

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2010-0003

HLC DATE:

February 22, 2010

ZAP DATE:

April 6, 2010

APPLICANTS: Dean and Andrea McWilliams, owners

HISTORIC NAME: Fitzgerald-Upchurch-Wilkerson House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1710 Windsor Road

ZONING FROM: SF-2 to SF-2-H

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-2) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-2-H) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence, standard lot (SF-2) district to family residence, standard lot – Historic Landmark (SF-2-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 5-0 (Kleon and Rosato absent).

ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION: Did not recommend the proposed zoning change from family residence, standard lot (SF-2) district to family residence, standard lot – Historic Landmark (SF-2-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: April 29, 2010

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Old Enfield Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Architecture:

Two-story rectangular-plan side-gabled brick house with Colonial Revival and Italian Renaissance Revival details. The principal entry is in the right bay of the principal façade, which is projecting with a flat roof and framed with quoins; the entry itself is framed with a flat portico ornamented with a cartouche and garlands. Fenestration on the first floor of the house consists of single Colonial Revival-styled 6:6 windows with a keystone above; on the second floor, the windows are paired, with a 4:4 pane configuration. The left bay of the principal façade contains a single-

leaf glazed door framed with sidelights on the first floor and a projecting three-sided bay window above.

Historical Associations:

The house was built in 1926 for Col. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, a prominent Austin and Dallas newspaperman, and his wife, Donna. The Fitzgeralds had moved to Austin in 1921, when Hugh Fitzgerald became the political and chief editorial writer for the Austin American and Austin Statesman, a position he held until his death in 1936. Fitzgerald, born in South Carolina in 1857, spent his early years in Dallas, and went to work for the Dallas News. In the 1870s, he became the managing editor of the Dallas News, and was one of the youngest managing editors of a major newspaper in the country. He went on to become the editor of the Fort Worth Record, then became the owner, editor, and publisher of the Wichita Falls Record-News before moving to Austin. He is listed in the 1920 U.S. Census report as living in Fort Worth, where he was a newspaper editor. He was listed as a widower, and apparently lived in a hotel on W. 5th Street there. By 1930, according to the census report, he had married his wife Donna, who was 29 years his junior. The 1930 census report shows the couple living in this house in Austin, which is listed as being worth \$25,000. Hugh Fitzgerald was then 69; Donna Fitzgerald was then 40, and had been born in Texas. He is listed as an editorial writer for a newspaper; she had no occupation listed. While in Austin, he continued to be very active in political circles; his portrait was hung on the State Senate walls in 1931 in recognition of his contributions to Texas journalism and politics. A year after his death in 1936, his widow sold the house to Fred and Alice Gray Upchurch.

Fred Upchurch grew up in Corsicana, Texas, where he practiced law and served as the city's attorney. He and his wife Alice moved to Austin when he accepted a position as an assistant State Attorney General, and he handled oil, gas, and public utility litigation for the Texas Railroad Commission. After World War II, he became a federal attorney, then engaged in private practice in Austin before returning to Corsicana in 1963. His wife, Alice Gray Upchurch, a native of San Saba, Texas, was a noted Texas historian, and wrote several important county histories. The Upchurches sold the house in 1956 to Louis Scott Wilkerson and his wife, Florence.

Louis Scott Wilkerson was born in Beaumont, but grew up in Austin, and graduated from the Harvard University School of Law in 1936. He was the assistant Texas Secretary of State in the 1950s, then engaged in a private law practice until his death in 1987. Florence Benson Wilkerson, an Austin native, was the daughter of Walter and Florence Benson, who owned the Benson Publishing Company, one of the state's largest publishers of school texts. After her father's death, Florence and her brother Walter, Jr., took over the business. She sold the house in 2001 to the current owners, Dean and Andrea McWilliams, who founded McWilliams and Associates, a governmental affairs consulting firm.

PARCEL NO.: 01120205020000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 21, Outlots 7 and 8, Division Z, and the adjacent 5 feet of the alley, Enfield "B"

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$24,046 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$3,708 (capped).

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,762,079

PRESENT USE: Single family residence.

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNERS: Dean and Andrea McWilliams

DATE BUILT: ca. 1926

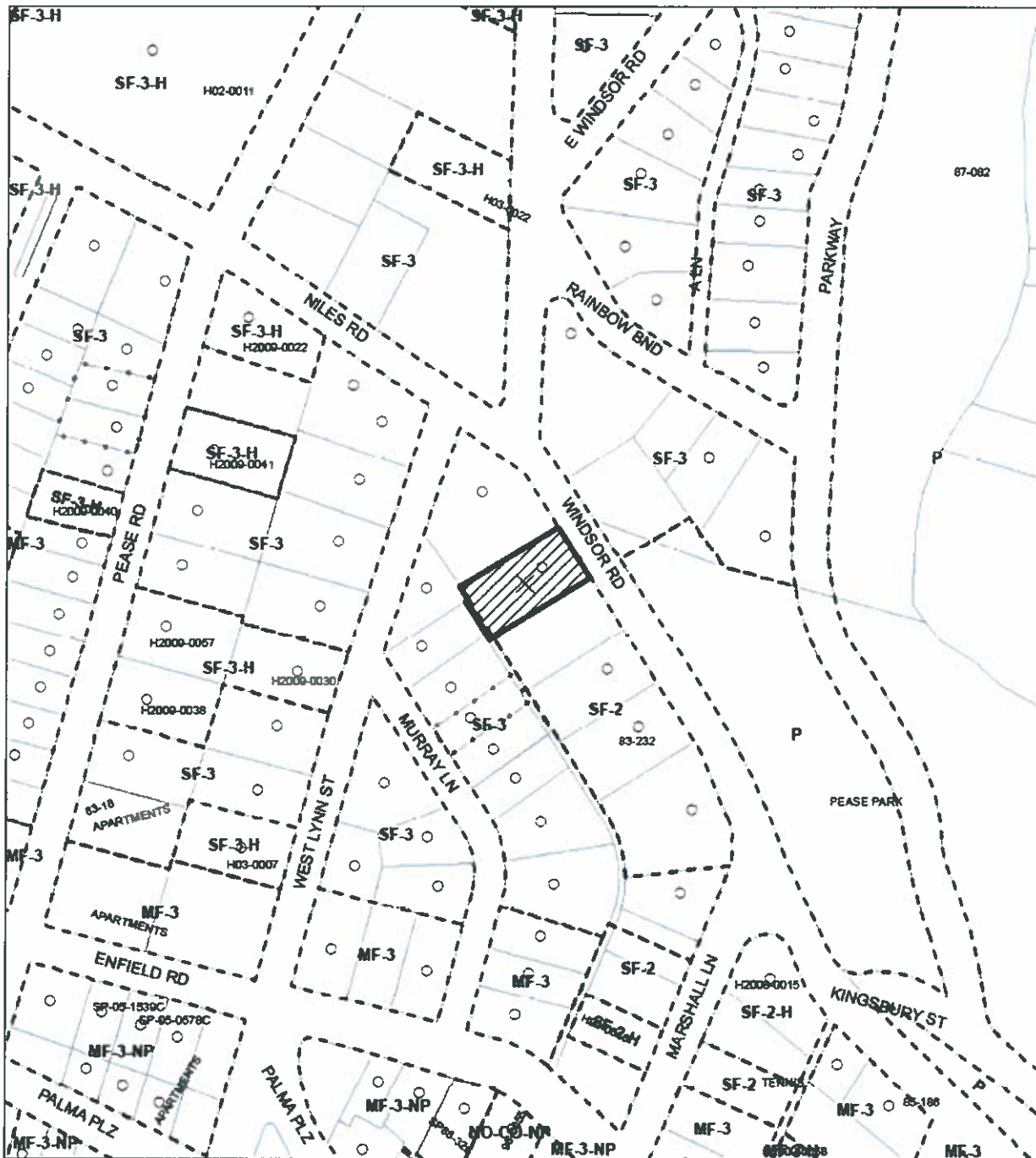
ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: An addition, including a covered passageway and carport, was built in 1969. A portion of the second-story balcony on the rear of the house was enclosed in 2008-09 to create a new bedroom; a covered patio, pool house, and outdoor kitchen were permitted in July, 2009.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Hugh and Donna Fitzgerald (1926)




OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.



LOCATION MAP



1" = 200'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY
-  PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

HISTORIC ZONING
 ZONING CASE#: C14H-2010-0003
 ADDRESS: 1710 WINDSOR RD
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES
 GRID: H23
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



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OWNER	L.S. Wilkerson		ADDRESS	1710 Windsor	
FLAT	146	LOT	21	RLX	---
SUBDIVISION	Enfield B				
OCCUPANCY	Carport, covered passage, Bedroom Study and bath				
BLD PERMIT #	113217	DATE	6-10-69	OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$15,600.00
CONTRACTOR	Ernie Parker		NO. OF FIXTURES	several	
WATER TAP REC #	Exist	SEWER TAP REC #	Exist		
Remodel exist res and addn					
1392 sq. ft.					

Building permit to Louis Wilkerson for the construction of an addition, covered passage, and carport (1969)

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1-27-10

A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

PROJECT INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>02/01/10</u>	FILE NUMBER(S): <u>C14H-2010-0003</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: <u>03/01</u>	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	
CASE MANAGER: <u>Steve Sadowsky</u>	CITY INITIATED: YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>Steve</u>	ROLLBACK: YES/NO

BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: <u>Dean & Andrea McWilliams</u>	
2. PROJECT NAME: <u>The Fitzgerald-Wilkerson-McGowan House</u>	
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): <u>1710 Wilkerson Road</u>	
ZIP: <u>78703</u>	COUNTY: <u>Harris</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:

Watershed: Shoal Creek Class Urban
NP: Old Enfield

4. ACRES <u>.4022</u>	(OR)	SQ.FT. _____			
5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:					
EXISTING ZONING <u>SF-3</u>	EXISTING USE <u>Residence</u>	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1) _____	ACRES / SQ. FT. _____	PROPOSED USE <u>Residence</u>	PROPOSED ZONING <u>SF-3 H</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE? (YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT? (YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____
8. SUBDIVISION? (YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____
9. SITE PLAN? (YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	FILE NUMBER: _____

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Enfield B
 Block(s) _____ Lot(s) 21 OLT 718 Outlot(s) _____
 Plat Book: _____ Page Div 2 and adj. 5 feet of alley
 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.** 01120205020000

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: Andrea M Williams NAME: Andrea & Dean M Williams
 FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-4677
 STREET ADDRESS: 1710 Windsor Road
 CITY: Austin STATE: Tx. ZIP CODE: 78703
 EMAIL ADDRESS: andrea@mcwilliamsandassociates.com

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION
 SIGNATURE: Suzanne Deaderick NAME: Suzanne Deaderick
 FIRM NAME: Historic Research & Representation TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-2929
 STREET ADDRESS: 3502 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: _____

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Firm (If applicable)

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

1710 Windsor Road
(Address or Legal Description)
Austin, Tx 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)

1-27-2010
(Date)

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

NO 1054184

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1202-0502-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

MCWILLIAMS DEAN R & ANDREA B
1710 WINDSOR RD
AUSTIN, TX 78703-3104

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 21 OLT 7&8 DIV Z AND ADJ 5 FT
OF ALLEY ENFIELD B

ACRES .0000 MIN% .000000000000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1710 WINDSOR RD

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

YEAR	ENTITY	TOTAL
2009	AUSTIN ISD	*ALL PAID*
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	*ALL PAID*
	ACC (TRAVIS)	*ALL PAID*

TOTAL SEQUENCE 0

ALL PAID

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

TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2009 \$31,160.67

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 02/03/2010

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelida Wells Spears
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 

Deed Chronology
1710 Windsor Road

Transaction	Volume/Page	Date
Joe & Ione Muenster to Hugh Nugent & Donna Fitzgerald	393/617	8-21-26
Donna Fitzgerald, a feme sole to Fred Upchurch	556/377	2-15-37
Fred & Alice Upchurch to Louis Scott & Florence Benson Wilkerson	1705/272	6-4-56
Florence Benson Wilkerson to Dean R. & Andrea B. McWilliams		3-2-2001

Chronological Listing of Owner/Occupants
1710 Windsor Road

1924	No listing
1927	No listing Note: Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald and wife Donna listed as residing at 1304 Loraine. He is listed as an editorial writer for Austin American Statesman.
1929	House address is 1322 Windsor Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald-owner Writer-Newspaper Publishing Co.
1930-31	House address is 1322 Windsor Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald-owner Writer-Newspaper Publishing Co.
1932-33	House address is 1322 Windsor Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald-owner Writer-Newspaper Publishing Co. Note: Fred & Alice Upchurch are listed as residing at 26 Enfield Rd. Fred is listed as Assistant Attorney General
1935	House address is 1322 Windsor Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald-owner Listed as a Journalist Note: Fred & Alice Upchurch are listed as residing at 26 Enfield Rd. Fred-Upchurch & Hooper-lawyers at 709-10 Norwood Bldg.
1937	House address is 1710 Windsor and is vacant. No listing for Fitzgerald. Note: Fred-Upchurch & Hooper-lawyers at 514-20 Norwood Bldg. Upchurch residence is 1004 Lavaca.
1939	Fred Upchurch-owner Note: Fred's firm is now Upchurch, Hooper, & Gresham
1940	Fred Upchurch-owner Note: Fred's firm is now Upchurch & Gresham-514 Norwood Bldg. Note: Louis Wilkerson is listed as residing at 908 San Antonio

1942 Fred Upchurch-owner
Note: Fred is listed as Captain of the U.S. Headquarters Selective Service
Note: Louis S. Wilkerson is listed as residing at 908 San Antonio and is a lawyer at 1210 Norwood Bldg. & as a U.S. Commander 309 U.S. Courthouse.

1944-45 Fred Upchurch-owner
Note: Upchurch is listed as Judge Advocate for U.S. Selective Service State Headquarters
Note: There is a Florence J. Wilkerson listed as the widow of Louis, but this appears to be a mistake or different people.

1947 Fred Upchurch-owner
Fred is listed as USA
Note: Louis Wilkerson is listed as a lawyer at 411 Nalle-Ewell and residence is 908 San Antonio

1949 Fred Upchurch-owner
Listed as a lawyer at 1303 Congress
Note: Wilkerson is listed as Assistant Secretary of State and residing at 908 San Antonio

1952 Fred Upchurch-owner
Listed as a lawyer at 1303 Congress
Wilkerson is listed as a lawyer at 1205 Capital National Bank and residing at 908 San Antonio

1954 Fred Upchurch-owner
Listed as a lawyer at 1303 Congress
Wilkerson is listed as a lawyer at 1205 Capital National Bank and residing at 108 W. 15th Street.

1957 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at 1205 Capital National Bank
Note: There is no listing for Upchurch

1960 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at 1205 Capital National Bank
Note: There is no listing for Upchurch

1965 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at 805 Capital National Bank
Note: There is no listing for Upchurch

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1970 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at Sneed, Vine, Wilkerson & Selman

1974 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at Sneed, Vine, Wilkerson, Selman & Perry

1978 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at Sneed, Vine, Wilkerson, Selman & Perry

1981 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at Sneed, Vine, Wilkerson, Selman & Perry

1985-86 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at Sneed, Vine, Wilkerson, Selman & Perry
Note: No listing for Dean or Andrea McWilliams

1990 Louis S. Wilkerson-owner
Note: Listed as a lawyer at 901 N. Congress
Note: No listing for Dean or Andrea McWilliams

Biography of Col. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald

"State Mourns Passing of Hugh N. Fitzgerald" read the bold headlines on the front page of the May 7, 1936 Austin-American. *"Fitz is dead. Fighting Fitz. Kind Fitz. Young Fitz. Loyal Fitz."*

Col. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald (1857-1936) was described as the best-loved newspaperman of all Texas. *"His was a brave soul without cruelty, a fine intellect without snobbery--a mental aristocrat who passionately fought for democracy."*

Fitzgerald was one of the most distinguished citizens of the state of Texas. Upon his death, the capitol flag was put at half mast, an honor usually reserved for men and women in official life. City hall, as well as many courthouse offices, closed for the morning to honor Fitz.

A native of South Carolina, Fitzgerald came to Texas in his late teens, and quickly reached an important place in both newspaper work and public affairs. He went to work for the Dallas News, and became aligned with a group of state leaders favoring local option (on prohibition), and their efforts resulted in the law and system by which much of Texas was dry under local option (before statewide or federal prohibition days). In his early twenties, Fitzgerald was named managing editor of the Dallas News. It was revolutionary that so young a man would be given this highly responsible executive position on a great daily newspaper. He remained with the Dallas News for many years and became one of the group of newspapermen known throughout the nation (among others such as Louis J. Wortham of Ft. Worth). Fitzgerald went on to become editor of the Fort Worth Record before eventually becoming owner, editor, and publisher of the Wichita Falls Record News.

In 1921, Col. Fitzgerald moved to Austin with his wife, Donna, to become political and chief editorial writer for the Austin Statesman and the Austin American (separate papers in those days). Fitzgerald was a mover and shaker in politics, and his advice was constantly sought. He was never a candidate for office nor an applicant for appointment, but he managed the gubernatorial campaigns of Charles Culberson and Oscar Colquitt. He served as a member of the Texas Historical and Library Commission and was on the board of regents of present-day Texas Women's University. This was his one official public service, having been sought out and appointed by Governor Pat M. Neff. He served two terms, both as chairman, and bore almost as much love and enthusiasm as he carried into his newspaper writing, so much so that a hall on the college campus was named for him.

In 1926, Col. Fitzgerald and his wife built the beautiful Georgian-influenced brick home at 1710 Windsor (the original address being 1322 Windsor). The large white home was a hospitable place with large trees and extensive flower beds. He did some of the flower growing, but felt responsible for it all.

Late in 1927, Col. Fitzgerald completed a book entitled Governors I Have Known. The book was published by The American-Statesman and affiliated newspapers, and widely circulated over the state and among high public officials throughout the nation.

"Flowers for the living"--Col. Fitzgerald made this phrase the motto of his life and work. The phrase caught on, and frequently sounded in legislative halls. In 1931, the State Senate passed "flowers for the living," resolving to hang Col Fitzgerald's portrait on the Senate walls among the pictures of famous statesmen and military heroes of Texas. The following resolution was read by Gov. Dan Moody:

"Texas has numbered among her illustrious citizens many whose contributions to civilization will live throughout eternity, and among those, there is none who has impressed his generation as that genial and universally-loved citizen, Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald has been a factor in moulding public opinion in Texas for half a century."

Col. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald died in his beloved home at 1710 Windsor Road on May 6, 1936. Among the many notables who served as pallbearers was Governor Dan Moody.

Biographies of Fred and Alice Brown Gray Upchurch

Fred Upchurch attended Corsicana High School, East Texas State University, Cumberland University of Tennessee and the law school of the University of Texas. He received his L.L.D. and Ph.D. degrees from U.T.

Upchurch was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1917. During the same year, he was appointed to and accepted a position in the United States Attorney General's Department in Washington, D.C. He later resigned to voluntarily enlist for service in the World War. Mr. Upchurch had a part in some of the battles of the Meuse and the Argonne.

After the war, Mr. Upchurch returned to Corsicana and resumed his law practice. In 1920, he was elected City Attorney of Corsicana.

Judge and Mrs. Upchurch moved to Austin where he became Assistant Attorney General under Attorney General James V. Allred in 1931-32. Upchurch personally handled all litigation for the Texas Railroad commission affecting oil, gas and public utility matters. He engaged in private law practice in Austin, mainly handling oil and gas litigation.

Upchurch served in World War II as a major in the Judge Advocate General's Department. He was assigned as one of the attorneys in the Division of Appeals.

In 1946, Alice Gray Upchurch wrote "A Sketch History of San Saba County" and "A History of Nueces County."

Biography of Louis Scott Wilkerson

Louis Wilkerson was born on September 23, 1915 in Beaumont, Texas. He graduated from Austin High School in 1932 and received his B.A from the University of Texas in 1936 and his law degree from Harvard University in 1936.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps, relaying the positions of German troops in the battle of Anzio during the Italian campaign of 1943. Wilkerson also served in the Judge Advocate General's Office in Great Britain, and attained the rank of Captain.

Mr. Wilkerson served as U.S. Commissioner from 1940 to 1942 and from 1945 to 1946. He was Assistant Secretary of State of Texas from 1953 through 1955 and Parliamentarian of the 53rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature under Lt. Governor Ben Ramsey.

In 1956-57, he served as President of the Travis County Bar Association, and served as Vice-Chairman of the Corporation Law Revision Committee of the State Bar of Texas in 1960-61. From 1966 until his death in 1987, Mr. Wilkerson had been a partner in the law firm of Sneed, Vine, Wilkerson, Selman and Perry.

Biography of Florence Benson Wilkerson

Florence Benson was from the prominent family of Walter and Florence Brownlee Benson. The Bensons owned Benson Publishing Company and were part owners in Benson Motors with Walter's brother, Madison. The headline for the obituary from the 60's when Walter died read "Publisher Benson Succumbs."

After Florence's father's death, the publishing company was owned by Florence and her brother, Walter Benson, Jr., and it published text books for the State of Texas. Although Walter ran the business, Florence was also active in it, and would proof text books for publication back in the 1980s at her dining room table at 1710 Windsor. Florence and Walter grew up in the Tudor house on West Lynn, just north of Enfield.

Biographies of Dean & Andrea McWilliams

Dean & Andrea McWilliams are the co-founders of McWilliams and Associates, an Austin, Texas based governmental affairs consulting firm. Together they have decades of experience working in and around the Texas Legislature. Andrea is a past president of Inherit Austin and has served on many boards as a well-known philanthropist and community volunteer. Dean is a nationally recognized governmental affairs specialist. The McWilliams have three children.

FITZGERALD, HUGH NUGENT (ca. 1857–1936). Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, journalist, son of William Laurens Fitzgerald, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, probably in 1857. He attended Jesuit College in Ireland. Upon returning to North America he traveled throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada, working in mining camps and at various occupations. He married Alice Parsons Wood in 1879 in South Carolina. They had two children. The family moved to Texas in 1889, where Fitzgerald began newspaper work, first as a sports writer and later as a political commentator. He became managing editor and staff correspondent on the *Dallas Morning News*, with which he was associated for fourteen years. In the early 1900s he was employed as editor of the *Dallas Times Herald* for ten years. He later edited the Fort Worth *Record* (see *FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM*) and was owner, publisher, and editor of the Wichita Falls *Record News*, before he joined the Marsh-Fentress interests and established his home in Austin in 1921; there he was chief editorial writer for the *Austin American*, the *Austin Statesman* (see *AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN*), and allied newspapers for more than ten years.

Fitzgerald managed the gubernatorial campaigns of Charles A. Culberson and Oscar B. Colquitt, served two terms as a member of the Texas Historical and Library Commission, and was for twelve years a member of the board of regents of the College of Industrial Arts (now Texas Woman's University). From 1925 until 1933 he was president of the board; one of the residence halls at the university is named in his honor. Fitzgerald wrote almost exclusively for newspapers. His other works include *Texans and Their State* (1918), which he edited with other Texas newspapermen, and *Governors I have Known* (1927). In February 1931 he was honored by the Texas Senate for his service in journalism, and his portrait was hung on the Senate wall.

Fitzgerald's first wife died in 1910. On April 30, 1921, he married Donna Roberts. He was a Catholic. He died in Austin on May 6, 1936, and was buried in Dallas.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Austin Statesman*, May 6, 7, 1936. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, ed., *Texans and Their State: A Newspaper Reference Work* (2 vols., Houston: Texas Biographical Association, 1918). *San Antonio Express*, May 7, 1936.

Edward Crane

Col. Fitzgerald Is

'Flowers for the Living'

Honored by Senate

"FLOWERS for the living."

Col. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, foremost Texas editorial writer, has made this phrase the motto of his life and work. He has preached this gospel since his early days in pioneer newspaper work in Texas. The phrase has caught on, and frequently it sounds in legislative halls.

Thursday was one of the days, and the senate passed "flowers for the living" to Col. Fitzgerald. It resolved to place his portrait on its walls among the pictures of famous statesmen and military heroes of Texas. It set Tuesday at 11:30 a. m.



COL. FITZ

as the hour for ceremony. It invited Gov. Dan Moody to make the presentation address.

A resolution providing for accepting the picture and for the ceremony was sent up by Sen. Joe Moore of Greenville. Other signers were John W. Hornsby, Pink Parrish, and Gus Ruseck. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald, editorial writer for The Austin American and associated Ventres-Marsh newspapers, is chairman of the board of directors of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

The resolution said:

"Texas has numbered among her illustrious citizens many whose contributions to civilization will live throughout eternity, and among those there is none who has so inspired his generation as that genial and universally-loved citizen, Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald.

Half a Century of Work

"Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald has been a factor in moulding public opinion in Texas for half a century, as managing editor of the Dallas News; as editor of the Fort Worth Record; as editor and publisher of the Wichita Falls Record News, and as editorial writer for a large number of Texas newspapers.

"Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald has been a courageous, fearless and outspoken worker and devotee to the upbuilding of Texas and all her interests, guided by the state's gravest and her possibilities as a leader in the economic, social, moral, educational, commercial, political, agricultural and other fields.

"He has at all times and on all occasions insisted upon the highest ideals in public affairs, and in holding inviolate and unsullied the honor and integrity of his adopted state.

Recalls His Book

"Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald in 1927 published a book entitled 'Governors I Have Known,' portraying his

Fitz's Picture To Hang in Senate

Resolution Adopted On His Life Work

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interpretation of Texas chief executives from the administrations of the lamented James Stephen Hogg to the present, thus contributing a valuable study of leadership in public affairs for the benefit of those who should follow.

"A portrait of Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald has been provided by his friends and admirers to be presented to the senate of Texas in recognition of his services to the state as a citizen and as an official. Therefore, be it resolved by the senate that we fix Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 11:30 a. m. as the time for presentation of the portrait to the senate; that Col. and Mrs. Fitzgerald be apprized of this occasion; and that members of the house of representatives be invited to witness and partake in the exercises; and that a copy of this resolution be enrolled and presented to Col. and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

The American

State Mourns Passing of Hugh N. Fitzgerald

Germany's Giant Zeppelin Starts Flight To America

Major Hindenburg Carrying 49 Passengers On Trip to U.S.

By Special Wire.
The first of the great German Zeppelins, the Hindenburg, left the German port of Danzig today for a flight to America. The ship is carrying 49 passengers, including the German Emperor, and is expected to arrive in New York City in a few days.

Good Jury Investigation Foreman in Police Trial

Foreman of Jury in Police Trial... The jury in the trial of the police officer who shot and killed a man, returned a verdict of guilty today.

Weather

Forecast for the day... Clear, with a high of 75 and a low of 55.

A Recipe For Results

How to get the most out of your business... By following these simple steps, you can increase your productivity and achieve your goals.

1. 2. 3.

1. Set your goals... 2. Plan your work... 3. Execute your plan.

WANT ADS

For rent, for sale, and other classified advertisements.

A Gentleman Dies

Mr. J. H. Smith, 65, of Austin, Texas, died today.

Mr. Smith was a well-known businessman and a member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce. He was born in 1870 and had lived in Austin for most of his life.

Egyptian Woman Chances Writings Reptiles in Hotel

A woman from Egypt, who was staying in a hotel in Austin, Texas, was found today with a collection of reptiles.

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Italy Will Insist Other Powers Let Ethiopia Alone

Italy will insist that other powers allow Ethiopia to remain independent.

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The Last Pleading of Fitz—When the Plums Tree Blasted



Crazed Prisoner Sinks 15 Cornets In California Pen

A crazed prisoner in a California penitentiary sank 15 cornets.

New York Senate Group Kicks Child Labor Law

A group in the New York Senate is kicking the child labor law.

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Funeral Services For Noted Writer Scheduled Today

Funeral services for the noted writer will be held today.

Arrival of Doss of Texas Newspapermen to Dallas

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Former City Judge Fred Upchurch Dies

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in San Saba at the Gray Family Cemetery for Judge Fred Upchurch, 78, former Corsicana city judge and former assistant attorney general of Texas, who died Wednesday in the Dallas VA hospital after an extended illness. Services will be under the direction of the Howell-Doran Funeral Home of San Saba.

Judge Upchurch moved from Austin to Corsicana in 1963 and served as city judge from 1969 to 1973. He was born July 16, 1895 in Navarro County. He was the son of the late James Simeon Upchurch and late Mary Etta Lawhon, both of Louisiana.

SURVIVING are his widow, Mrs. Alice Brown Gray Upchurch of Corsicana; two daughters, Mrs. David P. Hansford, Bangkok, Thailand, and Mrs. Donald C. Dingwall, Seoul, S. Korea; four grandchildren, David P. Hansford II, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N.M.; Mary Armour Hansford and Adella McCluer Hansford, both of Bangkok, and Susannah Bebbett Dingwall, Seoul, Korea; and four sisters, Mrs. R. C. Granberry of Austin, Mrs. Lena Oden of Fort Worth, Mrs. Clifford Berrion of Fredericksburg, and Mrs. William McKelvy of Monroe, La.

He attended Corsicana High School, East Texas State University, Cumberland University of Tennessee and the law school of the University of Texas, Austin, where he received his L.L. D and Ph.D degrees. Judge Upchurch served as assistant attorney general under Attorney General James V. Allred in 1931-32, personally handling all litigation for the Texas Railroad Commission affecting oil, gas and public utility matters. He engaged in private law practice in Austin, mainly handling oil and gas litigation until he entered federal service in 1940.

HE was a member of county, state and American Bar Associations, the American Legion, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Methodist Church. He served in World War I, and in World War II he served as a major in the Judge Advocate General's Department, National Guard. He was assigned as one of the attorneys in the Division of Appeals, aliens and delinquents, primarily designated as the legal department of Texas headquarters for Selective Service, being a part of the 6th Service Command.

A black and white photograph of a woman lying down, looking up, with her head resting on a textured surface. The image is grainy and has a high-contrast, artistic feel. The woman's face is the central focus, with her eyes looking upwards. The background is dark and indistinct. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

MISS. LOUIS SCOTT WILKINSON
— (Confidential - Subversive - Racial) (C)

Florence Benson Is Bride of Louis Scott Wilkerson

The bride attended Middle West camp and was graduated from the University of Texas, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. A former member of the Dallas Girls' Christian Union, and her home is the Spanish language of Albu-

Mr. Williams is a Graduate of the University of Texas and has served in the Army and Navy.

On the 2nd of the present month, the following persons accompanied the students of the Glasgow High School to the Glasgow Exhibition.

The whole party spent some time at the various Imperial and other exhibits, and then adjourned to the Glasgow and Edinburgh Road, where Mr. Thompson had secured the services of a very capable and experienced driver, Mr. James

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Members of the board were
 elected Mrs. Walter E. Perkins Jr.
 and Mrs. Mary Anthony of Austin.
 Mrs. Fred Thompson of Houston,
 Mrs. William H. H. of San An-
 tonio, and Mrs. Alfred M. Smith
 Jr. of Dallas.

The author of the book is a well-known writer on the subject of the history of the United States. The book is a well-written and interesting study of the subject. It is a well-written and interesting study of the subject. It is a well-written and interesting study of the subject.

The police say the victim was a white female, 20 to 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 125 to 135 pounds, with dark hair and blue eyes. She was wearing a dark jacket and a dark skirt. The police are looking for anyone who saw her or who has information about her disappearance.

will be at home at 10 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Thompson, 100 N. 1st St., will be at home at 10 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Thompson, 100 N. 1st St., will be at home at 10 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Thompson, 100 N. 1st St., will be at home at 10 o'clock.

Louis Scott Wilkerson

Louis Scott Wilkerson, age 71, of Austin, died Sunday, September 20, 1987.

He was born on September 23, 1915, in Beaumont, Texas, and graduated from Austin High School in 1932. He earned his B.A. from the University of Texas in 1936, and his LL.B. from Harvard University in 1939. During World War II he served in the Army

Air Corps; he was a forward observer calling in air strikes at the Anzio Beachhead in Italy. He also served in the Judge Advocate General's Office in Great Britain, and attained the rank of Captain. After the war, Mr. Wilkerson helped reorganize the Bachelors of Austin, serving as the Club's president in 1946.

Mr. Wilkerson served as U.S. Commissioner from 1940 to 1942 and from 1945 to 1946. He was Assistant Secretary of State of the State of Texas from 1953 through 1955 and Parliamentarian of the 53rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature under Lt. Governor Ben Ramsey. In 1956 to 1957, he served as President of the Travis County Bar Association, and served as Vice-Chairman of the Corporation Law Revision Committee of the State Bar of Texas in 1960 to 1961. Since 1966, Mr. Wilkerson has been a partner in

the law firm of Sneed, Vins, Wilkerson, Selman and Perry.

Mr. Wilkerson is survived by his wife, Florence Benson Wilkerson; four daughters, Marianne Wilkerson Jackson of Austin, Louise Wilkerson Broilier of Houston, Cissy Wilkerson of Austin, and Diane Wilkerson of New York City; and two grandchildren, Margaret Louise Jackson (born July 13, 1987), and John Louis Broilier (born September 10, 1987).

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, September 22, 1988, at 2:00 PM, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in memorials to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd or to Seton Medical Center.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-6811.

AHS, Tu20, Sept. 22, 1987