

## ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2026-0018

HLC DATE: April 1, 2026

PC DATE: April 28, 2026

CC Date: TBD

APPLICANT: Historic Landmark Commission (commission-initiated)

HISTORIC NAME: The Hill-Thompson House

WATERSHED: Boggy Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1906 Maple Avenue, Austin, Texas 78722

ZONING CHANGE: SF-3-HD-NP to SF-3-H-HD-NP

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from family residence-historic district-neighborhood plan (SF-3-HD-NP) to family residence-historic landmark-historic districtneighborhood plan (SF-3-H-HD-NP) combining district zoning.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION: Historical associations and community value.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend historic zoning (9-0)

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

CASE MANAGER: Austin Lukes, 512-978-0766

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS: Austin Independent School District, Austin Neighborhoods Council, Del Valle Community Coalition, East Austin Conservancy, Friends of Austin Neighborhoods, Homeless Neighborhood Association, Overton Family Committee, Preservation Austin, Rogers Washington Holy Cross, Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Planning Team

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey recommended the property as contributing to a potential local historic district. The property was subsequently listed as a contributing resource in the 2020 ordinance designating the Rogers Washington Holy Cross local historic district.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

***§ 25-2-352(3)(c)(ii) Historical Associations.*** *The property has long-standing significant associations with persons, groups, institutions, businesses, or events of historical importance that contributed significantly to the history of the city, state, or nation or represents a significant portrayal of the cultural practices or the way of life of a definable group of people in a historic time.*

The Hill-Thompson house has numerous significant historical associations, including with architect John Saunders Chase, zoologist and geneticist Oscar Leonard Thompson, and several generations of the prominent Hill family.

John S. Chase was an Austin-based architect responsible for the designs of numerous houses and other buildings in the city, as well as around Texas, including several buildings and the campus master plan at Texas Southern University. In the early 1950s, Chase became the first African-American graduate of the University of Texas School of Architecture. Though he was unable to find work at any white firms after graduation, he would go on to have success with his own practice beginning in 1952. The types of projects that his firm was involved with were numerous and located

throughout Texas. As historian Lori Martin writes,

Chase's documented Austin works—including the 1952 Colored Teachers State Association of Texas (CTSAT) David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (1959), and the Phillips/Phillips-Banks (Della Phillips) House at 2310 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. mid-1960s—demonstrate a consistent modernist vocabulary adapted to Black institutional and residential needs in East Austin. The Irene Hill Thompson House at 1906 Maple Avenue aligns with this body of work through its mid-century modern planning, climate-responsive roof/overhang system, and its privacy-conscious residential approach in its design. The home on Maple Avenue was Chase's first residential project.

Later in his career, after the successful designs including the Hill-Thompson House, Chase had several branches of his firm located across Texas. He was later involved, along with 12 other architects, with the founding of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA).

Like Chase, Oscar Thompson was enrolled at the University of Texas in the 1950s, where he was the one of the first African-American students admitted to the university. There he worked towards a master's degree in zoology and graduated in 1952 as the first black graduate from the university. At this time, he also met Irene Hill, and they were married on August 9, 1952. At this time, the Thompsons lived at Graham Street in East Austin. The land that would become the Hill-Thompson House's site was acquired in 1962. Soon after, design and construction began on what would be their house at 1906 Maple Avenue, with the work done by their friend and rising architect John Chase. This project would be Chase's first residential project in Austin.

Thompson would continue work in the sciences, and was pursuing a Ph.D. and teaching at Huston-Tillotson University until his death in 1962 at the age of fifty-five. In his honor, flags at the University of Texas were flown at half-mast. His passing occurred before construction of the Hill-Thompson House was completed.

Irene Hill and her family were deeply involved in professional and civic roles throughout East Austin. Her siblings James Hill and Waldron Wray Plicque achieved academic successes that were in service of civic engagement and the pursuit of broader education opportunities. James Hill would serve for a time as a senior vice president at the University of Texas and later as a vice president for community and school relations. Waldron Wray worked for many years in the Austin Independent School District (AISD), including as assistant principal at Fulmore and Dobie Jr. high schools and eventually as Assistant Director of Personnel for the district. Irene also worked with AISD, with her tenure lasting 34 years, many of which were at L.C. Anderson High School.

**§ 25-2-352(3)(c)(iv) Community Value.** *The property has a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a neighborhood, or a particular group.*

The Maple Street property, with all of the prominent individuals associated directly with it, also became a meeting place for civic engagement, especially for political organizing and social gathering for the greater East Austin African American community. During the 1964 presidential campaign of Lyndon Johnson, Irene Hill-Thompson and her daughter served as "Blue Birds," who were tasked as liaisons between the campaign and the larger African American community in East Austin in an effort to rally support. The house would later serve as an gathering space for other political campaigns and causes, which generated a catalyst of grassroots engagement in this section of the city, and particularly the Rogers Washington Holy Cross neighborhood. The decades-long family support and drive for a political voice created a value to and of the community that became sought after by local and statewide political figures.

PARCEL NO.: 0212101516

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 10 WASHINGTON SUBD

ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX EXEMPTION (homestead, capped):

AISD	COA	TC	TC Health	Total
\$2,459.06	\$2,441.06	\$1,598.31	\$501.90	\$7,000.33

APPRAISED VALUE: Land: \$361,277; Improvement: \$350,935; Total: \$712,212

PRESENT USE: Residence

DATE BUILT/PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1963; 1963-1970

INTEGRITY/ALTERATIONS: The house retains strong integrity from its original construction. The unique John Saunders Chase design is apparent and architectural features such as the elevated front porch with stone base is in good condition and has not been altered. Some deterioration has occurred as a result of weathering and use, but nothing that is beyond repair or like replacement.

PRESENT OWNERS: Marilyn Poole Bailey

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Irene Hill Thompson

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: Contributing resource to the Rogers Washington Holy Cross local historic district

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**A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING**

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: _____	FILE NUMBER(S) _____
<b>TENTATIVE HLC DATE:</b> _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	CITY INITIATED: YES / NO
CASE MANAGER _____	ROLLBACK: YES/NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: _____	

**BASIC PROJECT DATA:**

1. OWNER'S NAME: Marilynn Poole Bailey

2. PROJECT NAME: The Hill-Thompson House

3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): 1906 Maple, Austin, Texas  
 ZIP 78722 COUNTY: Travis

**IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:**  
 LOCATED \_\_\_\_\_ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS  
 APPROXIMATELY \_\_\_\_\_ DISTANCE FROM ITS  
 INTERSECTION WITH \_\_\_\_\_ CROSS STREET.

**AREA TO BE REZONED:**

4. ACRES 0.1801 (OR) SQ.FT. 7844.23

5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:

EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING USE	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1)	ACRES / SQ. FT.	PROPOSED USE	PROPOSED ZONING
<u>SF-3-HD-NP</u>	<u>Residential</u>	_____	<u>7844.23</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>SF-3-HD-NP</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**RELATED CURRENT CASES:**

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

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Washington  
Block(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) 10 Outlot(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Plat Book: 02506 Page \_\_\_\_\_  
Number: 00119

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: Instrument #2022186229 PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 0212101516

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE?  YES / NO  
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD,NP, etc) Upper Boggy Creek; Rogers-Washington-  
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES / NO Holy Cross LHD  
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: Marilynn Poole Webb NAME: Marilynn Poole Webb  
FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: (713) 628.2228  
STREET ADDRESS: 1906 Maple Ave.  
CITY: Austin STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 78722  
EMAIL ADDRESS: mpb4908@gmail.com

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION  
SIGNATURE: Lori Martin NAME: Lori Martin, Architectural Historian  
FIRM NAME: O'Connell Architecture, LLC TELEPHONE NUMBER: (512) 423-6841  
STREET ADDRESS: 3908 Avenue B., Room 309  
CITY: Austin STATE: Texas ZIP CODE: 78751  
CONTACT PERSON: Lori Martin TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512.423.6841  
EMAIL ADDRESS: lori@ocpreservation.com

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**D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION  
AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION**

**SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION**

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.**

<u><i>Lori Martin</i></u>	<u>12/18/2025</u>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Lori Martin</u>	
<b>Name (Typed or Printed)</b>	
<u>O'Connell Architecture, LLC</u>	
<b>Firm (If applicable)</b>	

**INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION**

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.**

<u><i>Marilynn Poole Webb</i></u>	<u>12/18/2025</u>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Marilynn Poole Webb</u>	
<b>Name (Typed or Printed)</b>	
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<b>Firm (If applicable)</b>	

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**E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

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

I, Lori Martin 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

1906 Maple, Austin, Texas 78722 LOT 10 WASHINGTON SUBD  
(Address or Legal Description)

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.

*Lori Martin*

(Applicant's signature)

12/18/2025

(Date)

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**F. 1: Historical Documentation - Deed Chronology**

**Deed Research for (fill in address) 1906 Maple, Austin, Texas 78702**

*List Deeds chronologically, beginning with earliest transaction first and proceeding through present ownership. The first transaction listed should date at least back to when the original builder of any historic structures on the site first acquired the property (i.e., should pre-date the construction of any buildings/ structures on the site). Please use the format delineated below.*

*For each transaction please include: name of Grantor/Grantee, date of transaction, legal description involved, price, and volume/page number of deed records. If there is a mechanic's lien please copy the entire document.*

<b>LOT 10 WASHINGTON SUBD</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Grantor</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Recorded</b>	<b>Instrument #</b>
08/10/62	Warranty Deed		Mrs. Oscar L. Thompson	Vol. 02506, Page 00119	
01/29/17	Warranty Deed	Mrs. Oscar L. Thompson	Mrs. Oscar L. Thompson Life Estate		2017019787
04/15/17	Death Certification	Mrs. Oscar L. Thompson Life Estate	Ida Dawne Thompson		
11/29/22	Warranty Deed	Ida Dawne Thompson	Marilynn P Bailey		2022186229

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**F. 2: Historical Documentation - Occupancy History**

**Occupancy Research for (fill in address) 1906 Maple, Austin, Texas 78702**

*Using City Directories available at the Austin History Center or other information available, please provide a chronology of all occupants of the property from its construction to the present. For commercial property, please provide residential information on business owner as well.*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Owner/Occupant</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Source</b>
1963	No address listed		1963 Austin City Directory, pg. 291
1966	Mrs. Oscar L. Thompson	School Administration	1966 Austin City Directory, pg. 295
1968	Mrs. Irene H. Thompson, owner	School Administration	1968 Austin City Directory, pg. 315
1973	Mrs. Irene H. Thompson, owner	School Administration	1973 Austin City Directory, pg. 367
1978	Mrs. Irene H. Thompson, owner	School Administration	1978 Austin City Directory, pg. 384
1983	Mrs. Irene H. Thompson, owner	School Administration	1983 Austin City Directory, pg. 373
1988	Mrs. Irene H. Thompson	School Administration	1988 Austin City Directory, pg. 360
1993	Mrs. O. L. Thompson	School Administration	1993 Austin City Directory, pg. 421
1997	Mrs. Oscar L. Thompson	School Administration	1997 Austin City Directory, pg. 450
2002	Mrs. Oscar L. Thompson	School Administration	2002 Austin City Directory, pg. 517
2017	Ida Dawne Thompson		Texas Central Appraisal District
2022	Marilynn Poole Bailey, owner	Attorney	Texas Central Appraisal District
2025	Marilynn Poole Bailey, owner	Attorney	Travis Central Appraisal District

# Irene Hill Thompson House

## 1906 Maple Avenue

### Historic Narrative

#### Introduction

Irene Hill Thompson was a prominent social and civic figure in the Austin and Travis County area, from the 1940s through the mid 2000s. She established herself as a respected leader through her work as administrative secretary to the YMCA-USO in Bastrop, the Tears Funeral Home in East Austin, and Austin Independent School District, spending the majority of her career at the original L.C. Anderson High School. In this role, Irene served as a mentor to countless young women pursuing careers in secretarial and administrative professions, offering guidance, encouragement, and professional support.<sup>1</sup>

Deeply engaged in civic life, Irene was an active participant in local and state politics. Her home at 1906 Maple Avenue, functioned as a welcoming gathering place for political fundraisers and meetings, drawing elected officials, community leaders, and neighbors. She was also devoted to her college sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, where she remained active until her death, frequently opening her home for sorority functions and mentoring younger sorority members. Through these efforts, Irene became widely admired as a role model and community anchor.

After losing her husband, Oscar L. Thompson, the very first African American graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, at a relatively young age, Irene persevered and built a home for herself and her young daughter. The mid-century modern residence was designed by noted architect John Saunders Chase, a close friend of Irene and her late husband, and the Maple Avenue home represents Chase's first residential commission. While modest in scale, the split-level home is a significant early example of Chase's work, and it is one of only two original residential designs by Chase in the Austin area. John S. Chase, the first African American licensed in Texas, left a profound architectural legacy in East Austin and beyond.

As the first residential design by John Saunders Chase and the longtime home of Irene Hill Thompson whose contributions to education, civic life, and community leadership were substantial, the property holds exceptional cultural and historical significance. Together, the home, its architect and its original occupant represent an important chapter in Austin's social and architectural history, warranting designation as a historic landmark.

#### Summary

John S. Chase's design of the home at 1906 Maple Avenue in the Rogers–Washington–Holy Cross neighborhood stands as both architectural achievement and cultural testimony. Chase brought the language of mid-century modernism into a historically African American district shaped by community ambition, professional accomplishment, and the hard constraints of segregation. Alongside the steady output of prolific builder Nash Phillips—whose houses lined Maple, Givens, and Werner Avenues—Chase's designs helped give physical form to residents'

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<sup>1</sup> Many stories and facts throughout this narrative were provided by Marilyn Poole Webb, niece of Irene Hill Thompson and current owner of the home. These stories enhance and enrich an already intriguing and textured history.

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prominence and helped establish a lasting architectural legacy within one of East Austin's most significant residential enclaves.

The Rogers–Washington–Holy Cross Historic District—roughly bounded by East 20th Street to the north, Cedar Avenue to the east, East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the south, and Chestnut Avenue to the west—reflects a cohesive residential landscape shaped by aspiration and resilience. The district's historic character cannot be separated from Austin's 1928 city plan that compelled the relocation of much of the city's African American population to the east side of town. In the face of enforced segregation, East Austin residents built a self-sustaining, complete civic and commercial world of businesses, professional offices, social clubs, schools, and institutions that anchored community life and cultivated independent leadership. Middle class Black Austinites pursued the postwar ideal of suburban homeownership, despite restrictive covenants and the financial barriers of redlining which limited mobility, making established neighborhoods like Rogers–Washington–Holy Cross central to expression of Black prosperity in Austin and deserving preservation.<sup>2</sup>

Within this context, the Irene Hill Thompson House at 1906 Maple Avenue is especially resonant. The project emerged from the friendship between John Chase and Oscar Thompson, formed during their years at the University of Texas. After Oscar Thompson's sudden death in July 1962, the home's design became both a practical undertaking and a deeply personal act of survival. In recollections shared decades later, Irene Thompson described Chase stepping forward during her period of grief, offering solace, guidance, and momentum which helped her move from devastation toward the possibility of building a new home. Construction began in 1963, by the Oliver B. Street Company, and interior design and furnishing was assisted by decorator Mildred Smyers of Bridges Furniture Company. Much of the original décor and finish character remains, and the home is currently owned by members of the original family, making it not only a significant Chase commission, but also a rare, living continuity of legacy and stewardship.

### **Statement of Significance**

The Irene Hill Thompson House demonstrates significance under the criteria of historical associations and community value. The residence is the first house designed by renowned architect John Saunders Chase, and it has been continuously owned and occupied by members of Irene's family since its construction in 1963. This long-term association enhances the property's historical integrity and cultural importance.

John Saunders Chase maintained a longstanding relationship with the Rogers–Washington–Holy Cross neighborhood and made substantial contributions to the architectural landscape of East Austin. Along with this early residential commission, Chase designed several significant works in

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<sup>2</sup> Rogers-Washington-Holy Cross Local Historic District application. 2021.

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East Austin, including the Colored Teachers State Association of Texas headquarters—now known as the John S. and Drucie R. Chase Building (1191 Navasota Street); the Della Phillips House located at East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Maple Avenue; David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Chestnut Avenue); and Olivet Baptist Church (San Bernard Street at Cotton Street). The Irene Hill Thompson House represents an important early milestone in Chase’s career and reflects the beginning of his enduring architectural legacy.<sup>3</sup>

The owners regularly opened their home for political fundraisers, civic events, and other community gatherings, establishing it as an important forum for public discourse and grassroots organization. In doing so, they fostered an environment that encouraged civic participation and collective action and modeled for students and neighbors alike the perseverance and commitment essential to building a strong, enriched, and thriving community, mirroring the values held by so many of its leaders.

### Architectural Description

While the property’s eligibility is based on its relevant community value and historical associations, the inclusion of an architectural description provides important contextual information that enhances the understanding of the home’s significance within the broader historical narrative.

Architecturally, the Thompson House is an elegant, one-story, wood-frame mid-century modern residence built in 1963. The design blends open spatial planning with careful craftsmanship and expresses Chase’s hallmark priorities: strong horizontal massing, understated materiality, and an intentional relationship between interior life and exterior setting. The house is rectilinear in form, set on a raised foundation that gives it a lightly elevated profile above the lawn, taking advantage of a sloped lot that might otherwise have been rendered useless. A low-pitched roof with elongated eaves reinforces the horizontal emphasis while serving the practical role of providing protective shade in Central Texas’ harsh climate.

Fenestration is purposeful and asymmetrical, tuned to function rather than façade symmetry. Window placements and groupings—often horizontal in character—balance daylight and privacy, allowing illumination where needed while screening more intimate interior zones from the street. The effect is a house that feels simultaneously private and generous: sheltered from the public realm, yet opened strategically to light, view, and air.

Sited on a rectangular lot on the west side of Maple Avenue, the house maintains a consistent neighborhood setback pattern while maximizing privacy from the right-of-way. The front yard—defined by mature vegetation typical of the district—creates a calm buffer between street and entry. The approach culminates in a recessed or side-oriented entry sequence, an intentionally

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<sup>3</sup> Marla Akin. Common ground: The story of Austin’s newest, and only Black, historic district. *Sightlines*. June 2, 2021. <https://sightlinesmag.org/common-ground-the-story-of-austins-newest-and-only-black-historic-district>

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understated transition aligned with mid-century modern principles: arrival is choreographed through plane, overhang, and partial screening rather than ornament. The result is a residence that does not announce itself loudly, but rewards attention through proportion, restraint, and clarity.

The structure reflects common Central Texas building practices of its era: wood-frame construction on a pier-and-beam foundation. This raised base supports ventilation at the ground plane and enhances the building's "floating" visual character. Materially, the home relies on a disciplined palette—stone, wood, glass, and metal—combined into clean planes with minimal applied ornament. Inside, the Hill Thompson House preserves an important record of 1960s taste and identity - living and dining walls clad in mahogany veneer, and a distinctive original color scheme of pink and green that reflects Irene Hill Thompson's long devotion to Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first African American sorority. Even the kitchen retains vivid markers of its period, including surviving turquoise features such as the original O'Keefe & Merritt cooktop and sink, anchoring the home's mid-century character in tangible, everyday artifacts.

The home's final form also documents the realities of building within constraint. The original design reportedly envisioned three bedrooms and two baths, but after Oscar Thompson's death, Chase redesigned the plan to two bedrooms and two baths to align with Irene's finances without sacrificing quality. Correspondence between architect and contractor—reportedly including disputes over materials—underscores a common theme in good residential design - the negotiation between ambition and budget, solved through strategic revision rather than compromise of integrity.

Notably, the same correspondence suggests Chase's early attention to energy efficiency, seeking the best performance strategies available in 1963 and exploring upgrades aligned with solar responsiveness. This concern for comfort and climate, expressed through shading overhangs, cross-ventilation potential, and careful glazing strategy, reveals a modernism that is not merely stylistic, but environmentally sensitive and practical.

The Irene Hill Thompson House contributes to the historic character of the Rogers–Washington–Holy Cross Historic District as a well-preserved mid-century modern residence and an important early residential work by John S. Chase. Its integrity is reinforced by retained materials, consistent massing, original spatial intent, and the survival of interior finishes and color identity. More broadly, it embodies the cultural history of a district where Black community leadership, education, and civic stature were expressed not only through institutions and businesses, but also through the design and construction of dignified, forward-looking homes.

1906 Maple Avenue is a local, lived architecture shaped by friendship, loss, perseverance, and community pride. Chase's design achieves what only the best residential architecture can - it dignifies daily life through light, proportion, and thoughtful planning, while also holding a larger

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story in its walls. In a neighborhood forged under the pressures of segregation yet sustained by self-determination, the Hill Thompson House endures as both an architectural object and a cultural landmark—quietly modern, deeply rooted, and still speaking clearly across time.

### **Community Value**

The home’s community value derives from its longstanding role as a center for civic engagement led by Irene Hill Thompson. The house served as a meeting place for political organizing and community social gatherings that reflected her deep commitment to public service and civic participation. During Lyndon B. Johnson’s 1964 presidential campaign, Irene and her daughter, Ida Dawn, were selected as “Blue Birds,” a group of trusted community liaisons tasked with outreach and voter engagement efforts within Austin’s African American community.<sup>4</sup> Irene hosted numerous political events at her Maple Avenue home, for President Johnson, U.S. Congressmen Lloyd Doggett, East Texas Black Republican operative Ernest Sterling, J.J. “Jake” Pickle, and Texas State Senator Gonzalo Barrientos.<sup>5</sup> Throughout these activities, the house functioned not only as a private residence but also as an important site of grassroots political participation, further reinforcing its historical and cultural significance.

### **Historical Associations**

#### **John S. Chase**

John Saunders Chase was born on January 23, 1925, in Annapolis, Maryland. After serving in World War II, Chase received a B.S. in Architectural Engineering from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) in 1948. Chase relocated to Austin, taking a job as a teacher at the Crescent Institute, an historic African American vocational school on East 9th Street that offered private instruction in drafting and other building trades.<sup>6</sup> His true passion was architecture, but he knew he would have to seek a higher degree. In 1950, Chase met and befriended Hugh McMath, then the Chair of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas. McMath encouraged him to apply even though the University was segregated at that time. After the Supreme Court decided the landmark desegregation case *Sweatt v. Painter* later that year, Chase applied and was accepted into the School of Architecture. At that time, he was the first African American student to register to attend the University of Texas School of Architecture as a graduate student.<sup>7</sup> After graduation, Chase discovered that none of the

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<sup>4</sup> Irene Thompson Obituary.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Marla Akin. In Plain Sight: A midcentury East Austin treasure, packed with history, gets a new life. Sightlines. March 5, 2018.

<sup>7</sup> The Life and Architectural Legacy of John S. Chase. The University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture. February 19, 2024. <https://soa.utexas.edu/news/life-architectural-legacy-john-s-chase>

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predominantly white firms would hire him.<sup>8</sup> Undeterred, he applied to take his board exams without the normally required internship and was allowed to do so. He passed the exam and became the first Black architect licensed in the State of Texas.<sup>9</sup>

While studying at UT's School of Architecture, Chase met Oscar L. Thompson, UT's first African American graduate student in any department. Thompson completed a master's degree in zoology, with an emphasis on genetics. The two became friends, and after Thompson died in 1962, Chase designed the home for Thompson's widow in East Austin,<sup>10</sup> at 1906 Maple Avenue.

Chase had many "firsts" in his career. He was the first African American architect admitted to the Texas Society of Architects and one of the founders of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). Throughout his long and successful career as an architect and entrepreneur, Chase paved the way for future African American architects in Texas.

In Austin, Chase is responsible for the design of a number of modern structures. Chase's early work reflects not only his modern design sensibility, but also his long-term admiration for the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and his Usonian ideals. In addition to the David Chapel and the Della Phillips House, Chase's work in Austin includes the Irene Hill Thompson residence and the 1952 Teachers State Association of Texas Building which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

Shortly after graduating from UT, Chase moved his practice to Houston and accepted an appointment as assistant professor of architectural drafting at Texas Southern University (TSU). By the 1960s, John Chase had a remarkable reputation in the Texas architectural world, with many connections in the growing and influential African American community. In this period his firm designed churches, residences, libraries, schools, and institutional buildings, such as the Port of Houston International Longshoreman's Association Hall for Local 872, the first African American Longshoreman's union. Texas Southern University also chose Chase to develop its campus master plan, and throughout the 1970s, Chase designed a number of buildings for the TSU campus, including the Education Building, MLK Jr. School of Communication, TSU Student Center, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and most of the student dormitories. Chase's master

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<sup>8</sup> The Life and Architectural Legacy of John S. Chase.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Oscar Leonard Thompson. Find a Grave. November 7, 2011. Find a Grave Memorial ID 80017529, citing Evergreen Cemetery, Austin, Travis County, Texas. Accessed July 29, 2025.

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plan and buildings contribute to TSU’s reputation as one of the most prominent African American universities in Texas.<sup>11</sup>

Chase’s documented Austin works—including the 1952 Colored Teachers State Association of Texas (CTSAT) David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (1959), and the Phillips/Phillips-Banks (Della Phillips) House at 2310 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. mid-1960s)—demonstrate a consistent modernist vocabulary adapted to Black institutional and residential needs in East Austin. The Irene Hill Thompson House at 1906 Maple Avenue aligns with this body of work through its mid-century modern planning, climate-responsive roof/overhang system, and its privacy-conscious residential approach in its design.<sup>12</sup> The home on Maple Avenue was Chase’s first residential project.<sup>13</sup>

Chase expanded his footprint and eventually had offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and Washington, D.C. During his illustrious career Chase received many prestigious awards. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) elected Chase to the College of Fellows, and President Carter in 1980 appointed him to the US Commission of Fine Arts, the first Black commission member. By the time of his death in 2010, Chase had made a most definite and important contribution not just to Texas architecture but to architectural practice nationally. He grabbed his opportunities and made the most of each and every one. As one of the twelve co-founders of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), Chase was always looking back to pull others up the rung as he felt was his privilege and responsibility.

### **Oscar Leonard Thompson**

Early in 1951, Irene Hill met Oscar Thompson when he was working on a master of science in zoology thesis entitled, “A Phenylthiocarbomide Taste Deficiency in a Negro Population.” Irene was working on her undergraduate degree in zoology, and her knowledge of the Austin/Travis County community and Black Greek alliances made her the perfect assistant for Oscar. After working together, the couple married on August 9, 1952 at her parents’ home.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> John Chase FAIA, Texas Southern University and the Third Ward. docomomo\_us. October 13, 2019. <https://docomomo-us.org/event/john-chase-faia-texas-southern-university-and-the-third-ward>

<sup>12</sup> Gerald Moorhead, et al. David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Phillips-Banks House. SAH Archipedia. [https://sah-archipedia.org/buildings/TX-01-AU96?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://sah-archipedia.org/buildings/TX-01-AU96?utm_source=chatgpt.com). Accessed December 3, 2025.

<sup>13</sup> Marla Akin. Common ground: The story of Austin’s newest, and only Black, historic district. Sightlines. June 21, 2021. [https://sightlinesmag.org/common-ground-the-story-of-austins-newest-and-only-black-historic-district?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://sightlinesmag.org/common-ground-the-story-of-austins-newest-and-only-black-historic-district?utm_source=chatgpt.com). Accessed December 3, 2025.

<sup>14</sup> Irene Hill Thompson (An Autobiography). Provided by current owner, Marilyn Webb. October 16, 2025.

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Born (Aug. 25, 1907) and raised in Rosebud, near Waco, Oscar Thompson's college aspirations were put on hold by the Great Depression, then by his service in the Pacific during World War II. When he returned from war, he used the GI Bill to finish his degree at Paul Quinn College in Dallas.<sup>15</sup>

The name Heman Sweatt is recognizable in UT history because of the 1950 Supreme Court case Sweatt v. Painter that made him the first Black student admitted to the University of Texas and laid the groundwork for Brown v. Board of Education. Unfortunately, Sweatt never earned the law degree which he fought so hard for the right to pursue.

Oscar capitalized on the Sweatt decision and came to UT to pursue a master's degree in zoology, with an emphasis on genetics. Oscar Leonard Thompson became UT's first Black graduate in January 1952. Thompson became a research scientist assisting UT geneticist C.P. Oliver investigating sickle cell anemia.<sup>16</sup>

Just months after Thompson graduated, John Chase earned his Master of Architecture. In 1956, UT admitted its first Black undergraduates, of which there were approximately seventy-five. When Thompson died in 1962 at fifty-five, he was working on his Ph.D. and teaching at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin. UT flew its flags at half-mast upon his death.<sup>17</sup>

### **The Hill Family**

Jerome and Ida Belle Hill moved to Austin in 1921 from the Webberville area, where Jerome was a sharecropper. Ida Belle's father helped them secure a home on Washington Avenue. Irene was the first of seven children born in Austin. The youngest daughter, Waldron Wray Plicque, was the only child born in a hospital.<sup>18</sup>

Jerome, a boilermaker on the Southern Pacific Railroad and was able to purchase a home at 1909 Tillotson Avenue. At that time, buying a home for a person of color was usually on a contractual (contract for deed) basis. No equity was owned in the home until the final payment was made, and should the person miss a payment, the seller could immediately claim ownership regardless of the number of prior payments. The dark cloud of the Depression brought about the loss of his job with the railroad, in order to protect his investment in the house, Jerome built a small structure on his property to open a meat market. Jerome always worked hard to feed his family and keep them in the Tillotson home, working with the city as

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<sup>15</sup> Avrel Seale. Excellence in the First Degree. UT News. February 5, 2019. <https://news.utexas.edu/2019/02/05/excellence-in-the-first-degree/#:~:text=When%20he%20died%20in%201962,Tags:%20Campus%2C%20Community>. Accessed 12/3/2025.

<sup>16</sup> Avrel Seale. Excellence in the First Degree.

<sup>17</sup> Avrel Seale.

<sup>18</sup> Irene Hill Thompson (An Autobiography).

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well as the federally funded Public Works Administration as a stone mason. He built the steps at Rosewood Park and Mount Bonnell, and the concrete tables at Zilker Park.<sup>19</sup>

Jerome was also well known for his beautiful yard and gardens. Garden clubs from West Austin would often schedule visits to admire his beautiful landscapes at Huston Tillotson College and at his little house on Tillotson with such grand gardens,<sup>20</sup> thanks to a series of articles about him, by Clare Ogden Gooden, garden editor, *The Austin Statesman*, 1940's – 1960's.

The Hills owned their home until their deaths in the 1970s. From all accounts, Jerome and Ida Belle Hill and their children were influential and impactful to the African American community they helped to build in East Austin. Jerome, an accomplished gardener and photographer created the landscape design for Huston-Tillotson College (now Huston-Tillotson University) that remains today. He also was photographer for ButterKrust Bakery's weekly family photo in the *Capitol City Argus*, an Eastside Community publication. His wife, an accomplished seamstress voluntarily designed and sewed the first majorette uniforms for the LC Anderson marching band.<sup>21</sup>

Irene's brother, Dr. James L Hill, became a senior vice president of The University of Texas at Austin. Hill served under four university presidents. President Robert Berdahl appointed him to associate vice president for administration and public affairs in 1993, and Dr. Hill retired and returned to become vice president for community and school relations in 2000, a position he retired from in 2007. Afterwards, he remained a special assistant to the president until his passing in 2012.<sup>22</sup>

The Hill's youngest daughter, Waldron Wray Plicque, crowned Miss East Austin in 1952, garnered a Master's Degree in Educational Administration. She served as Assistant Principal at Fulmore and Dobie Jr. High Schools before making the move to district administration as the Assistant Director of Personnel for the Austin Independent School District. She served as a mentor and impacted the lives of many Austin area teachers of all races, before retiring in 1997 after 33 years of service with AISD.<sup>23</sup>

Both James and Waldron Wray broke glass ceilings in their professions, and both considered Irene to be the wind beneath their wings, as they flourished. The contributions of members of the Hill family still resonate today.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Irene Hill Thompson (An Autobiography).

<sup>20</sup> Interview with the homeowner, granddaughter of Jerome and Ida Belle Hill. August 21, 2025.

<sup>21</sup> Interview with the homeowner Marilyn Webb, December 19, 2025.

<sup>22</sup> University's first African American Vice President Dies. *UT News*. September 5, 2012.

<https://news.utexas.edu/2012/09/05/universitys-first-african-american-vice-president-dies/>

<sup>23</sup> Waldron Wray Plique Obituary. September 19, 2020. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/austin-tx/waldron-plicque-9369897>

<sup>24</sup> Interview with the homeowner, daughter of Waldron Wray Plicque and niece of Irene Hill Thompson and Dr. James L. Hill.

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### Irene Hill Thompson

Irene Eulalia Hill was born Mary Had A Little Lamb Esther Ida Marie Hill on July 15, 1922, in Austin, Texas, the fourth of seven children born to Jerome and Ida Belle Doxey Hill. The name Irene was given to her by teachers who misunderstood her when she shyly offered her name on the first day of school. She was known as Mary at home and Irene at school. During those days, babies were delivered at home and white doctors usually did not record the births. In the event the birth was recorded, it was often without specifying the child's name, as was the case with Irene who was listed as "Infant Hill." Ultimately, she took the name Irene Eulalia Hill and used it for the duration of her long life of service to her community.<sup>25</sup>

Growing up in East Austin during the early twentieth century, Irene belonged to a generation that built the foundation of Austin's African American professional and civic communities despite the constraints of segregation. The Hill family was deeply rooted in Austin's Ebenezer Baptist Church, one of the city's oldest and most influential congregations, where the Hill-Thompson family's membership has spanned a century.

Thompson attended Austin's public schools and later graduated *cum laude* from Samuel Huston University (which merged with Tillotson College in 1952 to become Huston-Tillotson University). Her education was the bedrock for a career in public service that spanned more than four decades.<sup>26</sup>

During the Second World War, Irene served as secretary of the YMCA-USO Club in Bastrop, Texas. At that time, the facility supported the first cadre of soldiers arriving at Camp Swift, a major Army training base east of Austin. Her role provided administrative coordination for both servicemen and community programs—an early example of her commitment to organized purposeful service.<sup>27</sup>

Following the war, Irene Hill Thompson joined the Austin Independent School District (AISD), beginning a remarkable thirty-four-year career that reflected both her professionalism and dedication to students. Her esteemed career included time as an administrative secretary, attendance clerk, and registrar at the old L. C. Anderson High School, the cornerstone of Austin's Black educational life before desegregation. She was later an attendance investigator and supervisor of child accounting for AISD, where she became known for her meticulous records and her compassion for children struggling with attendance barriers. She retired from the district in 1985, widely respected for her organizational skills, fairness, and mentorship of younger colleagues.

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<sup>25</sup> Interview with the homeowner, niece of Dr. James L. Hill. December 17, 2025.

<sup>26</sup> Irene Thompson Obituary. *Austin American-Statesman*. April 16, 2017.

[https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/statesman/name/irene-thompson-obituary?id=7360138&utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/statesman/name/irene-thompson-obituary?id=7360138&utm_source=chatgpt.com). Accessed 8/29/2025.

<sup>27</sup> Irene Thompson Obituary.

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Irene’s works extended beyond the Austin school district to myriad leadership roles in the community. She helped elevate the role of educational support staff into a recognized professional discipline through her work as founder and first president of the Capital City Educational Secretaries Association, which provided training, advocacy, and networking for school administrators and clerical professionals. She served as the first African American president of the Association following the city’s school integration—a milestone reflecting both her professional excellence and personal courage. In this role she helped standardize best practices and encourage more equitable advancement opportunities for women of color.

Irene Hill Thompson was equally known for her deep civic commitment. She served as secretary of the United Political Organization, a statewide coalition of African American Democratic leaders active during the 1950s and 1960s. During Lyndon B. Johnson’s 1964 presidential campaign, Irene and her daughter were selected as “Blue Birds,” a group of community liaisons who assisted with outreach and voter engagement. Irene and her niece Marilynn, current owner of the Maple Avenue home, hosted many events at Irene’s home on Maple Avenue for Johnson, U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Texas Senator Gonzalo Barrientos,<sup>28</sup> and for Bitsy Hill, wife of Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Hill.

Irene’s political participation continued for decades; she worked on numerous election committees, volunteered with the Travis County Democratic Party, and later served as Early Voting Clerk at the University of Texas West Mall polling site from 1994 to 2003, helping ensure fair and accessible voting.

In addition to her political work, Irene was a founding and longtime officer of the W. H. Passon Historical Society, an organization dedicated to documenting and preserving the achievements of Austin’s Black community. As charter member and treasurer (1967–1988 and again 1996–2002), Thompson safeguarded the society’s financial integrity and helped sponsor educational exhibits, oral histories, and neighborhood preservation projects. Her attention to detail and passion for heritage made her a quiet but essential force in the ongoing work of the African American Community.<sup>29</sup> Irene Hill Thompson passed away on April 15, 2017, in Austin, attended by her niece, Marilynn. Her funeral service was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church, surrounded by family, former colleagues, and community members who remembered her as a pillar of faith and service.

Her life bridged education, civic duty, and cultural and historic preservation—a model of steady leadership whose quiet diligence left a visible imprint on Austin’s institutions and neighborhoods.

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<sup>28</sup> Irene Thompson Obituary.

<sup>29</sup> Interview with the current owner. December 17, 2025.

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**Marilynn Poole Webb**

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She left Austin, to focus on raising her family, and returned in 2014. Upon her return she stayed with her father at his house in the Rogers Washington Holy Cross historic district.

After her Aunt Irene's death, the house at 1906 Maple was in jeopardy of being lost. Marilynn recognized the importance of keeping the home in the family, not only for Irene's memory, but because of its importance to the community, the family and the part it played in Marilynn's life memories. So, Marilynn came to the rescue of Irene's daughter, thereby starting her journey as steward of the house.

Irene played a formative role in Marilynn's life, always making herself available to share life's lessons, spiritual awakenings, and social graces at a perfectly set table. Irene always told her, "It's better to know how things are to be done and then, when you're doing it wrong, you know you're choosing that, when you go out into the world."<sup>31</sup>

Marilynn has been part of the Rogers-Washington-Holy Cross neighborhood nearly her whole life and has played a significant role in uncovering, sharing, and celebrating this early neighborhood developed by Black professionals for Black professionals. She has served on the board of The Children's Haven Association, a seventy-nine-year-old non-profit organized by East Austinites to bring enrichment to historically underserved families. These experiences and development patterns reflect her own significance as a professional within an historic middle-class, suburban neighborhood.

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<sup>30</sup> Irene Thompson Obituary.

<sup>31</sup> Marilynn Pool Webb Interview Transcript. E4 Youth What Once Was (WOW). Oral History Interview. September 30, 2024. Accessed December 3, 2025.

# Waterloo Surveyors

## SURVEY PLAT

Standard Land Survey

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

LOT 10, WASHINGTON SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE 121, PLAT RECORDS OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

A6278AB

SCALE

1" = 20'

**ADDRESS:**

1906 MAPLE AVE, AUSTIN, TX 78722

**BENCHMARK: ▲BM**

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ELEVATION: 573.4'

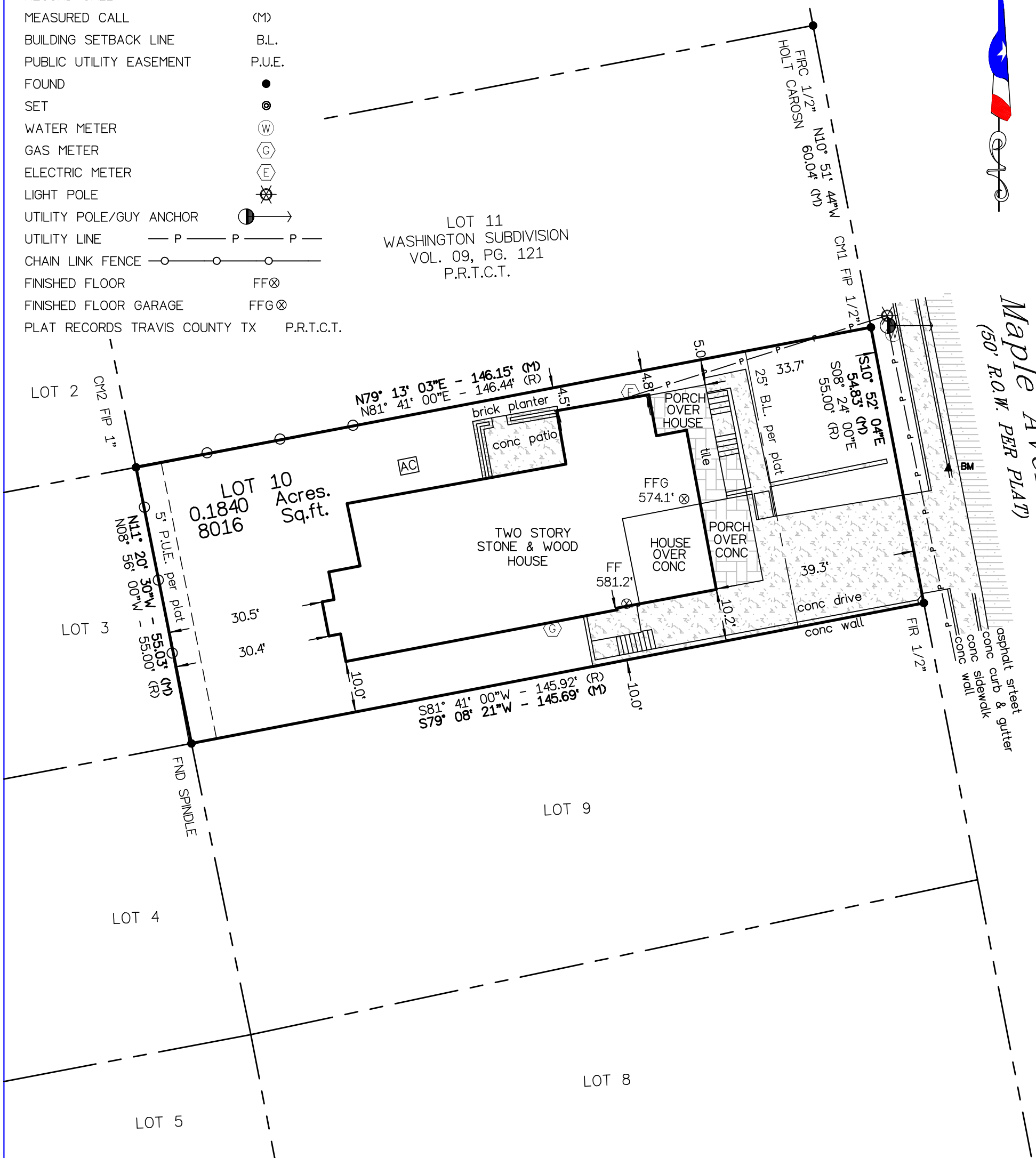
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FOUND	●
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WATER METER	(W)
GAS METER	(G)
ELECTRIC METER	(E)
LIGHT POLE	⊗
UTILITY POLE/GUY ANCHOR	⊙→
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CHAIN LINK FENCE	— ○ — ○ — ○ —
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LOT 11  
WASHINGTON SUBDIVISION  
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Maple Avenue  
(50' R.O.W. PER PLAT)



**GENERAL NOTES:**

- 1) THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON IS NOT WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA AS IDENTIFIED BY THE FEDERAL INSURANCE ADM. DEPARTMENT OF HUD FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP REVISED AS PER MAP NUMBER: 48453C0465K, ZONE: X, DATED: 1/22/2020.
- 2) THIS SURVEY WAS PREPARED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A COMMITMENT FOR TITLE, AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS NOT SHOWN HEREON. NO ADDITIONAL EASEMENT RESEARCH WAS DONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY.
- 3) BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON GRID NORTH OF THE TEXAS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM— TEXAS CENTRAL 4203. ALL DISTANCES ARE SURFACE.

State of Texas §  
County of Travis §

The undersigned does hereby certify that this survey was this day made on the property legally described hereon and is correct, and this survey substantially complies with the current Texas Society of Professional Manual of Practice Requirements for a Category 1B Conditions II Standard Land Survey.

I John D. Kipp, a Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor do hereby certify to the land owners, that this the above survey, represents an on the ground survey conducted under my supervision this the 17th day of NOVEMBER, 2025 and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



*John D Kipp*

John D. Kipp, RPLS 5844

12/02/2025

Date of Signature

Drafted by Graham P Dixon

**TAX CERTIFICATE**

Celia Israel  
Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector  
P.O. Box 1748  
Austin, Texas 78767  
(512) 854-9473

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02-1210-1516-0000

**PROPERTY OWNER:**

BAILEY MARILYNN P  
PO BOX 11501  
AUSTIN, TX 78711-1501

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

LOT 10 WASHINGTON SUBD

ACRES 0.1801 MIN%

**SITUS INFORMATION:**

1906 MAPLE AVE AUSTIN 78722

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

YEAR	ENTITY	TOTAL
2024	AUSTIN ISD	* ALL PAID *
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	* ALL PAID *
	TRAVIS COUNTY	* ALL PAID *
	TRAVIS CENTRAL HEALTH	* ALL PAID *
	ACC (TRAVIS)	* ALL PAID *
TOTAL SEQUENCE 0, 1, 2, 3		* ALL PAID *
	<b>TOTAL TAX:</b>	* ALL PAID *
	<b>UNPAID FEES:</b>	* NONE *
	<b>PENALTY/INTEREST:</b>	* NONE *
	<b>COMMISSION:</b>	* NONE *
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	* ALL PAID *

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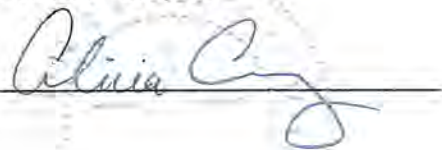
The above-described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).

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 **AUGUST 1, 2025**.

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Celia Israel  
Tax Assessor-Collector

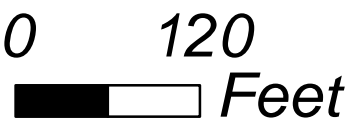
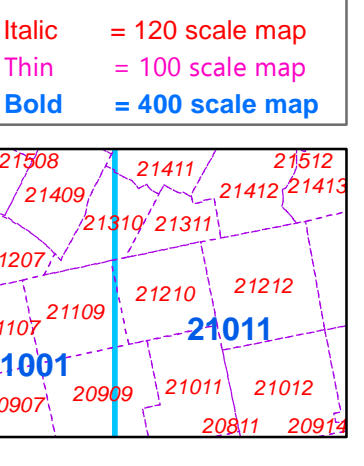
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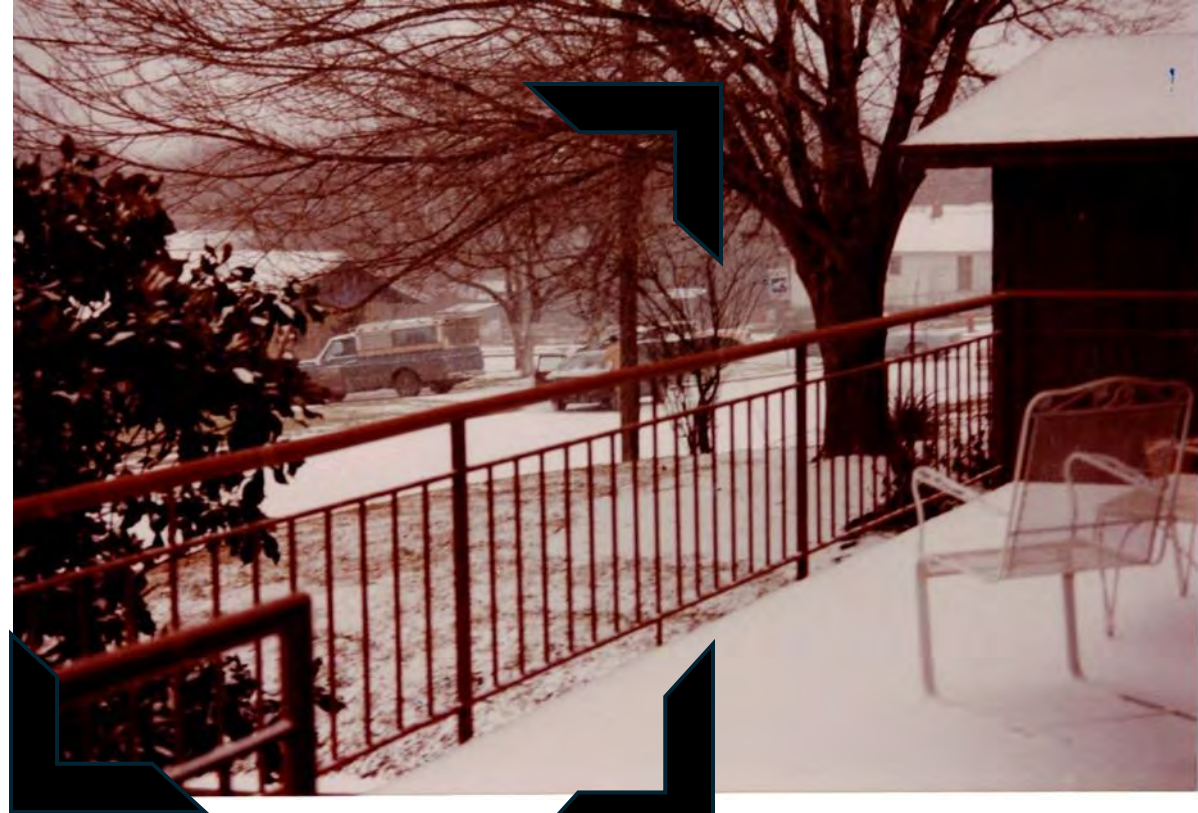
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Carport is a defining feature of the house



Front porch covered in snow

Irene Hill Thompson House  
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## The Jerome Hill Family 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Standing: (L-R) Waldron Wray Hill Plicque, Don Plicque, Geraldine Holmes Hill, Dr. James L. Hill, Irene Hill Thompson, Doxey Hill (son), Norma Jean Hill Lewis, Ira Jerome Poole (young boy)  
Seated: (L to R) Marilynn Poole Webb, Laverne Hill Holland (daughter), Jerome and Ida Belle Hill, Lillie Hill, Ida Dawne Thompson (Irene's daughter)

*Photo ca. 1965 at home of Irene Hill Thompson*

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## RESEARCH SCIENTISTS

# Oscar Thompson, Texas grad, dies

AUSTIN, Texas — Oscar Leonard Thompson, 54, the first of his race to graduate from the University of Texas, died suddenly recently.

At the time of his death, he was a research scientist for the Human Genetics Foundation at the University of Texas. The university colors were flown at half-mast, in respect to the dead.

Thompson was awarded a M.A. in zoology by the university Jan. 31, 1952. He was, at the time of his death, working toward a doctor of philosophy degree at the university.

Born in Rosebud, Aug. 25, 1907, Mr. Thompson attend-

ed public schools in Waco and graduated magna cum laude from Samuel Huston College in 1949, following military service in World War II.

He served as visiting teacher in McLennan County, 1949-50, and entered the University of Texas in Sept., 1950.

Mr. Thompson's advanced work in sickle cell anemia led to the preparation of a paper he was to have presented to the American Council of Human Genetics at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences at Corvallis, Ore., Aug. 26-31.

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SQUARE DATA		LEGEND	
1-28-48	1-30-06	○ I.P. 3rd	Scale: 1"=100'
7-26-00	7-20-00	● I.P. Found	
9-26-49	9-13-27	□ C.M. 2nd	
10-28-30	10-28-27		
10-31-43	11-31-42		

**APPROVED FOR ACCEPTANCE:**

Date: 12 MAY 1959 *Hoyle M. Calhoun*  
 Hoyle M. Calhoun, Director of Planning

**ACCEPTED AND AUTHORIZED FOR RECORD**  
 By the Planning Commission of the City of Austin, Texas  
 on the 12th day of MAY AD 1959

*Frank G. Carson* Chairman  
*J.P. [Signature]* Secretary, 1959

**WASHINGTON  
 SUBDIVISION**

CG-21-10

**STATE OF TEXAS:  
 COUNTY OF TRAVIS: KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That I, Mrs. M. J. Washington, a widow, owner of that certain tract of land out of Outlot 47, Division B of the Govt. Outlets adjoining the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Govt. Outlots on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas, conveyed to M. J. Washington by deed of record in Vol. 154 at pg. 349, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, do hereby subdivide 3.66 ac. of said tract in accordance with the attached plat, said subdivision to be known as WASHINGTON SUBDIVISION, and I do hereby dedicate to the public use the streets and easements shown hereon.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the 15th day of March AD 1959.

*Mrs. M. J. Washington*  
 Mrs. M. J. Washington

**STATE OF TEXAS:  
 COUNTY OF TRAVIS:**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. M. J. Washington, a widow, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of office, this the 15th day of March AD 1959

*Claude F. Bush, Jr.*  
 Notary Public in and for Travis Co. Texas



**STATE OF TEXAS:  
 COUNTY OF TRAVIS:**

I, Miss Emily Limberg, Clerk of the County Court within and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing with its certificate of authentication was filed for record in my office on the 11 day of May AD 1959 at 3:14 o'clock P. M. and duly recorded on the 11 day of May AD 1959 at 3:16 o'clock P. M. in the Plat Records of said County in Book 9 at pg. 121.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of the Court of said County, the date last written above.

Miss Emily Limberg, Clerk Co. Ct., Travis Co. Texas

*Ed [Signature]* Deputy



In addition to the easements shown on this plat, the rear five (5) feet of all lots is dedicated as an easement for public utilities.

This is to certify that I have complied with Sec. 11 of the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Austin.

**SURVEYED BY:** *Claude F. Bush, Jr.*  
 Claude F. Bush, Jr., Reg. Pub. Sur. Date: 5-21-59

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OWNER Irene Thompson      ADDRESS 1906 Maple Ave.  
 PLAT 247      LOT 10      BLK. -      DIV  
 SUBDIVISION Washington Sub  
 OCCUPANCY Brick veneer res with gar under house  
 BLD PERMIT # 88786      DATE 7-22-63      OWNERS ESTIMATE 20,000.00  
 CONTRACTOR Oliver B. Street      NO. OF FIXTURES 10  
 WATER TAP REC # W E 34002      SEWER TAP REC #s 40312  
 RESIDENCE

ADDRESS: 1906 MAPLE AVE      PER MIT 88786      PLAT 247

LOT: 10      BLOCK -      SUB.      OUTLOT      WASHINGTON SUB

FIRE ZONE 3      USE DIST: A 1      OCCUPANCY: BRICK VEN. RES. WITH GARAGE UNDER HOUSE

CALL	LAYOUT	FRAMING	FINAL	ROOF OVERHANG
7-22-63	10-10-63	11-14-63		24"
729-63	PRINC. BLDG.      ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.      ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.      ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.
FOUNDATION	SLAB	FLOOR JOIST SIZE & O.C. Over GARAGE - 2x12 16"	NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.	ACC. BLDG.
FR. SETBACK	36	CEILING JOIST SIZE & O.C. 2x6 16	ROOM VENTILATION	PAVED PARKING
TOTAL & MIN. SIDE YD.	15 5	STUD SIZE & O.C. 2x4 16	STAIRS REQ. & NO.	3 P BATH 1 KIT SINK ✓
SIDE STREET YARD		MASONRY WALL FIELD STONE	ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.	

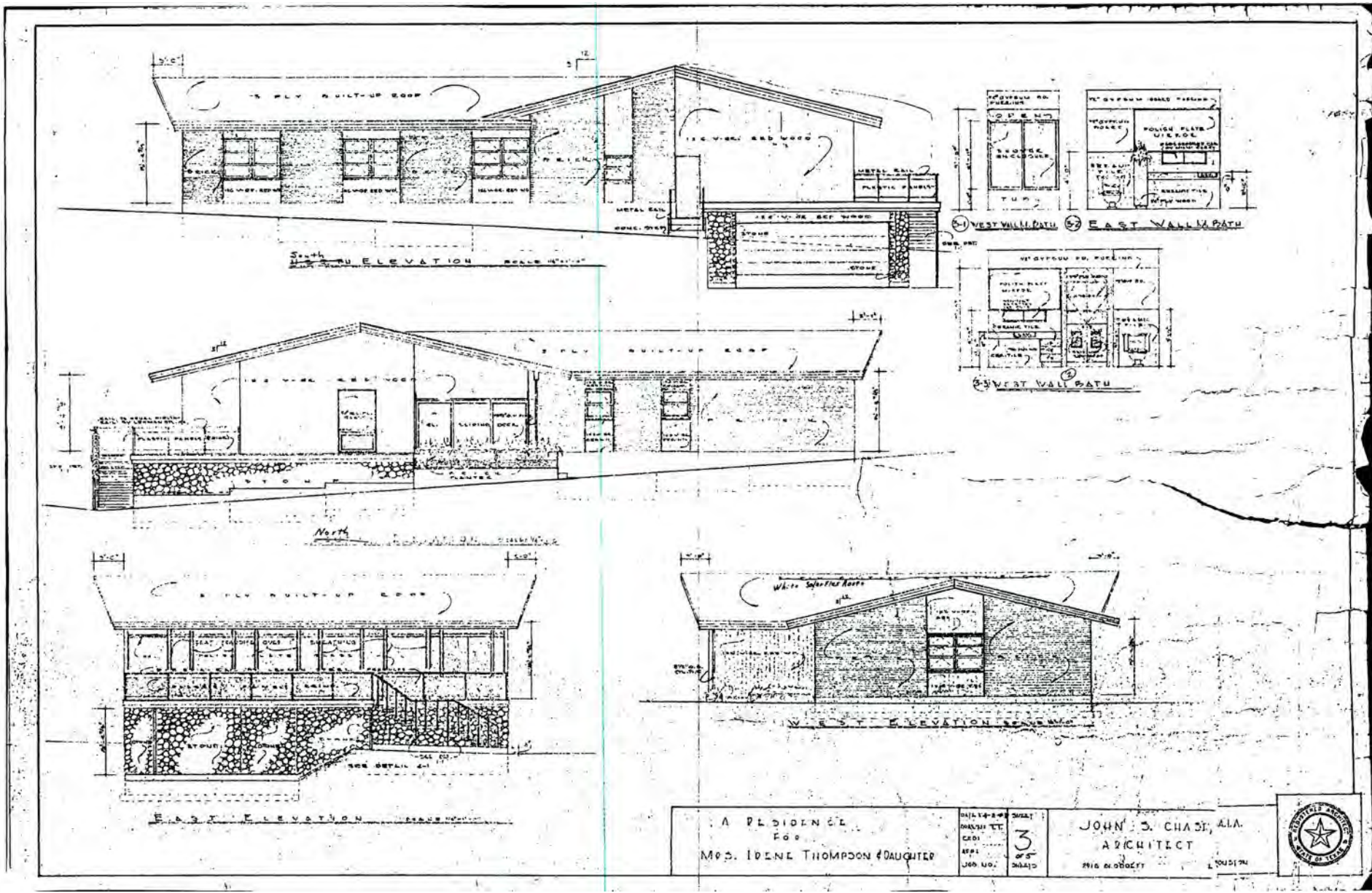
OWNER: IRENE THOMPSON      CONTRACTOR: OLIVER B. STREET

① 40'-5" x 66'      LESS 107' = 2480' #  
 GARAGE 22'-8" x 40'      906' #  
 3386' #

FORMING 8-20-63      5 R + 2 BATH  
 Poured 9-10-63      F.I.

### Building permits

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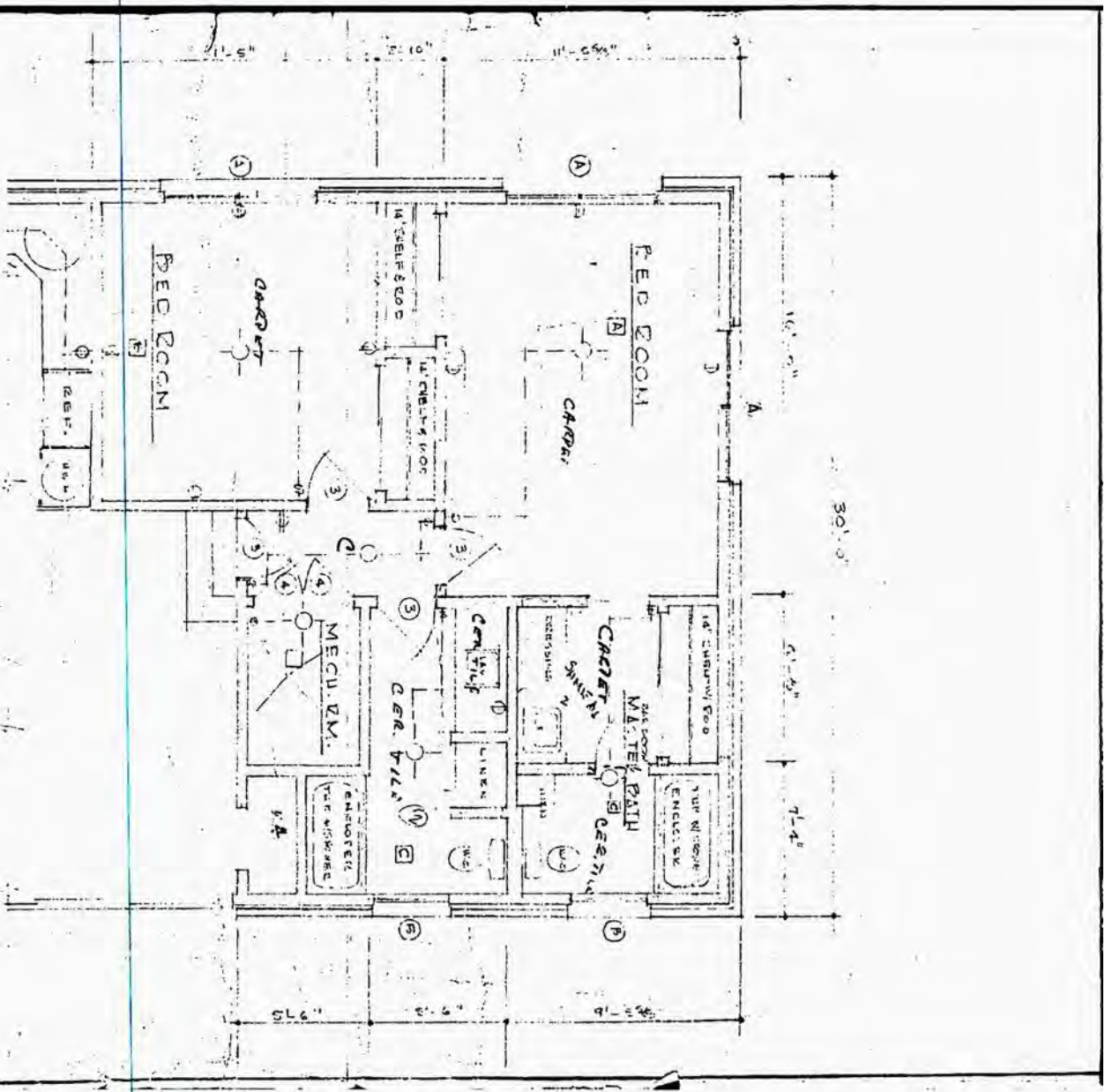
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A RESIDENCE		DATE: 12-1-24		SHEET: 3		JOHN S. CHASE, A.I.A.		
FOR		DRAWN BY: J.S.C.		SCALE: AS SHOWN		ARCHITECT		
MRS. IRENE THOMPSON & DAUGHTER		JOB NO.:		CHECKED:		THIS PROJECT		
						1906 MAPLE AVENUE		

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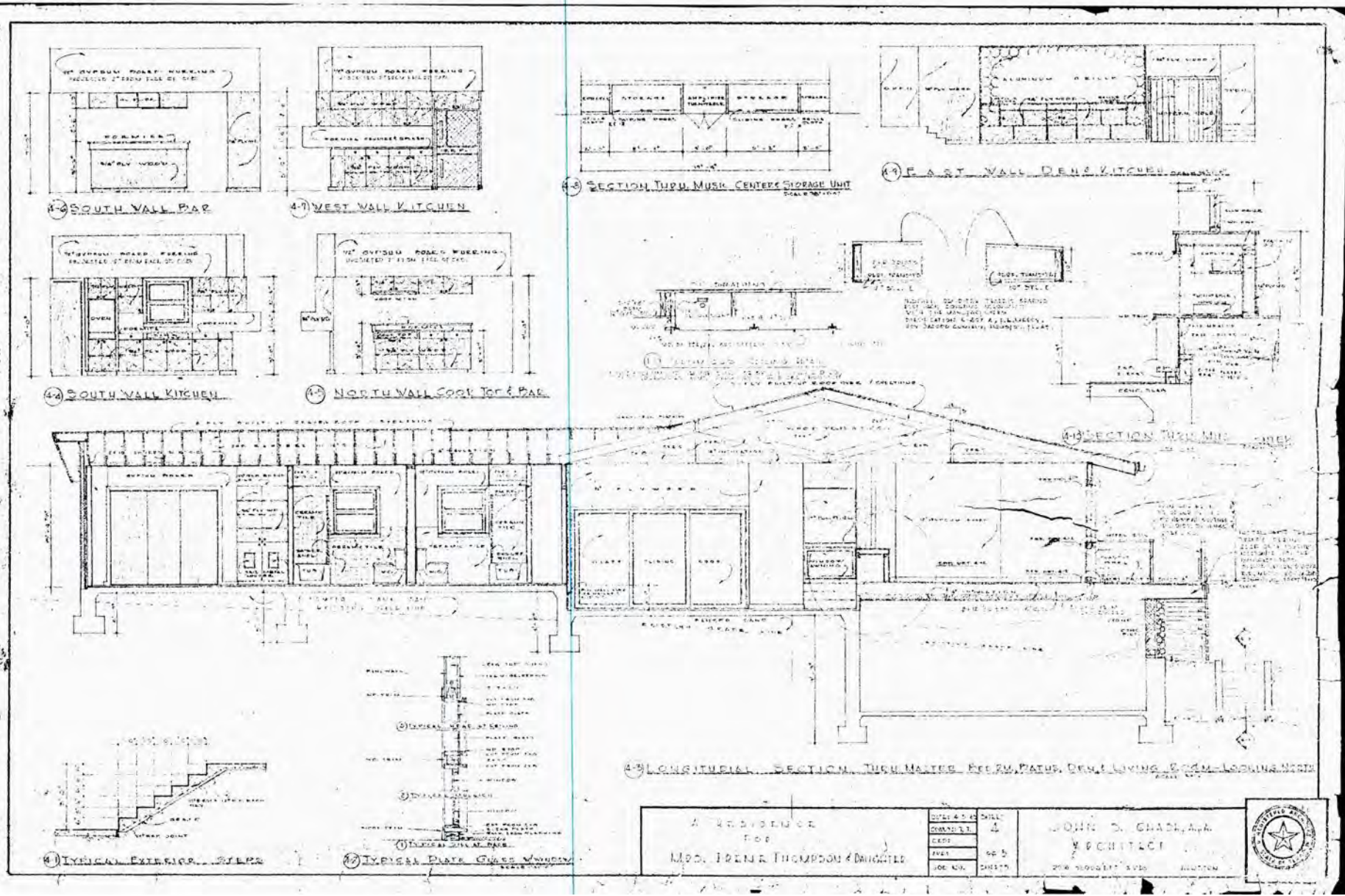
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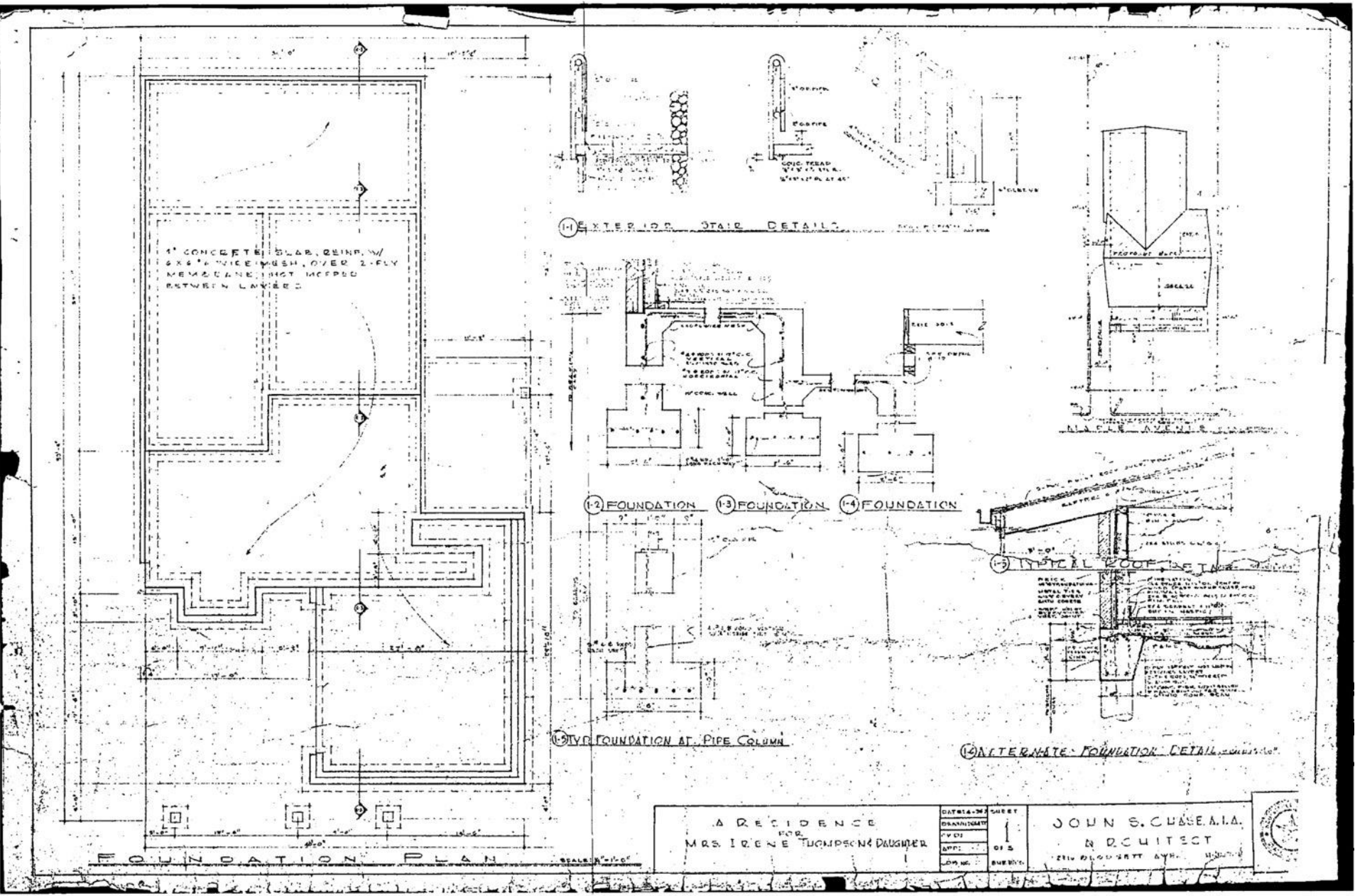
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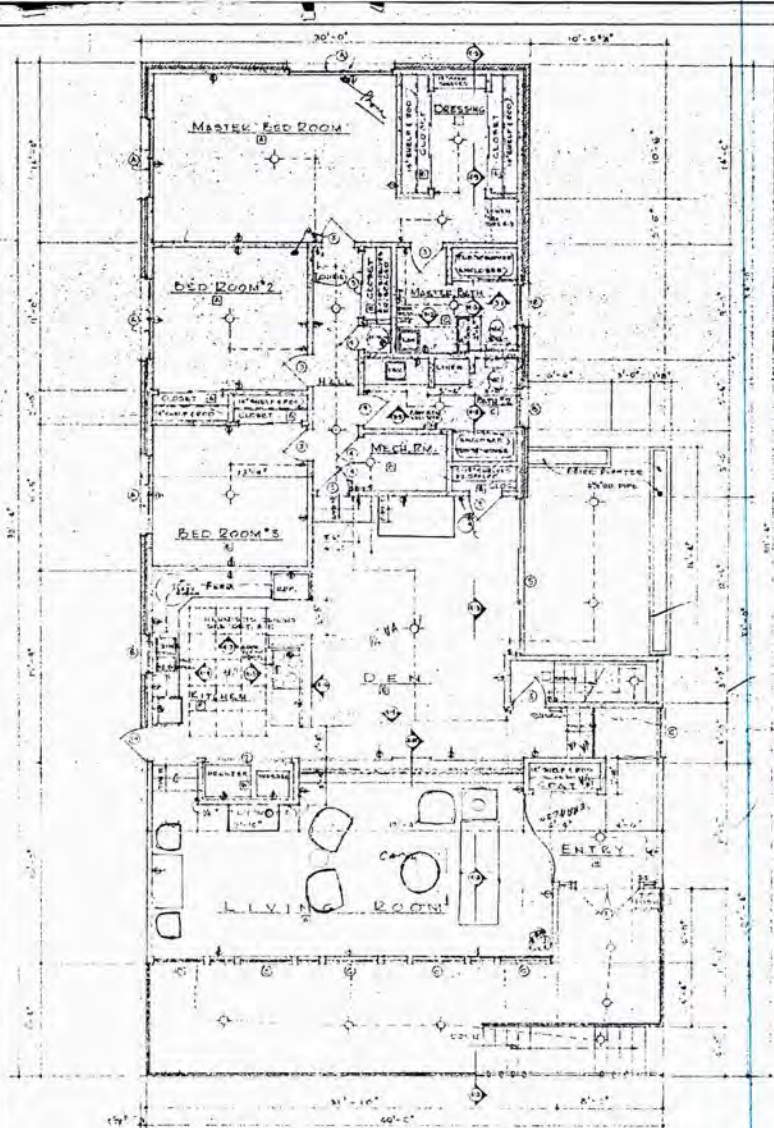
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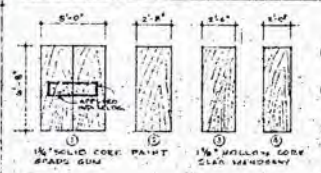
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UPPER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

DOOR SCHEDULE



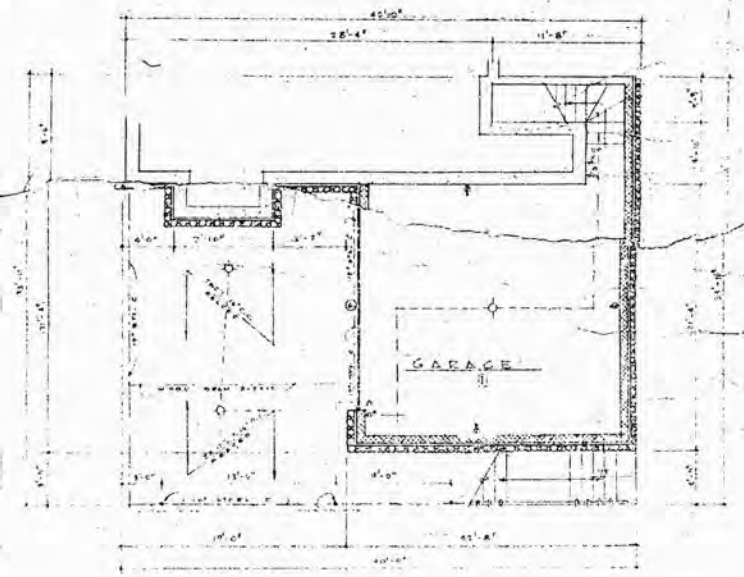
① 1/2" SOLID CORE PAINT BRASS GUM  
 ② 1/2" HOLLOW CORE CLEAR VENEER  
 ③ 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" ALUMINUM SLIDING GLASS DOOR EQUAL TO MILLER CO.  
 ④ 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" SECTIONAL OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR EQUAL TO HICKMAN DOOR CO. EQUAL TO HICKMAN DOOR CO. EQUAL TO HICKMAN DOOR CO.

WINDOW SCHEDULE



ROOM FINISH SCHEDULE

MARK	FLOOR	BASE	W/COT	WALLS	CEILING	REMARKS
A	CARPET	WOOD		STYROFOAM BOARD	STYROFOAM BOARD	
B	OAK	WOOD		STYROFOAM BOARD	STYROFOAM BOARD	
C	CERAMIC TILE	CERAMIC TILE		STYROFOAM BOARD	STYROFOAM BOARD	SEE DET. 2, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000



LOWER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

A RESIDENCE FOR Mrs. Irene Thompson Houston

JOHN S. CHASE, AIA ARCHITECT

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**Anderson Secretary Certified**

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MRS. O. L. THOMPSON  
Named award recipient

**Anderson  
Secretary  
Certified**

Mrs. Irene H. Thompson, a secretary at Anderson High School for 19 years, has been named to receive a professional standards certificate from the National Association of Educational Secretaries.

Mrs. Thompson will receive the certification at the association's annual conference banquet July 26 in Albany, N.Y.

She was a charter member of the Capital City Educational Secretaries Association and was elected its first president. A graduate of Huston-Tillotson College, Mrs. Thompson is the widow of Oscar L. Thompson, first Negro graduate of the University of Texas.

Awarding of the certificate recognizes interest in continuing education and personal commitment to the Association's concept of service, information, fellowship and recognition.

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J. J. PICKLE  
10TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:  
231 CROWN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

COMMITTEE:  
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

July 17, 1961

Mrs. O. L. Thompson  
3 Anderson High School  
900 Thompson  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Thompson,

Congratulations upon your pending certification from the National Association of Educational Secretaries. Although it must be quite a thrill to be honored by your professional associates, I am certain that your recognition is long over-due.

Your list of qualifications reads like a page in "Who's Who." I congratulate your courage and determination.

As your journey to New York for the meeting, please stop by my office for a visit if you travel near Washington.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. PICKLE

JJP:ar

Congratulatory letter from  
U.S. Representative J.J. Pickle

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### **THOMPSON, Irene Hill**

Irene Hill Thompson, the fourth Jerome and Ida Belle Doxey Hill's seven children, was born July 15, 1922, in Austin, Texas. Her husband, Oscar Leonard Thompson, her parents, brothers, Roy, Lewis Ovelle, and James Laurent, as well as her sister, Laverne Holland, predeceased her. Irene died April 15, 2017.



She was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church where her family has been associated for nearly 100 years. She was treasurer for Church Women United in Austin, 1999-2002.

Irene attended the Austin Public Schools and earned her Bachelor of Science degree (Cum Laude) from Samuel Huston University. When the YMCA-USO Club opened in Bastrop, Texas to serve the first cadre of soldiers at Camp Swift during World War II, Irene served as secretary of the club. Other work experiences were: Secretary, Tears Funeral Home; Administrative Secretary, Attendance Clerk, and Registrar at the old L. C. Anderson High School; Research Assistant (part-time) Human Genetics Foundation, UT Austin; Secretary, Supervisor of Child Accounting, and Attendance Investigator for Austin Independent School District. She retired in 1985 after 34 years of service with AISD.

Irene worked on election committees of many Democratic candidates. She was secretary of United Political Organization, a statewide organization of African-American Democratic leaders. She and her daughter were selected "Blue Birds" during **Lyndon B. Johnson's** 1964 Presidential campaign. Her home was scene for fundraisers and community introduction campaigns for Bitsy Hill during **John Hill's** race for governor and for **Gonzalo Barrientos**. Irene served as Early Voting Clerk for Travis County at the UT West Mall site, 1994 to 2003. Her other civic and professional involvements included: Sustaining Member of the National Democratic Party; member, Travis County Grand Jury Association; Charter member, W. H. Passon Historical Society (treasurer from 1967 to 1988, 1996 to 2002); founder and First President, Capital City Educational Secretaries Association; member, Austin Federation of Women; and, founder and President, Texas Educational Secretaries Association. In 1969, she was certified by the National Association of Educational Secretaries. With the advent of integration, she became the first African-American President of Austin Educational Secretaries Association.

She was a Golden Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., having been initiated into Alpha Mu Chapter at Samuel Huston College in 1941.

Her survivors are her daughter, Ida Dawne Thompson; sister, Waldron Wray Plicque; nieces and nephews, Diann Holland Bates, Lewis Holland, Jr., Norma Hill Lewis, Marilyn Poole Bailey, and Lori Plicque; sister-in-law, Geraldine Holmes Hill and brother-in-law, Roland Harden; and, a host of grand nieces and nephews.

Visitation and viewing will be on Thursday, April 20, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at Ebenezer Third Baptist Church, 1010 E. 10th Street, Austin, Texas. Funeral services will follow immediately at 1:00 p.m.

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John Chase registers for classes at UT



Chase in later years, Houston, TX

**John Chase**



Mr. John Chase is the newly elected President of the Board of Trustees of Huston-Tillotson College. Mr. Chase is an architect who lives in Houston, Texas and has served on the Board for 7 years.

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## John Chase Obituary

John Saunders Chase was born in Annapolis, Maryland, on January 23, 1925.

At the blessed age of 87 years old, Chase went to his final rest on March 29, 2012.

From 1944 to 1946 he served in the United States Army in the Philippine Islands where he saw combat in the Asian theater. He was decorated with the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

In 1948, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture at Hampton University. He went on to become the first African American to enroll in the University of Texas at Austin School of Architecture. He graduated in 1952.

His professional career began that same year when he was appointed assistant professor of architectural drafting at Texas Southern University and founded John S. Chase, A.I.A. Architect, Inc.

His early designs included churches, schools, homes and small public buildings.

Chase achieved a number of impressive firsts. He was the first African American licensed to practice architecture in the state of Texas and later was the first African American admitted to the Texas Society of Architects and the Houston Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He also co-founded the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) along with 12 other black architects at the AIA convention in Detroit in 1971. When President Jimmy Carter appointed him in 1980, Chase became the first African American to serve on the United States Commission on Fine Arts. His service on the commission included the creation of the Vietnam War Memorial.

His architectural imprint can be seen globally. He was commissioned to design the United States Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia. He collaborated on the design of the George R. Brown Convention Center and designed the Washington Technical Institute, Links, Inc., National Headquarters, Delta Sigma Theta National Headquarters, and the Harris County Astrodome Renovation. On the campus of Texas Southern University, he designed the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Sterling Student Life Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. School of Humanities.

Chase was elected to the AIA College of Fellows, was awarded the AIA Whitney M. Young Citation, and was the recipient of the NOMA Design for Excellence Award for four consecutive years. He received the commendation for Meritorious Service by the Houston Independent School District and the Honor Award for Architectural Excellence in School Design by the Texas Association of School Boards for the design of the Booker T. Washington High School.

Chase was a member of the CIAA hall of fame for both wrestling and football and he was an avid golfer. He was also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Nu Boule chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Chase served his community on numerous boards; Hampton University, University of Texas Health Science Center, Hermann Hospital, and Golden State Life Insurance Company. He also served as President of the Houston Club and of the University of Texas Exes.

*Houston Chronicle*  
April 1, 2012

**THE HILL FAMILY TREE  
NURTURED BY HTC**

Thirty-eight descendants of Jerome and Ida Belle Duxey Hill enjoyed a weekend of sight-seeing, barbecue and other festivities in a family reunion, July, 1978.

Four generations of the Jerome Hill family gathered in Austin, Texas. Of significance is the fact that each of the surviving members of the second generation is a graduate of Huston-Tillotson College and, at some point, had spouses who are alumni of Huston-Tillotson College or have had direct contact with the college. Greeting the invited friends who attended the Family Tree Reception were the following Huston-Tillotson College alumni family members:

Mrs. LaVerne Hill Holland, '39, recently retired teacher, Nashville, Tennessee.

Doxey Jerome Hill, '51, teacher, Midland Texas.

Mrs. Irene Hill Thompson, '42, Attendance Investigator, Austin Independent School District, Austin, Texas.

James L. Hill, D. Ed., '53, Associate Commissioner for Field Support Services, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Waldron Wray Hill Picque, Assistant Personnel Director, Austin Independent School District, Austin, Texas.

From the third generation is Mrs. Norma Jean Hill Lewis, '67, who directs a child development center in Midland, Texas.

The late Mr. Jerome Hill will be remembered for his expertise in horticulture and for the beautiful flowers and foliage he grew and shared in the decorating of the buildings and grounds. His widow, Mrs. Ida Belle Hill, whose extraordinary fashions were worn by some of the most fashionable women in Austin, still lives near the campus at 1909 Tillotson Avenue.

*Pictured reading from l to r:  
Seated on floor: Pamela Howard, holding Dominic Painter, Norbert Hill, Nicole Hill, Alexander Painter, Jerome Hill, Christophe Hill, Lori Picque, Charles Howard, Jr. Seated on couch: Irene Hill Thompson, Geraldine Holmes Hill, Mrs. LaVerne Hill Holland, Mrs. Ida Belle (Jerome) Hill, Doxey Hill, Waldron Wray Hill Picque, Jacqueline Howard. Standing: Ida Dawn Thompson, Marjorie Holland holding Aviva Holland, Lewis Holland, Jr., James L. Hill, Lewis Holland, Sr., Gerrie Hill, Lilly Ann Hill, Gary Hill, Marilyn Poole, Ira Jerome Poole.*



**LEWIS ROSS HOLLAND HONORED  
AT TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Lewis R. Holland, husband of Laverne Hill Holland, came to Huston-Tillotson College in 1937 and remained until 1942 as a Professor of Business Administration. He also served as assistant Coach of The Samuel Huston College debating team. He was married to Laverne Hill, Class of '39, in 1939. They went to Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1942. At Tennessee State he was the principal organizer of the Department of Business Administration and spent thirty years contributing knowledge and inspiration to students who now hold top local, regional, and national positions in business. He helped organize the TSU Employees Federal Credit Union and is a member of the Board of Directors. Diann Holland Painter and Lewis Holland, Jr. are their children and the Painter and Lewis Holland Jr. children are the grandchildren.

On October 27, 1978 Dedication services were held at TSU for the Lewis R. Holland School of Business Building named in his honor.

The Hill family legacy celebrated  
by Huston-Tillotson College

*Alumni News, December 1978*

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