

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**AUGUST 24, 2015**  
**NRD-2015-0079**  
**2517 Hartford Road**  
**Old West Austin National Register Historic District**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish the circa 1951 house. The house is a contributing building to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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2517 Hartford is a one story asymmetrical side gabled ranch. The building is brick with a small frame addition on the side. It has a picture window on the front of the building and double hung windows throughout the elevations.

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**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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Demolish the entire building.

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**HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY**

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The property was built around 1951. The first two owners, Thomas C. Collier and Albert and Lucile Brown each only lived in the building for a few years. Both Albert and Thomas were state workers. The third owner of the house was Mrs. Cora M. Martin who lived in the house from the mid 1950s to the mid 1960s. Mrs. Cora Martin, a widow of Francis, was also a professor at University of Texas. Cora was charged with the establishment of the Elementary Education program at the University of Texas. Through her time at UT she became one of the first women to be a full professor and to hold membership in the Graduate Faculty. Cora sold her house in 1965 to Margaret Eppright. Margaret was also a professor at University of Texas. She studied Biochemistry and Nutrition at University of Texas and became part of the Department of Home Economics in 1949. She rose to the rank of Chairman of the department. Like Cora, Margaret was able to earn her Senior Professorship at a time when few women held that title. She was also one of the first women to chair a department at the University.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**




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Release the permit upon the Commission's review of the plans for new construction. Complete a City of Austin Documentation Package prior to release of the demolition permit and consider installing a plaque at the property acknowledging the history of Cora Martin and Margaret Eppright. While the house has an important history with have two

pioneering women at the University of Texas, the building does not possess the architectural or community significance required of Historic Landmark Status

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

## NOTIFICATIONS

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2517 HARTFORD ROAD

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2517 Hartford Road

Circa 1951



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY

### 2517 Hartford Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
 By City Historic Preservation Office  
 August 2015

1992	Margaret A. Eppright, owner retired
1985-86	Margaret A. Eppright, owner Professor Emeritus University of Texas
1981	Margaret A. Eppright, owner Professor University of Texas
1977	Margaret A. Eppright, owner Professor University of Texas
1973	Margaret A. Eppright, owner Professor University of Texas
1968	Margaret A. Eppright, owner Professor University of Texas
1962	Mrs. Cora M. Martin, owner Widow to Francis R. Martin, Professor at University of Texas
1959	Mrs. Cora M. Martin, owner Widow to Francis R. Martin, Professor at University of Texas

- 1955      Albert and Lucile Brown, owner  
            Director of State Comptroller
- 1952      Thomas C. Collier, owner  
            Assistant Engineer- State Highway Department

## MARGARET ANNE EPPRIGHT

Margaret Eppright's life exemplifies the indomitable spirit and formidable drive of an early Texas pioneer woman transposed into a 20th Century setting. From those of us lucky enough to call her leader, mentor, and friend, and to have experienced first-hand her even-handedness, wisdom, and eloquence, this memoriam is offered as a tribute. Except for a four-year stint at Iowa State University, Professor Eppright's administrative, research, teaching, and professional career, spanning 33 years from completion of the Doctor of Philosophy in 1945 until her retirement as professor emeritus in 1978, was dedicated to serving undergraduate and graduate students at The University of Texas at Austin. She mentored and encouraged many young women to aspire to academic and scientific careers.

Born on April 21, 1913, Professor Eppright graduated from Austin High School in 1929, on the cusp of the Great Depression, an accomplishment requiring a daily commute by train and trolley car from her home in Manor, Texas. She completed the Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1933; the Doctor of Philosophy Degree was granted to her by The University of Texas at Austin in 1945. Portions of that work were published in 1946 in *The Journal of General Physiology*, a study titled "Effects of Certain Limiting Conditions on the Synthesis of B Vitamins by Yeast." She was a student of an early and inspiring biochemist, Dr. Roger J. Williams, whose writings presaged the current interest in human phenotype and nutrition. She, and her life-long friend, Dr. Lorene Rogers, a past president of the University, collaborated with Dr. Williams on early writings, including *Biochemical Individuality* and *Nutrition in a Nutshell*.

Professor Eppright was not content to toil in the backwaters of the academic arena. She returned to the University in 1949 as a faculty member in the Department of Home Economics and earned promotion to a senior professorship and member of the graduate faculty. Her leadership ability was recognized by faculty and administrators alike by continuing reappointment to the chair of the department. Her research experience and knowledge of the scientific literature contributed to her vision of the department, not as the domestic arts of the early 1900s, but as a cluster of human sciences, devoted to the well-being of the individual and family. Her stature as a nutrition scientist is evident in the invitation to attend the First White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, and Health in 1969. Her guidance in matters of faculty recruitment and her insistence on scientific research and creative endeavor were instrumental in shaping the current Department of Human Ecology, part of the College of Natural Sciences. Retirement as professor emeritus in 1978 did not slow Professor Eppright's keen mind, and she continued to accumulate and integrate scientific knowledge from chemistry and nutrition literature.

Professor Eppright left us on June 29, 2007, and she is missed.  
*From University of Texas Faculty Memorials*

Margaret Anne Eppright  
Born April 21, 1913  
Died June 29, 2007

Margaret Anne Eppright, Ph.D., was a woman ahead of her time in many ways. Born in Manor, Texas, to

Charles Chaplin Eppright and Iva Alford Eppright, she attended elementary and junior high school in that rural community, then commuted by train and trolley car to graduate from Austin High School in 1929. Asked why she made such an effort to graduate from a major high school, she exclaimed, "I'm not content to just sit home and make fig preserves!" Also unusual for Texas girls of the time, in summers she traveled to Maine to serve as a counselor at a Jewish girls' camp. This entailed a long, hot train ride but at this early age she was determined to travel and see the world.

Professor Eppright studied Biochemistry and Nutrition at the University of Texas, completing her BA in 1933, MA in 1935 and Ph.D. in 1945. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was a student and collaborator of the well-known nutritionist, Roger J. Williams, Ph.D. She initially joined the faculty of Iowa State University and then returned to Austin in 1949 as a member of the University of Texas Department of Home Economics, where she rose through the ranks to become Chairman.

Professor Eppright held memberships and offices in a number of scientific societies and was invited to attend the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health in 1969. In addition to other honors, she received the Scarbrough Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1955.

Professor Eppright's emphasis on higher education was at a time when very few women held senior Professorships and she was one of the first to Chair a department at the University of Texas. In addition to her teaching and administrative duties, she conducted research on vitamins, including nutritional deficiencies in low-income women, vegetarians and vegans.

Professor Eppright retired as Professor Emeritus in 1978, but remained active in professional societies and read widely in chemistry and engineering. She also enjoyed foreign travel and became active in genealogy research, spending many hours studying the history of the Eppright family.

An outstanding teacher and mentor to her students and young members of her family, Professor Eppright emphasized the value of hard work and education and encouraged young women to pursue professional careers before that was the norm. Her kindness and generosity live on in the many people she helped and inspired to make the most of their God-given talents.

Professor Eppright was predeceased by her parents and by her brother, Charles C. Eppright, Jr. (Bay City), and is survived by her sister, Ethel Eppright Davis (Austin) and her sister-in-law, Dorothy Leigh Eppright (Austin). She is also survived by her nephews, Charles Eppright and his wife Patsy (Austin) and their children, Brian Eppright and his wife Susan and children Elizabeth and Hunter (Lubbock), and Megan Eppright (Austin); David Eppright (Pensacola); John Leigh (Austin) and his daughters, Lisa Leigh Kelly and her husband Tim and daughters Chloe and Charis (Mesa, AZ), and Rebecca Leigh Cole and her husband Tim and sons Connor and Christian (Austin); and James Leigh and his wife Jane and their sons, Dan and Robert (College Station). Surviving cousins include Edith Eppright (Charlotte), Nancy Eppright Nordquist (Austin), Ann Heffington Milam (Seattle), Russ Eppright and his wife Charline (Austin).

*From Ancestry.com Obituaries*



## Dr. Cora M. Martin



"Cora Merriman was the youngest of eight children born to Theodore and Elizabeth Merriman of Chico, Texas. Soon after graduation from high school there, Cora married Francis Robert Martin. Their happy together on a ranch at Martin's Prairie was cut shortly by his death the following year. Then it was that Mrs. Martin began preparation for a teaching career." She graduated from North Texas State Normal School in Denton in 1909 and began teaching.

"Her first teaching experience was at Monday, Texas. Later she taught in Fort Worth and Paducah, Texas." Mrs. Martin received her B.A. in 1919 and her M.A. in 1922 from Teachers College at Columbia University in New York. "Following a year as primary supervisor at the Bloomsburg Normal School in Pennsylvania, she returned (1923) to the North Texas State Teachers College." She taught in the

demonstration school on the campus and eventually was promoted to supervisor and finally teaching elementary education. Then in 1927 Mrs. Martin decided to move to the University of Texas so she could work on her doctorate while serving as assistant professor of elementary education. Then in 1927 Mrs. Martin decided to move to the University of Texas so she could work on her doctorate while serving as assistant professor of elementary education. She received her Ph.D. in 1936.

While Mrs. Martin taught at the University of Texas, she lived in the Faculty Women's Club where she and Dr. Annie Webb Blanton frequently discussed plans for the founding of Delta Kappa Gamma. An active member and officer of a wide variety of academic and social organizations, Cora Martin played a key role in advising Dr. Blanton concerning the Constitution, initiation ritual and program of work. She also polished Dr. Blanton's lyric for the "Delta Kappa Gamma Song," fitting it to the tune of "Men of Harlech." When election of officers took place, Mrs. Martin was selected to be keeper of the records.

"As the years wore on, she was first vice-president of Alpha Chapter four years and state keeper of the records. On the national level she was committee chairman of Necrology (1930-1931), Initiation (1931-1932 and 1938-1939) and Figurines (1950-1952). Dr. Martin also served on the following committees:



Membership (1930-1940), Insignia (1940-1941), Equal Rights Amendment (1941-1943) and Constitution (1952-1954). She represented the Founders on the National Planning Committee and on the Administrative Board." She is credited with the installation of Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Eta and Beta Tau Chapters in Texas. She assisted with the organization of Alpha Sigma State Organization, Washington and helped Dr. Blanton install Gamma State Organization, Oklahoma.

Dr. Martin, who had been suffering from heart problems for several years, collapsed after returning home from the 1964 International Convention in San Francisco. She moved into the Stillwell Residence, a home for retired teachers in Waco, Texas. She died there on April 12, 1965, and was laid to rest in the Chico Cemetery near her husband and baby daughter.



IN MEMORIAM

CORA MERRIMAN MARTIN

Cora Frances Merriman was born in Chico, Texas on November 22, 1884, the youngest of the eight children of Theodore and Elizabeth Merriman. She died in the Hillcrest Baptist Memorial Hospital, Waco, on April 12, 1965. She had only recently sold her home in Austin, Texas and had moved to the Henry W. Stillwell Memorial Residence in Waco. Survivors are her brother, Edwin L. Merriman of Throckmorton, Texas, and a number of nieces and nephews, among whom are Miss Vesta Watson of Chico and Edwin E. Merriman of Lubbock. She had married Francis Robert Martin soon after graduation from the Chico High School in 1902. Mr. Martin died the next year.

Mrs. Martin attended North Texas State Normal 1908 and 1909, receiving a diploma from that institution in June, 1909. During the summers of 1915, 1916, 1919, and the academic year of 1918-19, she attended Columbia University, from which she received the B.S. degree in August, 1919. She returned to Columbia University for the Master's degree in 1921 and 1922. Her degree of Doctor of Philosophy was obtained from The University of Texas in June, 1936, with Dr. J. L. Henderson as her major advisor. Dr. Martin served as critic teacher, first grade, at North Texas State Normal from 1914 to 1918 and was advanced to an instructorship in primary education in 1919. In 1922 and 1923 she was

primary supervisor in the teacher education program at Pennsylvania State Normal School, and she served in a similar capacity at North Texas State Normal from 1923 to 1927. During these years she was a Visiting Professor of Elementary Education at West Virginia University in 1922, George Peabody College the summers of 1927 and 1930, and the College of Puget Sound the summer of 1935.

Dr. Martin became an Assistant Professor in the Department of the Art of Teaching (later the Department of Curriculum and Instruction) at The University of Texas in 1927, charged with the establishment of Elementary Education on the Campus. In 1937 she was advanced to an Associate Professorship and in 1941 became one of the first women to be a full professor and to hold membership in the Graduate Faculty. She resigned from this position in June, 1953 and was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education in May of 1955.

Even before retiring Dr. Martin was active in establishing the Austin Chapter of Retired Teachers and subsequently made substantial contributions to the organization in addition to serving as vice-president and chairman of several committees. She was also an active member of the Central Christian Church and was named Deaconess Emeritus in 1961.

Dr. Martin was particularly active throughout her entire adult life in various professional and social societies. As an undergraduate she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and later became a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma. The latter organization established the Cora M. Martin

Scholarship in her honor at North Texas State College. At The University of Texas, she became a life member of Psi Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta, in which she served as faculty sponsor and in various other capacities. Perhaps her chief distinction with honorary organizations, however, was that of having been one of the national founders of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is now the largest organization for women in Education in the world. She served as a member of the United States Committee for the World Organization for Early Childhood Education and subsequently was a delegate to the White House Conference for Children and Youth. Other organizations with which she was affiliated included the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of University Professors, the National Education Association, the Texas State Teachers Association (life), the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Texas Elementary School Principals and Supervisors Association, the Texas College Teachers of Education, Association for Childhood Education International (life), Delta Kappa Gamma International (life), and Kappa Delta Pi.

At various times Dr. Martin served as President or in other official capacities for the National Council of Primary Educators (later ACE), and was State President of ACE, Vice President of TSTA, Vice President and Chairman of the Educational Committee of AAUW, Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Texas Commission for Children and Youth, and member of the Administrative Board of Delta Kappa Gamma International. Some of her activities in ACEI included helping organize the state branch; organizing and sponsoring the University of Texas branch;

serving as State President twice; and leader of three national conferences and of numerous conferences in Texas and nearby states. In similar manner she served in various capacities for Delta Kappa Gamma International; she helped organize the national and state groups, motivated the organization in the state of Washington, served as member of the Executive Board and on numerous committees, and addressed various state and regional meetings. Her social sorority was Delta Gamma, in which she was awarded membership in the Order of the Rose, the highest national honor.

Dr. Martin was also active as a professional writer. Her main contribution was the Real Life Readers with Patty S. Hill, a series of five books from primer through third grade, with a Teacher's Manual. Her research writing included her doctor's dissertation, Trends in the Development of Texts in Primary Reading in the United States since 1850, dated 1936, and a chapter in the Seventeenth Yearbook of the National Elementary School Principals, 1939, on Newer Practices in Reading in the Elementary Grades. Other articles appeared in the Texas Outlook, the Anchora, the Austin Statesman, the Houston Post, and the Corpus Christi Chronicle, Story Parade, and the Texas State ACE brochure.

Dr. Martin was listed in Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in Texas, Leaders in Education, Who's Who in American Women, and Texas Writers of Today. Major committee assignments at the University included the Committee on Undergraduate Programs for Elementary Education, Elementary Teacher Guidance Committee, the Executive Council of the

College of Education, the Committee on Graduate Studies in Education, and the Committee on Student Teaching. She was a member of the Budget Council of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction from 1941 until retirement. In all of this committee work and in other capacities throughout her entire career, she was an outstanding champion of the cause of Elementary Education, bringing recognition and respect for her field to the Campus. Though small in stature, she possessed great personal power, courage, and a sharp intelligence that figured heavily in decisions favorable to elementary education.

Her mastery of her field of primary education, her dedication to high standards and her unusual personal charm and graciousness won her the respect and affection of colleagues and of students in her undergraduate and graduate courses for more than two decades. Her beauty of person and spirit and her unusual social graces that had won her the honor of Beauty Queen during her undergraduate days proved of great value later in the college classroom.

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Norman Hackerman  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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Eugene W. Nelson  
Secretary of the General Faculty

The Resolutions were prepared by a Special Committee consisting of Mary B. Alderson, Clyde I. Martin, Jennie S. Wilmot, and J. G. Umstattd, Chairman.

# Dr. Cora Martin Dies; Rites Here Wednesday

Dr. Cora M. Martin, professor emeritus of elementary education at The University of Texas and for many years a resident of Austin, died Monday at Hillcrest Baptist Memorial Hospital in Waco.

She moved to Stilwell Memorial Residence for retired teachers in Waco Feb. 4. Her last home in Austin was at 2000 Vista Lane.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Central Christian Church under the direction of Cook Funeral Home, with Dr. John Barclay officiating. Burial will be in Chico where she was born.

Survivors are two brothers, T. Ernest Merriman, and Ed L. Merriman, both of Throckmorton, and a number of nieces and

nephews.

Dr. Martin was one of the 12 founders of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, international honorary organization for women educators, which was founded in Austin in 1929. During her active years, Dr. Martin carried many responsibilities in the society. In spite of her ill health, which curtailed her activities during the last four years, she was able to attend the 1964 International Convention in San Francisco last August.

For a number of years Dr. Martin made her home at 2517 Hartford Road, Austin, with Miss Edith Clark, former dean of women at North Texas Normal College (now North Texas State University). Miss Clark returned to Denton in 1960 and died there in September, 1964.





**TO BE HONORED — Dr. Cora Martin,** University of Texas elementary education professor, will receive tributes from professional associates at a "retirement dinner" Saturday in the Driskill Hotel.

## **Cora Martin**

### **To Be Honored**

Dr. **Cora Martin**, whose name is synonymous with elementary education at the University of Texas, will be honored Saturday at a "retirement dinner."

Dr. **Martin** joined the University faculty in 1927 and is credited with initiating the elementary education degree plan for prospective teachers. She also was largely responsible for establishing an Association for Childhood Education chapter in the University of Texas.

Close professional friends of Dr. **Martin** will attend the Saturday (7:30 p. m.) dinner in Austin's Driskill Hotel.

The program will include a short resume of the development of elementary education in Texas, with emphasis on Dr. Martin's contributions. Dr. B. F. Pittenger, educational administration professor and former dean of the University's College of Education, will give the address.

### **Site Choice Near For Polio Testing**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 10 —UP —The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will choose areas where a polio vaccine will be tested before Jan. 1.

Basil O'Connor, president of the polio group, spoke Wednesday night before a dinner meeting of Oklahoma March of Dimes workers.

He said the nationwide tests would cost \$7.5 million and would involve giving shots to one million children in 200 counties. The counties will be selected on the basis of their polio records and the quality of their public health departments. Those having hither incidences of the disease will be favored.

The foundation will begin the tests in Southern states Feb. 8, and hopes to have the millionth shot administered by June 1, a date which O'Connor said usually marks the beginning of the "polio season."

In addition to the vaccine test, the national polio group will spend \$19 million on gamma globulin, believed a temporary protection against infantile paralysis.

### **French Fly Units To Check Assault**

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — French transport planes, flying a record 136 sorties, poured a steady stream of troops and war material into the Thai country of northwest Indochina today to reinforce positions against expected Communist-led Vietminh assaults.

The airlift from Hanoi was stepped up as the French and Thais, entrenched in the pro-French Thai capital of Lai Chau and on the plain at Dien Bien Phu, awaited an attack at either or both points by Vietminh Division 316.

French fighters and bombers, flying 90 sorties, plastered the Vietminh along the route of march towards Lai Chau and Dien Bien Phu.