

# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

**CASE NUMBER:** C14H-2009-0014

**HLC DATE:** July 27, 2009

**PC DATE:** September 22, 2009

**APPLICANT:** Holmes and Joan Gwynn, owners

**HISTORIC NAME:** McGee-Clark-Byrd House

**WATERSHED:** Shoal Creek

**ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE:** 1520 Northwood Road

**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: 5-0 (Rosato absent).

**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: 9-0.

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

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** October 1, 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:** Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

## **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

This mansard-roofed Southern Colonial Revival-styled house is associated with several prominent Austinites: Vernon A. McGee, a noted Texas newsman, a founder of the Texas Employment Commission, the first director of the Texas State Legislative Budget Board, and an authority in public administration; Edward A. Clark, LBJ's right-hand man and a former ambassador to Australia and his wife Anne Metcalfe Clark, a member of the Texas State University Board of Regents; and Weldon Byrd, the head of the local Soil Conservation Service office.

### **Architecture:**

Two-story rectangular-plan mansard-roofed frame house with a central, full-height gable-pedimented portico on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 6:6 windows; single 6:6 windows in square dormers in the mansard.

**Historical Associations:**

This house was built in 1936 by Vernon A. McGee, who was instrumental in organizing the Texas Employment Commission the year before. McGee was the assistant director of the TEC until 1940, when he became the principal analyst for the U.S. Bureau of the Budget and moved from this house. He worked in public administration and the Office of War Information during World War II, and published several studies for the American Society of Public Administration in the 1940s. He was the first director of the Texas State Legislative Budget Board in 1950, and served until 1966. He was a noted expert in business management and in the 1970s, he served on the State Advisory Council on Texas Vocational Education. He and his wife Janice sold this house in 1941 to Ed and Anne Metcalfe Clark. Vernon McGee died in Austin in June, 1987.

Born in San Augustine, Texas in 1906, Edward Aubrey Clark attended Southwestern University in Georgetown and Tulane University in New Orleans. In 1927, he married Anne Metcalfe of Greenville, Mississippi, whose family owned the largest cotton plantation business in the South at that time. Clark graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1928, and returned to his native San Augustine to serve as county attorney. He moved back to Austin in 1932 when he became an assistant state attorney general. In 1935, he was appointed to be the assistant to Governor James Allred, and during that time, he became friendly with Lyndon Johnson, whose career was intertwined with Clark's for the remainder of his life. Governor Allred appointed Clark to be the Texas Secretary of State in 1937; he formed a law firm, Looney & Clark, in 1938, which grew into one of the most influential firms in Texas over the next 40 years. In 1941, the Clarks purchased this house on Northwood Road; they lived here until 1944. He became Lyndon Johnson's legal counsel in 1948, and his influence in Texas and Democratic Party politics continued to grow. It has been stated that Ed Clark was the only man that Lyndon Johnson ever trusted, and conspiracy theorists have identified a connection between Ed Clark and the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas in 1963. Clark opposed liberal trends in the Democratic Party in the 1960s, including the Voting Rights Act. President Johnson appointed him to be the ambassador to Australia in 1965; Clark served in that capacity until 1968. When he returned to Texas to be the executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank and commissioner of the U.S. Pavilion at the Hemisfair in San Antonio. He served on the UT Board of Regents from 1973 to 1979, and chaired the committee which raised the funds for the restoration of the Ashbel Smith Building at UTMB in Galveston. Clark's other contributions to the University of Texas include fundraising for the LBJ Library in Austin and the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis. His wife, Anne Metcalfe Clark, also a UT graduate, was on the Board of Regents for the Texas State University System from 1971 to 1983, and wrote Australian Adventures, describing her life in Australia in the mid-1960s while her husband served as ambassador.

William Weldon and Rose Spacek Byrd purchased the house in 1951, and lived here for 47 years. Weldon Byrd was born in Hewitt, Texas, attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, and Texas A&M where he received his graduate degree in agronomy and vocational agriculture. He taught high school for a few years after graduation, then went to work for the Soil Conservation Service in Waco. He helped open and headed the Soil Conservation Offices in Round Rock, San Antonio, and Austin. The Byrds sold the house in 1998 to the current owner, Holmes Gwynn. Gwynn is an insurance professional, working as a casualty actuary. Originally from New Jersey, Gwynn was hired by the Texas Department of Insurance in 1996 as an insurance solvency regulator, reviewing insurance companies to make sure they have adequate reserves to pay claims.

**PARCEL NO.:** 01180102330000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 21, Block 6, Edgemont

**ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$5,710 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$1,388.

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$515,311

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

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNER:**

Holmes Gwynn  
1520 Northwood Road  
Austin, Texas 78703

**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1936

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** None.

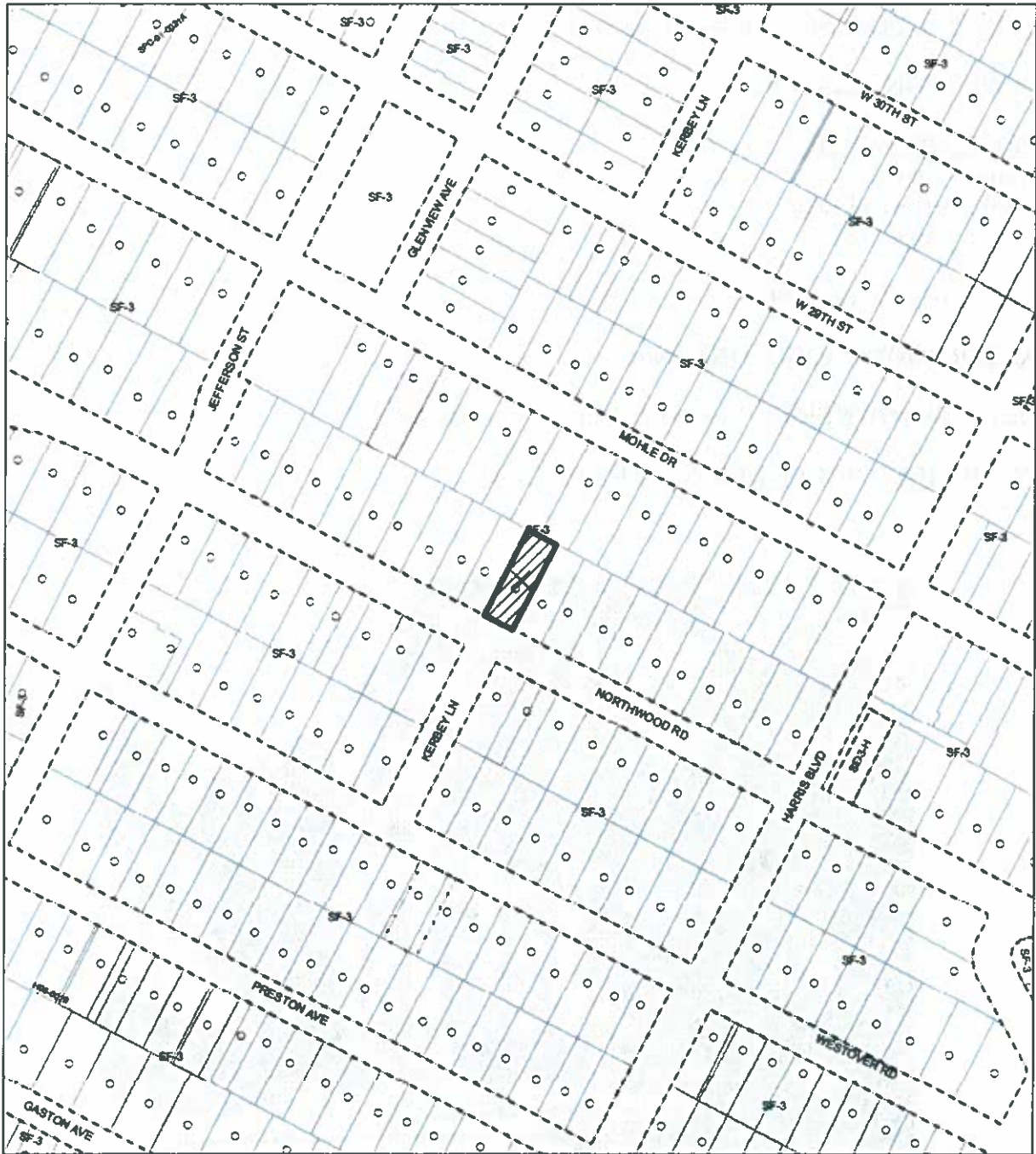
**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** Vernon A. and Janice McGee




**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** None.



McGee-Clark-Byrd House  
1520 Northwood Road

# LOCATION MAP



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

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

## HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2009-0014  
 ADDRESS: 1520 NORTHWOOD RD  
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES  
 GRID: H25  
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



1" = 200'

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## A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

OK to go  
554-2200

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

#10272956

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>4/30/09</u>	FILE NUMBER(S): <u>CHH-2009-0044</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	CITY INITIATED: YES / NO
CASE MANAGER: <u>S. Sadowsky</u>	ROLLBACK: YES/NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>Robert J. Platts</u>	

### BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME:	<u>Gwynn Holmes Gwynn</u>
2. PROJECT NAME:	<u>The Clark House</u>
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range):	<u>1530 Northwood Rd.</u>
ZIP:	<u>78703</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
(ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS	
APPROXIMATELY _____	DISTANCE FROM ITS
INTERSECTION WITH _____	CROSS STREET.

### AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES _____	(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>SF3</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: _____

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Edgemont  
Block(s) 6 Unit(s) 21 Outlot(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Plat Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_  
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. 01-1801-0233-0000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES/NO NO  
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES/NO NO  
14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES/NO 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: Gwynn Holmes Gwynn  
FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 320-0520  
STREET ADDRESS: 1520 Northwood Rd.  
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx. ZIP CODE: 78703  
EMAIL ADDRESS: holmesgw@grandecom.net

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME: Suzanne Denderick  
FIRM NAME: S. Denderick - Historic Research TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-2929  
STREET ADDRESS: 2502 Hanna Blvd.  
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx ZIP CODE: 78703  
CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: Suzanne@Grandecom.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 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.

Holmes Gwynn 4/25/2005  
Signature Date  
HOLMES GWYNN  
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.

Holmes Gwynn 4/25/2005  
Signature Date  
HOLMES GWYNN  
Name (Typed or Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm (If applicable)

## E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

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

I, HOLMES Gwyn

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

1520 Northwood Road

(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.

Holmes Gwyn

(Applicant's signature)

4/25/2009

(Date)

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

NO 1040493

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1801-0233-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

GWYNN HOLMES  
1520 NORTHWOOD RD  
AUSTIN, TX 78703-1944

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 21 BLK 6 EDGEMONT

ACRES 0.000 MIN% .00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1520 NORTHWOOD 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
2008	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 2008 \$8,187.38

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2008 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.

The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code). Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 03/31/2009

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears  
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 

**Deed Chronology**  
**1520 Northwood**  
**The Clark House**

**Historical Documentation/Deed Chronology**

**Transaction/Date**

**Volume/Page**

C. M. Cleveland  
to  
Vernon A. McGee  
January 11, 1936  
\$700

538/130

Vernon McGee  
to  
Anne Metcalfe Clark  
October 11, 1941  
\$4,000

682/562

Anne Metcalfe Clark & Ed Clark  
to  
Newton J. Friedman  
July 24, 1944  
\$5,250

743/453

Newton J. Friedman  
to  
Leona Longshore  
January 5, 1945

752/166

**Leona Longshore, Joyelle Rich &  
John Rich**

**1,111/181**

**to  
William W. & Rose Spacek Byrd  
September 13, 1951**

**William W. & Rose Spacek Byrd  
to  
Holmes & Jane Gwynn  
October 29, 1998**

**13,302/1365**

# Chronological Listing of Owners/Occupants

## 1520 Northwood

### The Clark House

<u>Year</u>	<u>Occupant Name</u>	<u>Source</u>
1932-33	No Listing	City Directory
1937-41	V. A. McGee	City Directory
1942	Vacant	City Directory
1943	? (Assume Ed & Anne Clark)	No City Directory
1944-45	Edward Clark	City Directory
1946	?	No City Directory
1947	Mrs. Leona Yorty	City Directory
1949	Wendel Nussbaum	City Directory
1952-98	William W. Byrd	City Directory
1998-present	Holmes Gwynn	City Directory

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances do not turn on the water.

## PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 3425  
TEC 61

M. Vernon A. McGee Address 1520 Northwood Rd.  
Plumber Harper & Linscomb Site of Tap 1/2 Date 1-11-36

Date of Connection 1/14/36  
Size of Tap Made 1 1/4"  
Size Service Mndr 1 1/4"  
Size Main Tapped 2"  
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9' 6"  
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9' 6"  
Location of Meter at curb  
Type of Box red  
Depth of Main in St. 2' 6"  
Depth of Service Line 8'  
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 25'  
Checked by Engr. Dept. 100412-1-36

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Foreman's Report

No. Fittings	1 Curb Cock	2 Elbow	1 St. Elbow	2 Bushing	1 Reduc.	2 1/2" Pipe	1 1/2" Pipe	1 1/2" Tee	1 Union	1 Plug	1 Stop	1 Box	1 Lid	Valves	Req. No.
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1375

Foreman's Signature BENSON

Water service permit to Vernon McGee - 1936

Wm W Byrd 1520 Northwood Rd  
61 21 6  
Bryker Woods  
frame addn to res  
57635 8-2-54 970.00  
John R Arlitt  
1 gas out  
let

Building permit to Weldon Byrd for the construction of a frame addition - 1954

OWNER - Weldon Byrd ADDRESS 1520 Northwood Rd.  
PLAT 61 LOT 21 BIX 6  
SUBDIVISION Edgemont Summit  
OCCUPANCY Bedrm, bath, addn to den and utility rm.  
BLD PERMIT # 106360 DATE 1-3-68 ESTIMATE 7,529.00  
CONTRACTOR Tex. Lbr. Co. NO. OF FIXTURES 4  
WATER TAP REC # --- SEWER TAP REC # ---  
Frame addn. to exist. res. (2 story) 434 sq. ft.  
4-1-77 163259 replace acc. bldg. 396 sq.ft.

Building permit to Weldon Byrd for an addition - 1968

## Biography of V. A. McGee

Vernon McGee was a lawyer who bought the lot at 1520 Northwood Road for \$700 in 1936. He contracted with J.A. Boyle for "the construction of a two-story frame residence and one double frame garage" for \$5,000. Vernon and Janice McGee sold the house 5 years later for \$4,000 to Anne Metcalfe Clark.

Tuesday, June 16, 1987

Austin Ame

### **Vernon McGee, ex-newsman, dies**

Vernon A. McGee, a former newsman, legislative budget director and assistant director of the Texas Employment Commission, died Monday at age 79.

McGee worked as a staff correspondent for United Press for five years in the 1930s and for two years as executive editor of Kiplinger Publications beginning in 1948.

He helped organize the Texas Employment Commission in 1935 and served as the assistant director there until 1940 when he became the principal analyst for the U.S. Bureau of the Budget.

He was appointed the first director of the Texas State Legislative Budget Board in 1950, where he worked for 16 years and served as its consultant for five additional years.

"I've always admired his work in the state," said Garth Jones, a longtime Associated Press newsman in Austin. "I've covered him a lot, and he's always been a smooth operator. He always had answers, and he was very competent."

McGee was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Funeral services are pending at the Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Vernon A. McGee  
Austin American Statesman, June 16, 1987

**Vernon A. McGee**

Vernon A. McGee, age 79, of Austin passed away Monday.

Survivors include his wife, Cleo McGee of Austin; son, W. Gordon McGee, M.D. and his wife, Jean of El Paso; daughter, Marcia Dingle and her husband, Doyle of Arlington; sister, Elizabeth Mock and her husband, Colt of Ft. Worth; stepson, Ty Cobb of Corpus Christi, and John Patrick Cobb of Austin; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three nephews.

Memorial services, 11:00 AM, Thursday, Wilke-Amy-Clay Funeral Home, with Reverend Don Searles officiating.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Austin, 535 N. Lamar, Suite D167, Austin 78751 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 49004, Austin 78763.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amy-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Vernon A. McGee  
Austin American-Statesman, June 17, 1987

## **Biography of Edward A. Clark**

Edward A. Clark was a prominent statesman, banker and lawyer, and part of the Texas and national political scene for more than 60 years. Born in the small east Texas town of San Augustine in 1906, Clark attended Southwestern University in Georgetown for two years and received an undergraduate degree from Tulane University in 1926. He married Anne Metcalfe in 1927 and received his law degree from the University of Texas in 1928.

From 1932 until 1935, Clark served as Texas assistant attorney general. From 1935 to 1937, he served as assistant to Governor James Allred. The governor appointed Clark secretary of state in 1937. Soon after, he met Lyndon B. Johnson and the two men became close friends.

In 1938, Clark co-founded the Austin law firm of Looney & Clark, which later became Clark, Thomas, Winters & Newton. In 1948, Clark was appointed as Lyndon B. Johnson's legal counsel.

President Lyndon B. Johnson named Clark ambassador to Australia in 1965 which he served for three years. President Johnson later named him executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank and commissioner of the U. S. Pavilion at HemisFair in San Antonio. The Bank was started in 1960 by the governments of 19 Latin American countries and the United States to promote economic development of member countries.

Clark served on the U.T. System Board of Regents from 1973 to 1979 and was a life member of the University of Texas Law Foundation Board of Trustees. He was a director of the University of Texas Foundation, Inc. and chaired the committee that raised millions of dollars to restore the Ashbel Smith Building for the U.T. Medical School in Galveston. He also raised money for the LBJ Library and the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis.

In his honor, the Edward A. Clark Center for Australian Studies at U.T. was named in 1989, the Edward Clark Centennial Professorship in Law was established in 1983 and a teaching fellowship in business was endowed in 1982. He died in 1992 at the age of 86.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF EDWARD CLARK

BORN: San Augustine, Texas - July 15, 1906

WIFE: Anne Metcalfe Clark (DECEASED)

DAUGHTER: Leila Clark Wynn, Greenville, Mississippi

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES:

Senior Partner, Law Firm of Clark, Thomas, Winters & Newton  
Austin, Texas

Chairman, First National Bank, San Augustine, Texas  
Senior Chairman of the Board, Texas Commerce Bank-Austin

MEMBER OF BOARDS OF DIRECTORS:

Texas Commerce Bancshares, Inc., Houston, Texas  
Lady Bird Endowment Fund, Friends of LBJ Library, Austin, Texas  
Employers National Life and Employers Casualty Companies, Dallas, Texas  
San Benito Bank & Trust Co., San Benito, Texas  
University of Texas Law School Foundation, Austin, Texas  
Trustee, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas

HONORARY DEGREES:

LLD, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas  
D.Sc., Cleary College, Ypsilanti, Michigan

MEMBERSHIP IN FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

Fellow, American Bar Association Foundation  
Fellow, Southwestern Legal Foundation  
Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity  
Texas Philosophical Society  
Texas State Historical Association, Honorary Lifetime Member  
Sons of the Republic of Texas  
Sons of the American Revolution Council of American Ambassadors  
Knights of San Jacinto  
Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

PAST ACTIVITIES:

Assistant Attorney General of Texas, 1932-35  
Assistant to Governor Jimmy Allred, 1935-37  
Secretary of State of Texas, 1937-39  
U.S. Ambassador to Australia, 1965-68  
Federal Commissioner to HemisFair, San Antonio, 1968  
Executive Director, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C.  
Regent of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System (1973-79)  
Awarded Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal for distinguished contribution  
to Texas higher education - 1986  
Received Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award - 1991

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**CLARK, EDWARD AUBREY** (1906-1992). Edward A. Clark, lawyer, banker, and diplomat, was born on July 15, 1906, in San Augustine, Texas, to John and Lelia (Downs) Clark. He attended Southwestern University before finishing his undergraduate degree at Tulane University in New Orleans. He received a law degree in 1928 from the University of Texas. During the 1960s Southwestern University and Cleary College of Michigan awarded him honorary doctoral degrees for his philanthropic work done on behalf of the schools. Following law school, Clark served two terms as a county attorney in his hometown before moving to Austin to serve as assistant attorney general of Texas from 1932 to 1935 and assistant to Governor James Allred<sup>qv</sup> from 1935 to 1937. The governor appointed him secretary of state in 1937, when he was only thirty years old. After leaving the secretary of state's office, Clark remained in Austin and opened a private law practice with Everett Looney in December 1938. The firm eventually became Clark, Thomas and Winters, one of the most influential and successful firms in the state. Along with politics and law, Clark also had a reputation as an astute banker. He served on numerous boards and was the senior chairman of Texas Commerce Bank of Austin and the First National Bank of San Augustine. During World War II<sup>qv</sup> he was a captain in the United States Army.

For Clark, politics was always a primary interest, even after he officially left state government in 1938. He was a lobbyist and political strategist in both state and national politics. He was a mentor and advisor of vision and foresight to three generations of political leaders, including Lyndon Baines Johnson.<sup>qv</sup> Clark served as Johnson's legal counsel in 1948, when Coke Stevenson<sup>qv</sup> contested Johnson's seventy-one-vote victory in the United States Senate race. In 1965 Johnson appointed Clark United States ambassador to Australia. In 1969 Anne Clark, Edward's wife, published a book, *Australian Adventure: Letters From an Ambassador's Wife*, about their experiences. Clark was a devoted but conservative Democrat. In 1972, however, he supported John G. Tower's<sup>qv</sup> bid for the Senate. He stated that he believed "the best interests of Texas are served by having a senator from each major party. This assures us that on votes of vital interest to our state, Texans have a voice in both major parties." Despite protests from the faithful in both parties, Tower selected Clark to run his reelection campaign. Clark also supported Richard Nixon over George McGovern in the presidential election that year. Nixon appointed Clark in 1974 to the General Advisory Committee of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. In another departure from the Democratic fold in 1984, Clark served on a statewide nonpartisan steering committee to reelect Ronald Reagan.

His civic and community activities included serving on the board of regents of the University of Texas System<sup>qv</sup> from 1973 to 1979 and for many years as a trustee of both Southwestern University and the University of Texas Law Foundation. From 1983 to 1985, Clark served as president of the Texas State Historical Association.<sup>qv</sup> He was a fund-raiser extraordinaire for projects that benefited higher education and preservation of the Texas historical heritage. He was one of the first to recognize the need for a complete revision of the *Handbook of Texas* and served as chairman of the

development committee for the revision project. In addition to his efforts for the *Handbook*, he was instrumental in raising funds for Southwestern University, the University of Texas Medical Branch, and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library.<sup>qv</sup> He also organized the effort to finance construction of the State Bar of Texas<sup>qv</sup> headquarters and raised funds to purchase the telescope at the University of Texas McDonald Observatory.<sup>qv</sup> Clark's love of Texas history extended into his private life as well. He and his wife, Anne Metcalf Clark, whom he married on December 28, 1927, restored and maintained a home, Saddlefork Farm, in San Augustine. The couple's interest in the Southwest led them to acquire an extensive 7,000-volume Texana collection, which they subsequently donated to Southwestern University.

Among the many honors bestowed on Ambassador Clark was the Ima Hogg<sup>qv</sup> Historical Achievement Award. In 1967 the University of Texas Ex-Students' Association named him a distinguished alumnus. Twenty years later the University of Texas Law Alumni Association gave him the Outstanding Alumnus Award. The Edward Clark Centennial Professorship in Law was established at UT in his honor as well. Edward and Anne Clark were also awarded the Mirabeau B. Lamar<sup>qv</sup> Medal for Distinguished Contribution to Higher Education in recognition of their hard work and dedication to various schools in the state. Clark was a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, the Knights of the Order of San Jacinto, the Sons of the Republic of Texas,<sup>qv</sup> Kappa Sigma, and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. He was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin. He died on September 16, 1992, in Austin.

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*Jon P. Newton*



Paul Bolton

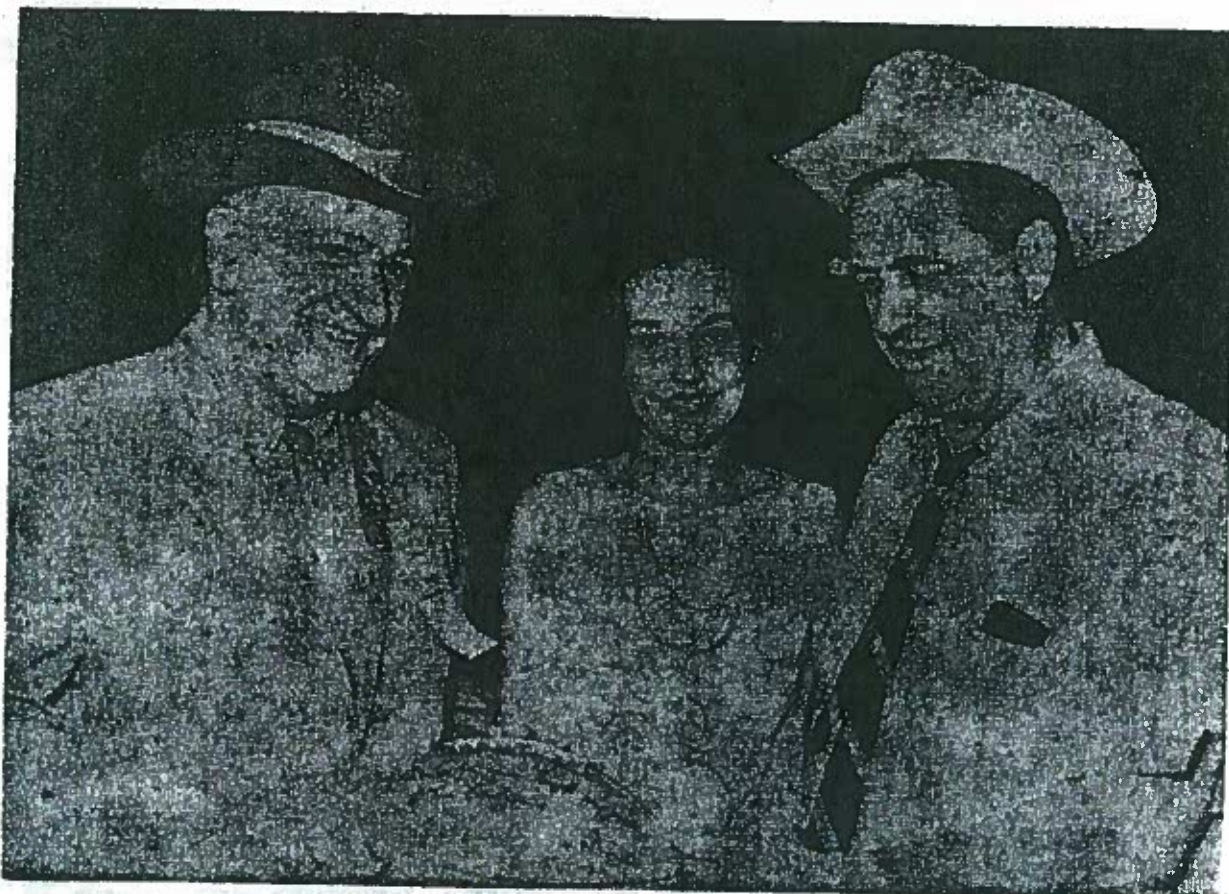


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# COMMERCE



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### *Austinites in Washington*

Edward Clark (left), newly appointed United States Ambassador to Australia, and Congressman J. J. Pickle (right) admire football won as a prize by Mrs. Martha Farmer Smith (center) at barbecue of Texas State Society of Washington.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Barney E. Farmer of Austin. The football was donated and autographed for the occasion by Darrell Royal, University of Texas football coach.

## Austin Personalities

**By Aleck Sakowitz**



445 HOBBIES ARE  
WILD GAME HUNTING-  
IN MEXICO - GOLF-  
FISHING AND RODEOS  
- HE WAS BORN AND  
EDUCATED IN SAN-  
AUGUSTINE, TEX. - HE  
ATTENDED ALLEN MIL-  
ACADEMY - SOUTHWEST-  
ERN UNIV. - TULANE UNIV.  
(A.B.) - UNIV. TEXAS (LL.B.)  
- HE IS A MEMBER OF  
KAPPA SIGMA - PHI DELTA  
PHI (HON.) - TEXAS NATL.  
GUARD (CAPT.) - AUSTIN  
COUNTRY CLUB.

HIS BOYHOOD AMBITION  
WAS TO BE A DOCTOR  
- HE WAS COUNTY  
ATTORNEY FOR SAN  
AUGUSTINE COUNTY  
1929-1932 - HE WAS  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL OF TEXAS.  
(1932-1935)

HE IS AN ATTORNEY - MEMBER OF THE FIRM LOONEY AND CLARK - ADMITTED TO BAR IN 1928 - HE WAS PRIVATE SECY TO GOVERNOR STATE OF TEXAS (JAMES V. ALLRED) - HE WAS LATER APPOINTED SECY OF STATE - HE IS A MEMBER OF TRAVIS COUNTY - TEX. CAMER. BAR ASSNS.

HIS FIRST JOB AS A BOY WAS DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS ON A HORSE — HE DEALT IN LIVESTOCK AS A YOUNG MAN — HE HAS ONE DAUGHTER — LELIA DOWNS.

# Edward Clark

*American*  
*March 27, 1968*

## Bank, HemisFair Posts Go to Clark

Austin's Edward Clark has been named executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank and commissioner of the US pavilion at HemisFair in San Antonio.

President Johnson named the former American ambassador to Australia to the two new jobs this week.

The bank was started in 1960 by the governments of 19 Latin American countries and the United States to promote economic development of member countries.

As US commissioner at HemisFair, Clark will officiate at the opening of the federal pavilion, act as host to visiting dignitaries and supervise the information staff.

Clark has made several trips to Latin America recently for the State Department and for the Department of Agriculture.

Clark served as ambassador to Australia from August, 1965, until February, 1968.

The new appointments are both subject to Senate confirmation.

Apparently the post as director of the Inter-American Development Bank is not a full-time job, as the directors' board meets four or five times a year.

George Christian, White House press secretary, said the job as commissioner to

HemisFair pays \$28,000 a year. If confirmed, Clark would receive a part of that amount for his service from the beginning of the fair in April to its end next October, according to the White House.

The White House said Clark will succeed W. True Davis as executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank. Davis resigned to return to private life in Missouri.

Clark has been engaged in private law practice in Austin since the end of his service as ambassador to Australia.

*"The Alcalde", - January - February, 1979*

EDWARD A. CLARK, 27-28. Austin, was appointed chairman of the advisory council of the UT Institute of Texan Cultures.

Like "Daily Sedan" - January 30, 1979

## Investment expert

# Clark enriched Board of Regents

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series on the outgoing members of the University Board of Regents.

By PHILIP BRASHER

Daily Texas Star

The University is a little richer for having Ed Clark on the Board of Regents — literally.

Clark knows how to make money and for six years on the board, say University watchers, he has done just that.

In 1973, Gov. Preston Smith placed Clark and his investments expertise on the board and Clark made one of the world's richest universities even richer.

The board is losing that expertise as Clark and fellow Smith appointees James Bauerle and Chairman Allan Shivers are leaving the board when their replacements are confirmed in mid-February.

Clark, 72, strikes visitors to his quaint law office as a somewhat bumpkinish old gentleman who could well be an East Texas country lawyer, which in fact he was.

BUT THE WEALTHY Clark is described by those who know him as a shrewd businessman who knows his way around money and those who have it. Because of that, Clark's departure will be a great loss to the board, observers have said.

Clark sits on the boards of five banks, including Texas Commerce Bancshares, which is one of Texas' largest with 39 branches.

Clark boasts of his ability to raise money — lots of it. He particularly likes to tell visitors about the time he

raised \$2.4 million for Lady Bird Johnson and the LBJ Library. He had set a goal of \$1 million.

HE ADDS WITH a smile that his wife told him that if didn't stop asking people for money she eventually would have to hire pallbearers.

And Clark also doesn't appear bashful about his efforts as a University regent.

"Every recommendation I made to the Board of Regents was adopted, he said. "My effort was made mostly in business transactions — lands, funds and investments. I concentrated in the area where I had more expertise."

Noting the University has \$1.2 billion (the Permanent University Fund) invested in stocks and bonds, Clark said, "Man, that's a big responsibility.

"WE'VE HAD GOOD advisers. If you can find any better, go get them. I didn't go to the board unless I had their unanimous decision.

"The revenue also went up under my plan," Clark said, adding that "Nobody but the University ever saw a cent of it."

Clark said he didn't want to leave the board. Observers said he lobbied to stay, but Clark denies it.

"I've never spoken to the governor," he said. "I've enjoyed the work" and, he adds jestingly, "I've enjoyed the pay." (Regents are not paid.)

"I think it's a good time to quit when you're a winner."

Money in general, and the Available University Fund in particular, will be the most important issues for the University in the next few years, Clark said.

The AUF, which is divided among the University and Texas A&M, is the interest from the Permanent University Fund. There have been moves in the Legislature to divide it up among all colleges and universities in the state.

But, all higher education in the state will suffer if it is split up, Clark said.

"WHEN YOU TAKE it away from UT and A&M their quality will diminish," he said. "It would not be enough to bring the others up."

However, Clark said he is optimistic that the money will be left alone.

Whatever support it receives, the University could learn something from private colleges, many of which are in severe financial straits, he said.

"State schools could find out something from the value received by the private schools," he said. "Man, they squeeze out the last drop. They just have to be very frugal."

Clark said he is looking forward to the extra time he said he will now have but said he intends to keep raising money for the University.

HE SPENT 75 percent of his time the past six years with regental work, he said. (The other 25 percent he "mostly frittered away.")

"I intend to play real hard and every once and a while hit a home run."

Pounding his fist on the chair, the jovial Clark adds, "If anybody asks me about the University, I'll say 'halloheja,' we're doing well."

WEDNESDAY: Allan Shivers

# Statesman, former Regent Edward Clark dies at 86

By Erin Blair

Former University of Texas System Regent Edward A. Clark, a former ambassador to Australia and Texas secretary of state, died Sept. 17 in Austin. He was 86.

Clark attended Southwestern University in Georgetown for two years and received an undergraduate degree from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1926.

He received his law degree from The University of Texas in 1928.

From 1932 to 1935, Clark served as Texas assistant attorney general and from 1935 to 1937 as assistant to Gov. James



## Obituary

Allred. He then was appointed Texas secretary of state in 1937.

In 1938 he co-founded the Austin law firm of Looney & Clark, which later became Clark, Thomas, Winters & Newton.

President Lyndon B. Johnson named him ambassador to Australia in 1965 and in 1968 he was named executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank. He also served on the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Committee.

Clark served on the UT System Board of Regents from 1973 to 1979 and was a life member of the University of Texas Law Foundation Board of Trustees. He was a life member of the UT Ex-Students' Association and a member of the University's Development Board, President's Associates and

### Chancellor's Council.

Clark was a past director of The University of Texas Foundation, Inc. and chaired the committee that raised \$8 million to restore the Ashbel Smith Building for the UT Medical School in Galveston. He co-chaired a \$2 million campaign for the Lady Bird Johnson Fund to purchase the telescope at the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis.

In his honor, the Edward A. Clark Center for Australian Studies at the University was named in 1989; the Edward Clark Centennial Professorship in Law was established in 1983 and a teaching fellowship in business at UT was endowed in 1982. Clark was responsible for bringing the Harold E. Mertz Collection of Australian Art to the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center in 1972.

He received the Mirabeau B. Lamar

Medal for Distinguished Contribution to Higher Education, the Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award, the Texas Exes' Distinguished Alumnus Award and the UT Law Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus Award, and was an honorary lifetime member of the Texas State Historical Association.

Clark served as president and chairman of the First National Bank in San Augustine, the town where he was born, and as senior chairman of the board of Texas Commerce Bank-Austin. He also sat on the boards of the San Benito Bank & Trust Company; Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. of Houston; and Employers' National Life Insurance Company and Employers' Casualty Insurance Company, both of Dallas.

He is survived by his daughter, Leila Clark Wynn of Greenville, Miss.; his sister, Kathleen Clark Fisher of Beaumont; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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## Deaths and funerals

### Edward A. Clark

Ambassador Edward A. Clark, age 88, of Austin died Wednesday, September 16, 1992.

An attorney, businessman, political strategist and public citizen, Ambassador Edward A. Clark was one of the most influential Texans of his time. His professional and philanthropic achievements brought him national stature, and his intelligence, wit, and generosity will long be remembered by the many who valued his friendship.

He was born on July 15, 1906 in San Augustine, Texas, the third child of John and Lella Downs Clark, both descendants of distinguished Texas pioneer families. He attended Southwestern University in Georgetown for two years and received an undergraduate degree from Tulane University in 1925 and a law degree from the University of Texas in 1928. In 1927 he married Anne Metcalfe Clark, whom he met while both were students in New Orleans.

Ambassador Clark began his legal career by winning election as District Attorney of San Augustine County. In 1933 the Clarks moved to Austin, where he served as Assistant Attorney General of Texas from 1933-1935 and Assistant to Governor James Alfred from 1935-1937. He was appointed Texas Secretary of State in 1937 when he was 30 years old.

In December 1938, Edward Clark and Everett Looney set up the law offices of Looney & Clark in downtown Austin. Largely through Clark's leadership, the organization has grown and prospered over the last half century. Today the firm of Clark, Thomas, Winters & Newton is comprised of over 80 attorneys and is widely recognized as one of the top law firms in the Southwest. Ambassador Clark was a senior partner in the firm at the time of his death.

Clark maintained extensive interests in the banking industry, serving as President and Chairman of the First National Bank in San Augustine and as Senior Chairman of the Board of Texas Commerce Bank-Austin (formerly the Capital National Bank of Austin). He sat on the governing boards of many financial institutions, among them the Sea Bealito Bank & Trust Company, Texas Commerce Bancshares, Inc., Houston, and Employers' National Life Insurance Company and Employers' Casualty Insurance Company, both of Dallas.

A man of tremendous vision and foresight, Ambassador Clark was mentor and advisor to three generations of political leaders, and his influence on the career of President Lyndon B. Johnson is legendary. President Johnson named him Ambassador to Australia in 1968, a position he filled with style and enthusiasm. Australians still remember him as the best American ambassador their country has ever had. On his return to the states he was appointed Federal Commissioner to the 1968 HemisFair in San Antonio.

Throughout his life Ambassador Clark lent his talents to a wide range of civic and community institutions, and he and Mrs. Clark shared a strong commitment to higher education. He served on the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System from 1972-78, and for many years was a Trustee of both Southwestern University in Georgetown and the University of Texas Law Foundation. He was a Life Member of the UT Ex-Students' Association, and a member of the University's Development Board, President's Associates and Chancellor's Council. He was also past Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Institute of Texas Cultures Development Board and a past Director of the University of Texas Foundation, Inc. He also served on the Board of Trustees of St. Stephen's Episcopal School.

In a national capacity he was named American Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. In 1963, served on the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Committee, and was a Captain in the United States Army during World War II.

His fundraising abilities were extraordinary. He was instrumental in raising over \$6 million for Southwestern University; chaired the committee which raised \$8 million to restore the Ashbel Smith Building for the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston; co-chaired a \$3 million dollar campaign for the Lady Bird Johnson Fund to benefit the LBJ Library; organized the effort to finance construction of the State Bar of Texas headquarters; and raised funds to purchase the telescope at the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis. He was

also chairman of the committee to raise funds for the revision of the Handbook of Texas for the Texas State Historical Association.

Ambassador Clark took great pride in his heritage, and pursued a lifelong interest in the history and culture of the Southwest. The Ambassador was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Texas State Historical Association, and belonged to the Texas Philological Society, the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Knights of San Jacinto. The Clarks welcomed many visitors to Straddlesfork Farm, a historic structure they restored and maintained in San Augustine. They donated their priceless 34,000-volume collection of Texas to Southwestern University in 1963.

The Ambassador was a fellow of both the American Bar Association Foundation and the Southwest Legal Foundation, and a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. He attended Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin and Christ's Church in San Augustine.

He and Mrs. Clark received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal for Distinguished Contribution to Higher Education. Ambassador Clark received the Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Texas Ex-Students' Association, and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Texas Law Alumni Association. He held honorary degrees from Southwestern University and Cleary College in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The Edward Clark Centennial Professorship in Law was established at the University of Texas to his honor, and he received many other tributes.

The Ambassador was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Anne Metcalfe Clark. He is survived by his daughter, Lella Clark Wynn of Greenville, Mississippi; sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen Clark Fisher and Judge Joe J. Fisher of Beaumont; grandchildren, Anne Wynn Weisinger of Rolling Fork, Mississippi; Martha Wynn Weisinger of Greenville, Mississippi; and Margaret Wynn and William T. Wynn, both of Jackson, Mississippi; five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 PM Thursday, in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd with the Reverend Everett H. Cain Jr. officiating. Services will be held in San Augustine, Texas at 2:00 PM Friday, in the Christ Episcopal Church. Burial will be in the San Augustine City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Christ Episcopal Church, or a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 432-0811.

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# Texas statesman Edward Clark dies

## His political expertise spanned 60 years



Edward A. Clark, former ambassador to Australia and Texas secretary of state, died Wednesday.

By Michelle Keldin  
American-Statesman Staff

Prominent statesman, banker and lawyer Edward A. Clark — a part of the Texas and national political scene for more than 60 years — died Wednesday of heart failure at St. David's Hospital. He was 86.

A memorial service for Clark — former ambassador to Australia and Texas secretary of state — will be at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. today. A second service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Christ Episcopal Church in San Augustine.

Clark will be buried in San Augustine, the small East Texas town where he was born in 1906.

"I'll remember him as a man with good common sense, genuine compassion," said George Christian, White House press secretary

under President Lyndon B. Johnson. "He was a loyal, outstanding lawyer. He had a rich, filling life. He touched so many lives."

U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle said of Clark, "No one shaped Texas civic, business or political action more than this man. I could rely on his friendship as I could depend on the rising sun. I have lost my second father."

Clark attended Southwestern University in Georgetown for two years and received an undergraduate degree from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1928. He married Anne Metcalfe in 1927 and received his law degree from the University of Texas in 1928.

From 1932 to 1935, Clark served as Texas assistant attorney general and from 1935 to 1937 as assistant to Gov. James Allred. He was

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# Former statesman, lawyer Clark dies of heart failure

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then appointed Texas secretary of state in 1937 at age 30.

During the next quarter century, Clark co-founded the Austin law firm of Looney & Clark, served as a captain in the U.S. Army in World War II and was chairman of the board of Texas Commerce Bank.

The law firm later became Clark, Thomas, Whittier & Newton.

"He was an uncommon man in his commitment to his friends," said Jon Newton, one of Clark's law partners and former Texas railroad commissioner. "He had a strong vision. He represented some of the most powerful corporations."

In 1968, Johnson named Clark ambassador to Australia.

"President Johnson appointed him because he wanted someone in Australia he was particularly close to," Christian said. "He became, almost overnight, a well-known figure in that country. Clark demonstrated then that he was a lot more than a Texas lawyer."

Former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough said that as ambassador, Clark "was talked about all over Australia."

"Ed Clark was such a stunning success as ambassador to Australia that his name has become synonymous with the word ambassador in Texas," Yarborough said.

"Australians have the fondest memories of him and the particular Texas style he brought to the U.S. Embassy in Canberra," said



Laura Wilson, spokeswoman for the Embassy of Australia in Washington, D.C. "He is still remembered for his many efforts to forge close relations between our two countries."

Clark became an executive director of the Latin American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., in 1968 and was part of the Arms Control and Disarmament

Agency committees.

He had a keen interest in higher education. He served six years as a University of Texas System regent and a trustee at both Southwestern University in Georgetown and the University of Texas Law School Foundation.

He raised millions of dollars for both UT and Southwestern.

"Ambassador Clark was a great

supporter of the University of Texas System," said UT System Chancellor William Cunningham. "His commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy and his engaging sense of humor helped to make him one of the state's most influential leaders."

"His understanding of Texas and particularly the needs of higher education made him an invaluable resource to the university and to the higher education community," Cunningham said.

Proud of Texas history, Clark was an honorary lifetime member of the Texas State Historical Association. "He was one of the most active members of our association. He deeply cared about Texas history," said Ron Tyler, head of the

association.

"We know the state as well that his advice would always be considered in the broader sense," Tyler said.

Clark and his wife donated a priceless 24,000 volume collection of Texas to Southwestern in 1963.

In addition to other tributes, the Edward Clark Centennial Fund, established in Law at UT, was established.

Clark is survived by a daughter, Lela Clark Wynn of Greenville, Miss., his sister, Kathleen Clark Fisher, and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

West-Cotney Funeral Home of Austin is handling the services.

"Houston Chronicle," Sunday, October 26, 1969

## Anne Clark—Texas Cinderella on a Golden Diplomatic Coach

**AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE.** Letters from an Ambassador's Wife, by Anne Clark, University of Texas Press, \$7.50.

These letters from Anne Clark to relatives and friends in America constitute an intriguing historical record. As the wife of an active and enthusiastic ambassador of Lyndon Johnson to Australia, Mrs. Clark rediscovers humor and candor. The Clarks were the only non-career members of the Canberra diplomatic corps. They would have been quite lost without the competent and willing assistance of the DCM—the Deputy Chief of Mission, a U.S. career officer.

Of course, the Australia Mrs. Clark explored is not the same thousands of American servicemen came to know during World War II.

The 2½ years of the Clark mission to Australia were in no way comparable to the post-Pearl Harbor period which transformed the island continent into a formidable and dedicated bastion of the West. Mrs. Clark's Australia is basking in the wondrous glow of peace and prosperity, a non-war world that is slowly and almost gracefully submitting to the American century. Repeatedly Mrs. Clark points to the growing U.S. investments in Australia, both in industry and agriculture.

One of her letters describes the visit to Australia by Sen. and Mrs. Ralph Yarborough in 1966. Mrs. Yarborough was "really the first old friend who has been here. Our families have been friends since 1930 when we all arrived in Austin from the country for Ed and Ralph to join Attorney General Jimmie Alfred's staff as eager young assistants...."

Mrs. Clark thinks of herself throughout as a Texas Cinderella for whom, in the epilogue to her book, "the golden coach is a pumpkin again."

However, while riding that golden coach, Mrs. Clark on her own and at the side of her favorite ambassador, covered an enviable amount of territory.

Some of the letters are written with a tongue-in-cheek twinkle, particularly those addressed to the late Allen Duckworth, political writer for the Dallas Morning News. About two months after her arrival in Canberra, Mrs. Clark confided to Duckworth, "You know, I was a little mad at the Dallas Morning News before I left because of

its far right leanings, but now I am so homesick for a bulky American Sunday newspaper that I have recanted everything I said."

Mrs. Clark took special pride in "pulling out on many blue Sundays to represent our country, in God's House as well as the Statehouse. Several previous ambassadors had personal reasons for never attending any church." By contrast, Ambassador Clark on a number of occasions mounted the pulpit himself with the

theme of "Ambassador Chains" from Ephesians.

In all, Mrs. Clark's letters are as revealing as they are refreshing. Her Australian adventure cannot — and should not — be isolated from Lyndon Johnson's larger vision of a world seemingly trapped in its own irrespressible complexities. This alone endows Mrs. Clark's book with prodigious potential for those historians who are seriously researching the not inconceivable Texas base of Johnson's diplomacy.—NATHAN BROCH

*"Austin Business - State University" - Monday, January 1, 1991*

## Services today for Anne Clark, ex-college regent

Funeral services are scheduled today for Anne Metcalfe Clark, a former member of the Board of Regents for the Texas State University System and the wife of Ed Clark, former U.S. ambassador to Australia.

Clark, 79, died Saturday. Services will be at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin at 10 a.m. today. Burial will be in the St. Augustine City Cemetery in St. Augustine.

Anne Clark, who graduated from the University of Texas, was a member of the Board of Regents for the Texas State University System from 1971 until 1983. The board presides over four Texas state universities including Southwest Texas State in San Marcos.

She was the author of two books, one on her experiences in Australia from 1965 to 1968 when her husband was ambassador there, and the second on historical buildings in St. Augustine. Ed Clark, a senior partner in the law firm of Clark, Thomas, Winters and Newton, was raised in St. Augustine and owns a ranch there.

"She wrote a book called *Australian Adventure*," said U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle, a longtime friend of the Clarks. "Her book has more insight and charm about Australia



University of Texas graduate Anne Metcalfe Clark was a member of the Board of Regents for the Texas State University System from 1971 until 1983.

than anything I have ever read."

Pickle described Anne Clark as "the perfect wife and partner through 60 years of political involvement."

"She was a classy, well-read, well-mannered, genteel woman, who had a great sense of humor," Pickle said. "She was a lively conversationalist. She was a very learned person."

Marjory Price, a friend of Anne Clark for more than 45 years, said the woman had an "incredible knowledge of a lot of different subjects."

Pickle said Anne Clark and Lady Bird Johnson developed a close friendship when Ed Clark and Lyndon Baines Johnson became friends. Johnson appointed Clark as ambassador to Australia.

Maggie Wynn, Anne Clark's granddaughter, said it is her grandmother's "companionship, advice and love," that she will miss most.

"She was the most generous giving person, and she always thought of others first," Wynn said. "She always spoke her mind and she always told the truth."

## William W. Byrd

William, or Weldon, Byrd and his wife, Rose Spacek Byrd, bought the house in 1951 and lived there for the next 47 years. William was employed by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Rose is the aunt of actress Sissy Spacek and still lives in Austin.



**William Weldon Byrd**

William Weldon Byrd, a resident of Austin for 49 years, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2000. He was born on December 20, 1915 in Hewitt, Texas to the late Ethel Ree Chapman Byrd and Roy Ward Byrd. He married Rhoe Spacek of Granger, Texas on June 2, 1940, whom he met at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas when she was a freshman and he was a junior.

Weldon graduated from Waco High School in 1933 and graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown in 1937 with a B.A. Degree in chemistry. While attending Southwestern, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity, served on the Student Senate and was student assistant in Chemistry and English Literature. He played End for the "Pirates," the Southwestern University football team and won his football letter and was initiated into the "S" Association. Each May former football players and their wives met in La Grange, Texas for barbecue, socializing and reminiscing. Weldon always looked forward to this occasion.

After being accepted to Baylor Medical School, in Dallas, Mr. Byrd opted instead to attend Texas A & M in College Station, Texas where he received a Master's Degree in Agronomy and Vocational Agriculture in 1941.

He taught Chemistry, Biology and General Science and coached football at Sharp High School in Sharp, Texas and at A & M Consolidated High in College Station. After graduating from Texas A&M college he taught Vocational Agriculture at Bynum High School, Bynum, Texas and coached the girl's volleyball team. He was successful in having winning teams in both football and volleyball.

Most of his career was spent as a Federal Government Employee with the Soil Conservation Service, first in Waco, Texas. He was instrumental in opening and heading the Federal Soil Conservation Offices in Round Rock, San Antonio, and Austin, Texas. He retired from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service as a District Conservationist on February 23, 1974 at which time the United States Department of Agriculture awarded him a plaque in recognition of his 30 years of service for his loyalty, integrity and outstanding service as a Federal employee and for his outstanding public relations work with local people and those connected with the State Government in Austin. Weldon had been recognized with numerous honors during his career. He had a wonderful sense of humor and the ability to enjoy life with his family, friends and co-workers. He promoted exercise and was a dedicated walker for 46 years and could be seen walking the streets in West Austin and Tarrytown each early morning. Weldon loved sports and was an avid supporter of his son's Little League Baseball teams and Austin High Basketball teams and his daughter's accordion school recitals. He never missed his grandchildren's Reed Swim Team meets. He was a lifetime Methodist, joining the Hewitt Methodist Church, Hewitt, Texas as a child. His mother was the church pianist for many years and also taught the young couples Sunday School Class. Weldon was a member of the University United Methodist church where he served on the Administration Board for several years, prior to that on church boards in Round Rock and San Antonio, Texas.

He was a charter member and served on the Board of Directors of Westwood Country Club. He also enjoyed his membership in the Austin Club for 28 years. He was a member of the "Squires", The Knife and Fork Club of Austin, First Friday Austin Club Supper Club and Fourth Wednesday Supper Club. He was a member of the Round Rock Masonic Lodge #227 and in 1986 was honored with an impressive ceremony receiving his 50 year gold membership pin. He worked with the Travis County Live Stock Show for many years, serving as superintendent of F.F.A. Youth and 4H Club division even after retirement.

A true Texan, he loved the land and was involved in the farming business until his death. In spite of his failing health during his last three years, he maintained his dignity, strength and humor. Weldon was a beloved and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors are his loving wife Rose; son Weldon Chapman Byrd and wife Barbara of Austin; daughter, Judith Byrd Burnette and husband Dr. W. Neal Burnette III of Westlake Village, California; grandchildren, Mark Byrd of Austin, Brandy Byrd Gerdes of Georgetown, Texas, Brittany Byrd of Austin, Rosemary Byrd Burnette McCullough of New York City, New York and Ashlee Madeleine Burnette of Fort Worth, Texas; brother Roy Byrd and wife Doris of Fort Noxah, Texas; sister Nellie Byrd Reed and husband Thomas of Marianna, Arkansas; brother-in-law R. A. Spack of Charlottesville, Virginia; sister-in-law Maurine Spack of Longview, Texas and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends are invited to join his family at a memorial service celebrating his life on Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 P.M. in the Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel and afterwards at a reception at the Summit at Westlake Hills, 1806 Liberty Park Drive, Austin.

Desired, memorials may be made to

the University United Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe St. Austin, 78706 or the charity of your choice.

The family wishes to acknowledge their gratitude to Weldon's friends for their prayers, visits, concerns and help during his extended illness and to the Waterloo Renal Dialysis Center staff on North Lamar and to the Summit at Westlake Hills Health Care nurses and staff. Special appreciation for the care all his many physicians gave him for almost three years.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-9811.

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## **Biographies of Holmes and Joan Gwynn**

Holmes Gwynn, with his first wife, Jane, purchased this house in late 1998 from Rose and William Byrd. The Byrds were interested in finding a buyer that would appreciate the tradition of the house. The house was in need of remodeling to bring it up to date. Regarding the front of the house old windows that were once operated with ropes but were painted shut over the years were replaced with modern wooden windows that retained the same look. Expansion of the house was made in the back and upward with the addition of second floor rooms on top of existing construction.

Holmes's first wife of 33 years passed away in the house on March 5, 2001, of ovarian cancer. She had personally designed the new kitchen but never got to cook or entertain in it. Jane was 59 when she passed away. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She was a librarian in the Brooklyn Public Library system. The Gwynn's raised two children, Rebecca and Paul. Rebecca now lives in the Phoenix, AZ area with her husband, Bob, and grand-daughter, Shayna Watts (17). Paul lives in the Atlanta, GA area with his wife and two other grandchildren, Christopher (7) and Catherine Jane (5).

In 1965 Holmes earned a BS (mathematics) degree from Monmouth University, in W. Long Branch, NJ, and began a career as a casualty actuary earning designations in the Casualty Actuarial Society and the American Academy of Actuaries. With a strong insurance company background he was hired in 1996 by the Texas Dept of Insurance to finish his career as an insurance solvency regulator, reviewing domestic insurance companies to be sure they had adequate reserves to pay claims, as well as several special projects regarding runoffs or rehabilitations of insurance companies. Holmes has had papers published in actuarial journals and has made a number of presentations at actuarial meetings.

Historically, Holmes' grandfather fought in Cuba in the Spanish American war with Teddy Roosevelt. He returned home to marry my grandmother, Moselle Hayes, and got his law degree and opened an office (Sheldon & Gwynn) at 44 Wall St., NYC in October, 1898. Their first child was my father Marion Hayes Gwynn. Marion was designated as a Professional Chemical Engineer winning honors for some of his innovative methods. In his 40's he found religion and pursued the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, a goal he ultimately achieved and served in Keansburg, NJ, where he and my mother became beloved

members of the community. He retired after 11 years at age 76 to finish writing his theological book, Scribe's Treasure. Marion had a brother, Colonel Charles Gwynn who was an adjutant to General McArthur in WW2. Charles passed away in 1998 and is buried in Arlington Nat'l Cemetery. He and his family lived, for a short time, just one block away on Mohle Rd after the end of WW2.

In October, 2003 Holmes married Joan who moved to Austin in 1976 from Long Island. Joan had four children. The youngest, Billy, has recently joined the US Army and is temporarily stationed at Fort Knox. His three older sisters (Joy, Anne, and Julia) all have children of their own. Joan has seven grandchildren. While raising children Joan was able to get her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, and gained recognition as a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) (by examination). Joan is employed by the Farmers Insurance Group as an underwriter.

The one claim to Texas is that of being a distant relative to Jim Bowie. The Bowies and the Gwynns have been connected in a book, Across the Years in Prince George's County, by Holmes's great-aunt Effie Gwynn Bowie, first published in 1947.

