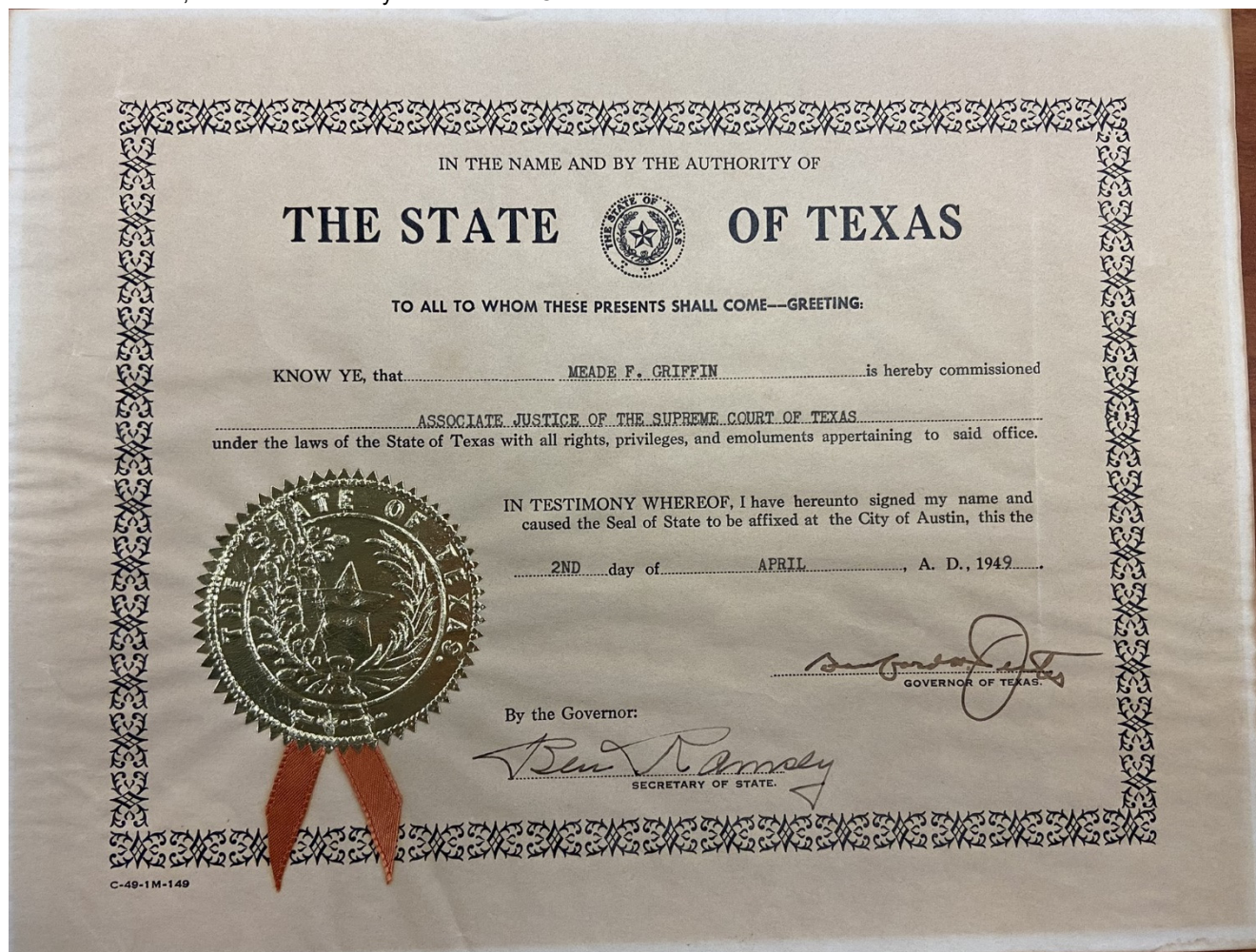


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**Figure A5-5.** Meade F. Griffin's first Associate Justice of the Supreme Court certification, 1949. Source: The Texas Supreme Court Justice Meade F. Griffin papers, 1949-1969, Texas Supreme Court records, Archives and Information Services Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.



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**Figure A5-6.** Newspaper advertisement for Griffin's reelection to the Texas Supreme Court, 1962. Source: *Corpus Christi Caller Times*, May 2, 1962, p. 24.

**Re-elect**

**Judge Meade F.  
GRIFFIN**

**to Supreme Court, Place 1**

Judge Griffin has served with distinction on the Supreme Court since April 1, 1949. Judge Griffin was endorsed by the lawyers of Texas in their secret poll by a vote of 8 to 1.



Nueces County lawyers secret poll showed Judge Griffin preferred

**by A VOTE OF 185 to 15**

**VOTE to Re-elect Judge Meade F. Griffin**

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**Figure A5-7.** An article in *The Texas Bankers Record* written by Griffin in 1947. Source: The Texas Supreme Court Justice Meade F. Griffin papers, 1949-1969, Texas Supreme Court records, Archives and Information Services Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.



"Horse-Back" Opinions Hit Bulls-Eye

Although the above caption is a badly scrambled figure of speech, Meade Griffin, Plainview attorney, (left) satisfied all with his quickie answers on legal questions in banking. Above, these men crowd around him at recess time—although he had already answered a hundred questions. His opinions were just as informal and dependable as his red suspenders. This scene would not be badly titled: "Socrates Instructing Youths in the Streets of Athens".

## Everyday Legal Opinions In Banking

By MEADE F. GRIFFIN, Attorney at Law, Plainview

IN response to questionnaires sent out by your secretary I received many interesting questions. There were some points of law which were asked many times and in this paper I shall try to discuss those points in accordance with the number of requests which I received concerning them.

### Joint Accounts

The question which was propounded to me the most involves joint accounts deposited in banks, generally in the names of husband and wife. This question has many phases. The most simple phase is the one in which a joint account requires joint signatures or permits withdrawal by either of the parties and without any contract that the account shall pass to the survivor. Under the common law there was a doctrine known as joint tenancy, whereby when parties owned property as joint tenants, either of them had the right to control and the right to possession (the same as what we know as tenants in common), and upon the death of one of them, the joint property passed to the survivor.

In order to avoid this situation in Texas, on March 18, 1848, Article 2580 was passed which reads as follows:

"Where two or more persons hold an estate, real, personal or mixed jointly, and one joint owner dies before severance, his interest in said joint estate shall not survive to the remaining joint owner or joint owners, but shall descend to, and be vested in, the heirs or legal representatives of such deceased joint owner in the same manner as if

his interest had been severed and ascertained." See also Art. 342 Sec. 710 Rev. Statutes of Texas which deals with joint accounts.

In the ordinary joint account held by a bank and generally known as an individual checking account wherein more than one signature is authorized, or in an ordinary account deposited to Mr. and Mrs. "X", there can be no right of survivorship and if the bank pays out funds after the death of one that deposited these, then such funds are paid at the risk of liability on the part of the bank to the taxing authorities, both State and Federal, and also liabilities to the creditors of the estate

in certain instances.

funds should be community property and have been accumulated by the husband and wife after marriage and in the further event that there are no children, then the surviving spouse is entitled to the whole of the community estate, which includes the bank deposit, subject of course, to the right of the taxing authorities. There are certain charges which are a prior lien against an estate, such as funeral expenses, expenses of last illness, court costs, and widow's allowance in certain instances. The widow's allowance must be as a result of a court order and the bank should recognize this only after having been furnished with such order.

We now come to consider the joint account payable to either or survivor. The cases hold that this can be sustained only as a result of: First, joint ownership by the depositors or, Second, by virtue of a gift made by the sole owner of the deposit and at the time he authorizes the bank to recognize the signature of the other joint depositor and when the depositor attempts to make the account payable to the sur-

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# Attachment B

## Color Photographs



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**Jarratt Avenue  
Austin, TX 78703**

**March 2022\***

***\*Photos reflect the current condition and appearance of the residence***

Electronic reproductions of photographs are included below. Higher resolution JPG files are available for download at [https://dmoore.egnyte.com/fi/Z448NTMkn9/Attachment-B\\_Color-Photographs\\_](https://dmoore.egnyte.com/fi/Z448NTMkn9/Attachment-B_Color-Photographs_).

**Photo 1.** Oblique view of house and contextual of Jarratt Avenue, camera facing north, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.





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**Photo 2.** Primary façade, camera facing west, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.



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**Photo 3.** Oblique of original portion and main entrance and bay window, camera facing southwest, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.





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**Photo 4.** Detail of 1973 side addition and chimney on main portion of house, camera facing west, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.



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**Photo 5.** Oblique view of side façade, camera facing north, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.



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**Photo 6.** Oblique view of side façade and main entrance, garage apartment to the rear, camera facing west, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.



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**Photo 7.** Oblique view of rear façade, camera facing south, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.

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**Photo 8.** Façade of 2016 rear addition, taken from backyard, camera facing east, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.



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**Photo 9.** Oblique view of rear and side facades, camera facing northeast, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.



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**Photo 10.** Side façade of garage apartment, camera facing northeast, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.



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**Photo 11.** Front façade of garage apartment, camera facing west, Griffin House, 2502 Jarratt Avenue. Photo by HHM, March 2022.