

# **ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET**

**CASE NUMBER:** C14H-2008-0012

**HLC DATE:**

May 19, 2008

**PC DATE:**

June 24, 2008

**APPLICANT:** Betsy Greenberg and Wade Odell, owners

**HISTORIC NAME:** T.N. and Edythe Porter House

**WATERSHED:** Waller Creek

**ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE:** 3009 Washington Square

**ZONING FROM:** SF-3-CO-NP to SF-3-H-CO-NP

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence, conditional overlay, neighborhood plan (SF-3-CO-NP) combining district to single family residence – Historic Landmark, conditional overlay, neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-CO-NP) combining district zoning.

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence, conditional overlay, neighborhood plan (SF-3-CO-NP) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark, conditional overlay, neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-CO-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 4-0 (Limbacher abstained; Rosato, Arriaga, and Arend absent).

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence, conditional overlay, neighborhood plan (SF-3-CO-NP) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark, conditional overlay, neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-CO-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 8-0.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984), but without a priority for research.

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** July 24, 2008

**ACTION:**

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Steve Sadowsky

**PHONE:** 974-6454

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:** Heritage Neighborhood Association

## **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The ca. 1931 house is a good example of 1930s Tudor Revival residential design, and is closely associated with T.N. and Edythe Porter, the first owners and occupants. T.N. Porter was the business manager and assistant superintendent of the Austin Public Schools for many years, and lived in this house from 1931 until his death in 1955. Edythe Porter, was a public school teacher and executive director of the Volunteer Bureau in the early 1960s; she continued to live in this house until 1962.

**Architecture:**

One-story rectangular-plan brick Tudor Revival-styled bungalow with a front-gabled independent entry porch with a segmental arch; two-story side-gabled frame addition to the rear; single and paired 1:1 fenestration with Craftsman-styled screens on the first-story windows.

**Historical Associations:**

The house is located on Washington Square, developed by Washington Allen Harper in 1912, a local physician (ear, nose and throat) and real estate developer, who named the subdivision after himself. Washington Square is one of Austin's most unusual streets – notable for its 90-foot width, broader than any other residential street in the city. Washington Square was developed contemporaneously with other subdivisions near the University of Texas campus such as Aldridge Place, and incorporated the idea of a boulevard or esplanade from the City Beautiful movement of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to create a suburban ideal of substantial homes in a pleasant and exclusively residential area designed to attract businessmen, professionals, and University of Texas professors. Washington Square offered home-buyers stability and security in their investments by promising that every house on the street would be of similar quality and size. Washington Square was marketed by the real estate firm of Pitts and Corwin as a “strictly first-class” residential area close to the Guadalupe Street streetcar, and having all of the modern conveniences of electricity, gas, water, sewer, telephone, sidewalks, and curbs.

Five houses were built on the street by 1920, and all but three currently standing on the street were built by 1935. The house at 3009 Washington Square was built in 1931 and represents the last phase of development on the street as it developed its character as the home of UT professors, religious leaders, and businessmen.

Thomas Neil (T.N.) Porter (1900-1955) and his wife Edythe Ball Porter (1903-1993) purchased this property in February, 1931. T.N. Porter was born in Belton, Texas, graduated from North Texas State Teachers' College in 1923 and moved to Austin, where he began his lifelong career with the Austin public schools. Porter started as an industrial education teacher, was appointed assistant superintendent in 1929 and business manager of the public school system in 1942, positions he held until his untimely death in 1955. During Porter's tenure, the student population and teaching staffs of the Austin public school system nearly doubled; Porter was responsible for all financial transactions for the public schools, overseeing the building fund, athletic budget, and teacher salaries; he was credited with the expansion and success of Austin schools. In 1957, T.N. Porter Junior High School was dedicated to his memory; the school became the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders in 2007. His wife, Edythe Ball Porter, was also a public school teacher in addition to serving as the executive director of the Austin Volunteer Bureau in 1962. She sold the house in 1963 to architect Charles Morton and his wife Helen; the Mortons never lived in the house, but purchased it for Mrs. Morton's niece, Zella Gaskill Wise and her husband Harry Wise, a research analyst for The Alcalde at the University of Texas.

**PARCEL NO.:** 02170210220000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 13, Outlot 72, Division D, plus the adjacent vacated alley, Washington Square

**ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$6,225 (City portion: \$1,513).

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$466,721

**PRESENT USE:** Residence

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNER:**

Betsy Greenberg and Wade Odell  
3009 Washington Square  
Austin, Texas 78705

**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1931

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** Rear frame addition, 1954; carport, 1960; remodeling, 1984; second-story side-gabled frame addition, 1995.




**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** T.N. and Edythe Porter (1931).

**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** None.



This is a detailed street map of a neighborhood in Chicago, showing a grid of streets and property lots. The map includes street names such as West Ave, Washington St, and W 30th St. Numerous lots are labeled with codes like SF-3-CO-NP, MF-2-CO-NP, and CS-CO-NP. A specific lot on Washington St is highlighted with a thick black border. The map also shows various landmarks and features like 'CHURCH', 'GAS', 'SHOPPING CENTER', and 'REST.'



 **SUBJECT TRACT**  
 **ZONING BOUNDARY**  
 **PENDING CASE**

## HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE# C14H-2008-0012  
ADDRESS 3009 WASHINGTON SQ  
SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES  
GRID: J25  
MANAGER S. SADOWSKY



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## F. 1: Historical Documentation - Deed Chronology

Deed Research for (fill in address) 3009 Washington Square

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Transaction	Vol., page
W. A. Harper to Buford O. Brown Lot 13 in Washington Square, Dr. W. A. Harper's Subdivision of a part of the North one-half of Outlet 72, in Division "D" November 13, 1916 \$1600	Vol. 290, p. 291-292
Buford O. Brown and wife Hattie M. Brown to Elizabeth H. Winn Lot 13 in Washington Square in Dr. W. A. Harper's Subdivision of a part of the North one-half of Outlet 72, in Division "D" July 7, 1919 \$750	Vol. 314, pp. 26-27
Elizabeth H. Haase, formerly Elizabeth H. Winn, and husband George M. Haase to A.W. Speckels Lot 13 in Washington Square in Dr. W. A. Harper's Subdivision of a part of the North one-half of Outlet 72, in Division "D" October 6, 1930	Vol. 465, pp 27-28
A.W. Speckels to T.N. Porter and wife, Edythe Ball Porter Lot 13 in Washington Square, Dr. W.A. Harper's Subdivision of a part of the North one-half of Outlet 72, in Division "D" together with all improvements February 11, 1931 \$6500	Vol. 464, pp. 338-339
Edythe Ball Porter Rice and husband, Clarence W. Rice to Charles M. Morton and wife, Helen Morton Lot 13 in Washington Square, Dr. W.A. Harper's Subdivision of a part of the North one-half of Outlet 72, in Division "D" September 14, 1963	Vol. 2649, pp. 384-385
Charles M. Morton and Helen Morton to Douglas L. Keene and Sarah M. Keene Lot 13, Washington Square, plus the north 1/2 of that certain alley 19 feet in width adjacent to the southern boundary line of said Lot 13 December 31, 1983 \$62,000	Vol. 8508, pp 89-92
Douglas L. Keene and Sarah M. Keene to Betsy S. Greenberg Lot 13, Washington Square, plus the north 1/2 of that certain alley 19 feet in width adjacent to the southern boundary line of said Lot 13 August 15, 1989 \$119,000	Vol. 11003, pp 859-860

## F. 2: Historical Documentation - Occupancy History

Occupancy Research for (fill in address) 3009 Washington Square

Year	Occupant Name and Reference	Source*
1929	Address not listed in city directories.	City Directory, Austin History Center
1930-31	T. Neal Porter, owner Assistant superintendent, Austin Public Schools NOTE: Edythe Porter is not listed.	City Directory, Austin History Center
1932-33	T. Neal and Edythe B. Porter, owners Assistant superintendent, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1935	T. Neal and Edythe B. Porter, owners Assistant superintendent, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1937	T. Neal and Edythe B. Porter, owners Assistant superintendent, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1939	T. Neal and Edith Porter, owners Assistant superintendent, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1940	Thomas N. and Edythe Porter, owners Business manager, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1941	T. Neal and Edythe Porter, owners Assistant superintendent, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1942	T. Neal and Edith Porter, owners Assistant superintendent, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1944-45	T. Neal and Edythe B. Porter, owners Business manager, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1947	T. Neal and Edith B. Porter, owners Business manager, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1949	T. Neal Porter, owner Business manager, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1952	T. Neal and Edythe Porter, owners Assistant supervisor and business manager, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1953	T. Neal and Edythe Porter, owners Assistant superintendent and business manager, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center
1954	T. Neal and Edythe Porter, owners Assistant supervisor and business manager, Austin Public Schools	City Directory, Austin History Center

\* Research by Historic Preservation Officer, Steve Sadowsky

1955	Edythe Porter, owner Widow, T.N. Porter No occupation listed	City Directory, Austin History Center
1957	Mrs. Edythe Porter, owner Widow, T.N. Porter No occupation listed	City Directory, Austin History Center
1958	T. Neal and Edythe Porter, owners Teacher, Public School	City Directory, Austin History Center
1959	T. Neal and Edythe B. Porter, owners Teacher, Public School	City Directory, Austin History Center
1960	Edythe Porter, owner Widow, T.N. Porter No occupation listed	City Directory, Austin History Center
1961	Edythe W. Porter, owner Widow, Thomas N. Porter No occupation listed	City Directory, Austin History Center
1962	Edythe Porter, owner Widow, T.N. Porter Executive director, Volunteer Bureau	City Directory, Austin History Center
1963	Vacant	City Directory, Austin History Center
1964	Harry S. and Zella Wise, renters Assistant, University of Texas	City Directory, Austin History Center
1965	Harry S. and Zella Wise, renters Assistant, University of Texas	City Directory, Austin History Center
1966	Harry S. and Zella Wise, renters Editorial assistant, University of Texas	City Directory, Austin History Center
1967	Harry S. and Zella G. Wise, renters Retired	City Directory, Austin History Center
1968	Harry S. and Zella Wise, renters Retired	City Directory, Austin History Center
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1971	Harry S. and Zella G. Wise, renters Retired	City Directory, Austin History Center
1972	Harry S. and Zella G. Wise, renters Retired	City Directory, Austin History Center
1973	Harry S. and Zella G. Wise, renters Retired	City Directory, Austin History Center
1974	Harry S. and Zella Wise, renters Retired	City Directory, Austin History Center

1975	Kathy Falconer, renter Student	City Directory, Austin History Center
1978	No return	City Directory, Austin History Center
1980	Vincent and Susan Hauser, renters No occupation listed	City Directory, Austin History Center
1983	Douglas and Sarah Keene, owners No occupation listed	City Directory, Austin History Center
1985-86	Douglas and Sarah Keene, owners No occupation listed	City Directory, Austin History Center
1987	Douglas L. and Sally Keene, owners Clinical psychologist, 1600 W. 38 <sup>th</sup> Street	City Directory, Austin History Center
1990-92	Betsy Greenberg, owner Assistant professor, University of Texas	City Directory, Austin History Center
1993-present	Betsy Greenberg and Wade Odell Associate professor, University of Texas Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation	personal knowledge



### **F.3: Historical Documentation - Biographical data on owners and occupants**

Thomas Neil Porter was born in Belton, TX on November 14, 1900.  
He died in Austin, TX on April 2, 1955

Edythe Ball was born in Texas on July 1, 1903.  
She died as Edythe Ball Porter Rice in Austin, TX on July 22, 1993.

Harry S. Wise was born in Topeka, Kansas on December 11, 1889.  
He died in Austin, TX on August 1, 1977.

Zella Gaskill was born in Shelby, Illinois on January 29, 1892.  
She died as Zella Wise in Austin, TX on February 16, 1984.

Charles Morehouse Morton was born in Texas in 1908.  
He died in Austin, TX on December 23, 2000.

Philena Helen Campbell was born in Normal, IL on July 29, 1911.  
She married Charles Morton in 1940. (currently living in Austin, TX)

Douglas L. Keene was born on January 16, 1954 in Governor, NY. (currently living in Austin, TX)

Sarah Edith Morton was born on September 25, 1949 in Austin, TX.  
She married Douglas Keene on August 6, 1981. (currently living in Austin, TX)

Willis Wade Odell was born on March 24, 1956 in Big Spring, TX (currently living in Austin, TX)

Betsy Sue Greenberg was born on April 5, 1956 in Boston, MA.  
She married Wade Odell on December 27, 1992. (currently living in Austin, TX)

## **F. 9: Historical Narrative**

Washington Square was platted in September 1912 by Washington Allen Harper, a local physician and real estate developer who named the subdivision after himself. Washington Square is 90-feet wide, wider than any other residential street in the city. Washington Square was an exclusively residential area designed to attract business men, professionals, and University of Texas professors.

The c. 1930 home at 3009 Washington Square is a Tudor Revival-inspired cottage with notable brickwork around the entry arch and windows. Thomas Neal and Edythe Ball Porter were the first owners of the house. The Porters added a large living area to the back of the house in 1954 and a smaller addition and carport further to the rear in 1960.

T. N. Porter was born in Belton, TX on November 14, 1900. He graduated from Belton High School in 1919. Porter graduated from North Texas State Teachers College in 1923 and moved to Austin. Mr. Porter served the Austin public schools for 32 years. He began as a manual training teacher at John T. Allan Junior High when it was in the present Austin Community College campus building on Red River. He was appointed assistant superintendent to Mr. A. N. McCallum in 1929, business manager in 1942, and served in both positions from 1951 until his early death in 1955.

Porter handled all financial transactions in the Austin schools, from the lunchroom and salaries to the property insurance, athletic budget and building fund. Porter oversaw everything from paper clips to new buildings as the Austin schools rapidly grew from a small town to a city system. Porter was widely credited with the expansion and success of the Austin public school system. He was known for his integrity, loyalty and business judgment. Porter was respected over the state and nationally as a man who considered his public service as a post of highest trust.

T.N Porter's community life was considered to be as busy as his Austin schools job. According to *The Austin Statesman*, he was a member the First Methodist Church, Belton Masonic Lodge #166, Austin Masonic Lodge #12 of which he served as a Master, Austin Scottish Rite, Ben Hur Shrine Temple, with a life membership in Ben Hur Ladder of Smiles; Honorary Sponsor of Order of De Molay's; member of the National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association, life membership in the National Parent-Teacher Association, member of the Austin Teachers Association, order of Red, Red Rose, Texas State Teachers Association, American Association of School Business Officials, Texas Association of School Business Officials of which he was a member of the board of directors, and a member of the Austin Lions Club.

T.N. Porter was only 54 when he unexpectedly passed away on April 2, 1955. The flags were flown at half mast at the Austin schools and the schools closed at 2 p.m. in memory of the valued school official. On December 12, 1955, T. Neal Porter Lodge U.D. was granted its charter and by unanimous approval, Austin Lodge No. 12 was named in honor of Brother Porter. The lodge has held all its meetings in the York Rite Building on 7th and Lavaca since its establishment. T.N. Porter Junior High was established in 1957 and named in his honor. Porter became a middle school in 1988 and most recently in the fall of 2007 became the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders.

Porter's widow, Edythe Ball Porter continued to live at 3009 Washington Square. Mrs. Porter was also a public school teacher. She continued her husband's legacy of public service, serving as the executive director of the Volunteer Bureau in 1962. On September 14, 1963, she and her new husband, Clarence W. Rice sold the house to Charles M. and Helen Morton.

Charles M. Morton, b. 1908, was an architect with a love of construction. When he died (December 23, 2000) the *Austin American Statesman* headline read "Architect left his imprint on city's skyline." He built some of Austin's prominent buildings, including the Seaholm Power Plant, the Sears store at Ninth Street and Congress Avenue, the Capitol Centre at 919 Congress Avenue, a high-rise office building at 823 Congress, and additions to Brackenridge and Seton hospitals. Helen Morton first came to Texas from Illinois in 1936. She paid \$36 for a round trip train ticket to celebrate the Texas Centennial. Soon after, she came to Austin to study for a Masters degree in philology (now known as linguistics) at the University of Texas. Helen married Charles Morton, the younger brother of one of her professors. Helen Morton is a talented and popular literary figure, well known in Austin for her oral book talks. The Intellectual Mrs. Morton returned to The University of Texas more than 30 years later to earn a Ph.D. Like Helen, her aunt, Zella Gaskill Wise and Zella's husband, Harry S. Wise moved to Austin from the Midwest. Charles and Helen Morton bought the house at 3009 Washington Square so that Zella and Harry would have a place to live.

Zella Gaskill was born on January 29, 1892 in Shelby, Illinois and Harry was born on December 11, 1889 in Topeka, Kansas. When they came to Austin, Harry became a research analyst for *The Alcalde* and eventually retired by 1967. He wrote the attached article about the opposition that preceded the opening of The University of Texas. According to *The Alcalde*, Harry did graduate work at Drew University, Northwestern University, and Washington University. He taught at Lawrence College, Washington University, Orange County Community College, and

Stroudsburg Teachers College. Harry's draft registration card from 1917, states that he was a Methodist minister at the Seward Avenue Church in Topeka, Kansas.

The Mortons rented the house in the late 70s and early 80s, mainly to University of Texas students and eventually to their daughter, Sally. In 1980, Susan and Vincent Hauser lived at 3009 Washington Square. Susan studied speech pathology and Vincent was working on a masters degree in architecture, both at The University of Texas. The Hausers moved to Philadelphia where they lived for 11 years before returning to Austin. Mr. Hauser worked with downtown and urban neighborhood revitalization groups as the architect for the Urban Main Street Project of the Texas Historical Commission. He is a former editor of *Texas Architect* magazine.

In 1984, the Mortons sold the house to their daughter, Sally (Sarah Morton) Keene and her husband Douglas L. Keene. Sally worked as an accountant and Douglas is a psychologist. In 1985, they added a large deck to the back of the house. They also removed interior walls separating the living and dining rooms and the separate spaces in the kitchen to obtain a more open floor plan. Before the birth of their second child, the Keenes sold the house to Betsy Greenberg, a professor at the University of Texas. Betsy has taught statistics at the McCombs School of Business for over 20 years. Her husband, Wade Odell is a research engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation. In 1995, Betsy and Wade added a second story to the home to accommodate their two children. The addition was deliberately kept low and to the back to preserve the front appearance of the house.

**Justification for historic zoning:** The house has a long association with T.N. and Edythe Porter. With the recent renaming of the Porter Middle School, it is an excellent time to bestow this honor on their home. Despite additions, the house retains its historic appearance and building materials.

## School Sketches

A man who you might picture at a bank desk behind the nameplate reading "President." A man who had a job that all boys dream of—driving the truck. A man who handles the business of one of Austin's biggest businesses.

The man is T. N. Porter, business manager of the Austin Public Schools.

A simple name and a simple title, but ones that mean much to the people who know them.

Porter's warm, wide smile will tell you that the complicated facts and figures he handles are not cold black and white to him, but people—school people and their needs.

He pays teachers' salaries. He buys library books and desks for pupils, heating plants and athletic equipment. He pays architects and plumbers, supplies vegetable powders and tractors. Whatever a public school gets from paper clips to a new building, Porter buys it.

Any housewife who thinks her budget is hard to stretch should see Porter's building budget, and any businessman who thinks his bank account is complicated should take a look at the business manager's books.

With duties whose titles alone fill up two pages in the administrative handbook, Porter handles a few things like directing all financial accounting, supervising all money collected in any school and in the system in general, auditing all claims and approving all bills, recording and filing all official documents, supervising lunchrooms, maintaining regular delivery service to all schools, supervising the transportation system of the school district, handling property insurance for all the schools and more than a dozen other such responsibilities.

And in 16 of his 29 years as business manager of the public schools, Porter also had charge of maintenance, building and pupil personnel. Year before last these duties were put in special departments under the direction of three different people.

Porter says the rapid growth of the schools that made this change necessary was also responsible for the fact that this old man brightens his work but rather grows it more detailed.

Since he became business manager for the public schools in 1929, Porter has seen Austin grow from 22,000 to 148,000 and has seen pupil enrollment nearly double from 9,000 to 18,600. He has seen the teaching staff change from 296 to 816.

To serve adequately these pupils and the community, the pub-



T. N. PORTER—Big Business

lic school operating budget has grown to \$2,000,000 this year from \$750,000 in 1929. Supplementing the operating budget this year is a basketball budget of \$225,000, an athletic budget of \$60,000 and a building fund of \$1,750,000. Over a five million annual spending budget would even make a big time operator like Uncle Sam sit up and take notice.

"It was seeing the schools grow from a small town up to a city system," is the way Porter puts it.

He has been with the Austin Public Schools 29 years counting the five years he taught industrial education in Allan Junior High. He began teaching at Allan when it was in the present Austin High building and was on the staff in 1925 when Allan and Austin High swapped buildings during the Thanksgiving holidays.

The schools have been his only home since he graduated from North Texas State Teachers College in 1923 and came to Austin. Since 1929 he has held the same job though he has changed titles. From assistant in the superintendent he became business manager, which is all the same difference.

At Allan, Porter is renowned for putting in the printing department and starting the Nugget, the school paper.

"I have had the pleasure of

working under three of the five superintendents," and he smiled happily. "I have had the same good secretary 20 years, Mrs. Lorraine H. Howard."

It was before going to college after he graduated from high school in Dallas, that young Porter drove a fire truck for a year and a half.

Although it sounds like one for Ripley, Porter's community life is as busy as his school job. He is now chairman of the educational committee of the Lions Club and holds several Masonic offices. He is past master of Austin Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M. and is past grandmaster of the Young Men's Business League.

In Porter's opinion, the greatest work of the league is the Sunshine Camp for underprivileged boys and girls which lasts six weeks each summer.

On weekends he looks forward to golfing. "I used to do a lot of hunting and fishing," the true golfer recalls, "but it dwindles off as you can't do those things and play golf, too."

In his spare time, Porter follows a hobby of woodwork in his shop at home. Successful fruits of his labors can be seen in his home in the form of a cedar chest, footstools and china cabinets.

Successful fruits of his labor will long be seen and felt in the schools and the community.



T. N. PORTER

## Funeral Of T. N. Porter Set Today

Funeral services for T. N. Porter, 54, 3008 Washington Square, will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the First Methodist Church. He died unexpectedly Saturday night in a local hospital. He was assistant superintendent and business manager of the Austin public schools.

Dr. Marvin Vance will officiate, and burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. The body will be in state at the church one hour preceding the service.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Austin Board of Education, Texas school business officials, members of Austin Lions Club, Dr. J. D. Edgar, Irby Carruth, J. Warren Pitt, Darrell G. Roe, Willie Knapp and Jim D. Howard.

Active pallbearers will be Temple Mayhall, R. M. Hodgkins, Jesse Bartlett, Raymond Fraley, John R. Crawford, Rex Shields, Lee J. Wilborn and Lester Palmer.

For 34 years Porter was a member of the teaching and administrative staff of the Austin public schools. He came to the schools in 1923 as a manual training teacher at Allan High School under Superintendent A. N. McCallum. He was appointed assistant to the superintendent in 1939. In 1942 he was appointed business manager, and in 1951 he became assistant superintendent in addition to his duties as business manager.

Porter served the school system as its chief business executive during its most critical period of growth and physical expansion. He was widely known over the state and nationally as a man who considered his public service as a post of highest trust.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church, Austin Lodge No. 11 A.F. & A.M. of which he was a past master; Austin Scottish Rite bodies, Ben Hur Shrine Temple, with a life membership in Ben Hur Lodge of Smiles; honorary sponsor of Order of De Molas; member of National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association, life membership in the National Parent-Teacher Association, member of the Austin Teachers Association, order of Red Red Rose of Texas State Teachers Association, American Association of School Business Officials, Texas Association of School

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## PORTER

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Business Officials of which he was a member of the board of directors, and a member of the Austin Lions Club.

In respect to the memory of Porter, Austin schools will be dismissed at 2 p. m. Monday.

Friends who would like to express appreciation through a benevolence fund for student assistance, a work which would reflect Porter's closest personal feelings, may choose to do so in the place of flowers, though it is not requested that flowers be omitted.

Those wishing to participate in such a memorial may address their contribution to the T. N. Porter Memorial Student Assistance Fund, in care of Charles Sumner, Austin Public Schools, Austin, Texas.

The Austin American  
12-11-57

# Tribute Paid T. N. Porter

Silent tribute was paid here Monday to the memory of T. N. Porter, M. business manager and assistant superintendent of Austin Public Schools, whose funeral was to be held at 2 p. m. Monday.

Flage on school grounds flew at half-staff and the schools of the system were to close at 2 p. m. in memory of the school official who died unexpectedly Saturday night in an Austin hospital.

Last rites were to be held at the First Methodist Church with Dr. Marvin Vance, pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in Capital Memorial Gardens. The body was to lie in state at the church for an hour preceding the service.

Named honorary pallbearers are members of the Austin School Board, Texas school business officials, members of the Austin Lions Club, and Dr. J. W. Edgar, Irby Carruth, J. Warren Hill, Darrell G. Rose, Willis Kowerek and Jim D. Howard.

Named active pallbearers are Temple Mayhall, R. M. Hodgkins, Jessie Bartlett, Raymond Fracy, John R. Crawford, Rex Shields, Lee J. Wilborn and Lester Palmer.

Porter was a member of the teaching and administrative staff of the Austin Public Schools for a third of a century. He began his long school career in 1893 as a manual training teacher at the John T. Allan Junior High School during the administration of the late Superintendent A. N. McCallum. He was appointed assistant to the superintendent in 1922, business manager in 1925, and assistant superintendent and business manager in 1931.

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He was a member of the First

Methodist Church, Austin Lodge No. 12 AF&M, of which he was a Past Master, Austin Scottish Rite Lodge, Ben Hur Shrine Temple, with a life membership in Ben Hur Lodge of Smiles; Honorary Sponsor of Order of De Moley's; member of National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association, life membership in the National Parent-Teacher Association, member of the Austin Teachers Association, order of Red Red Rose of Texas State Teachers Association, American Association of School Business Officials, Texas Association of School Business Officials of which he was a member of the board of directors, and a member of the Austin Lions Club.

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Those wishing to participate in such a memorial may address their contributions to the T. N. Porter Memorial Student Assistance Fund, in care of Charles Sanson, Austin Public Schools, Austin, Texas.

## Resolution Commends T. N. Porter

A resolution commending the life and work of T. N. Porter, business manager of the Austin Public Schools, who died early this month, has been sent to Mrs. Porter by the Austin School Board.

The resolution says: "In the passing of T. N. Porter the Board of Education, the administration and the teachers of Austin have lost a devoted, loyal, faithful steward and friend."

"T. N. Porter spent his entire professional life of 33 years in the Austin Public Schools as teacher, business manager and assistant superintendent. He was eminently successful in all of his assignments. He was known for his integrity, loyalty and good business judgment. He considered public service as the highest public trust. He was active in civic, fraternal and community organizations."

"He was devoted to his family, to his friends and to his church. His 33 years of service were valuable to the welfare and progress of the Austin Public Schools and his service and counsel provided incalculable value in the growth and development of the schools. Porter will be remembered as one of the strong characters in the history of the Austin schools."

The Austin Statesman  
4-4-35

# PORTER TIMES

T. N. Porter Junior High School, Austin, Texas, Friday, February 28, 1936

Number 1



My new T. N. Porter Junior High School building was official in City School follow-

## Porter Costs Nearly Million

Nearly \$1,000,000.00 of public schools money has been placed at the service of education of the present and future T. N. Porter Junior High School students.

The new Porter building was constructed at a cost of \$822,330.00 on a site which originally contained 18 acres at \$1800.00 per acre. Streets have cut the site down to about 14 and one half acres. No cost for equipment and supplies is obtainable at this time.

Porter was planned by Page, Sutherland and Page, Architects, and Archie Fitzgerald was the general contractor. The 28 classrooms and other facilities contain 85,844 square feet.

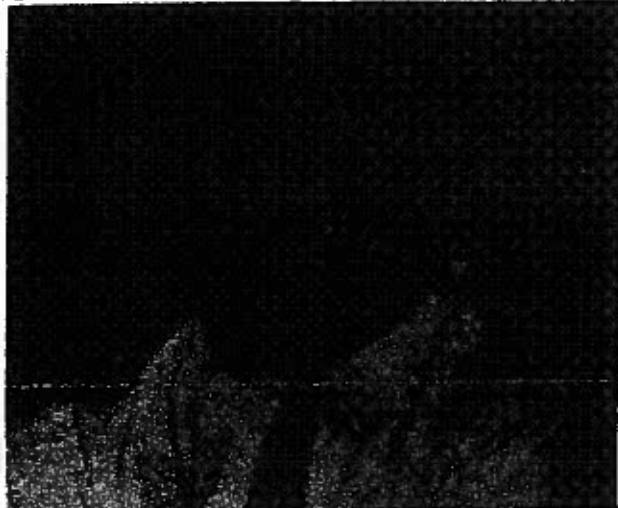
Porter is planned to accommodate some 1800 students in the future, after another wing is added on the east side of the present structure.

Colored tiles, spatter design floors, soft blues, aqua, yellow and gray combine into a harmony of color throughout the building.

"The seating, desks, shops, home-making labr, library, band room, chorus room and other facilities surpass nearly any junior high I have ever seen," said Mr. J. Davis Hill, principal. "I especially am proud of our air-conditioned audio-visual education room," he added.

Other interesting features of the new plant are the modern designed patio and the "super" library with its informal reading area which approximates a home living room. Double hung windows facilitate ventilation, too, throughout the building.

So, here's the new Porter building—a dream come true!



HERE'S THE MAN—Mr. T. N. Porter, veteran officer for the Austin Public Schools, served some 32 years in the interest of education for Austin's youth. He's the man whose name this school bears.

Our Namesake

## Mr. Porter Served Schools 32 Years

By Donna Atchison and Joan Hummel

Whose name does Porter school bear? Have you wondered who T. N. Porter was?

He was widely known over the state and nationally known as a man who considered his public service as a point of highest trust. Mr. Porter served the school system as its chief business executive during its most critical period of growth and expansion.

Mr. "Neal" Porter came to the schools in 1903 as manual training teacher in Allen High School. He was appointed Assistant Superin-

tendent to Mr. A. N. McCallum in 1909 and in 1913 he was appointed business manager in addition to his duties as Assistant Superintendent.

His professional school activities included a membership in many major associations. Among them, he was a member of the board of directors in the Texas Association of School Business Officials. He was a member of the Austin Lions Club and was very active in the Ben Hur Shrines.

On April 2, 1935, Mr. Porter died. He had served in the Austin Public School System for 32 years. He did his work carefully, cheerfully, and went far past the call of duty in the time and effort he gave to his work. He was stalwart in the history of the Austin Schools and will long be remembered with affection and respect by those who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

Porter students, in this new and modern school, can think of Mr. Porter and be proud that this school bears his name and a little something of what that fine man represented.

## Ad Sales d 'Times'

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lenis can tip their hats these people who give our first copy of the —FREE OF CHARGE. and that the paper will distributed free of students and teachers. will have to be sold for April and May issues, lent interested may try.

## holidays Left

Orella and Olga Barnes holidays are scheduled students before school

holiday is March 14, where on in Worn for

## Seven Porter Students Enter Exhibits In Annual Science Fair at Austin High

By Judy Suits

Seven Porter students stepped out bravely to represent this school in the annual Science Fair last week.

Clyde Craigen presented a display of minerals from Utah. Larry Terrell showed his Barton fossils, and Now Vickore displayed a work on

showing tricks of nature, and a snake and reptile collection. Tommy Wells entered samples of all easily available elements, while Kenneth Hickman displayed drawings of the activity within a battery and cross-sections of two stones.

"We are so happy that these students took part in this science



## A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

OK to go  
SS  
4-29-08

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

10/43774

APPLICATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE NUMBER(S) C144-2008-0012

TENTATIVE HLC DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TENTATIVE CC DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CASE MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY INITIATED: YES / NO

APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLLBACK: YES/NO

### BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: Betsy S. Greenberg and Willis Wade Odell

2. PROJECT NAME: Porter House

3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): 3009 Washington Square

ZIP 78705 COUNTY: Travis

IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:  
LOCATED \_\_\_\_\_ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF  
APPROXIMATELY \_\_\_\_\_ (ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS  
INTERSECTION WITH \_\_\_\_\_ DISTANCE FROM ITS  
CROSS STREET

### AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES 0.22 (OR) SQ.FT. 9675

5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:

EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING USE	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1)	ACRES / SQ. FT.	PROPOSED USE	PROPOSED ZONING
<u>SF-3-CO-NP</u>	<u>residential</u>		<u>0.22 / 9675</u>	<u>residential</u>	<u>SF-3-H-CO-NP</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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### RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE?	(YES) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT?	(YES) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____
8. SUBDIVISION?	(YES) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____
9. SITE PLAN?	(YES) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE Name: Washington Square  
Block(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) 13 plus 1/2 adj vacant alley Outlot(s) 72 Div D  
Plat Book 2 Page Number 238  
10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified field notes if subdivision reference is not available or zoning includes partial lots)

LOT 13 DLT 72 DIV D PLUS ADJ VAC ALLEY WASHINGTON SQUARE

DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:

11. VOLUME: 11003 PAGE: 859 TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 211316 / ref ID 2 No. 02160210220000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? (YES) / NO  
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) NP  
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES / (NO)  
14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES / (NO) (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)  
TRIPS PER DAY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERSHIP TYPE:

15. SOLE X COMMUNITY PROPERTY PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION TRUST  
If ownership is other than sole or community property, list individuals/partners/principals below or attach separate sheet.

OWNER INFORMATION:

16. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: Betsy Greenberg Wade Odell NAME: Betsy Greenberg/Wade Odell  
FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-1288  
STREET ADDRESS: 3009 Washington Square  
CITY: Austin STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 78705  
EMAIL ADDRESS: betsygo@mail.utexas.edu

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_

### SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Betsy Greenberg JX-9Xced00000 4/28/08  
Signature Date

Betsy Greenberg/Wade Odell  
Name (Typed or Printed)

**Firm (If applicable)**

### INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Signature Patsy Hensley 9892000000000000 Date 4/22/08

Betsy Greenberg/Wade Odell  
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (if applicable)

## E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

concerning  
Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions,  
Restrictive Covenants  
and / or  
Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, Betsy Greenberg/Wade Odell have checked for subdivision plat notes,  
deed restrictions,

(Print name of applicant)

restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain  
development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at

3009 Washington Square  
(Address or Legal Description)

If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes,  
deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve  
it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a  
result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.

I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,  
restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.

Betsy Greenberg  
(Applicant's signature)

4/22/02  
(Date)

TAX CERTIFICATE  
Nelda Wells Spears  
Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector  
P.O. Box 1748  
Austin, Texas 78767  
(512) 854-9473

NO 612504

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02-1702-1022-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

GREENBERG BETSY S & WILLIS WAD  
WILLIS WADE ODELL  
3009 WASHINGTON SQ  
AUSTIN, TX 78705-2217

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 13 OLT 72 DIV D PLUS ADJ VAC A  
LLEY WASHINGTON SQUARE

ACRES 0.000 MIN± .00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 3009 WASHINGTON SQ

This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s):

YEAR	ENTITY	TOTAL
2007	AUSTIN ISD	*ALL PAID*
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	*ALL PAID*
	ACC (TRAVIS)	*ALL PAID*
TOTAL SEQUENCE 0		*ALL PAID*

TOTAL TAX:	*ALL PAID*
UNPAID FEES:	* NONE *
INTEREST ON FEES:	* NONE *
COMMISSION:	* NONE *
TOTAL DUE ==>	*ALL PAID*

TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2007 \$7,471.75

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2007 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.

The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).

Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 03/19/2008

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears  
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 

# F. 8: Survey

