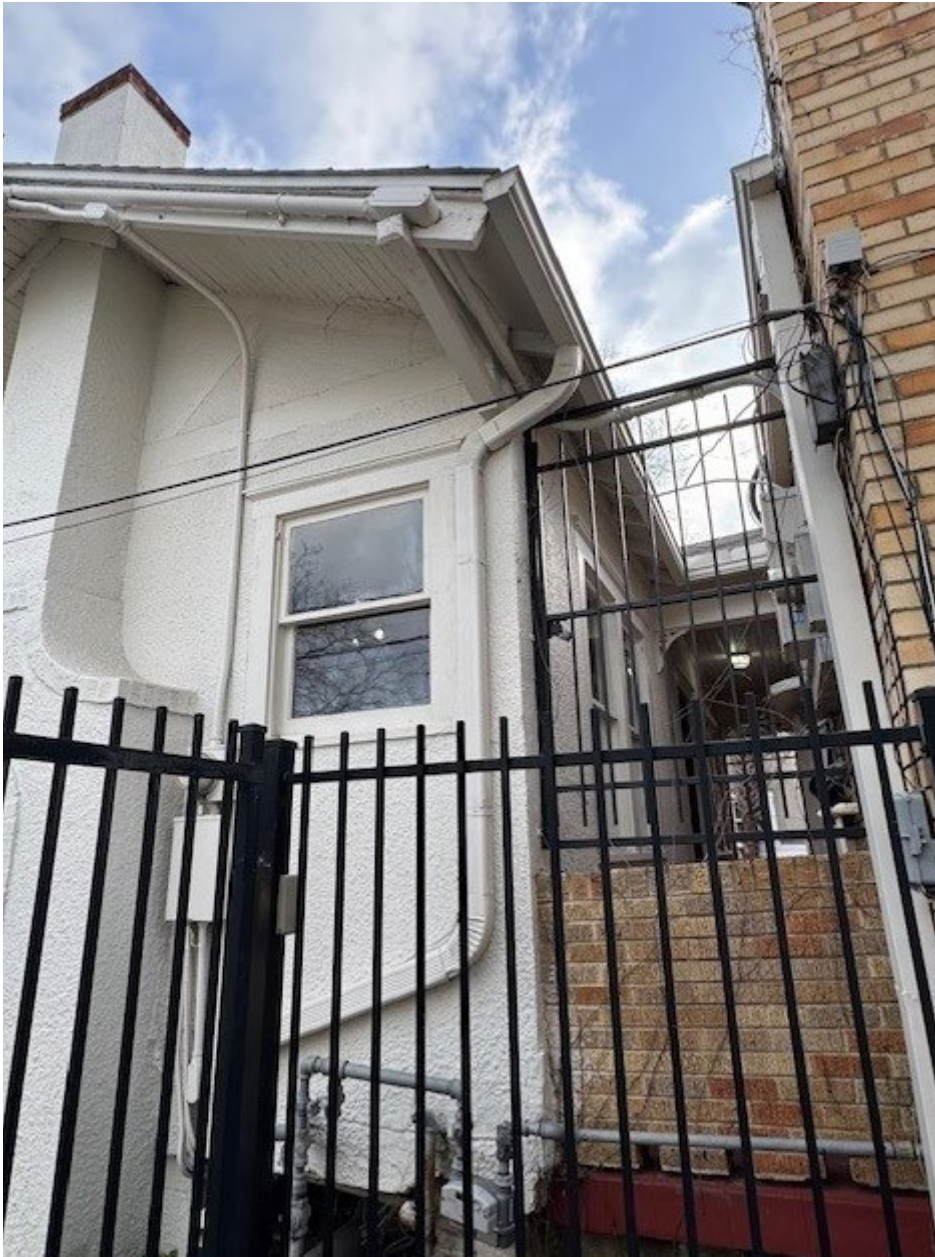


Photo XX: Oblique view of the southeast (front right) corner facing W Gray Street. Photo by Cara Quigley, 2025.



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.



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.



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



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



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



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

THE PIZZITOLA BUILDING
1138 W GRAY STREET, HOUSTON, TX 77019

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



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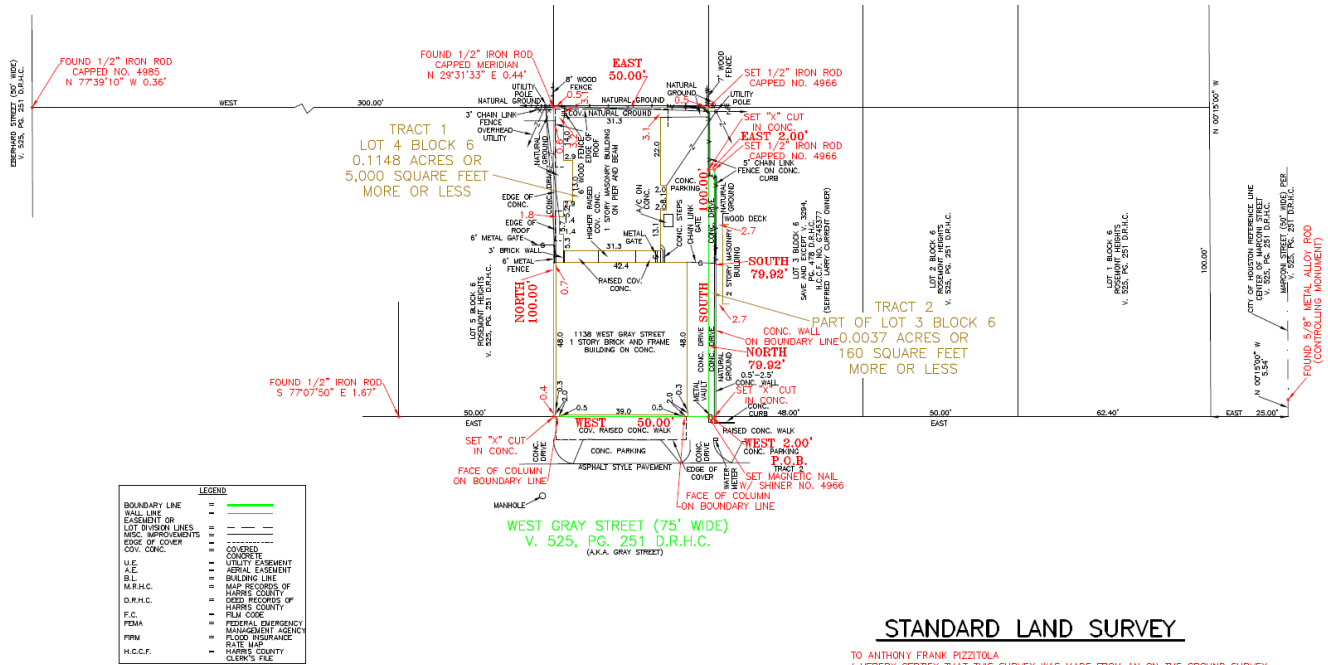


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Map XX: Survey of the site dated December 10, 2023. Courtesy of Anthony Pizzitola, 2025.



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.



EDWARD KARL BOWLES
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 4966
DATED DECEMBER 10, 2023



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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 | Home 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, at 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> |
| 9 | Where employed? <i>Houston Texas</i> |
| 10 | 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> |
| 11 | Married or single (circle)? <i>single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i> |
| 12 | What military service have you had? Rank _____ branch _____ years _____ Nation or State _____ |
| Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>no</i> | |
| I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true. | |
| <i>Frank Pizzitola</i> | |

| REGISTRAR'S REPORT 42-3-16-A | |
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| 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: | |
| <i>Edwin Mills</i> (Signature of Registrar) | |
| Precinct | <i>14</i> |
| City or County | <i>Galveston</i> |
| State | <i>Texas</i> |
| <i>June 5-17.</i> (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.

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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.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
To any regularly licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judges of the District and County Courts, and all Justices of the Peace—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized TO JOIN IN THE HOLY UNION OF MATRIMONY.

Frank Pizzitola with Bernadine Guseman

in accordance with the laws of this State.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, that you make due return of this, your authority, to my office in the City of Houston, within sixty days thereafter, certifying in what capacity you executed the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness ALBERT TOWNSEND, Clerk of the County Court, in and for said County and State, and official seal, at office in Houston, this 23 day of November, A. D. 1921.

(SEAL)
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
I, Albert Townsend, Clerk of the County Court, do solemnly swear that M. Frank Pizzitola is over 18 years of age, that Bernadine Guseman is over 21 years of age, and that there are no legal objections to their marriage.

Witness:
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Nov.

No. 53346 OFFICER'S RETURN
Subscribed by the undersigned authority, this 24 day of November, 1921.
David A. Thompson

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
To any regularly licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judges of the District and County Courts, and all Justices of the Peace—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized TO JOIN IN THE HOLY UNION OF MATRIMONY.

M. J. Bloch with Miss Anna Belle Phelps

in accordance with the laws of this State.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, that you make due return of this, your authority, to my office in the City of Houston, within sixty days thereafter, certifying in what capacity you executed the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness ALBERT TOWNSEND, Clerk of the County Court, in and for said County and State, and official seal, at office in Houston, this 23 day of Nov, A. D. 1921.

(SEAL)
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
I, Albert Townsend, Clerk of the County Court, do solemnly swear that M. M. J. Bloch is over 18 years of age, that Miss Anna Belle Phelps is over 21 years of age, and that there are no legal objections to their marriage.

Witness:
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Nov.

No. 53347 OFFICER'S RETURN
Subscribed by the undersigned authority, this 24 day of November, 1921.
David A. Thompson

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
To any regularly licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judges of the District and County Courts, and all Justices of the Peace—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized TO JOIN IN THE HOLY UNION OF MATRIMONY.

Frank Pizzitola with Bernadine Guseman

in accordance with the laws of this State.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, that you make due return of this, your authority, to my office in the City of Houston, within sixty days thereafter, certifying in what capacity you executed the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness ALBERT TOWNSEND, Clerk of the County Court, in and for said County and State, and official seal, at office in Houston, this 23 day of November, A. D. 1921.

(SEAL)
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
I, Albert Townsend, Clerk of the County Court, do solemnly swear that M. Frank Pizzitola is over 18 years of age, that Bernadine Guseman is over 21 years of age, and that there are no legal objections to their marriage.

Witness:
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Nov.

No. 53347 OFFICER'S RETURN
Subscribed by the undersigned authority, this 24 day of November, 1921.
David A. Thompson

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
To any regularly licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judges of the District and County Courts, and all Justices of the Peace—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized TO JOIN IN THE HOLY UNION OF MATRIMONY.

John O. Peltz with Miss Bertha Lee Mosca

in accordance with the laws of this State.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, that you make due return of this, your authority, to my office in the City of Houston, within sixty days thereafter, certifying in what capacity you executed the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness ALBERT TOWNSEND, Clerk of the County Court, in and for said County and State, and official seal, at office in Houston, this 23 day of Nov, A. D. 1921.

(SEAL)
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
I, Albert Townsend, Clerk of the County Court, do solemnly swear that M. John O. Peltz is over 18 years of age, that Miss Bertha Lee Mosca is over 21 years of age, and that there are no legal objections to their marriage.

Witness:
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Nov.

No. 53348 OFFICER'S RETURN
Subscribed by the undersigned authority, this 24 day of November, 1921.
David A. Thompson

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
To any regularly licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judges of the District and County Courts, and all Justices of the Peace—GREETING:

You, or either of you, are hereby authorized TO JOIN IN THE HOLY UNION OF MATRIMONY.

Charles L. Cochran with Miss Pearl Adams

in accordance with the laws of this State.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, that you make due return of this, your authority, to my office in the City of Houston, within sixty days thereafter, certifying in what capacity you executed the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness ALBERT TOWNSEND, Clerk of the County Court, in and for said County and State, and official seal, at office in Houston, this 23 day of Nov, A. D. 1921.

(SEAL)
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS }
I, Albert Townsend, Clerk of the County Court, do solemnly swear that M. Charles L. Cochran is over 18 years of age, that Miss Pearl Adams is over 21 years of age, and that there are no legal objections to their marriage.

Witness:
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of Nov.

No. 53349 OFFICER'S RETURN
Subscribed by the undersigned authority, this 24 day of November, 1921.
David A. Thompson

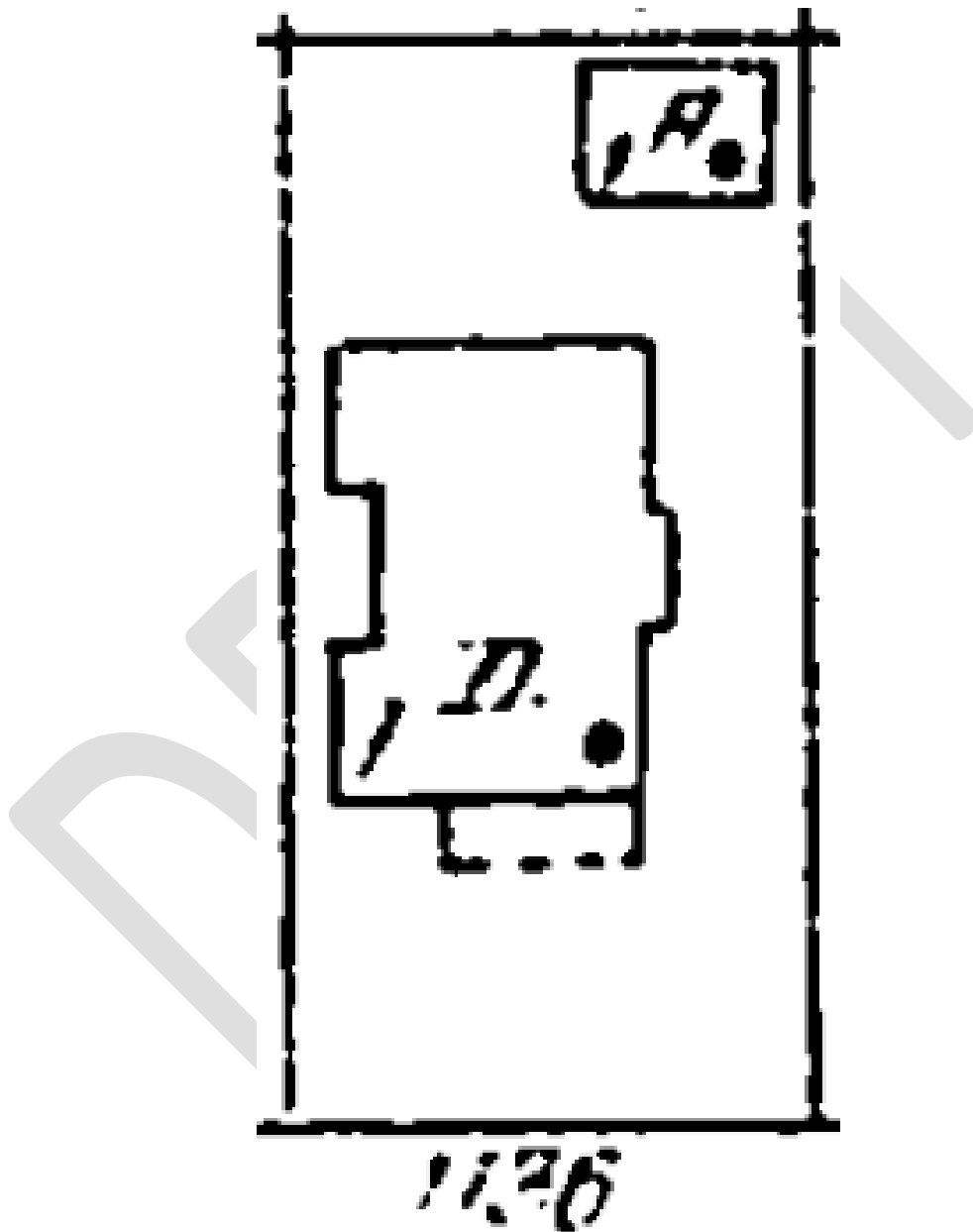
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Figure XX: Frank's Quality Market, c.1923. This photo was printed in the Houston Chronicle advertising the market. Photo courtesy of Anthony Pizzitola, 2025.



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.

ASSESSOR'S BLOCK BOOK FOR HARRIS COUNTY TEXAS

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

The abstract on this page of property assessed for taxes is listed by Plat No. of this survey, on page in this volume of the same number as this page. Numbers in tract column refer to corresponding numbers on said plat and designate the particular tract assessed for taxes. Reference is made to all data on said plat for description of said land assessed for taxes, which data and plat, whenever referred to, are made a part of said assessment.

| TAX | | DATE | | ACREAGE | | CLASS | | CHARACTER | | TO WHOM ISSUED | |
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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 | B. F. Coop | B | 5 | 625 | 2600 | | | | | | | |
| | J. H. Johnson | B | 10 | 800 | 2845 | | | | | | | |
| | R. B. Vaughan | B | 11 | 675 | 4775 | | | | | | | |
| | M. L. Phillips | B | 8 | 600 | 2200 | | | | | | | |
| | A. C. Stengel | B | 16 | 500 | 5500 | | | | | | | |
| | Scott Shambaugh | B | 13 | 500 | 1725 | | | | | | | |
| | | B | 14 | 500 | 1725 | | | | | | | |
| | do | B | 15 | 500 | 1725 | | | | | | | |
| | do | B | 17 | 500 | 1725 | | | | | | | |
| | do | B | 18 | 500 | 1725 | | | | | | | |
| | do | B | 19 | 500 | 1725 | | | | | | | |
| | do | B | 20 | 775 | | | | | | | | |

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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, 19__

Shambaugh Scott Owner

Lot *14* Block *6*

Rosemont Hghts Addition

REMARKS: *Stucco - Comp Roof*

30x40-1200x2 1/2-3000-1100

19__ Value *hus... \$2000*

19__ Value *... \$2250*

No. *1136 W Gray* Street

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S.

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INVESTIGATE

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19, 19__

Shambaugh Scott Owner

Lot *14* Block *6*

Rosemont Hghts Addition

REMARKS: *dep 10%*

2030 for 1929

19__ Value *... \$1850*

19__ Value *... \$2250*

No. *1136 W Gray* Street

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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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6/20, 19 31

S Shamburg Owner

Lot 4 Block 6

Rosemont Hts Addition

REMARKS:

Cur Exp't \$ 1800

Value.....\$

Value.....\$

No. _____ Street _____

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VALUE FIXED BY
EQUALIZATION BOARD

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INVESTIGATE

Map _____

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May 13th, 19 31

Shambough, Scott. Owner

Lot 4 Block 6

Rosemont Hts Addition

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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**THE BARGAIN
COUNTER**

1136 W. Gray. 6-room stucco. \$4500.00

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%3Amtx%3Aactx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%2540EANX-NB-15CCDD48969A219%254016-15CCDD48969A219%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 Wauhatchie |
| A. E. Scott, Houston | H. E. Johnson, Houston | Res (1-sy 31x49 bv) | 2202 Shakespeare |
| 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, S Owner
 Lot 4 Block 6
Rosemont St Addition

REMARKS:
5%
\$1930 for 32

County Value \$ 2030
 Owners Value \$ 1600

No. _____ Street _____

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Form 281

Harris County BUILDING ASSESSMENT Houston, Texas

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

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, \$ 500

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.R. 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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ASSESSOR'S BLOCK BOOK FOR HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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

The abstract on this page of property assessed for taxes is plotted by Plat No. _____ of this survey, on page in this volume of the same number as this page. Numbers in tract column refer to corresponding numbers on said plat and designate the particular tract assessed for taxes. Reference is made to all data on said plat for description of said land assessed for taxes, which data and plat, whenever referred to, are made a part of said assessment.

| P A T E N T | | | | C E R T I F I C A T E | | | |
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R E N D E R E D F O R T A X A T I O N

| Year | BY WHOM RENDERED | Tract No. | ACRES OR LOTS | VALUE OF REAL ESTATE | | Map, Permit No. | DATE | Amount of Permit | Inspector's Value | TRANSFER | Consideration | DATE |
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| | | | | Land | Improvements | | | | | | | |
| 1931 | Chas. R. Morrison S | 2 | 625 | 625 | | | | | | | | |
| | B.T. Coop. Est S | 5 | 625 | 2100 | | | | | | | | |
| | J.H. Johnson S | 10 | 800 | 3825 | | | | | | | | |
| | A.J. Stengel S | 16 | 500 | 2050 | | | | | | | | |
| | Helen Hostetter S | 3 | 625 | 2025 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1932 | Mrs. Bertha Busse B | 20 | 775 | 2675 | | | | | | | | |
| | H.F. Vaughan B | 11 | 815 | 815 | | | | | | | | |
| | Mrs. Mable Hostetter B | 3 | 625 | 2025 | | | | | | | | |
| | P.G. Vauxton B | 12 | 500 | 716 | | | | | | | | |
| | W.D. Herbert, et al B | 7 | 625 | 1313 | | | | | | | | |
| | Atlantic Life Ins. Co. B | 8 | 625 | 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| | Fred C. Bonerwitz B | 13 | 500 | 1500 | | | | | | | | |
| | Whitaker Savings & Bldg Assn B | 1 | 950 | 812 | | | | | | | | |
| | Scott Shogbaugh S | 4 | 625 | 1800 | | | | | | | | |
| | B.T. Coop. Est S | 5 | 625 | 2600 | | | | | | | | |
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Dug. C. L. Johnson 1012 12831

@ 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 211

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.

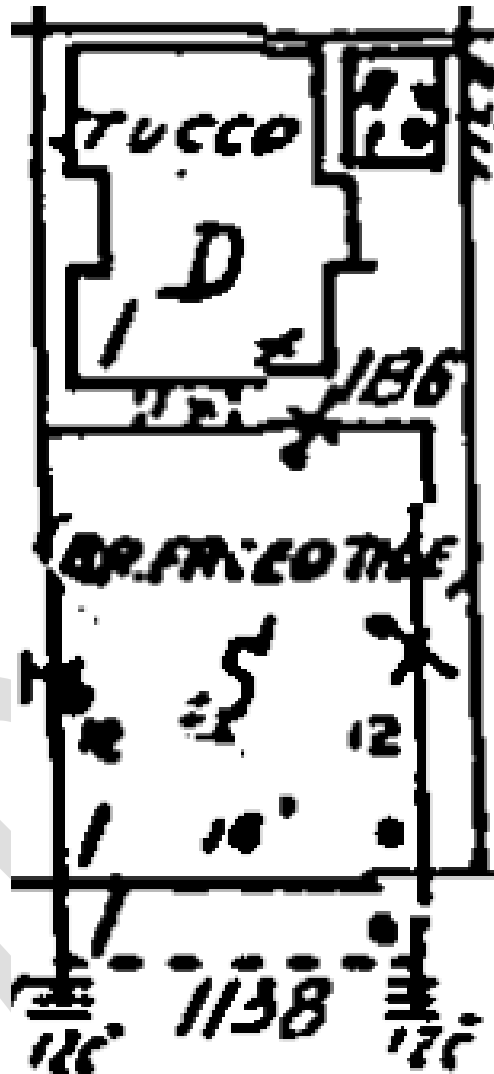


Figure XX: Newspaper ad from 1934 for Nowell's Grocery at 1138 W Gray. Accessed April 2025.

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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.

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Houston Chronicle, SUNDAY ed., 16 Sept. 1934, p. 21. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current,
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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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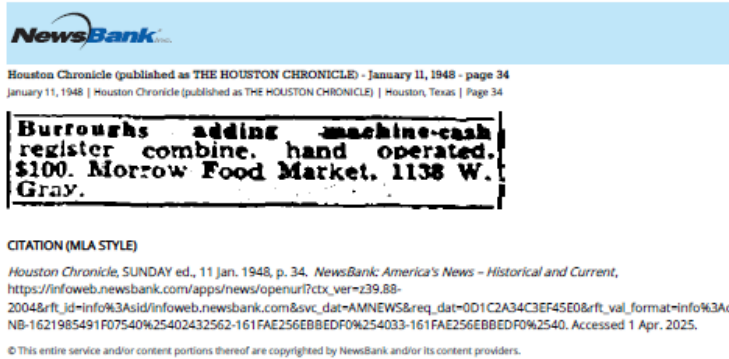
REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

| | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| SERIAL NUMBER U-1263 | 1. NAME (Print) FRANK RAYMOND PIZZITOLA (First) (Middle) (Last) | | ORDER NUMBER |
| 2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1301 TAFT HOUSTON HARRIS TEXAS (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State) | | | |
| [THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL] | | | |
| 3. MAILING ADDRESS SAME (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same) | | | |
| 4. TELEPHONE L. 4637 (Exchange) (Number) | 5. AGE IN YEARS 47 DATE OF BIRTH July 31 1894 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) | 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Orange Texas (Town or county) (State) | |
| 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 | | | |
| (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State) | | | |
| 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.



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



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Figure XX: BLA documents for 1136 & 1138 W Gray from c.1950s. Accessed March 2025 from Harris County Archives.

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

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Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) - December 9, 1954 - page 51
December 9, 1954 | Houston Chronicle (published as THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE) | Houston, Texas | Page 51

**Grocery, (old established), must
sell, account health. Good fix-
tures, clean stock. Living quar-
ters. 1138 W Gray.**

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, 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%3Ambx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%25NB-162468E6F2C2C69E%25402438901-1620443234A8ADFA%254044-1620443234A8ADFA%2540, Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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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

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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.

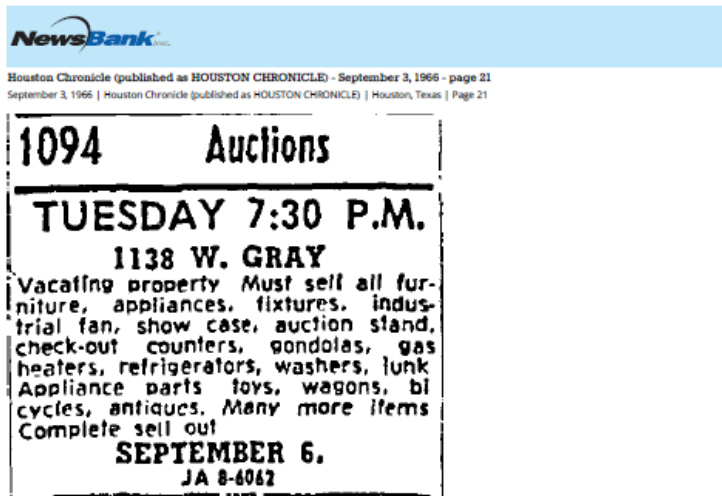
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Houston Chronicle, FINAL ed., 15 Oct. 1965, p. 54. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current,
https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=239.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akey%3Aamt%3Aact&rft_dat=document_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.



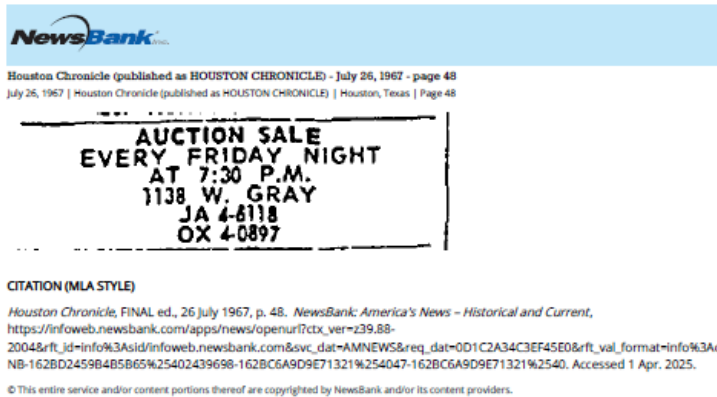
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Houston Chronicle, FINAL ed., 3 Sept. 1966, p. 21. NewsBank: America's News - Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftm%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%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.



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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%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ftmt%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%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&ft_val_format=info%3Aofi/ft%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&ft_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 49K

X Map No. 188-4-5d

Mar 10 1972

7 R Pizzitola Owner

Lot 4 P-1-B Blk. 6

Rosemont Hotel Addition

Remarks _____

Lead

Their Value \$ _____

Our Value C \$ 5990 Sever

No. 1138 W Gray Street

N

CK
BB

W E

162'

W BODY

POSTED TO BB INV.

Land 40% \$ 6850

4-25-72

| COUNTY ACCOUNT NO. | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-----|------|------|
| SEQUENCE NO. | VOL. | PG. | SUB. | ITEM |
| 2187250000 | 52368 | - | | 4 |

363 rt

City Board
Re-waived

1973

1972 New Total VALUE 2270

DATE _____

NEW OWNER
Pizzitola, J. D.

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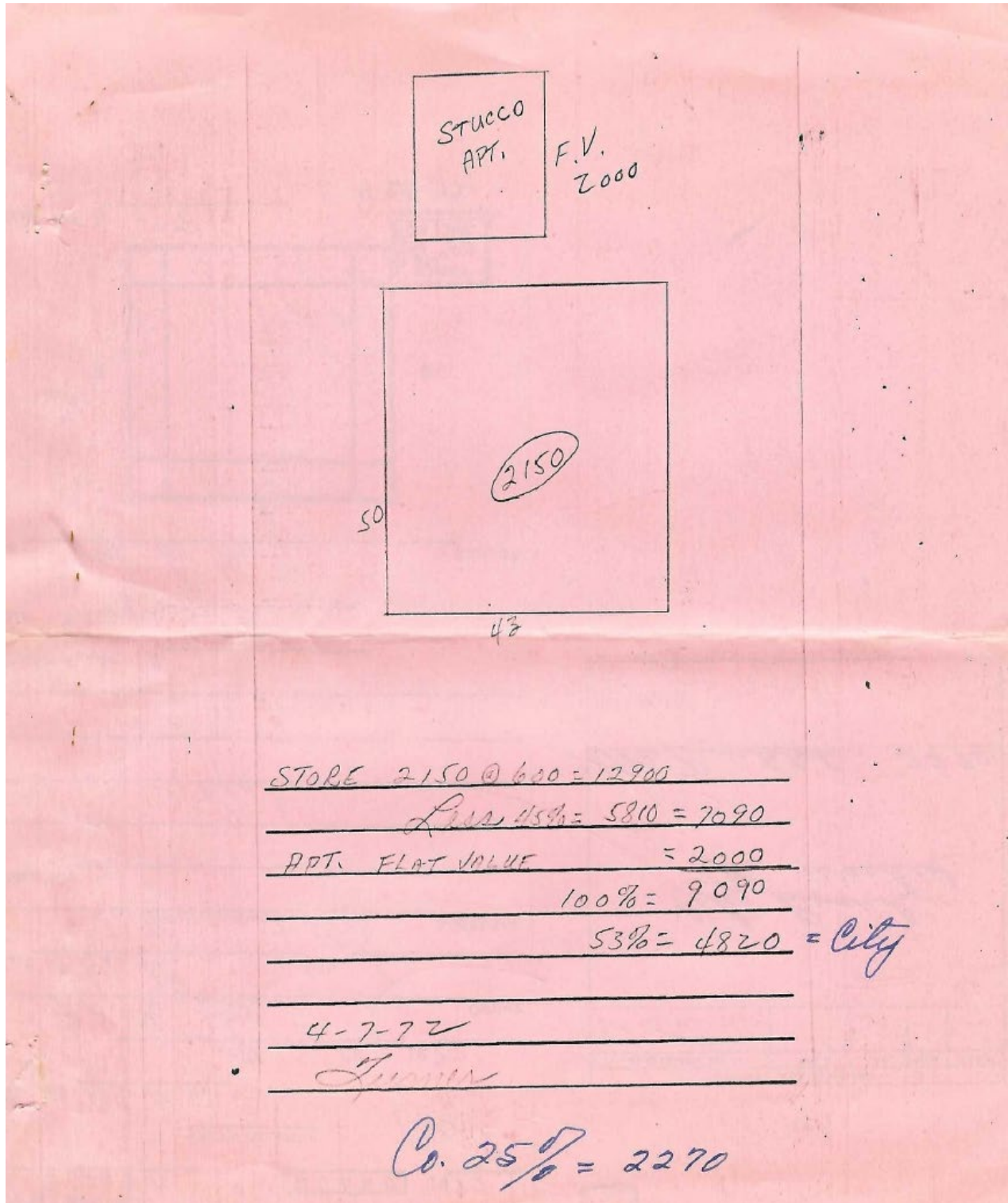
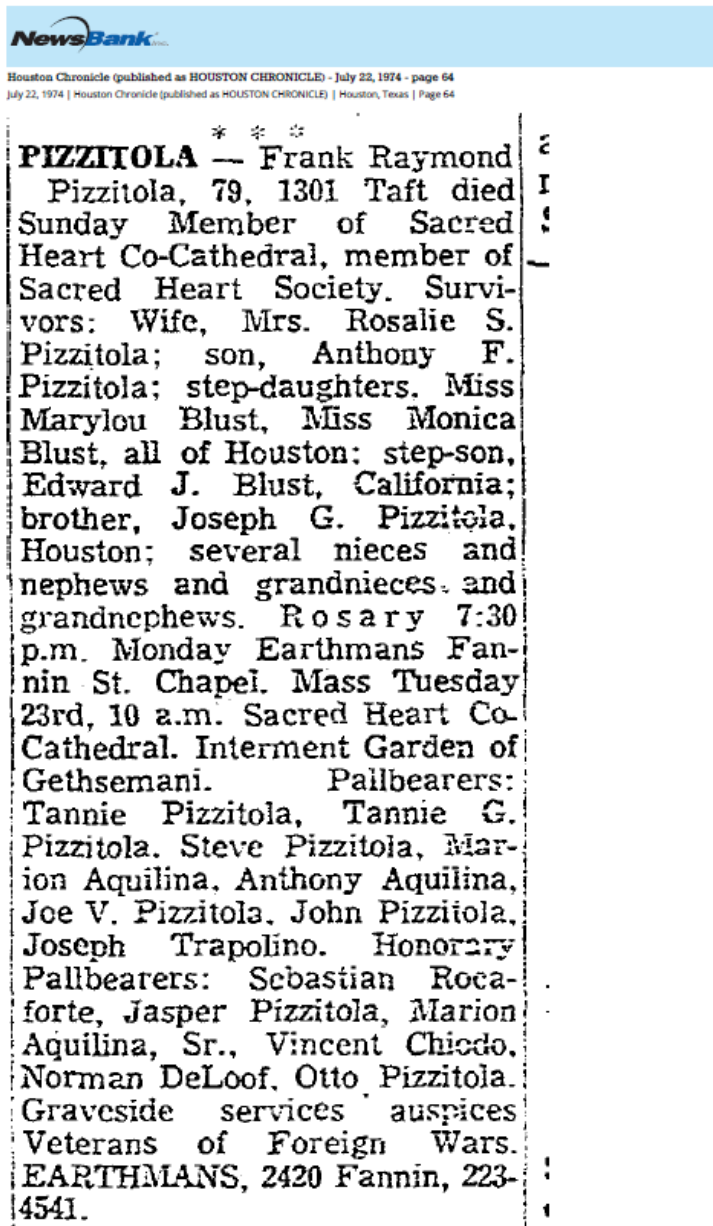


Figure XX: Newspaper obituary from 1974 for Frank Pizzitola. Accessed April 2025.

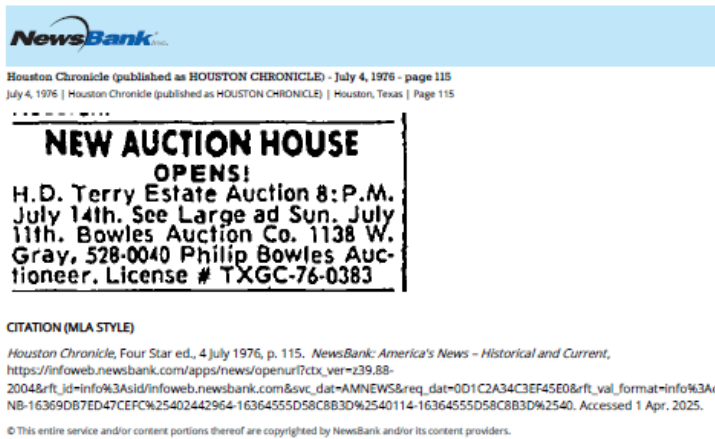


CITATION (MLA STYLE)

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%3Aid/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 (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*.
https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Asid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=0D1C2A34C3EF45E0&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Ambx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%2540EANX-NB-163679DED108B5B4%25402442998-1636459040B99102%254017-1636459040B99102%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.
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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%25-NB-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.



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



Houston Chronicle - June 13, 1990 - page 292
June 13, 1990 | Houston Chronicle | Houston, Texas | Page 292

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 its 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/ftmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A14DB39C1C40322B4%2540EANX-NB-170E0B14E97BF4D7%25402448056-170E084418CAB2A6%2540291-170E084418CAB2A6%2540. Accessed 1 Apr. 2025.

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