

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2017
NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT PERMITS
NRD-2017-0003
1409 WESTOVER ROAD
OLD WEST AUSTIN

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with an extended eave serving as a front door hood; single 8:8 fenestration; prominent exterior chimney on the front façade.

RESEARCH

This very modest house was built in 1939; the first owners and occupants were James and Jo Marie Knight, who lived here until around 1950. James Knight was a UT professor who had grown up in West Texas and then came to Austin for his post-graduate degrees. He then served as a school principal in several small Texas communities, before joining the faculty at the University of Texas, where he specialized in educational psychology. He conducted extension classes throughout South Texas for the University, and after his service in World War II, he was appointed the director of the Extension Teaching and Field Service Bureau of the Division of Education; he held that position until 1956.

From around 1950 until his death in 1977, the house was owned and occupied by J.C. (Jesse Cage) Kellam, and his wife, Louise. J.C. Kellam grew up near Blanco, Texas, and was a college friend and confidant of Lyndon Johnson while they both attended school at San Marcos. Kellam became the Texas administrator of the National Youth Administration in the 1930s, and was instrumental in developing programs for Texas youth both in the state, and towards the war effort during World War II. He himself served in the Navy during World War II, and when he returned, he became the leader of Lyndon and Lady Bird's radio business, KTBC, in Austin. Kellam continued his close relationship with the Johnson family, and when his wife, Louise, passed away in 1964, the Johnsons came to Austin to attend her funeral. President Johnson appointed Kellam to serve on a national panel looking at adult basic education in the late 1960s; J.C. Kellam passed away in 1977. His widowed sister, Doris Wildenthal, who had lived in the house after Louise Kellam's death, became the occupant of the house as reported in the city directories.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Initiate historic zoning or postpone to March 27, 2017 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition. The house has clear historical significance with its long-time connections to J.C. Kellam, a very influential member of Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson's inner circle, and a progressive administrator of the NYA programs in Texas during President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. If the Commission decides not to initiate historic zoning or postpone the case, then staff must recommend release of the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package and the Commission's review of any proposed new building for the site.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2017-003
LOCATION: 1409 Westover Road



1" = 167'

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1409 Westover Road
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1409 Westover Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
February, 2017

- 1992 J.C. Kellam, renter
Retired
- 1985-86 Doris K. Wildenthal, renter
Retired
- 1981 Doris K. Wildenthal, renter
Retired
- 1977 Jesse C. Kellam, owner
President / general manager, LBJ Company (KLBJ AM and FM radio stations),
910 Brazos Street.
- 1973 Jesse C. Kellam, owner
President / general manager, LBJ Company (KLBJ AM and FM radio stations),
910 Brazos Street.
- 1968 Jesse C. Kellam, owner
President / general manager, LBJ Company (KLBJ AM and FM radio stations),
910 Brazos Street.
Also listed as an owner is Doris Wildenthal, the widow of Bryan Wildenthal. She
had no occupation shown. With her is listed Doris Wildenthal, a clerk at the
Texas Education Agency.
- 1965 Jesse C. Kellam, owner
President, KTBC Radio and TV7, 119 E. 10th Street.
NOTE: Doris Wildenthal is not listed in the directory.
- 1961 Jesse C. and Louise M. Kellam, owners
President, KTBC TV, 115 E. 10th Street.
- 1957 Jesse C. and Louise M. Kellam, owners
President, KTBC Radio, 122 E. 6th Street.
- 1954 Jesse C. and Louise M. Kellam, owners
Manager, KTBC Radio (Claudia T. Johnson, proprietor), 122 E. 6th Street.
- 1952 Jesse C. and Louise M. Kellam, owners
General manager, KTBC Radio, Brown Building, 8th and Colorado Streets).
- 1949 James and Jo M. Knight, owners
Professor, University of Texas
Also listed is Jo E. Knight, a student at the University of Texas.
NOTE: Jesse C. and Louise Kellam are listed at 1804 ½ W. 6th Street. He was
the general manager of KTBC Radio, with offices in the Brown Building.

- 1947 James and Jo M. Knight, owners
Director, Extension Bureau, University of Texas.
- 1944-45 James H. and Hazel Jennings, renters
Manager, W.K. Jennings Electric Company, 310 W. 10th Street.
NOTE: James Knight is listed in the directory as a professor at the University of Texas, but had no residential address shown.
- 1941 James and Jo Marie Knight, owners
Associate professor, University of Texas
- 1940 James and Jo Marie Knight, owners
Professor, University of Texas
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: James Knight is listed as an associate professor at the University of Texas, but living in Harlingen, Texas.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**James and Jo Marie Knight (ca. 1939 – ca. 1950)**

James and Jo Marie Knight appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$6,000. James Knight was 44, had been born in Texas, and was a professor at the University of Texas. Jo Marie Knight was 45, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Jo Ellen, 9, who had been born in Texas. The family had lived in Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows James and Joe M. Knight living in an apartment at 204 E. 22nd Street in Austin. James Knight was 33, had been born in Texas, and was a teacher at the university. Joe M. Knight was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

His 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that James Knight was living at O'Brien, Texas, and had been born in Sterling City, Texas in 1895. He was a special agent in Haskell County. He was single, of medium height and had a slender build, grey eyes, and brown hair.



Recognizing and rescuing the gifted child who is underachieving—but whose performance is already well above average—is a special problem for parents and teachers, said Dr. James Knight, University of Texas educational psychology professor who teaches special courses in training gifted youngsters.

"Gifted children are the ones who are most likely to be under-achievers," said Dr. Knight. "They can easily meet the average class requirements, but still not come up to the full potential of their capabilities. This is often overlooked as long as the child does moderately well."

There are various reasons why a capable child does not make full use of his talents, Dr. Knight said. Parents should understand these reasons.

Gifted children often don't want to exhibit performances that are markedly above the others in their group. Their value system is still developing, and they need help in solving social problems.

Many capable children think of themselves as inferior because of of this undeveloped value system which puts stress on group acceptance and conformity, Dr. Knight said. These youngsters may have been skipped in school and find themselves with an older group. While just as academically able, they lack the muscular coordination and sophistication of the older group and often feel left out of things.

These children need special help in solving their problems, Dr. Knight said. They need to get used to solving them as they will have such problems all through their lives.

Some children, filled with resentment, underachieve to punish parents or teachers for being pushed into something they don't really want. Others are fearful they cannot succeed or have a conflict in their values.

These children need intelligent observation and counseling, Dr. Knight said. A bright child who has been "skipped" in school can adapt with a little guidance to the fact that he is no longer a leader and at the top of his group.

There are many arguments "pro" and "con" about jumping a bright child several grades. Dr. Knight said that, in his opinion, gifted children are going to learn faster than others and should have the opportunity for some acceleration.

"These bright youngsters should not be held down to the usual classroom routine," Dr. Knight said. "Schools should make plans to recognize and give special training to their brighter students."

This can be done in several ways: through an enrichment program which would group brighter students in classes together, through a "major works" program which would allow the brighter youngsters to elect to take special courses far beyond the usual curriculum, and by skipping a child several grades.

"On the whole, gifted children are physically a little above average," Dr. Knight said. "Many school authorities believe that the gifted 7-year-old could easily complete the second and third grade, and a few children might be skipped in later school years. The earlier the grade skipping is done, the better it is for the child's adjustment."

"Society as a whole will benefit if we identify, guide and teach our most gifted children and help them conserve their talents," he said.

News story on a talk given by James Knight
Austin American-Statesman, August 24, 1958

Dr. Knight Services Saturday

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home for Dr. James Knight, professor emeritus of educational psychology at The University of Texas, who died Thursday in Brackenridge Hospital after suffering a heart attack. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Dr. Knight collapsed at the Terrace Motor Hotel Thursday after he had addressed a Thursday morning meeting of 400 Texas teachers, who will teach this summer in Project Head Start classes throughout Texas.

Dr. Knight is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Pascall of Harlingen; one sister, Mrs. Louise Bishop of Fayetteville, Ark.; one brother, Hal Knight of Sterling City; and by three grandchildren.

Dr. Knight was born July 19, 1895, at Sterling City. He received his bachelor of science degree at North Texas State in 1926, having delayed college for some years so he could work on the family ranch at Sterling City and try his hand at copper mining.

But the taste of higher education called for more. He continued his work and earned both master's and doctor of philosophy degrees at The University of Texas.

He served as principal of schools in Ellis County, Maypearl and Throckmorton. In the 1930's he joined the faculty of The University of Texas, conducting extension classes throughout South Texas. during World War II, he served four years in the US Air Corps.

After the war, he became director of the Extension Teaching and Field Service Bureau of the Division of Extension for 10 years, 1946-56.

For a short time, he was president of Laredo Junior College.

In the last few years, he became particularly interested in words, their derivation and their potential power.

Story on the death and funeral of James Knight
Austin Statesman, June 4, 1965

Jo Marie Knight died in Cameron County, Texas in 1970.

MRS. JO MARIE KNIGHT
Funeral for Mrs. Jo Marie Knight will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Austin Memorial Park, Basil Shillings officiating. The body will lie in state from 11 a.m. to noon at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.
Mrs. Knight died in a Harlingen hospital Thursday.

Obituary of Jo Marie Knight
Austin American-Statesman, April 4, 1970

Jesse C. and Louise M. Kellam (ca. 1950 – ca. 1977)

His undated World War I draft registration card shows that Jesse Cage Kellam was living in San Marcos, Texas. He was born in August, 1900, and was a student. He was of medium height and build, and had light eyes and light hair.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Jesse Kellam as a roomer in the home of John C. and Caroline Van Nuys of Lufkin, Texas. Jesse Kellam was 30, had been born in Texas, and was a high school coach. His landlord, John C. Van Nuys, was a 61-year old Indiana-born physician. Caroline Van Nuys, 60, had also been born in Indiana, and had no occupation listed.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Jesse and Louise Kellam as the renters of the house at 6 Happy Hollow Lane in Austin. Jesse Kellam was 39, had been born in Texas, and was the state director for the NYA. Louise Kellam was 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Anita Louise, 3 months, who had been born in Texas. The family had lived in San Marcos, Texas in 1935.

His 1977 death certificate shows that Jesse Cage Kellam was living at this house at the time of his death. He was born in 1900 in Blanco, Texas, and had lived in Austin since 1935. He was a widower and a broadcasting executive.

Kellam Speaks At Y.M.B.L. Meeting

Texas NYA Program Told by Director

The national youth administration is aiding 13,000 boys and girls of Texas between 16 and 25 years of age to continue their education and to bridge the gap between their formal education and their first job in private employment, Jesse C. Kellam, state NYA administrator, told members of the Young Men's Business league Friday noon at the Driskill.

Kellam prefaced his main theme with the statement that up to a few years ago there was no distinct youth classification in the United States, but today there is such a class with problems that must be solved. He said this was taken into consideration by the federal government in the establishment of the civilian conservation corps, the federal emergency relief administration, and more particularly in the establishment of the national youth administration.

New Project Started

The administrator said the work project provided by NYA range from clerical to the light construction type, pointing out that in Austin 30 to 40 youths are serving as assistants in various state offices and at Zilker park between 50 and 60 boys are engaged in manual labor. He said these youths work about one-third of the time or 45 to 50 hours a month and draw \$12 a month. He said this sum is not sufficient to keep such persons out of private employment if such opportunity is presented to them.

Kellam announced that a week ago a new work project was started at the Texas State Teachers college in San Marcos where 50 youths will be engaged in repairing one of the dormitories and where for four months they will receive training that fits into the apprenticeship training for various craft and labor jobs.

The speaker also pointed out that the NYA is in position to recommend and vouch for its clients who want to enter private employment. He mentioned as one instance the fact that five out of 15 boys who were given jobs as assistants in the one of the division warehouses of the state highway department in West Texas later were given regular jobs by the same department.

Given Training

He also mentioned that last summer 500 NYA workers were given six weeks training in various farm management problems at four Texas educational institutions. Boys and girls in NYA jobs also are being given the advantage of attending training classes in subjects that parallel the work that they are doing.

*Assistance is being given students in 85 colleges at \$15 per month for each student and in more than 2,000 Texas high schools at \$6 a month each in order that these students can complete their education.

Kellam mentioned the value of this assistance when he stated that "one-fourth of the students drop out of school before they reach 16 and at 18, only one-fourth of the entire list is in school." By keeping students in school, he declared, the problem of students going out hunting for jobs they cannot find is solved as far as they are concerned.

Before Mr. Kellam spoke, James R. Boyd announced a supper meeting of the central steering committee for the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium for Austin and Travis county will be held at the Driskill hotel next Wednesday at 6:15 p. m. Charles Sparenberg, Carl Wilson and David Lamme were named to represent the Y.M. B.L. on this committee.

Story on Jesse C. Kellam's presentation on NYA projects to the Young Men's Business League in Austin; Kellam was the Texas administrator of NYA programs.

Austin American, February 12, 1938

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Man Behind

The News

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FROM the day he was handed his degree from the Teacher college at San Marcos in 1923, J. C. Kellam, state NYA administrator for Texas, has been giving his whole effort to the interest of young people.

Like his neighbor and friend from the Hill Country, Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas' first NYA director who "borrowed" J. C. from the state department of education to make him his assistant, Jesse Cage Kellam first looked upon the good earth from his father's ranch in Blanco county.

Jesse Kellam is the sort of a fellow who likes a challenge. Leaving college he thought he would coach football a year or two then "go to work." The athletic situation at Lufkin high school, however, turned out to be an honest-to-goodness challenge. He stayed with it nine years, ending up as business manager and tax assessor and collector for the Lufkin school system.

From Lufkin Kellam went to South Texas to work in the Alice school system. But the one-time high school coach and captain-quarterback of his college football team was soon looking over his shoulder to East Texas—his adopted home. His friends will tell you it was the climate, or perhaps the scenery. But the following year he married one of Lufkin's most charming girls—Louise Murphy by name.

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School Chief

Back to the oil and sawmill country he was named deputy state superintendent of public instruction for East Texas with headquarters at Nacogdoches. Shortly before entering the service of the national youth administration, Jesse Kellam became state head of rural aid for the state department of education.

On leave of absence from the department in the summer of 1935 until March 1937, Kellam served as assistant state director of NYA, and was elevated to his present post when Lyndon Johnson resigned to campaign for a seat in congress.

"J. C.," as he is known to his intimates, has long been identified with physical education, college and high school athletics. In 1931 he wrote as his thesis for a master's degree from the University of Texas a work which he called "The Application of Educational Methods to the Teaching of High School Football." Kellam is an active football official and was elected president of the Central Texas Football Officials' association in 1938. He tells this story:

"Several years ago I was working a ball game between my old college team, San Marcos, and one of its Lone Star conference opponents. It was an annual game which I had worked for a number of seasons. With two minutes playing time remaining and the score 6-0 in favor of the visitors on the San Marcos home field, time out was called by the visiting captain. During time out the captain—a huge tackle—spent the entire period talking to me."

"In the course of conversation the big tackle became very enthusiastic and continually pointed his finger in my face. This happened time and time again. Following time out play was resumed and the game ended. Walking off the field I ran into a friend of mine, a boy I had known for years.

"'It was a good game,' he said, 'but I'm sorry our boys lost. By the way, while I thought the game was well officiated, I noticed the visiting captain was in a heated argument with you during the last time out period. What was the trouble?'"

"'Mr. Kellam,' said the captain, 'don't you have a brother in San Antonio who is head of physical education and athletic director for the city schools?'"

"I replied that I did," Kellam relates and that started the "heated argument."

"He told me he was a major in physical education and intended taking his master's degree the following summer. He would appreciate it, he said, if I would say a good word to my brother for him as he expected to apply for a job next year in the San Antonio school system."

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5-Million Program

As state youth administrator, Kellam is charged with the responsibility of running a five-million-dollar program in Texas this year of which approximately 85 per cent will be expended for youth labor.

Youth today, according to Mr. Kellam's way of thinking, are not asking for free land, or for anything as a gift. But, as he points out, they do want a chance to work, to earn, and to learn—the chance for an education and the experience that is essential to a normal happy life. Above all, he says, they want the work experience that leads to a regular job.

Almost 15,000 young men and young women are being given part-time employment on NYA work projects in Texas. These needy young people are offered work experience and training that fits them for private employment. And on the NYA student aid program here in Texas 20,000 youth are employed who would be unable to continue their education without such assistance.

J. C. Kellam is not only an able administrator, but a devoted student of the needs of young people. He personally travels an average of 4,000 miles a month visiting NYA projects, and NYA districts, appearing before service clubs, youth groups, conventions, and civic bodies. Members of his state staff return after accompanying him on one of his many excursions to the four corners of the state shaking their heads in amazement at the pace he sets. But regardless of the various demands upon his time he takes time out to keep in close personal touch with the 35,000 young people who belong to his official family.

Story on J.C. Kellam
Austin American-Statesman, November 19, 1939

***Quietly but Effectively Jesse Kellam Does
Big Job of Training Youth for War Work***



J. C. Kellam, NYA administrator . . . he plans and directs the war work-training program which prepares young people of Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico, for places on the war production front.

No fanfare or personal horn-toting was heard recently when modest Jesse C. Kellam, Texas director of the National Youth administration, quietly assumed the position of administrator for the NYA program in the southwestern region comprising Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

The Texas NYA program has long since been considered a pattern for other states throughout the nation and it was no surprise that National Admr. Aubrey Williams promoted Kellam, under whose guidance the Texas youth program attained this distinction.

Jesse Kellam, the son of Mrs. Juliet R. Kellam and the late Claud Holland Kellam of San Marcos, was born in Blanco county, but spent his boyhood and school days at San Marcos. He was an outstanding athlete at Southwest Texas State Teachers college where he received his B. A. degree.

Following his graduation, he spent 10 years teaching and coaching in public schools of Texas. During these years he attended Texas university summer sessions where he received an M. A. degree; he has done considerable work toward his doctorate, also, at the university.

Kellam served as deputy state school superintendent for the East Texas district for a time and was later named state director of rural aid in the state department of education.

He was drafted—and given leave of absence—from the state department of education in 1935 to help Lyndon Johnson, first Texas NYA director, organize the program and in 1937 succeeded Johnson who was elected to congress.

In keeping the NYA program in Texas constantly synchronized with the fast-changing trends incident to the transition from peacetime to wartime, no obstacle has proved too great for this aggressive "young people's" champion.

The fact that the National Youth administration has earned its salt was indicated when it was transferred from the federal security agency to the war manpower commission by executive order of the president. Since Dec. 7, 1941, more than 7,000 young people between the ages of 18 and 25 have left NYA war work training shops throughout this region to accept jobs in critical war industries which included such essentials as aircraft and shipbuilding, civilian jobs in the U. S. army's radio communication field, aircraft mechanics for the navy, and clerical workers for various civil service jobs.

The NYA in this region is able to maintain a force of 5,000 young

people training in its shops and with the constant turnover of boys and girls from NYA shops into the industries, approximately 30,000 can be trained annually.

Kellam invariably refrains from taking personal credit for the achievements of his organization, but is quick to praise "my boys"—as he fondly refers to his fellow-workers in the NYA organization. Nevertheless, these results are the product of the fast pace he sets for his organization—the same pace he sparked for the San Marcos Teachers' Bobcats when he, as a halfback, ran the Texas conference ragged in the 1920's—and the reason his official day usually consumes from 10 to 18 hours.

Kellam has continued to be a keen football enthusiast. He is a prominent official in the Texas conference; however, his current duties in directing a three-state program turning out young war workers, have almost eliminated this activity.

As a result of his football experiences, he often uses the football vernacular in illustrating points to his staff.

Another field of sport at which Kellam is "a fair hand" is golf. His

game, formerly around par, he admits isn't what it used to be because of lack of practice—but he doesn't complain. "The job at hand is to get these youngsters ready to take their places on the home front—the war industries," he says with genuine seriousness, then with an easy smile, adds, "We can all improve our golf game after we win the war."

One bit of summer-time recreation which he looks forward to when time permits—it isn't near often enough to suit him or his attractive wife, the former Louise Murphy of Lufkin—is to take their little blond-haired three-year-old daughter, Nita Louise, to nearby Lake Austin for a swim.

Another Kellam daughter, Carolyn, aged 7 months, helps round out a "fairly" active day, too, for Mrs. Kellam.

Although a well-known figure among educators, city, county and state officials, and civic leaders throughout Texas, Kellam has no political aspirations. He is bent solely to the task of seeing that every young man and woman in his region have the opportunity through the NYA program to fit themselves for a useful role in the war effort.

Story of Jesse Kellam's NYA program initiatives
Austin Statesman, November 6, 1942

LBJ Puts Kellam On Panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced Tuesday that President Johnson has named a seven-member national advisory committee on adult basic education.

Chairman of the group will be Commissioner of Education Harold Howe.

Named for terms expiring June 30, 1969, were Jesse Kellam, chairman, Board of Regents, Texas State Colleges, and general manager of the Johnson family's radio station, KTBC, Austin; Elizabeth Roby Leighton, director, Division of Adult Basic Education, Arizona Department of Public Instruction; Alex Mercure, Home Education Livelihood Program, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Walter Davis, education director, AFL-CIO, Washington.

Story on J.C. Kellam's appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Adult Basic Education

Austin Statesman, January 24, 1967

**Final Rites Today
For Mrs. Kellam**

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. for Mrs. J. C. (Louise) Kellam. Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor emeritus of University Methodist Church, will conduct the rites at Cook Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Kellam was the wife of Jess Kellam, president and general manager of Texas Broadcasting Corporation, operators of KTBC-TV and KTBC Radio-AM and FM.

The services will be attended by President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and their daughters, who arrived in Austin late Friday. The Kellam and Johnson families have been close personal friends for many years.

Mrs. Kellam is survived by her husband; two daughters, Miss Carolyn Kellam, a senior at The University of Texas, and Mrs. Nita Louise Magee of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Cover C. Porter of Lufkin; a granddaughter, Miss Carolyn Lee Magee of Austin; and a niece, Mrs. Mary Slater of Lufkin.

The death of Mrs. Kellam early Friday of a heart attack came almost on the eve of the marriage of her younger daughter Carolyn to Tom Curtis of Dallas. Miss Kellam said the wedding would be held Feb. 15 as scheduled.

Mrs. Kellam, a native of Nacogdoches, met and married Kellam, then a football coach, while teaching English at Lufkin High School in 1934. She had attended Stephen F. Austin College and The University of Texas.

The Kellams came to Austin when he served in 1935-36 with President Johnson who was then director of the state National Youth Administration.

Pallbearers will be Sherman Birdwell, Homer Garrison, Edward Clark, Donald Thomas, Earl Deathe and A. W. Mour-sund.

Austin American-Statesman, February 9, 1964

NOTE: The Johnsons' attendance at Louise Kellam's funeral was covered by the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune.



J.C. Kellam

Radio executive Kellam dies

Funeral for J.C. Kellam, longtime Austin broadcaster and general manager of KLBJ radio, will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Kellam died at his Austin home Tuesday after an extended illness.

Kellam, 77, was a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, where there is an athletic scholarship in his name. He and Lyndon Johnson were classmates at the University.

He received his master's degree from the University of Texas in Austin.

Kellam taught and coached in Lufkin and served as deputy state school superintendent and director of rural aid for the state education department for several years. He later took a leave of absence to work with the National Youth Administration, where he became state director and later regional director for Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

In 1946, Kellam joined the LBJ Co., then known as the KTBC Co. He became president and general manager of KTBC-TV when it was owned by the family of the late President Lyndon Johnson. Later the Times Mirror Co. bought the television station, but the Johnsons retained the radio station, renaming it KLBJ.

At the time of his death, Kellam was on the board of regents of the Texas State University system and board of directors of Capital National Bank, First National Bank of Yorktown and Bank of the Hills in Cedar Park. He was also a member of the Texas Citizens Committee of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and was active in local civic affairs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the J. C. Kellam Athletic Scholarship Fund at SWTU, to the LBJ Library Endowment Fund or to Town Lake Beautification.

Story on the death of Jesse C. Kellam
Austin American-Statesman, October 12, 1977

KELLAM, J.C., 77, 1409 Westover, died Tuesday. Services 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. Tom (Carolyn) Curtis of Austin, Mrs. John B. Mayo of San Diego, Calif.; sister, Mrs. Bryan Wildenthal of Austin; brother, Claud Kellam of San Antonio; six grandchildren.

Death notice for Jesse C. Kellam
Austin American-Statesman, October 12, 1977

McCaughey
R. H. ~~McCaughey~~ 1409 Westover Road
E. 24' of 5, W. 35' of
159 - 15 6 -
Pemberton heights # 8
Frame residence & frame garage
268n - 5/26/39

Connection No. 1077 No. 15598

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas, 4/26 1939

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions
on premises owned by R. H. McCauley
at 1409 Westover Rd. Street,
further described as lot 35' x 76' block 15, outlot _____,
subdivision Parkside Hts 8 division _____, plat 119,
which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 7 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance
charge.

3 1/2' DEEP Respectfully,

AT-PL

Stub Out 5-20-39

R. W. Gissell
for 12-21-39

Connected _____ 19: _____

Permit PL

Size of Main 4 inches.

5-23-39

Size of Service 4 inches.

O.V.

4 Feet Deep at curb

Feet from Property Line _____

Stub

Feet from Curb Line _____

out 5-7 1/2'

Inspected by Boatright

W of EL

Connection made by Morris

11273

B-14-V

Sewer connection application for this address (1939)