

# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2009-0058

HLC DATE:

November 9, 2009

PC DATE:

November 10, 2009

APPLICANTS: Ethan and Tracey Stead, owners

HISTORIC NAME: Graham Bybee House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1406 Enfield Road

ZONING FROM: MF-3 to MF-3-H

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from multi-family residence (MF-3) district to multi-family residence – Historic Landmark (MF-3-H) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from multi-family residence (MF-3) district to multi-family residence – Historic Landmark (MF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 6-0 (Myers absent).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: recommends the proposed zoning change from multi-family residence (MF-3) district to multi-family residence – Historic Landmark (MF-3-H) 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: December 10, 2009

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: Old West Austin Neighborhood Association

## BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The house is an excellent example of vernacular Prairie School style residential architecture and is associated with James W. Graham, a pioneer Austin pharmacist, and Hal Bybee, a renowned petroleum geologist at the University of Texas.

### Architecture:

Two-story rectangular-plan hipped roof stucco Prairie School style house with a central, hipped vented dormers on all four sides; the house has deep eaves characteristic of Prairie School architecture. The offset principal entry is sheltered by a round-arched hood supported by paired carved wood brackets under the wings of the arch; fenestration consists of single, paired, and triple 1:1 windows with 3:1

screens. The house originally had a round-arched arcaded sunporch to the right of the principal block; this porch has been enclosed with glass. The front door is a Craftsman-style door with a rectangular transom above. A porte-cochere is on the left side of the main house.

#### **Historical Associations:**

James W. and Ruth Graham purchased this property from Florian B. King in 1921 and built this house in 1922. James W. Graham, a pioneer Austin pharmacist. He was born in Palestine, Texas in 1854 to Dr. and Mrs. Beriah Graham, who moved to Austin in 1861 (their house is also a historic landmark on Salado Street). At the age of 17, in 1871, he began business in a drug store at 917 Congress Avenue, and eventually moved to 900-02 Congress Avenue. He and his wife Harriett had lived at 2508 Rio Grande Street prior to building this house. He retired from the drug store in 1923, and sold the business to Cox-Evans Drug Store. James W. Graham served as a city commissioner in the late 1910s and early 1920s – the listing in the 1920 city directory shows that he was the Commissioner and City Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements, as well as the president and treasurer of the Graham Drug Company at 900-02 Congress Avenue. As city commissioner, he oversaw the paving of many Austin streets as well as other civic improvements. His civic interests and involvements were manifold: he helped organize the first fair in Austin in 1874 and served as vice-president of the fair association. He was involved in organizing the Board of Trade, which later grew into the Chamber of Commerce. He also helped organize the Travis County Chapter of the American Red Cross. One of his sons, W. Murray Graham, became a prominent real estate developer in Enfield and Pemberton Heights. He passed away in 1931; the house was rented out for several years in the early 1930s: John W. McReynolds, a tax supervisor at the State Comptroller's Office, and his wife Augusta, are listed as the tenants in the 1932-33 city directory. Cotton buyer Gregg C. Waddill and his wife Mamie are listed as the tenants in 1935. James W. Graham's heirs sold the property in 1936 to Hal P. Bybee, a professor at the University of Texas.

Hal P. Bybee was born near Rochester, Indiana in 1888, earned his undergraduate degree from Rochester College in 1908, and developed an interest in geology. He first worked as a principal of a rural high school in Indiana, then taught science at Clinton College in Kentucky. He obtained his degree from Indiana University in 1912, his master's in geology in 1913, and his Ph.D. in 1915. He came to Austin in 1914 as an instructor in geology at the University of Texas. He became an adjunct professor in 1916 and an associate professor in 1920. He developed a course in petroleum geology at UT in 1916, and held the first summer geology camp in 1917. He resigned from UT in 1925 to work as a geologist for the Dixie Oil Company in San Angelo, and lived there for 11 years. He was appointed the first geologist in charge of UT's lands in West Texas, and served until 1954. During his tenure UT received millions of dollars in land leases and royalties from its oil lands. He returned to UT in 1936 to become a professor of geology, served as chair of the Department of Geology from 1937 to 1941, all while still continuing his oversight of the University's oil properties. He resigned from UT in 1954 due to declining health, and passed away in 1957. His widow, Ruth, was a prominent civic leader in Austin, serving on the Austin School Board from 1939 to 1952. She moved to Houston in 1969 and sold the house. The current owners, Ethan and Tracey Overbeck Stead, purchased the house in 2005. Tracey is a 4th-generation Austinite

and a descendant of the Nau family, who, like James W. Graham who built the house, were prominent Austin drug store owners.

**PARCEL NO.:** 01100101050000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The North 76 feet of Lots 4 and 5, Outlots 6, 7, and 8, Division Z, Enfield "A".

**ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$9,496 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,000 (capped).

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$695,794

**PRESENT USE:** Single-family residence.

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNERS:**

Ethan and Tracey Overbeck Stead  
1406 Enfield Road  
Austin, Texas 78703

**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1923

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** The open sunporch has been enclosed. Otherwise, the house has had no additions or alterations.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** James W. and Ruth W. Graham (1923)

**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** None.

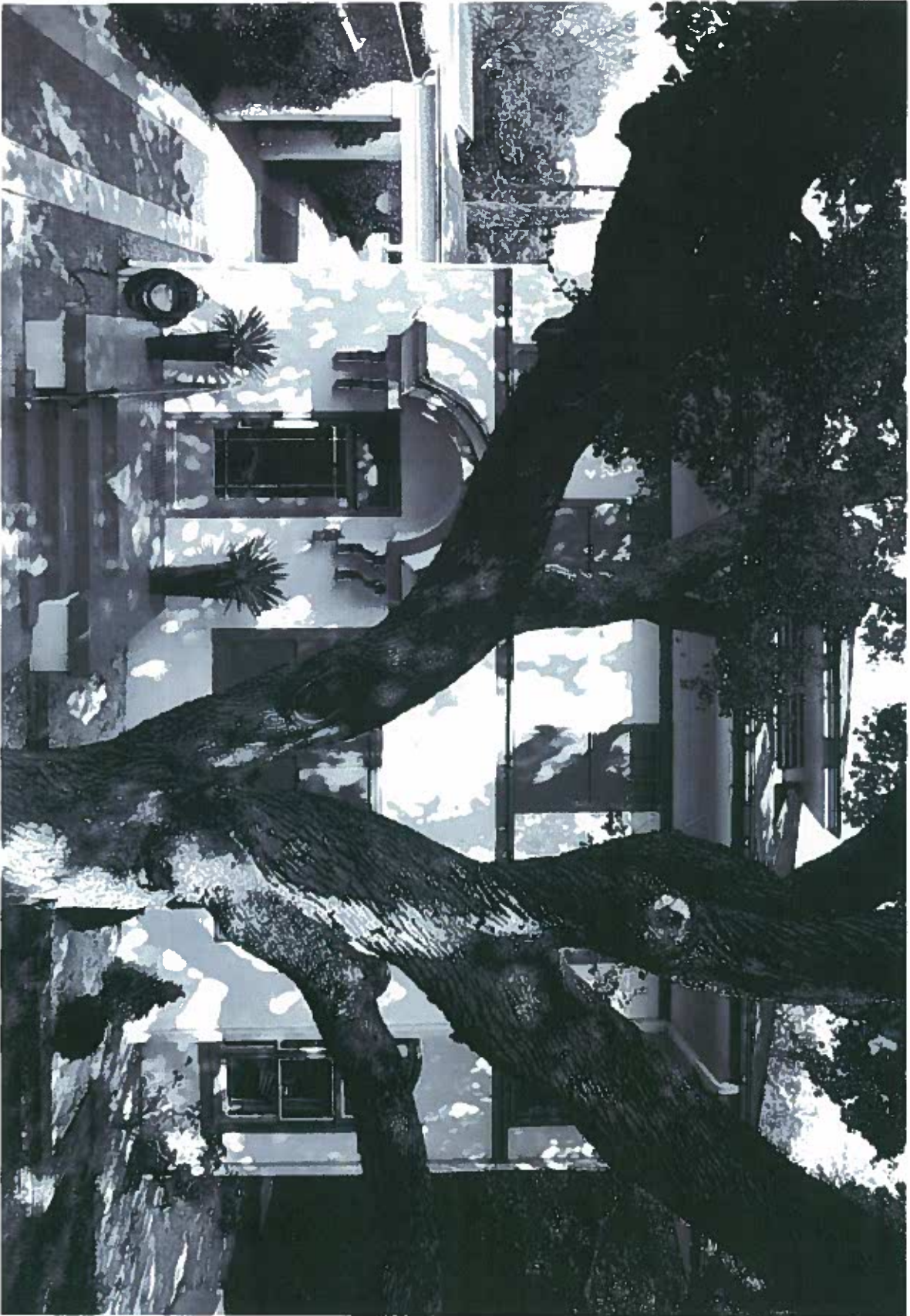
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## ZONING



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Front door



Enclosed sunporch

## A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

OK to go  
SS  
10-14-09

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

10356633

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>10/8/09</u>	FILE NUMBER(S) <u>C14H-2009-0058</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	
CASE MANAGER <u>Steve S.</u>	CITY INITIATED: YES / NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>Carroll</u>	ROLLBACK: YES/NO

### BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: <u>TRACEY &amp; ETHAN STEAD</u>	
2. PROJECT NAME: <u>GRAHAM - SUBER RESIDENCE</u>	
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): <u>1406 EFIELD ROAD, AUSTIN TX</u>	
ZIP <u>78703-4018</u>	COUNTY: <u>TRAVIS</u>
IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:	
LOCATED _____ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE <u>N. S. E. W.</u> (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 <u>0.05</u>	(OR)	SQ.FT. <u>2436</u>			
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</u>	<u>Residential</u>	_____	_____	<u>Residential</u>	<u>SF-3-H</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### 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: _____

Shoal Creek watershed



PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: <u>ENFIELD A - DIV 2</u>	
Block(s) <u>11021, 1023, 2022, 44</u>	Lot(s) <u>1, 2, 3, 4-5</u> Outlot(s) <u>6-8</u>
Plat Book: <u>Page 44</u>	
Number: _____	
10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified field notes if subdivision reference is not available or zoning includes partial lots)	

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

11. VOLUME: <u>2005204374</u> PAGE: _____	TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. <u>1042278</u>
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OTHER PROVISIONS:

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

OWNERSHIP TYPE:

15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOLE <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <u>[Signature]</u>	NAME: <u>TRACEY STEAD</u>
FIRM NAME: _____	TELEPHONE NUMBER: <u>(512) 476-5007</u>
STREET ADDRESS: <u>1406 ENFIELD ROAD</u>	
CITY: <u>AUSTIN</u>	STATE: <u>TX</u> ZIP CODE: <u>78703</u>
EMAIL ADDRESS: <u>tracey@traceyoverbeckstead.com</u>	

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:

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## D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

### SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

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

  
Signature

10.19.09  
Date

TRACEY STEAD  
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

10.19.09  
Date

TRACEY STEAD  
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

## E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

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

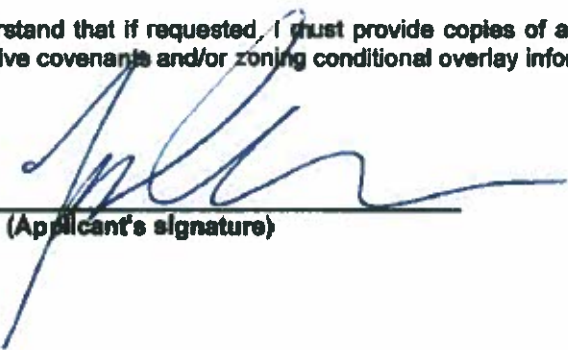
I, TRACEY STEAD have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,  
(Print name of applicant)

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

1406 ENFIELD ROAD, AUSTIN TX 78703  
(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.

  
(Applicant's signature)

10.19.09  
(Date)

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

NO 1042278

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1001-0105-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

STEAD TRACEY  
1406 ENFIELD RD  
AUSTIN, TX 78703-4018

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

W 76 FT OF LOT 4-5 OLT 6-8 DIV Z E  
ENFIELD A

ACRES 0.000 MIN+ .00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1406 ENFIELD RD

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
2009	AUSTIN ISD	7,731.49
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	2,770.44
	TRAVIS COUNTY	2,219.51
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	354.91
	ACC (TRAVIS)	616.45

TOTAL SEQUENCE 0

13,692.80

TOTAL TAX:	13,692.80
UNPAID FEES:	* NONE *
INTEREST ON FEES:	* NONE *
COMMISSION:	* NONE *
TOTAL DUE ==>	13,692.80

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2009 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 10/14/2009

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears  
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 



## **F.1: Historical Documentation – Deed Chronology**

### **Deed Research for 1406 Enfield Road (#18 Enfield Road)**

<b>R.Niles Graham, Margaret Graham Cruseman, and Paul Cruseman to Lucile Fisher and S.W. Fisher Lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A June 3, 1916 \$1,500.00</b>	<b>Vol. 316, pp.377-380</b>
<b>Lucile Fisher and S.W. Fisher to Melita Faust Goeth and Ralph C. Goeth Lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A August 14, 1919 \$3,200.00</b>	<b>Vol. 317, pp. 618-619</b>
<b>Melita Faust Goeth and Ralph C. Goeth to F.B. King Lots #4 and part of #5 of Enfield A May 31, 1921 \$3,500.00</b>	<b>Vol. 331, pp. 331-332</b>
<b>F.B. King and Bellmont Graham King to J.W. Graham Parts of lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A June 9, 1921 \$2,000.00</b>	<b>Vol. 450, pp.383-384</b>
<b>W.M.Graham, Helen Hood Graham, G.M. Graham, Sylvia Graham, Bellmont Graham King Bellmont Brodie Miller, and Roswell Miller to Hal P. Bybee Lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A September 1, 1936 \$6,600.00</b>	<b>Vol. 549, pp. 144</b>
<b>Mrs. Hal P. Bybee to Mrs. Beverly Nash Bell West 76 feet of lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A May 19, 1989 \$25,000.00</b>	<b>Vol. 3875, pp. 2247-2248</b>

**Mrs. Beverly Nash Bell to Thomas Glenn Ratliff  
West 76 feet of lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A  
June 27, 1991  
\$142,600.00**

**Vol. 11,468, pp. 1217-  
1224**

**Thomas Glenn Ratliff and Sharon K Granett to Paul L.  
Walthall and Caroline T. Walthall  
West 76 feet of lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A  
October 30, 1997  
\$268,000.00**

**Vol. 13,035, pp. 503-  
510**

**Paul L. Walthall and Susan Walthall to Tracey Stead  
West 76 feet of lots #4 and #5 of Enfield A  
October 28, 2005  
\$762,000.00**

**Document  
2005204379TR**

## **F.2: Historical Documentation – Occupancy History**

### **City Directory Research for 1406 Enfield Road (#18 Enfield Road)**

1921-1931	J.W. Graham Graham Drug Company 9 <sup>th</sup> street and Congress Ave.	City Directories
1932-1934	J.W. McReynolds Tax Supervisor for State Comptroller Department	City Directories
1935-1936	G.C. Waddill Cotton Buyer	City Directories
1936-1969	Hal P. and Ruth Bybee UT Geology Department	Austin History Center Files
1969-1972	Vacant	City Directories
1972-1977	Mrs. N.M. Ross University of Texas Employee	City Directories
1977-1980	J Derral and Claire W. Mulholland University of Texas astronomer and Reichhold Chemicals chem. Lab tech	City Directories
1980-1984	Mary J. Bowen Texas Adult Probation Commission	City Directories
1984-1986	Nadine Matthaei Austin Counseling and Psychiatric Clinic	City Directories

<b>1987</b>	<b>Tina M. Bolog</b>	<b>City Directories</b>
<b>1988-1989</b>	<b>Tim D. Harmon</b>	<b>City Directories</b>
<b>1990-1991</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Austin History Center Files</b>
<b>1991-2005</b>	<b>Paul L. Walthall, Caroline T. Walthall, and Susan Walthall Guitarist for the band The Butthole Surfers, Music producer for Sublime and U2</b>	<b>City Directories</b>
<b>2005-Present</b>	<b>Tracey Overbeck Stead, Ethan Stead, Griffin Stead, and Elliot Stead Owner of Tracey Overbeck Stead Interior Design and Ethan is a project manager consultant for technology companies</b>	<b>Self</b>



### **History of 1406 Enfield Road**

In 1922 the house was erected facing Enfield Road. The original address was 18 Enfield Road. J.W.Graham was the first owner of this residence. He bought the land in 1921 from Florian B. King. He bought the land so he could build his dream house to retire in. He was a pharmacist who owned Graham Drug Company at 900 and 902 Congress Avenue. He owned Graham Drug Company since 1877. He sold his drugstore to Evans-Cox in 1923 when he decided to retire. After residing in the house he built at #18 Enfield Road for 15 years, he decided to sell it to Hal P. and Ruth Bybee in 1936.

Hal P. Bybee was a professor in Geology at the University of Texas at Austin. He taught at UT for over 40 years. Students knew him as "Doc". In 1917 he inaugurated the first summer field camp in geology at The University of Texas at Austin. He resigned from UT in 1925 to pursue a position as a geologist for Dixie Oil Company in San Angelo, Texas. He organized the West Texas Geological society and served as its president in 1927. In the Fall of 1936, Dr. Bybee returned to the faculty of the Department of Geology as Professor of Geology. That is when he and his wife purchased #18 Enfield to reside in while teaching at UT. He served as Chairman of the Department of Geology from 1937-1941. In the course of his life, honors and recognition came to Dr. Bybee from many sources. He was presented a citation for "Distinguished service to the Oil Industry and the State of Texas". He was also elected a Fellow of the Geological society of America. He was an active member of the Austin chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis clubs, and Boy Scouts Council in Austin. In addition to his civic duties, he was in charge of Company D of the Texas Defense Guard at Camp Mabry during World War II and he was a deacon of University Baptist Church.

His wife Ruth Woolery Bybee was a leader in education, civic, and religious groups in Austin for 50 years. She served on the Austin School Board from 1939-1952. She was also the president of the city PTA Council. She served on the state board of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers. She was

elected an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma and as associate member of the Austin Retired Teachers Association. She has also been a 50-year member of the University Ladies Club. She also served on many civic boards. She served on the YWCA board of directors, Girl Scouts, Community Council, United Fund, Pan American Round Table, Ki-Ann Club, and the Andrew Carruthers chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was elected the first president of the University American Legion Auxillary in 1923. Mrs. Bybee also worked actively in both the Hyde Park and University Baptist Churches.

Her and Hal had 5 children, 4 that resided on #18 Enfield Road. (Her eldest son died in a drowning accident at the age 10 at the YMCA in 1925) The Bybee's resided on #18 Enfield Road for 33 years.

## **1406 Enfield Road a Historic Landmark**

**1406 Enfield Road qualifies as a city historic landmark due to its Architecture, Historical Associations, and Community Value.**

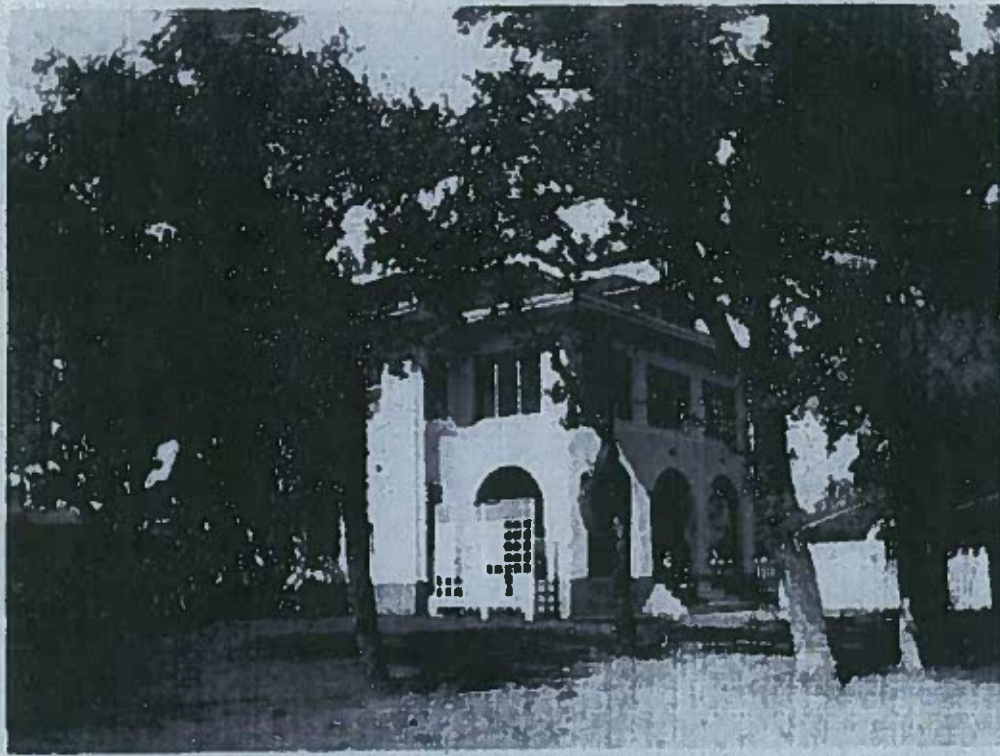
- Its architecture embodies the distinguishing characteristics of the Prairie Style. It is a classic Prairie Style 4-square in shape that is two stories high. The house is completely made of stucco that is painted white with green trim. Stucco was the material of choice for that architectural movement in Austin during the early 20's. It is Prairie style with Austin vernacular. This is because of curved porch lines and the "commodious" proportions as stated by UT Professor of Architecture, Anthony Alofsin, PhD, AIA. Prairie- School-styled houses were houses designed with clean lines made popular by Frank Lloyd Wright in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It is one of only ten remaining in Old Enfield.
- The house has had no major structural changes since it was built in 1921. The downstairs patio has been closed in with windows and the screen-sleeping porch upstairs has been closed in with windows. Other than those two changes, the house is as built. Inside the floors are the original antique long-leaf pine, the windows are the original glass except for both porches that are explained previously. The house even has the original claw-foot tub in the upstairs bathroom.
- The house has Historical Associations with persons who have contributed to the history of Austin and even Texas as a State. The Graham family who lived at the house was very much a part of this community with their family pharmacy downtown on Congress Avenue. The Bybee family who lived at the house, contributed immensely with all their years at The University of Texas at Austin and all their civic volunteering on the many education boards and City of Austin organizations.
- 1406 Enfield Road also adds to Community Value by representing an established and familiar visual feature of Old Enfield, being one of the

most historic neighborhoods in Austin. Old Enfield is part of the National Register of Historic Places as the Old West Austin Historic District, and 1406 Enfield Road is one of the founding properties for this Historic District. Old Enfield contributes immensely to the character of Austin by being one of its oldest neighborhoods containing some of the best examples of architecture of the era, and 1406 Enfield Road is an important element to its character.

#### **Tracey Overbeck Stead and Ethan Stead- Current Owners**

I (Tracey Overbeck Stead) am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Austinite. My great great grandmother was the chef for the governor when she arrived from Sweden. My great grandfather was a conductor for the Austin Railroad. My great uncle was the fire fighter from Hyde Park that got the law passed that every fire fighter gets a pension in Texas. My grandfather and grandmother founded Nau Pharmacy in the 30's. My mother founded Austin Parenteral Services in the 80's and my father just retired and closed Nau Pharmacy on San Gabriel last year in 2008. My family is rich with Austin history. Today, I own an Interior Design firm and I have shaped many buildings in the downtown area such as The Nokonah, Amlı Downtown, The Spring, Brazos Lofts, and 5<sup>th</sup> and Sabine, I am also a 4<sup>th</sup> generation graduate of The University of Texas at Austin. My husband (Ethan Stead) is from Putney Vermont. Upon graduating from Harvard University, he was recruited to work at a company in Austin called Trilogy in 1999. I grew up in the neighborhood where 1406 Enfield resides. My grandmother Mrs. Katherine Nau lived on Rainbow Bend just down the street from us. Ethan and I since we were married in 2003 have always wanted to come back to the neighborhood, which I have always called home. We were so incredibly excited when we purchased the home in 2005 to finally get back to my neighborhood roots and continue to restore and love a piece on Old Enfield Architectural history! We would very much love to see the house stay the way it is for generations to enjoy. That is why it is so important to us that this house receives its historic designation.





When holly hangs over the doorway,  
And Xmas lights flicker and glow,  
Into our minds there comes creeping,  
Some thoughts we would like you to know;  
We are thinking of friends that are dearest,  
And longing to see them once more,  
And hope before the year's over,  
They will enter our home through this door.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham

Graham Drug Company

-512 BAKER & Raymond

- 1872 DeWitt Clinton Baker formerly of Baker and Raymond, Druggists  
918 Congress
- 1877 Baker, Graham & Co.  
D. W. C. Baker, George T. Graham, James Walter Graham  
Same address
- 1879-80 Baker and Graham  
D. W. C. Baker, James Walter Graham  
Same address
- 1881-82 J. Walter Graham, Wholesale & Retail Druggist  
Same address
- 1886 Graham & Andrews  
James Walter Graham, Thomas M. Andrews  
918 Congress Same location
- 1893 Graham & Andrews  
912 Congress
- 1903 Graham, J. Walter, Druggist (with W. Murray Graham)  
912 Congress Andrews opened own drugstore  
1108 Lavaca
- 1908 Graham Drug  
900-902 Congress
- 1922 Graham Drug  
900-902 (Last listing)
- 1923 Graham sold out to EVANS-CCX DRUG CO.
- 1924 Murray Graham in real estate

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## NEW PROPRIETORS OF OLD DRUG BUSINESS PLEASED WITH AUSTIN

On March 1, 1923, the Evans-Cox Drug Company was formed as successors to Graham's on Ninth and Congress Avenue. T. C. Evans and J. M. Cox associated themselves together in business at this time.

Mr. Evans has been in the drug business for twenty-two years and had been located in Jewett, Texas, for seventeen years before coming to Austin. He still retains his business in Jewett although he has moved his family to Austin and taken up his permanent residence here. Mr. Evans expresses his appreciation of the gratifying patronage which the new firm has had since taking over the Graham store. Business has been fully up to expectations since the change.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Cox were reared in the same county and have before been associated together. Mr. Cox was working with Mr. Graham some two years before the business changed hands.

Austin is unique in its status with the Texas Pharmaceutical Association in that two of its local druggists are members of its executive committee. Other cities have only one member each. This is said to have come about by the fact that Mr. Cox was already a member of the executive committee when he moved to Austin and entered business here. There was already one local druggist member and the change gave Austin two.

The Evans-Cox Drug Company are said to be making a specialty of prompt delivery service with special attention to prescription work.



## Taken by Death



**DR. J. W. GRAHAM**

His 37 years as secretary of the Texas Pharmaceutical association have ended. The useful life of Dr. J. W. Graham, a resident here since 1861, came to an end with his death Sunday. He has been a pharmacist 60 years.

## Dr. J. W. Graham Pharmacist Here

Since 1871 Die

Beloved Citizen, 77 Years  
Of Age, Succumbs After  
Useful Life

Once on City Council

Home Secretary 37 Years  
For Pharmaceutical  
Association

Dr. J. W. Graham, 77, pioneer resident of Austin and former city commissioner died at his home on Enfield road Sunday morning.

Dr. Graham was born in Palestine, Tex., Aug. 29, 1854, the son of Dr. and Mrs. B. Graham. He came to Austin with his parents in 1861, his father having received an appointment from Sam Houston as superintendent of the state lunatic asylum, now known as the Austin State hospital.

As a boy Dr. Graham attended a military school conducted by James Brothers in the building now owned and occupied by Dr. Dalton Richardson as his residence in the west part of the city. Later he attended private schools as there were no public schools in Austin in that early day.



### Began Career at 17

Dr. Graham began his career as a pharmacist, his life profession, when he started work in a drug store at the age of 17 and was in that business continuously for 52 years. He retired from active business six years ago.

After he had been in the drug business for five years, Dr. Graham married Miss Hattie Murray of Bloomfield, Mo., in March, 1887. Mrs. Graham is a cousin of Mrs. F. Yoakum, wife of the railroad builder and for whom the town of Yoakum, Tex. was named.

Besides his widow, Dr. Graham is survived by two sons, Murray Graham, head of the Engfeld Realty and Home Building company, and Dr. Malcolm Graham, prominent Austin physician; one daughter, Mrs. Belmont G. King and three grandchildren, Mrs. Roswell Miller, Miss Grace King and Miss Hester Graham, all of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian church.

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# J. W. Graham Dies Suddenly

## Veteran Citizen Succumbs After Useful Life

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Monday with the Rev. Daniel Grieder officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery under the auspices of Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M. Pallbearers will be James Brodie of Waco, Graham Baker of Lockhart, W. G. Franklin, Paul Cruseman, Roswell Miller and R. Niles Graham.

Association President.

At the time Dr. Graham entered the drug business the store was located at 917 Congress avenue, which is now occupied by the Hyde Park hotel company. In those days, the druggist was required to carry not only a stock of drugs, but also wall paper, paints, varnishes, oils, window glass and even groceries. For many years the name of Graham, the druggist, was a household word in Austin and all of Austin's old-time families were served by Dr. Graham.

Dr. Graham became a member of the Texas Pharmaceutical association 32 years ago and was president of the association 43 years ago. He had served as home secretary of the association for more than a third of a century.

Besides the active interest he took throughout his business life in the affairs of the pharmaceutical profession, Dr. Graham was one of the civic builders of the city in which he resided for the past 70 years. At the age of 28 he was elected a member of the Austin school board and served continually for 17 years. He served on the board with such distinguished citizens of Austin as the late Mayor A. P. Wooldridge, Walter Tipton, Dr. R. M. Swearingen, Dr. Litten and Judge Z. T. Fulmore.

### On Regent Board

Dr. Graham was named by Gov. B. Colquitt as a member of the University of Texas board of regents where he served for two years. Several years ago he assisted in securing the location of the school of pharmacy at the main university here when it was removed from Galveston. He also served for many years as a member of the city council under three mayors of Austin and a number of the present improved streets of the city were built under his direction as city street commissioner.

Back in 1874, Dr. Graham assisted in organizing the first fair in Austin. He was vice president of the fair association, serving with the late George Sampson, who was president, and the late E. C. Bartholomew as secretary and treasurer. Essentially, Mr. Bartholomew and Dr. Graham later served together on the city commission, Mr. Bartholomew being water and light commissioner.

### Rotary Charter Member

Dr. Graham also assisted in organizing the first board of trade in Austin, which today is known as the Austin Chamber of Commerce. In 1917, during the world war, he aided in organizing the Travis county chapter of the American Red Cross and was named vice chairman of that organization.

Dr. Graham was a member of a Colorado Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar; a Scottish Rite Mason and member of Ben Hur Marine Temple of Austin as well as a member of Austin Lodge No. 201, B.P.O.E. He was one of 13 charter members of the Austin Rotary club and held a life membership in that club at his death. He was also a member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and for more than 60 years had been a member of the First Presbyterian church.



Bybee, Halbert Pleasant

PERSONAL INFORMATION CARD FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUSTIN KIWANIS CLUB

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INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR KIWANI- ANN

Name before she married, you lucky dog! Ruth W. Deakery Her Hobby Austin School Profession Botany Children 4 Grand-Children 5

Use reverse side for additional info on yourself, family and friends (Please answer all questions you can and which you don't mind becoming Kiwanis property because this information will NOT be kept confidential)

Yosh Klavon Editor Ann H. Cook

Bybee, Halbert Pleasant

PERSONAL INFORMATION CARD FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUSTIN KIWANIS CLUB

Name Hal P. Bybee First name or nickname "Doc" Date entered Kiwanis Kiwanis classification Education: Univ. Tex. Dir. of Lands Offices or chairmanships held in Kiwanis past President One time Director for 2 or 3 yrs. San Angelo Club. Chairman one time support of Church Kiwanis work liked Anywhere Business or profession Professor and Petroleum Geologist Business or professional address Geology 7 Phone 9171-2922 Home address 1406 Enfield Road Phone 26188 Born-Place Rochester Ind Date 1-7-188 Married-date Sept 1 Education-Where Indiana University When A.B. '12 Ph.D. '18 Hobbies An Indiana farm and Univ. boys. Came to Austin Jan. 9'14 Entered present position same date Ambition Get my children thru the Univ. so we can be Member other organizations back to the Indiana farm. Scout Council-Univ. Baptist Church Sigma Xi Sports liked All

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Yosh Klavon Editor Hal P. Bybee

## Services Set Today For Dr. Hal Bybee

Funeral services will be held at University Baptist Church Sunday at 2 p.m. for Dr. Hal P. Bybee, University of Texas professor of geology and consulting geologist on University lands.

The 69-year-old professor died at his home, 1408 Enfield Road, early Saturday morning after devoting years of his life to development of his adopted state's number one industry, oil, and growth

of the university he served for 38 years.

Death came to the popular faculty member, who first came to the campus in 1914, only three days before he was to receive one of the highest geology awards in the nation—honorary membership in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Announcement of presentation of the award, to be made on April 2, was made in mid-February by AAPG president Theodore Link, who said the honor would be bestowed in recognition of Dr. Bybee's high standard in ethics which he imparted to so many of his former students who are now leaders in the petroleum industry, and of his great effort in building the University's permanent endowment fund by developing oil and gas production on University lands.

Born on Jan. 7, 1888, on a farm two miles south of Talma, Fulton County, Indiana, Dr. Bybee was principal of Richland, Ind., High School, a science teacher at Clinton (Ky.) College, and an instructor for a brief period at Washington University, St. Louis, before he joined the University of Texas staff as instructor November 1, 1914.

He received degrees of Bachelor of Science, 1912, Master of Arts, 1913, and Doctor of Philosophy, 1915, all from Indiana University.

Shortly before coming to Texas to join the University of Texas staff he married Miss Ruth Woolery.

He had advanced to the rank of associate professor in August 1925, when he left the University (See BYBEE, Page A-4)



DR. HAL P. BYBEE

## BYBEE

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staff to become district geologist at San Angelo for the Dobe Oil Company.

On his return to the University of Texas in June 1929 he was appointed geologist in charge of University lands. He devoted the rest of his life to the growth and development of the institution and service to the state's petroleum industry.

He became one of the best-known faculty members on the campus. In 1936, the University added a professorship in geology in his duties. He was chairman of the geology department from 1937 to 1941.

The author of numerous publications on Texas petroleum geology, most of them on West Texas, his reports included the oil fields of Williamson, Reagan and Pecos Counties. His principal research interests were the geology of the Permian Basin in West Texas and the relation between geology and general economics.

He was a member of the University Baptist Church, a Kiwanian, and active worker and leader in Boy Scout activities. He received several awards from the scouts for his many years of service to the organization.

He was a member of the following scientific organizations: American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Geological Society of America, Texas Academy of Science, Indiana Academy of Science, American Geophysical Union, Big Horn Research Association, and Sigma Xi, graduate researchers' organization.

Survivors are his widow; three sons, Halbert Homer Bybee of Houston, Robert William Bybee of Midland, and Wilbur Carol Bybee, of Bloomington, Ind.; a daughter, Miss Martha Ellen Bybee of Corpus Christi; and eight grandchildren.

The body will be at Weed-Corley Funeral Home until Sunday afternoon. It will lie in state at the church for an hour preceding the service. After funeral services at 2 p.m., assisted by Dr. Edmund Weisohn and Rev. Robert Lovell, the body will be sent to Bloomington, Ind., for burial.



DOCUMENTS AND MINUTES OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL HALBERT PLEASANT BYBEE MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Special Committee of the General Faculty on the preparation of the Halbert Pleasant Bybee Memorial Resolutions has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

*Eugene W. Nelson*  
Eugene W. Nelson, Secretary  
The General Faculty

IN MEMORIAM

HALBERT PLEASANT BYBEE

Halbert Pleasant Bybee died at his home in Austin, Texas, on March 30, 1957, in his sixty-ninth year. He had been in poor health since he suffered a heart attack in the spring of 1952. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Woolery Bybee, three sons and one daughter, and by eight grandchildren. Two of the sons, Halbert H. Bybee and Robert W. Bybee, and the daughter, Martha Ellen Bybee, have followed their father in the geologic profession and are with major oil companies. The youngest son, Wilbur C. Bybee, is associated with the Woolery Stone Company in Bloomington, Indiana.

Halbert Pleasant Bybee, known as Hal to his associates and as Doc to his students, was, with the exception of a four-year period in the late "twenties", a member of the staff of The University of Texas for more than forty years. To most of his students he was and will remain the personification of the great teacher. His contributions in other fields were substantial, but his influence for good in the lives of his students is a monument to his sterling character, which far outweighs his other accomplishments. Hosts of his students became life-long friends, and many continued to rely upon Dr. Bybee for advice and counsel long after graduation.

Hal was born on a farm near Rochester, Indiana, on January 7, 1888, the only son of William Lawson and Martha Kessler Bybee. His early years on the farm were typical of farm life in the Middle West near the turn of the century. He attended the Shellbark Grade School, a one-room country school near his home, and Talma High School, a small community high school about one mile from the farm. After graduating from high school, he entered Rochester College, seven miles from his farm home, and in 1908 received a B.S. degree. He developed an interest in geology as a boy, because the abundance of gravel and boulders in the hilly, glaciated area in which he lived excited his curiosity. In later years he said that he studied geology in order to find an explanation for these deposits. It seems likely that he received some introduction to geology in a science course taught by Mr. Grover C. Mance at Rochester College, for when he entered Indiana University he knew that he wanted to major in geology. While at Rochester College Hal played as center on the basketball team which attained considerable fame in that section of the state. With a powerful frame and standing over six feet high, Hal was one of the star players on the team. He maintained an active interest in athletics throughout his life and regularly attended most of the football, basketball, and baseball games, as well as track events, at The University of Texas.

On graduation from Rochester College in 1908, Hal, then twenty years of age, became principal of a rural high school (Richland Center Township High School) for a year. In the fall of 1909 he entered Indiana University but, for financial reasons, left school at the end of the year to become instructor in science at Clinton College, Clinton, Kentucky. He returned to Indiana University in the fall of 1911 and received a B.A. degree in June, 1912. He continued in the graduate school at Indiana, serving as a fellow in geology, and received an M.A. degree in 1913 and the Ph.D. in 1915. Most of his training in geology at Indiana University was under Dr. E. R. Cummins and Dr. J. W. Beeds. Hal was devoted to both men, and they were lifelong friends. Later, he was again associated with Dr. Beeds, who joined the staff of the Bureau of Economic Geology of The University of Texas while Hal was teaching in the Department of Geology. When Hal left the University to work for an oil company in West Texas, it was the same company which had employed Dr. Beeds a year or so earlier.

The year of 1914 was epochal for Hal; it marked his first connection with The University of Texas, and it was the year in which he was married. In January, 1914, Hal accepted an instructorship in geology at The University of Texas. At that time the Department of Geology at The University of Texas had a faculty of one professor and three instructors and an enrollment of 230 students in a freshman course and about a dozen students taking advanced courses. It was the beginning of an association which was to last for the remainder of his life and in which he played an important role in developing one of the major geology departments in the Nation. In the summer of 1914 Hal returned to Indiana to complete the requirements for his doctorate. His dissertation, which was "The Flood of 1913 in the Lower White River Region, Indiana," was completed during the following winter, and he was awarded the Ph.D. degree in June, 1915. On September 1, 1914, Hal married Ruth Woolery, a classmate at Indiana University, who received her B.A. degree in the same class with Hal in 1912. Ruth, who was a Phi Beta Kappa student, continued her studies in botany and was awarded an M.A. degree in 1914. However, she preferred married life to a teaching position offered by Wellesley College. Their married life was a happy one and was an inspiring model to their many friends. Her calm, strong character, sympathetic understanding and fondness of young people made them an ideal team.

Although invited to return to The University of Texas in the fall of 1914, Hal chose to accept an offer as instructor in geology at Washington University, St. Louis, in order to be closer to his home and the home of his recent bride. However, a marked increase in enrollment in geology at The University of Texas caused Dr. F. W. Simmons, Chairman of the Department, to offer Hal inducements to return to Texas. Fortunately he was able to obtain a release from Washington University, and in November, 1914, he returned to Austin. He was promoted to Adjunct Professor in 1916 and to Associate Professor in 1920.

In his early teaching at Texas, Hal was concerned with beginning geology, mineralogy, and other basic courses. He was most interested in applied geology and insisted that his students get into the field as much as possible. To him the real value of geology was its use in the field. Although summer field camps were then being conducted by a few universities, the practice was not general. Dr. Rybee felt that students who were going to use geology as a profession must have field training. Overcoming some opposition, he inaugurated the first summer field camp in geology at The University of Texas in 1917. The first camp, as well as many subsequent ones, was held in the Llano region west of Austin, where a wide range of geologic features are to be found. Except for 1918, when due to World War I no camp was held, summer camps have been conducted continuously by the Department of Geology since that time. From the eleven boys, largely sophomores, who attended the first camp in 1917, the number has now grown until more than 200 students are enrolled in field courses each summer.

Although oil had been produced in Texas in some quantity since the discovery of Spindletop at the turn of the century, there was little or no application of geology to the search for petroleum in the Southwest until about 1912-14. As the oil industry mushroomed following World War I, there was a demand for geologists, and The University of Texas was one of the few schools in the nation where students were being trained to enter the petroleum industry. Dr. Rybee was on the scene and fully aware of the role geology could play in the oil industry, and he saw the opportunity which it presented. In 1916 he organized and taught a course in petroleum geology, certainly among the first of such courses to be taught in this country. Graduates of The University of Texas were soon in demand by the petroleum industry, and many attained high positions with major oil companies and in other branches of the industry.

Dr. Rybee was at his best in individual instruction in the field. The writer, as a student in the summer field camp of 1919--the second one given by Dr. Rybee--and later as a young instructor assisting Dr. Rybee on the summer field camp of 1924, can speak from personal experience about this phase of his work. Dr. Rybee would show the students by example how to interpret the complicated geologic features and then assign each student a problem and let him solve it in his own way. He insisted that the simplest explanation was the preferred one, and he would keep a student on the problem until he arrived at the proper solution. Living with the students under the hardships of camp life and asking no favor for himself, he was just one of them, and the students of his summer field courses developed the greatest admiration and affection for him. Mrs. Rybee frequently went on the summer field camps and supervised the preparation of the food. She came to know the boys almost as well as Dr. Rybee, and in later years when these students returned to Austin with their children, they were always warmly greeted in the Rybee's home.



Dr. Rybee's summer activities, when not teaching the field course, were in petroleum geology. During the summers of 1915 and 1916 he worked for the Bureau of Economic Geology on the Threll Oil Field. He was again on the Bureau staff during the summer of 1925 when he prepared a report on the Lytton Spring Oil Field. During the summer of 1918 and 1920 he was with the Oklahoma Geological Survey working on oil fields in that state.

Dr. Rybee was fond of young people and of teaching, but university salaries were low, and there was the temptation to accept a better-paying position with an oil company. In August, 1925, he resigned from The University of Texas to accept a position as geologist for the Dixie Oil Company at San Angelo, Texas. The unfortunate drowning of his oldest son, Henry, age 10, in the I.M.C.A. pool in June, 1925, was undoubtedly a contributing factor in his decision to leave Austin. He approached his new work as an oil company geologist with the same enthusiasm which had made his summer field camps and his classes at the University so successful. Practical, straightforward, and frank to the point that occasionally he seemed blunt, he was soon recognized as a leader among the geologists of West Texas. He helped organize the West Texas Geological Society and served as its president in 1927. During their eleven years in San Angelo, as was true wherever they lived, Dr. and Mrs. Rybee were active in church work as well as in the various school and civic organizations.

The increasing oil activity in West Texas, where The University of Texas had 2,000,000 acres of land, made it apparent to the Regents that the University would have to set up an organization to supervise its interests. Accordingly, the Legislature created the Board for Lease of University Lands and in March 1929, authorized an organization to be known as University Lands to collect geologic data and to advise the Board concerning lands to be offered for lease. On June 15, 1929, Dr. Rybee was appointed the first Geologist-in-charge of University Lands, a position he held until ill health forced him to give it up in 1954. In organizing the work of the office, which he established at San Angelo, it was Dr. Rybee's aim to protect the interests of the University and also to maintain the cooperation of the oil companies interested in developing University land. Many of the policies adopted by the Board for Lease of University Lands were based on Dr. Rybee's recommendations; and, further, he was able to administer the policies established by the Board to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. The magnitude of the job can better be appreciated if it is recalled that from 1929 to 1957 more than \$200,000,000 was added to the Permanent Fund of The University of Texas from oil and gas rentals, bonuses, and royalties.

In the fall of 1936 Dr. Rybee returned to the faculty of the Department of Geology as Professor of Geology while continuing to direct the work of the University Lands. He remained in this dual capacity until ill health forced him to relinquish active direction of the University Lands in 1954, but he continued as a Consultant to that organization and Professor in the Department until his death.

He served as Chairman of the Department of Geology from 1937 to 1941 and thereafter had an important role in all departmental as well as University affairs. During the war years, when the younger staff members were away, he took over a variety of courses, teaching at various times courses in historical geology, structural geology, subsurface geology, and regional geology of the United States. With the emphasis on graduate work which followed the War, Dr. Rybee instituted a method of group supervision of Master's candidates who were working on field problems in the Trans-Pecos region--a program which has been continued with marked success up to the present time. As was characteristic of Dr. Rybee, he would frequently get a course or a program started and then turn it over to one of the younger persons on the staff. His satisfaction came in the success of the work, and so thought of personal glory ever entered his mind. He derived a great deal of satisfaction in helping the younger members of the staff to progress, and he never missed an opportunity to promote their interests with the administrative officials. Their advancement was of more concern to him than his own.

Although Dr. Rybee was interested in research, he found little time to devote to it. He was more likely to pass his ideas on to his students and encourage and assist them to work out problems. In a memorial to Dr. Rybee in the Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, L. T. Barrow (B.A. '21, M.A. '22), one of Dr. Rybee's students and lifelong friend says:

He would have enjoyed engaging in considerable research, but he placed people ahead of geology, and he thought his most important duty lay in the development of students. Much of the time he might have spent in geological research was devoted to listening, advising and helping students, associates, friends and even strangers. His greatest contributions to geology have and will come from the hundreds of geologists he trained and other geologists who came under his influence.

In the course of his life, honors and recognition came to Dr. Rybee from many sources. He became a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 1919, only two years after its founding. He took a great interest in the organization and rarely missed a meeting. On November 1, 1952, at a Homecoming dinner in his honor at Austin, he was presented with a Life Membership in the Association. Friends in the Oil Industry also presented him a citation for "Distinguished service to the Oil Industry and the State of Texas." On December 20, 1956, Dr. Rybee was elected to Honorary Membership in the Association, one of only sixteen geologists who have devoted most of their lives to teaching to have received this honor. At the formal presentation of the Award at the annual meeting of the Association in St. Louis on April 1, 1957, just three days after his death, Ed W. Owen, former president of the Association and longtime associate said in part:

Rybee's great work as a teacher overshadowed his other accomplishments. He had a large number of students and his influence dominated their entire careers. These young men of widely varied personalities developed a universal character which reflected his high integrity, common sense and kindness. Many of them have attained the highest positions of responsibility in the oil industry and the science of geology.

Dr. Rybee was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of America in 1926. He was also a Fellow of the Texas Academy of Science (Honorary Life membership), a member of Sigma Xi, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Indiana Academy of Science, American Geophysical Union, and the American Geographical Society.

Dr. Rybee was active in a number of civic and service organizations including the Austin Chamber of Commerce, Austin and San Angelo Kiwanis clubs (past-president), Boy Scouts Council in Austin and San Angelo (Silver Beaver Award-Boy Scouts of America), and for many years was the faculty sponsor of the Alpha Phi Omega chapter at The University of Texas. In addition to his University duties, he was in charge of Company D of the Texas Defense Guard at Camp Mabry during World War II, where he taught map reading, use of aerial photographs, and methods of travel by night without light. He was an active member of the University Club, and in later years it was his custom to stop by the club in the late afternoon for a cup of coffee, perhaps a game of billiards, and a visit with old friends.

Dr. Rybee was a deeply religious man and one whose life was governed by his religious convictions. He was a deacon of the Baptist Church for over forty years and active in many church activities. His pastor, the Rev. Blake Smith, in a brief biographical sketch of Dr. and Mrs. Rybee in the University Baptist News of May 5, 1956, says in part:

Dr. Rybee's knowledge of the earth, which he has got from science, has deepened and enriched his faith in God. Many times I have sent to him students who were troubled by the apparent conflict between science and religion. They always received a friendly, understanding bearing, and from his strong faith in God, their faith was renewed and strengthened.

Shortly after his death the "Hal P. Rybee Memorial Fund" was established to be administered as an integral part of the Geology Foundation of The University of Texas. Income from this Fund is dedicated for expenses of faculty members who attend scientific meetings and for other faculty needs for which no other funds are available. This Fund will fill a need which Dr. Rybee had long recognized and for which he had vainly sought a solution.

Quotes of Dr. Rybee's former students sent tributes of which that by E. A. Wendlandt (B.A. '24) is typical:

As a man, as well as a teacher, Doc commanded the love and respect of all of his students. His words of encouragement and his knowledge of and enthusiasm for geology represented the role of the professional geologist in all of its finest aspects. To me, he was considerably different from the average professor in that during all his classes, as well as on field trips, he always appeared to be "one of the group."

In my contacts with Doc I found that he was a man of deep religious convictions, and his genuine love for his family had a definite influence on all with whom he came in contact. I believe that he can be compared, at least to some degree, with Will Rogers in that, regardless of the person, he could always recognize the good qualities of the individual. I believe that those whom Doc taught and who knew him through the years will feel as I do that his teaching and influence will continue to live throughout the years.

Dr. Rybee's pioneer work in the development of geology at The University of Texas and his influence and inspiration on the lives of his students is a monument of achievement which will endure and of which any man might well be proud.

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MRS. HAL P. BYBEE  
Civic leader since 1914

### Long-Time Resident *Prominent Austinite Moves to Houston*

Mrs. Hal P. Bybee, a leader in education, civic and religious groups in Austin for 35 years, has moved from her home at 1408 Enfield Road to Houston. She is the widow of Dr. Halbert Pleasant Bybee who died in 1907 after 40 years as a geology professor at the University of Texas. Both

were born and educated in Indiana.

The Bybees were married Sept. 1, 1914, after Mrs. Bybee received a master's degree in history at the University of Indiana. They came to Austin soon afterwards, where they continued to make their home except for a few years in San Angelo.

Mrs. Bybee served on the Austin School Board from 1929 to 1932 and was president of the City PTA Council. She also served on the state board of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, principally as chairman of legislation. She was elected an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma and an associate member of the Austin United Teachers Association.

For 10 years Miss Bybee was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma House Association, and for 15 years she was finance advisor for the sorority. She has been a member of the Faculty Wives Club and is a 53-year member of the University Ladies Club. The American Association of University Women elected her to the state board for several years, and from 1944-50 she worked with the AAUW National Fellowship Endowment Committee.

Civic groups with which she has served include the YWCA board of directors, Girl Scouts, Community Council, United Fund, Pan American Round Table, Ki-Ara Club, and Andrew Cassuthers chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was elected the first president of the University American Legion Auxiliary in 1923, and served a second term in 1925.

Mrs. Bybee has worked actively in both the Hyde Park and University Baptist Churches.

Her children are Halbert Homer Bybee and Robert W. Bybee of Houston, Wilbur C. Bybee of Bloomington, Ind., and Mrs. Herbert C. (Bertha Elmer) Mills of New Orleans. She has 12 grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

Mrs. Bybee is at home in Houston at Bayou Monte at 4111 S. Braeswood Blvd.

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## Long-time school board member dies

Dec. 24, 1977

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Woolery Bybee, member of the Austin School Board from 1939 to 1952 and former president of the Austin PTA council, were held Monday at Geo. H. Lewis and Sons Funeral Homes in Houston.

Mrs. Bybee died Saturday. She was 86.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Martha Bybee Mills of Houston; three sons, Hal H. Bybee, Robert W. Bybee, both of Houston, Wilbur C. Bybee of Bloomington, Ind.; sister, Mrs. Marie Woolery Rogers of Bloomington, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Her husband was the late Hal Bybee, a University of Texas geology professor.

Mrs. Bybee served on the State Board of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, was an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, member of the Austin Retired Teachers Association, member of the Faculty Wives Club at the University of Texas, a 30-year member of the University Ladies' Club, member of the American Association of University Women and a long-time member of the University Baptist Church in Austin.

Contributions may be made to the Hal P. Bybee Memorial Fund, Geology Foundation, at the University of Texas, Austin.

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Mrs. Hal P. Bybee, Jr., of Austin is the former Sally Lincocks, B.A. '39. She was married to Mr. Bybee, senior student in the department of geology, on Dec. 23 in Durham. This picture was taken of Mrs. Bybee when she was secretary of the Students' Association in 1938. The couple are living in Austin, where Mr. Bybee is continuing his work in the University.



# Home combines a colorful history, room to work

**What:** A four-bedroom, 2½-bathroom Prairie-style house built in 1918 that has more than 3,000 square feet and a walled courtyard that encloses about a third of an acre.

**Where:** 1406 Enfield Road in Central Austin.

**Amenities:** Long-leaf pine floors, interior French doors, some original windows, glass-fronted cabinets in kitchen, coal cellar, detached two-car garage with workshop, brick-paved driveway, porte-cochère, mature trees, landscaped front and back yards, back access to property from Windsor Road.

**Agent:** Jennie Barnes, Moreland Properties

**Asking price:** \$875,000

**FYI:** When Paul Leary fell in love with this house in 1997, every room was painted a shade of pink. The living room mantle was baby blue and the hearth beneath was purple marble.

Leary, who made an offer on the house only minutes after touring it, spent the next year toning it down and shaping it up. He repainted the walls and replaced the electrical system. He hunted down period-inspired light fixtures. He also won permission from the City of Austin to build the courtyard wall, which mutes traffic noise from Enfield.

The house has let Leary, a music producer and guitarist for the Butthole Surfers, combine his personal and professional interests. The back yard gives him space to tend to his rose bushes. Inside, a bedroom serves as a recording studio, where Leary has engineered songs for rock bands including U2 and Sublime.

The front door opens into the living room, which has large windows and leads to the dining room and sunroom. The sunroom, which has yard access, has arched windows and a beadboard ceiling.

The kitchen includes a vintage, blue Chambers stove, which has a built-in soup well and pancake griddle. A half bathroom and a mudroom are near the kitchen.

Upstairs, the master bedroom includes a bathroom with a claw-foot tub. Nearby, a home office takes the space that was formerly a sleeping porch. Three other bedrooms, a full bathroom and a cedar storage closet also are on the second floor.

**The market:** The Austin Board of Realtors places this property in Area 1B, roughly bordered by Lamar Boulevard, Town Lake and Koenig Lane. This week, about 205 houses were for sale in the area. The most expensive is a \$5.9 million estate at 8 Niles Road with four bedrooms, four full and four half bathrooms and more than 9,200 square feet. The least expensive is a \$149,900 house at 1201 Georgian St. with three bedrooms, one bathroom and about 1,056 square feet. Last year, about 820 houses sold in Area 1B, with half selling for more than \$325,000. On average, the houses sold for 96 percent of their original asking prices.

— Diana Dworin, special to the American-Statesman



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