

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2010-0002

HLC DATE:

February 22, 2010

PC DATE:

April 13, 2010

APPLICANTS: Gerald Torres and Frances Nash, owners

HISTORIC NAME: Culberson House

WATERSHED: Johnson Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 2504 Bridle Path

ZONING FROM: SF-3 to SF-3-H

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

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 7-0.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: May 13, 2010

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: West Austin Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Architecture:

Two-story rectangular-plan side-gabled frame Southern Colonial Revival-styled house with a full-width, full-height independent porch on fluted columns with modified Ionic capitals; the symmetrical façade consists of a central entry with leaded glass sidelights and a fanlight, and single 9:9 windows on the ground floor with 6:6 windows above. There is a one-story rectangular-plan side-gabled frame addition to the left of the principal block and an addition to the right and rear of the principal block.

Historical Associations:

Olin and Mary Lou Culberson purchased this property in 1940 after moving from a house in Aldridge Place. Olin Culberson was born in Coryell County, Texas in 1886, the son of teachers, W.A. and Martha Culberson. The family moved to Hillsboro, where his parents opened a school; the 1900 U.S. Census shows the family in Hillsboro, where both W.A. and Martha Culberson were listed as teachers, and Olin is listed as 13 years old, the second son of the family (he had an older brother Leon, who was then 17). The family also had a housekeeper living with them in Hillsboro, Lulu Goodman, and Lulu's three young daughters, Lillian, Ethel, and Hester. Olin began working in the Hillsboro railroad yards by 1905. He became the deputy clerk of Hill County in 1911, and the Hill County Clerk in 1920. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Olin living with his parents in Hillsboro; his parents were both listed as teachers in a private school; Olin was listed as the city secretary. He married Mary Lou Rachelle of Hubbard, Texas in 1912, and continued to live in Hillsboro. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Olin and Mary Lou Culberson living with his father in the family home in Hillsboro; Olin's mother had passed away. W.A. Culberson had no occupation listed; Olin is listed as a book-keeper, and Mary Lou is listed as a clerk in the county offices. Olin Culberson became the Hill County Judge, and served for two terms, then opened a dry goods store in Edna, Texas, where he maintained a business interest until 1955. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Olin and Mary Lou living in Edna, where he is listed as a dry goods merchant, and she is listed as a public school teacher. He went to work for the Texas Railroad Commission in 1932, becoming the chief examiner and later the head of the Gas Utilities Division. He conducted numerous rate investigations, and in doing so, antagonized certain powerful natural gas interests, which led to his employment termination in 1939. In 1940, he ran successfully for a position as railroad commissioner, and began serving in 1941, the same year that he and Mary Lou moved into this house. Culberson was known as the champion of the independent oil producers, and led several campaigns for the conservation of natural gas and to attract more industry to Texas. He led the fight against gas flaring from oil wells, resulting in the conservation of natural gas. He also fought the exportation of natural gas from Texas wells, believing that industries would be attracted to wellhead areas in Texas rather than locating along pipelines and enjoying the benefits of Texas natural gas from distant locations. He was a long-time supporter and secretary of volunteer firemen's and fire marshal's associations – they held a mass rally in Hillsboro in support of his candidacy for Railroad Commissioner. He served as Railroad Commissioner until his death in 1961. His wife, Mary Lou, was a very active clubwoman, member of several historical associations, and noted antiques collector. She passed away in Austin in 1972. After Mary Lou's death in 1972, their daughter, Mrs. Ima Wittman, sold the house to James and Beverly Hood. James Hood was an orthopedic surgeon. They lived here until 1986, when they sold it to Byron Cox, an attorney, and his wife Susannah. The current owners, Gerald Torres and Frances Nash, purchased the house in 1996. Gerald Torres is a prominent professor of Law at the University of Texas and a noted authority on environmental and natural resources law.

PARCEL NO.: 01140506300000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The West 100 feet of Lot 7, Block 15, Westfield "A".

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$14,336 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,412 (capped).

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,146,085

PRESENT USE: Single family residence.

CONDITION: Excellent.

PRESENT OWNERS: Gerald Torres and Frances Nash

DATE BUILT: ca. 1941

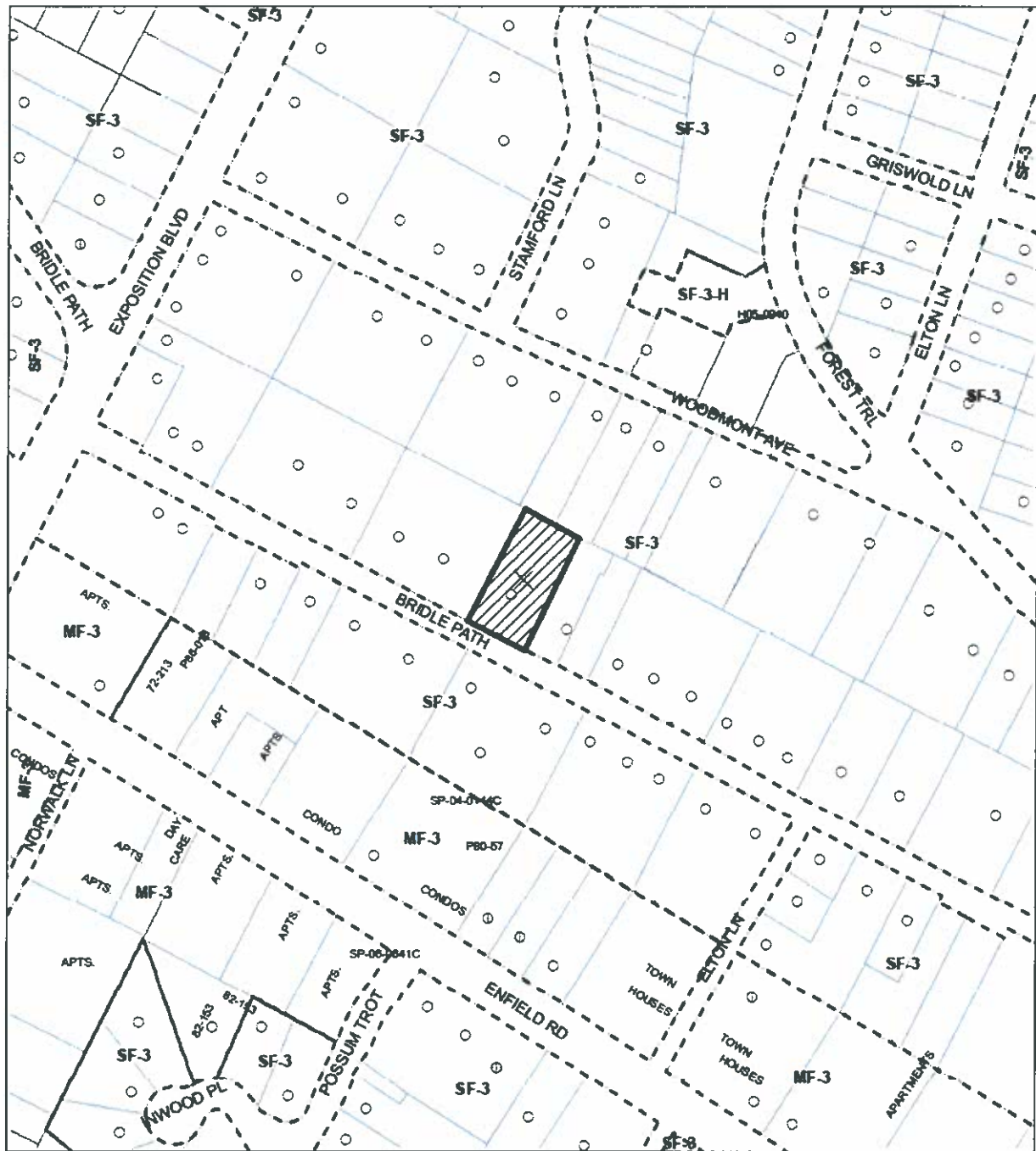
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: The attached garage was converted to servants' quarters in 1951, and a carport constructed the same year. There do not appear to be any other alterations or additions to the house.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Olin and Mary Lou Culberson (1941)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.



LOCATION MAP



1" = 200'

- SUBJECT TRACT
- ZONING BOUNDARY
- PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2010-0002
 ADDRESS: 2504 BRIDLE PATH
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES
 GRID: H24
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



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A. Roy Thomas 2504 Bridle Path
 W. 100' of 7
 154 - 15
 Westfield "A"
 29ty. Frame Res. & Garage Attached
 21250 - 2-12-41
 12'

Building permit to A. Roy Thomas for the construction of the house (1941)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT No. 15742 A
 Austin, Texas
 Received of A. Roy Thomas Date Feb 19, 1941
 Address 2504 Bridle Path
 Amount Five DOLLARS 00/100 - - - \$ 5.00
 Plumber Harton Size of Tap 3/4
 Date of Connection 2-20-41
 Size of Tap Made 2 1/2
 Size of Service Made 2 1/2
 Size Main Tapped 4"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock ON-P.
 From W/Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'
 Location of Meter ON-P.
 Type of Box LOCK
 Depth of Main in St. 5'
 Depth of Service Line 26"
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 25'
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-1-A1 L.E.

No. Fittings	Size	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead-Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tap	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	Req. No.
1	5"					1	2 1/2"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		15742	15742

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Water service permit to A. Roy Thomas (1941)

Olan Culberson 2504 Bridle Path
 154 West 100' of 7 15 - -
 Westfield "A"
 Convert attached garage into servant's
 qrts. & erect carpor
 49555 11-27-51 \$1500.00
 A. W. Bryant

Building permit to Olin Culberson to convert the garage into servants' quarters and construct a carport (1951)

A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

OK to go
SS
1-27-10

Raw ID #

10395109

PROJECT INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>2/1/10</u>	FILE NUMBER(S): <u>C14H2010-0002</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: <u>TBD</u>	
CASE MANAGER: <u>Steve Sadowsky</u>	CITY INITIATED: YES / NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>[Signature]</u>	ROLLBACK: YES/NO

BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: <u>Gerald & Frances Torres</u>	
2. PROJECT NAME: <u>The Culberson House</u>	
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): <u>2504 Bridle Path</u>	
ZIP: <u>78703</u>	COUNTY: <u>Travis</u>
IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:	
LOCATED _____ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF	
(ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS	
APPROXIMATELY _____	DISTANCE FROM ITS
INTERSECTION WITH _____	CROSS STREET _____

Wetland: Johnson Creek - Urban
H24

AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES	<u>0.4785</u>	(OR)	SQ. FT.	_____	
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>Residence</u>	_____	_____	<u>Residence</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:	_____

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Westfield A
 Block(s) 15 Lot(s) 7 Outlot(s) _____
 Plat Book: _____ Page West 100 feet
 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: _____ PAGE: _____ TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 01-1405-0630-0000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES ☒ NO ☐
 TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) _____
 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 ☐ 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: [Signature] NAME: Gerald Torres / Frances Nash
 FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-422-9319
 STREET ADDRESS: 2504 Brindle Path
 CITY: Austin STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 78703
 EMAIL ADDRESS: Frances.NASH@att.net

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION
 SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME: Suzanne Deaderick
 FIRM NAME: Historic Research & Representation TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-2929
 STREET ADDRESS: 2502 Harris Blvd
 CITY: Austin STATE: Texas ZIP CODE: 78703
 CONTACT PERSON: Suzanne Deaderick TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-2929
 EMAIL ADDRESS: Suzanne@Grande.com.net

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: _____

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 dependant 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.

S Deaderick 1-15-10
Signature Date

Suzanne Deaderick
Name (Typed or Printed)

Historic Research & Represent
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] 1/15/2010
Signature Date

Gerald Torres & Frances Nash
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

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E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

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

I, Suzanne Deaderick 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

2504 Bridle Path
(Address or Legal Description)
Austin, Texas 78703

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.

S Deaderick
(Applicant's signature)

1-15-2010
(Date)

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

NO 1054043

COUNT NUMBER: 01-1405-0630-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

TORRES GERALD & FRANCES NASH
2504 BRIDLE PATH
AUSTIN, TX 78703-3212

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

W 100 FT LOT 7 BLK 15 WESTFIELD A

ACRES .0000 MIN% .000000000000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 2504 BRIDLE PATH

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	*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:
UNPAID FEES:
INTEREST ON FEES:
COMMISSION:
TOTAL DUE ==>

ALL PAID
* NONE *
* NONE *
* NONE *
ALL PAID

TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2009 \$19,361.18

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 01/14/2010

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 

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**Deed Chronology
2504 Bridle Path**

Transaction	Volume/Page	Date
Niles & Margaret Graham to H.D. & Marie Mahaffey		8-1-25
H.D. & Marie Mahaffey to Olin E. Culberson		12-17-40
Ima Culberson Wittman to James F. & Beverly Hood	4820/173	1-7-74
James F. & Beverly Hood to Byron & Suzannah Cox	09833/217	7-31-86
Byron & Suzannah Cox to Gerald Torres & Frances Nash	12196/2166	5-26-94

Occupancy History
2504 Bridle Path

City Directory Research
January, 2010

1939	Address not listed Note: Olin & Mary Culberson listed at 115 W. 32nd Street. Olin is listed as Director of Gas Utilities Div. of Railroad Commission of Texas
1940-41	Address not listed Note: Olin & Mary Culberson listed at 115 W. 32nd Street. Olin is listed as Director of Gas Utilities Div. of Railroad Commission of Texas
1942	Olin Culberson (spelled Culbertson)-owner, wife Mary Member-Railroad Commission of Texas
1944-45	Olin Culberson-owner, wife Mary Member-Railroad Commission of Texas
1947	Olin Culberson-owner, wife Mary Chairman-State Railroad Commission of Texas
1949	Olin Culberson-owner, wife Mary Chairman-State Railroad Commission of Texas
1952	Olin Culberson-owner, wife Mary Chairman-State Railroad Commission of Texas
1956	Olin Culberson-owner, wife Mary Commissioner-State Railroad Commission of Texas
1960	Olin Culberson-owner, wife Mary "In charge"-State Railroad Commission of Texas
1961	Olin Culberson-owner, wife Mary "In charge"-State Railroad Commission of Texas
1962	Mrs. Mary R. Culberson

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1963	Mrs. Mary R. Culberson Note: rear-Joy Bissonnette
1967	Mrs. Mary R. Culberson Note: rear-Mrs. Agnes French
1970-72	Mrs. Mary R. Culberson Note: rear-vacant Note: No listing for James F. Hood in city directory
1973	James F. Hood Wife-Beverly Note: Rear-vacant James is listed at Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic
1975	James F. Hood Wife-Beverly Note: Rear-vacant James is listed at Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic
1977	James F. Hood-owner Wife-Beverly Note: Rear-vacant James is listed at Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic
1980	James F. Hood-owner Wife-Beverly Note: Rear-vacant James is listed at Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic
1984-86	James F. Hood-owner Wife-Beverly Note: Rear-vacant James is listed at Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic Note: Byron Cox is listed at Hutchinson, Price, Boyle & Brooks
1987	James & Beverly Hood James is listed at Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic Note: Byron Cox is listed as an attorney @ 2100 One American Center and his residence is 2411 Vista Lane
1988	Byron Cox & Suzannah Byron is listed as a lawyer at Small, Craig, and Werkenthin
1992	Byron Cox and Suzannah Byron is listed as a lawyer at Small, Craig, and Werkenthin

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Biography of Olin Culberson

Olin Culberson, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission for twenty years and chairman of the powerful regulatory agency for three terms, was known as the champion of "the little uns." He served on the Commission continuously from 1941 to 1961.

Born in Turnersville, Texas on October 26, 1886, Culberson was the son of Professor and Mrs. W.A. Culberson. His parents established the Culberson Select School in Hillsboro and spent their lives in the teaching profession. Olin began his career as a railroad yard worker in 1905 in Hillsboro. He was appointed deputy clerk of Hill County in 1911, and after service as a captain in World War I, he was elected Hill County clerk in 1920. Culberson later served as county judge, and was referred to as Judge Culberson for the remainder of his life by many of his friends.

Culberson came to the Railroad Commission in 1932 and became chief examiner. He later served as head of the Gas Utilities Division of the Commission until 1939. Culberson won his first term as a commissioner in 1941.

Culberson took office at a time when there was increasing public sentiment to strip the Railroad Commission of any real regulatory powers. The advocates of strong central government were in the saddle in Washington, and they had among their goals federal regulation of natural resources. Culberson's influence over the 1941 session of the Texas Legislature was thought to have preserved the role of the Commission. One Texas newspaper interpreted the House action as "a vote of confidence in Olin Culberson."

Throughout World War II, Culberson fought a running battle with Washington bureaucrats. He battled Federal authorities on at least three separate occasions on matters concerning Texas oil.

One of his outside interests was the Texas Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association. Culberson served as secretary of that organization for 40 years and was credited with having saved fire insurance policy holders thousands of dollars in rate reductions.

Culberson, a plain talking fighter against any waste of Texas natural resources, considered one of his greatest accomplishments the elimination of gas flaring-the venting into the air of casing head gas which is produced along with oil. He was credited with being the man who led the crackdown on flaring. Culberson proposed an order, eventually upheld by the State Supreme Court, requiring the shutdown of oil wells until operators put the casing head gas to beneficial use.

Culberson announced his candidacy for Governor of Texas in 1950, but suffered a heart attack less than a month later and withdrew from the race. He continued to serve as a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas until his death on June 22, 1961.

"He gave a half century of devoted service to the people of Texas and the results of his efforts are embedded in the laws of our state as a legacy to us all," said the president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association at Culberson's death.

He was married to Mary Lou Rachelle Culberson for 49 years, and they had one daughter.

Biography of Mary Lou Rachelle Culberson

Mary Lou Rachelle was born in 1892 in Hubbard, Texas. She married Olin Culberson in 1912, and became active in both political and civic life. At one time, Mrs. Culberson held memberships in at least 24 clubs and organizations and had a part in establishing several others, including the Texas Zeta Tau Alpha Mother's Club and the University of Texas Law Wives.

Mrs. Culberson's affiliations included life membership in the Federated Women's Club, National Parent-Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma educational fraternity, Garden Club, San Antonio Breakfast Club, Pathfinders, Tuesday Book Club and International Association of Platform Speakers.

Her membership in historical organizations encompassed groups in both Europe and America, including the Huguenott Society and Jamestown Colonists. She was a member of the Heredity Register of the USA and Heritage Society, and was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812 and Daughters of the Confederacy and Republic of Texas.

Mary Lou Culberson was honored as Pioneer Clubwoman of Texas. She died June 14, 1972.

Biography of James F. Hood

James Hood was listed as working at Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic beginning in 1973.

Biography of Byon Cox

Byron Cox was an attorney at Hutchinson, Price, Boyle and Brooks, and later at Small, Craig, and Werkenthin.

Biography of Frances Nash

Frances Nash grew up in Dallas and comes from five generations of Texans. She attended Stanford University, where she met her husband Gerald. They have two children, Bennett and Martha, and a menagerie of pets. Throughout the different places that Gerald's career has taken them, she has made a study of and enjoyed restoring old houses and gardens. She is currently trying to learn all she can about the unique flora and fauna of central Texas.

Biography of Gerald Torres

Gerald Torres currently holds the Bryant Smith Chair at the University of Texas at Austin and is former President of the Association of American Law Schools. A 1977 graduate of the Yale Law School, he has taught at Stanford Law School and at Harvard Law School, where he served as the Oneida Nation Visiting Professor of Law. Professor Torres served as Counsel to the Attorney General on environmental matters and Indian affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice. He has written widely in environmental law, as well as natural resource and Indian law, and has served on the Board of the Environmental Law Institute, the EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, and the National Petroleum Council. He is currently board chair of EarthDay Network and founding Chairman of the Advancement Project, the leading Civil Rights advocacy organization in the country. He has lectured in Europe and Latin American and served as a consultant to the United Nations on environmental matters. He is a member of the American Law Institute and the Council on Foreign Relations.

Page 1 318 REGISTRATION NO. 566 2nd

1 Name of registrant Olin Culberson 30

2 Date of birth 1917 March 11 1886

3 Place of birth 10 16 1886

4 Education High School

5 Occupation Farmer

6 Address County, Tex.

7 City County, Tex.

8 State Tex.

9 Name of nearest relative Wife & 1 child

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Olin Culberson's World War I draft registration card

Culberson's Rites Slated

Funeral services for Olin C. Culberson, champion of "the little uns" for 20 years as a member of the Texas Railroad Commission, will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Dr. William Logan, pastor of University Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the State Cemetery under auspices of Hill City Lodge 658, A.F. & A.M.

The 74-year-old commissioner, called "Judge" by his friends,

died Thursday morning in a local hospital from a heart attack.

In public life for half a century, Culberson served on the Commission continuously since 1941, three times as chairman of the powerful regulatory agency. He won a third six-year term in 1958 by two million votes.

Governor Price Daniel will fill the vacancy and his selection will serve until the next general election in November, 1962. The winner would serve out the remaining two years on Culberson's current term.

Daniel telephoned the following statement to his office Thursday from San Francisco, where he is enroute to the National Governor's Conference in Hawaii:

"During his two decades of service as a member of the Texas Railroad Commission, Olin Culberson rendered outstanding service to this state and the entire nation. He was a conscientious and independent official, and his death is a great loss."

"I join his many friends in extending deepest sympathy to Mrs. Culberson and all of his family."

J. F. West of Stamford, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, said:

"He gave a half century of devoted service to the people of Texas and the results of his efforts are embedded in the laws of our state as a legacy to us all."

West said the independent oil men "have lost one of their true champions . . . He was a towering symbol of conscience at work, able foe of monopoly and eloquent in the public interest, implacable foe of monopoly and eloquent fighter for those people he was fond of calling, 'the little uns.'"

The commissioner, a plainfaring fighter against any waste of Texas natural resources, considered one of his greatest accomplishments the elimination of gas flaring—the venting into the air of casinghead gas which is produced along with oil. He was credited with being the man who led the crackdown on flaring.

He proposed an order, eventually upheld by the State Supreme Court, requiring the shutdown of oil wells until operators put the casinghead gas to beneficial use.

Culberson's frequent opposition to orders promulgated by majority vote of the Commission made him the "great dissenter" in the field of oil and gas conservation. (See DEATH, Page 2)

Four Safe In Crash Of Plane

PORT MANSFIELD (AP) — A "Flying Boner" crashed and burned about six miles north of here Thursday but all four occupants parachuted in safety.

The crash scene was about a mile inland near the South Norias lands in Kennedy County.

The men were picked up about 8 miles east of Lyford in Wilbrey County. The pilot told state police when he bailed out he wanted the plane toward the open sea. He did not say what caused the plane to crash.

A spokesman at Harlingen Air Force Base said the plane was from Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Gone

These fishing and hunting and pleasure and many who had been to school half their lives.

The number and the variety of these friends testify to the fact that he never traveled alone.

"He liked to talk too well to be alone," said Dr. Weber. "He loved people too much to hunt alone."

The friends told him that his talk scared away the quail he was trying to hunt, but that he made up for his small bag by telling tall tales about the hunt.

He always kept bird dogs and often told his hunting buddies that his dogs didn't give him the trouble his friends did.

He retired from his work as a game warden in 1950 and for (See WARDEN, Page 2)

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In Texas. He loved his horses and the belief that many times and after "over the big boys" and are disappointed of any surprise.

Culbertson diligently taught the second group of passenger service attendants by the railroad. He began his career as a railroad yard worker in 1905 at Hillsboro.

Born at Turnersville on Oct. 26, 1884, Culbertson was the son of Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Culbertson who established the Culbertson Select School at Hillsboro and spent all their lives in the teaching profession. He married Mary Lou Rochelle of Hubbard in 1911.

Appointed deputy clerk of Hill County in 1911, young Culbertson left to enlist in the US Army in 1912. After service as a captain in World War I, he was elected Hill County clerk in 1920 and in-

ter served as county judge.

As clerk he uncovered a \$22,000 road bond fraud which resulted in several convictions. After two terms as county judge he went back to the general mercantile business in 1925 at Edna and owned a large store there until 1935.

Culbertson came to the Commission in 1932 and became chief examiner. He later served as head of the Gas Utilities Division of the Commission until 1939. He was his first term as a commissioner in 1932.

Throughout World War II, Culbertson fought a running battle with Washington bureaucrats. He battled Federal authorities on at least three separate occasions on matters concerning Texas oil allocations.

One of his outside interests was the Texas Elementary and Five-Minute Association. He served as secretary of that organization for 40 years and was credited with having saved fire insurance policy holders thousands of dollars in rate reductions. He resigned from the job in 1939.

Culbertson might have become governor had he not suffered a heart attack in 1950 less than a month after announcing his candidacy. He had built up a strong, statewide campaign organization.

He had been bothered by his heart ail and on ever since. His doctor three weeks ago ordered him into the hospital for several days of general check but added, "you know we couldn't keep him down."

Culbertson was a member of Edna Lodge 757, A.F.A.M., the Scot-

ish Rite bodies of Austin and San Antonio.

In addition to his widow, Judge Culbertson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ina Whitman of Austin; two granddaughters, Mrs. Robert E. Paul and Miss Marilyn Whitman of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Beulah Tomlinson of Dallas; and one brother, Colonel Leon Culbertson, USA, retired, of Lovelace, Colo.

Active pallbearers will be Ray E. Bowen, Ira Butler, H. L. Force, Sr., W. J. Goldstein, Frank E. Harvick, William J. Murray Jr., Vernon Rocket and J. F. West.

Honorary pallbearers will be General Ernest Thompson, W. H. Ainsworth, J. P. Bryan, M. D. Bryant, B. G. Byrns, John Davenport, William J. Lawson, O. Q. Long, Senator William M. Patmer, Jimmy Phillips, W. L. Pichens and Herman Pressler.

Contributions may be made to the Culbertson Memorial Fund, Scott and White Hospital, Temple.

Czech Goes, Protesting Innocence

NEW YORK (AP) — Czech diplomat Miroslav Nacvalac left New York by air Thursday night for Paris and Prague, protesting that the United States branded him a spy and forced him to leave because he would not betray his country.

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Mary Rochelle Culberson

People Information:

Full Name: Olin Wellborn Nicholas Culberson

Location: Section: Republic Hill, Section 2 (C2)
Row: G Number: 3

Reason for Eligibility: Member and Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas

Birth Date: October 26, 1886

Died: June 22, 1961

Buried: June 24, 1961

Biography:

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In 1918 Culberson resigned his office to serve in World War I. Upon returning to Hillsboro, he was twice elected county clerk of Hill County. In that office he discovered and exposed a \$263,000 road-bond fraud. In 1925 he became county judge. During his two terms on the bench he used the recovered bond-fraud money to construct needed roads and bridges. He refused to run for a third term, moved to Edna, and purchased an interest in a dry-goods store. He moved in 1932 to Austin, where he was asked to accept a position with the Railroad Commission in order to conduct a rate investigation of the Lone Star Gas Company. First as chief examiner and later as chief of the gas utilities division, he conducted sixteen major rate investigations for the commission. These antagonized certain gas interests, pressure groups sought his removal, and in 1939 he was discharged.

The following year, as a reform candidate, Culberson bested eighteen opponents and was elected railroad commissioner. He was reelected three consecutive times. In addition to proposing a weekly meeting of the railroad commissioners and insisting on ten days' notice for all public hearings, he was responsible for other important rulings. Political appointees were replaced by graduate petroleum engineers. The flaring of casinghead gas was stopped, and its return to the well became mandatory. A malodorant was added to natural gas. Annual inspections of liquefied petroleum gas installations in schools and public buildings were established. Culberson implemented a new system of oil accounting and fought freight-rate discrimination against Southwest Texas. While on the Railroad Commission, he earned a reputation as an uncompromising champion of independent oil producers.

Culberson served the Texas Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association as secretary for over forty years, and he was active in many charitable organizations. He died on June 22, 1961, and was buried in the State Cemetery in Austin. In 1963 the Olin Culberson Memorial Research Center, a center for the study of cardiovascular diseases, was dedicated at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

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Culberson Rites Set Wednesday

Funeral for Mrs. Mary Lou Culberson, widow of Olin Culberson, will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home, Dr. William M. Logan of Brownwood officiating.

Burial will be at the State Cemetery. She died Monday at a local hospital after a long illness.

As wife of the former chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, Mrs. Culberson was active in both political and civic life. She had been honored as Pioneer Clubwoman of Texas.

Judge Culberson served on the Railroad Commission from 1941 until his death in 1961.

At one time Mrs. Culberson held memberships in at least 24 clubs and organizations and had a part in establishing several other.

She organized the Texas Zeta Tau Alpha Mothers Clubs and helped organize and sponsor the University of Texas Law Wives.

She was a Lady of the Court of the Dames of the Magna Charta and regent of the local chapter.

Her affiliations included life membership in the Federated Women's Clubs, National Parent-Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma, educational fraternity.

She also belonged to the Garden Club, San Antonio Breakfast Club, Pathfinders, Tuesday Book Club and International Association of Platform Speakers.

Mrs. Culberson was a member of the Heredity Register of the USA and Heritage Society and was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812 and Daughters of the Confederacy and Republic of Texas.

Her membership in historical organizations encompassed groups in both Europe and America, including the Huguenott Society and Jamestown Colonists.

Mrs. Culberson's home was full of antiques which she enjoyed collecting. She often gave lectures and book reviews on the subject.

She was a longtime member of the University Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Ima C. Wittman of Austin; a brother, Zollie Rochelle of Austin; two grand-daughters; three great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers will be Guy Huddleston, Robert T. Davis, Frank R. Douglass, Owen Scott, Vernon Rucker and Don Harvick.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. F. M. Pearce, Dr. G. V. Brindley, North Millican, Ben Ramsey, Hal Hood and Garland Fulbright.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Olin Culberson Memorial Research Center at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, the family said.

MRS. MARY CULBERSON

Mrs. Mary Culberson, widow of the late Olin Culberson, died Monday afternoon in a local hospital.

She was a member of the University Presbyterian Church and was an active clubwoman throughout Texas.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ina C. Wittman of Austin, two granddaughters, Mrs. Patricia Peel of Austin and Mrs. Marolyn Stubbinsfield of San Antonio; one brother Zelle Rochelle of Austin and three great-granddaughters.

Funeral is pending at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

MRS. OLIN CULBERSON

Mrs. Olin (Mary Lou) Culberson died in a local hospital Monday after a long illness.

Born Mary Lou Rochelle in Hubbard, Texas in 1892, she was the widow of Judge Olin Culberson, former Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. She is survived by their only child, Mrs. Ina C. Wittman and two granddaughters, Mrs. Patricia Peel of Austin and Mrs. Marolyn Stubbinsfield of San Antonio. Mr. Zelle Rochelle of Austin is her only living brother. She has three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews living throughout Texas.

Active in political and civic life, Mrs. Culberson was named the Pioneer Clubwoman of Texas and an outstanding Clubwoman of Austin. Her affiliations were varied and included Life Membership in the Federated Women's Clubs, National PTA and Delta Kappa Gamma, educational fraternity. She belonged and regularly offered programs in the Garden Club, San Antonio Breakfast Club, Pathfinders, Toasty Book Club and the International Association of Platform Speakers. Always proud of her forefathers, Mrs. Culberson was a member of the Heredity Register of the U.S.A. and the Heritages Society.

She also was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1819, and Daughters of the Confederacy and the Republic of Texas. Her membership in historical organizations encompassed groups in Europe and America, such as the Huguenot Society and Jamestown, Colonial.

Mrs. Culberson was a longtime member of the University Presbyterian Church.

Funeral will be held at 3:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home with Dr. William H. Logan of Greenwood and former pastor of the University Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the State Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Olin Culberson Memorial Research Center at Krotz and White Hospital in Temple, Texas.

Active pallbearers will be Guy Hedderston, Robert T. Davis, Frank B. Douglass, Owen Scott, Vernon B. Barker, Don H. Harris.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. F. M. Pearce, Dr. C. V. Grindley, Jr., North Midway, Gen. Ramsey, Hal Head and Garland Fairchild.



OIL PRODUCERS AWARD — Mrs. Olin B. Culberson of Austin receives an engraved plaque from Stanley C. Woods of Houston, president of the Texas Landowners and Independent Oil and Gas Producers Association, citing the achievements of her late husband.

Mr. Culberson, former chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, was cited by the organization for his efforts in behalf of the oil and gas industry and free enterprise during his 20 years on the commission. Occasion was the first annual meeting of TLIOPGA.



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