Texas Historical Commission Staff (DKU), 2/22/82

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Travis County (Order #6575)
Location: East Bank of Shoal Creek, Northwest Park, Ardath and Albata Sts., Austin

OLD QUARRY SITE*

LIMESTONE QUARRIED AT THIS SITE
WAS HAULED TO CONGRESS AVENUE
BY OXEN AND USED IN CONSTRUCTING
THE 1853 TEXAS CAPITOL BUILDING.
THE STRUCTURE BURNED IN 1881,BUT
STONE FROM THE CAPITOL RUINS
WAS LATER USED IN SEVERAL AUSTIN
BUILDING PROJECTS.THE QUARRY SITE
WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF THE LAND
GRANTED TO TENNESSEE NATIVE
GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS(1806-84)
FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE TEXAS
REVOLUTION.LATER INHERITED BY
HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW ELVIRA T.
DAVIS,THE LAND WAS MAINTAINED
AS THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD FOR
MANY YEARS.THE DAVIS CEMETERY
IS LOCATED NEARBY(.25 MI.SW).**

(1982)***

*3/4 inch lettering
**1/2 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

APPROVED

Claire Williams

3-29-82

APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P. O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

itten history, signed by the author, must accompany this form before it will be accepted.

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TRAVIS — 7/21/81
County — Date

OLD QUARRY SITE
itle of marker

NORTHWEST PARK — ARDATH & ALBATA STREETS
lame of building, cemetery, public square, park, archeological site, etc., where marker is to be placed.

EAST BANK OF SHOAL CREEK
larker site (street address or highway number)

AUSTIN
ity or nearest city. If marker is to be placed on a highway or in a small community, you must briefly explain how to get there from earest town shown on a Texas Highway Department road map. For example, "Marker will be in Bastrop Beach, which is 6 miles south-ast of Angleton on FM 523."

istance (miles, yards, feet) and direction (north, south, east, west) of subject from marker site. For example, "Subject is ½ mile outhwest of marker site."

CITY OF AUSTIN
wner of marker site — Address — City

MRS. NOLAN HARVEY & TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION — AUSTIN
ponsor of marker — Address — City

ounty chairman — Address — City
I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy."

J. MULKEY OWENS — 4013 RIDGELEA DRIVE — AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731
erson to whom marker is to be shipped — Street Address — City
ote: If marker is to be placed on a highway right-of-way, it will automatically be shipped to your district highway engineer.

urface to which marker will be attached (i.e., wood, brick, stucco over stone) if not on post.

ORDER FORM

e consult page 7 for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Then mail this application and narrative y, together with a check made payable to the Texas Historical Foundation, to the address above. No applications will be accepted s payment is included.

rker application is cancelled after the inscription is written, the Texas Historical Foundation will deduct the cost of writing the inscrip-om the refund.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) $175
16" x 12" building marker with post $225
16" x 12" building marker without post $175
National Register plaque . . . . $ 35
27" x 42" subject marker with post $575
27" x 42" subject marker without post $525
18" x 28" subject marker with post . . . . X $325
18" x 28" subject marker without post $250

MARKER REPLICA PAPERWEIGHT

item should be ordered at the same time marker is ered. Indicate quantity desired. Allow six months from pletion of marker for receipt of paperweight.
3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker $ 75

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and location:
24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign . . . . $ 65
☐ Black and white (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
☐ Green and white (for interstate highways)

18" x 22" Historical Marker in black and white only) . . . . $ 65
For city streets and county roads
☐ with arrow pointing straight ahead
☐ with arrow pointing left
☐ with arrow pointing right

5% State sales tax must be added to above prices except if purchased by a tax exempt organization.

— CUT AND DETACH ON DOTTED LINE —

6575

THE OLD QUARRY SITE

The Old Quarry Site is located in what is now Northwest Park, which belongs to the City of Austin. It extends for about 150 yards along the east bank of Shoal Creek near the intersection of Vine Street and Pegram Street. Sixty years ago the limestone face still showed to a depth of 10 to 15 feet, and the drill holes for blasting still could be seen. Now the whole face of the bluff is covered with dirt, and only parts of the boulders that were blasted off show (1).

Limestone quarried here was used to build the Capitol of Texas. This was the structure built in 1853, which served the State until it burned in 1881. (2) According to Mr. Roy Davis, great-grandson of George Washington Davis, the stone was quarried by convicts who camped at the site.

Site of the Old Quarry was part of the headright grant of a league and a labor of land (4,605 acres) received by George Washington Davis for service in the Battle of San Jacinto. (3) Mr. Davis built his home near this site, and lived there the rest of his life. In 1873 he deeded the "home place", approximately 160 acres on which the quarry site is located, to Elvira T. Davis, wife of his son Blackstone H. Davis. (4)

George W. Davis continued to live at the "home place" with his daughter-in-law and her family until his death March 7, 1884. Family tradition has it, according to a letter from Mr. Roy Davis dated March 15, 1978, that Elvira T. Davis sold land she owned in Manor and paid off a mortgage on the "home place" to keep George W. Davis from losing it.

When Elvira T. Davis died September 12, 1918, her heirs inherited the property. The executors of her will, Walter L. Davis and Alden T. Davis, sold the farm, approximately 160 acres, to Wilbur P. Allen, an Austin attorney. (5) Allen in turn sold it to John Whatley (6); and Whatley to W.E. Wilson.(7) In 1955 approximately 30 acres (on which the site is located) were purchased from W.E. Wilson by the City of Austin for the proposed north west park. Northwest Park was opened July 28, 1956.

About one fourth of a mile southwest of this site is the Davis Cemetery. This began as a private burial ground for the George W. Davis family and many members of the family are buried there, but later it was used by other early settlers of the area. Descendants of the Davis family estimate that at least 100 people were buried there - some graves marked with wooden crosses and field stones. Many are unmarked or completely indistinguishable now. About 40 graves remain. Mary E. Davis, child of George W., and little Emma A. Bacon were buried there in 1851; Edith Robinson was buried there in 1907. Among the familiar pioneer names there are Rev. A. J. Adkisson, brother of William Adkisson who was killed by Indians near Hornsby's Bend, Hugel Walden, L.T. Vann, and Wayman F. Wells. (8)

mary Jo Cooper

GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS

"George Washington Davis was born in Tennessee on March 20, 1806. In 1831 he came to Texas and settled in Gonzales, which he represented in the Convention of 1833 and the Consultation. He participated in the battle of Gonzales, was a member of Captain John M. Bradley's company during the siege of Bexar, took part in the battle of Concepcion and the battle of San Jacinto. He was discharged from the army on May 29, 1836, and probably returned shortly to Gonzales County for he was elected justice of the peace there in 1843 and associate justice of the county in 1844."

(The Handbook of Texas Vol. I, p. 470)

After leaving Gonzales, Davis went to Bastrop County and resided in the fort at Webberville until the Indian troubles subsided enough to allow him to build on his land grant. The Republic of Texas granted all veterans of the Texas Revolution a league and a labor of land, an amount of 4605 acres. George W. Davis located his in what is now (1961) the north west part of the City of Austin. His brother, James P. Davis, located his on adjoining land. To select the site for his home, George W. Davis came up from the fort at Webberville, the nearest settlement. As he came to the top of a ridge near what was later Fiskville, he saw Indians camped in the large liveoaks. They sighted him and gave chase, but as he had a two mile start, he easily outdistanced them back to the fort. He built his home sometime in the 1840's, located on Shoal Creek - on what is now Twin Oak Drive in Allandale. This house burned in 1944.

The wife of George W. Davis was Emiline P. Wells, who was born in Kentucky, or Tennessee, in 1810. They had eight children: James S., Blackstone H., Sarah H., Richard M., William J., Glen O., Mary, and Martha A. George W. Davis died March 7, 1884; Emiline Davis died October 13, 1872. Both are buried in the Davis Cemetery which is on Wilbur Drive, south of the location of the old homestead and south east of the old quarry site.

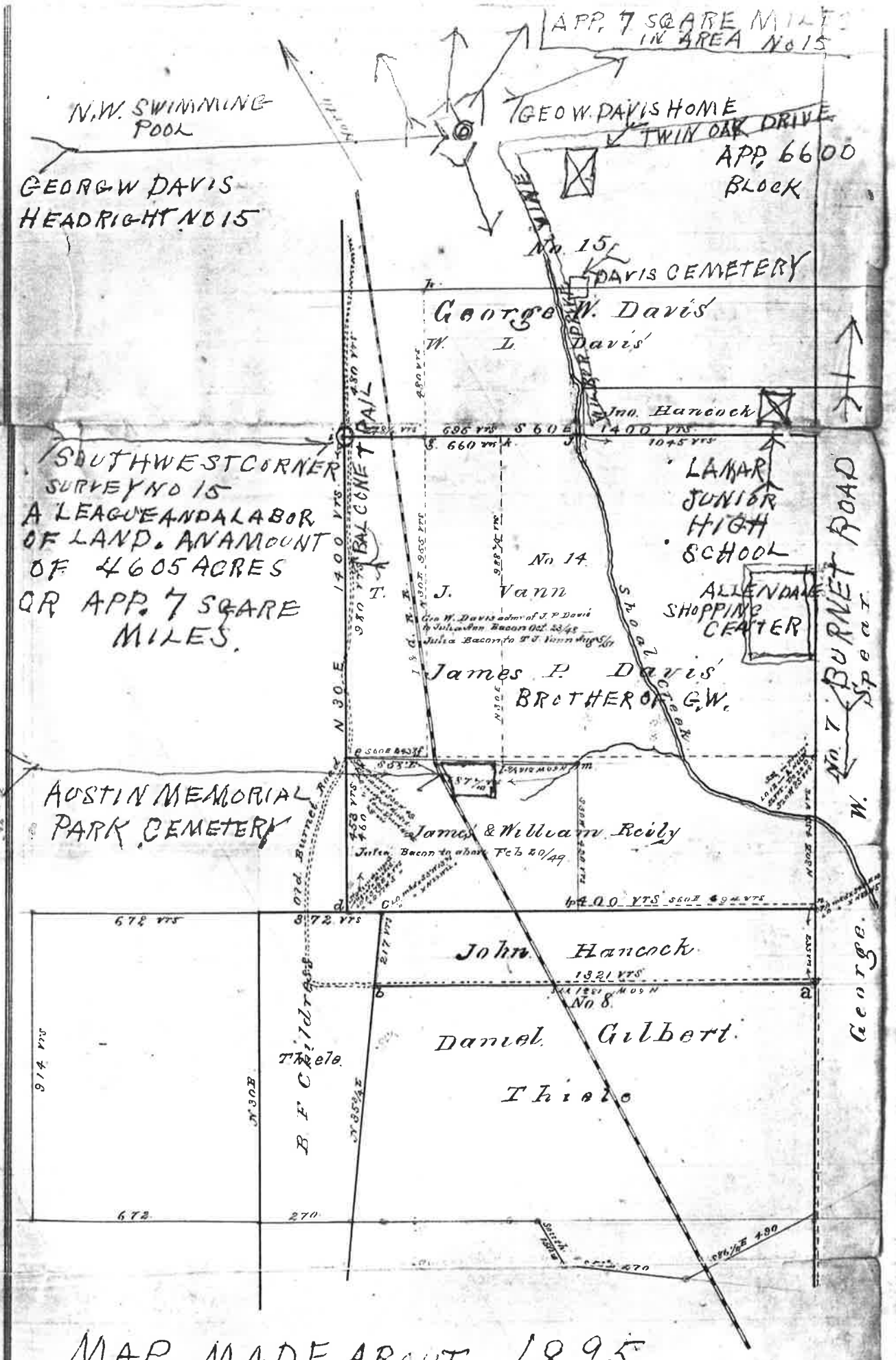
(George Washington Davis, Veteran of San Jacinto

Roy W. Davis 1961
In Davis family biographical files, Austin-Travis County Collection, Austin Public Library.)

THE OLD QUARRY SITE

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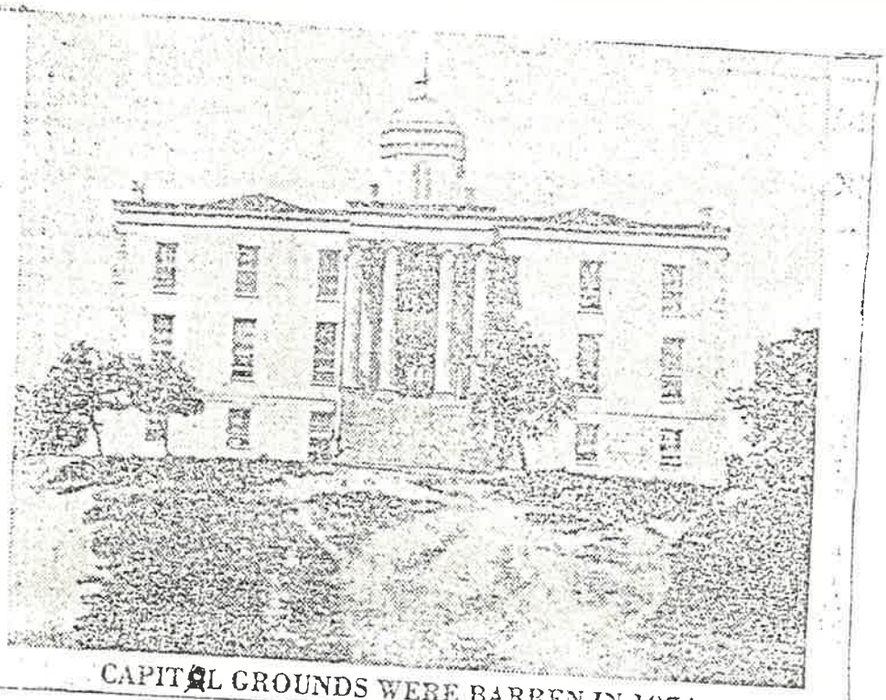
1. Letter and map from Mr. Roy W. Davis, great-grandson of George Washington Davis, dated February, 1977
2. Annals of Travis County & the City of Austin by Frank Brown XV, 38.
3. Deed Book of Travis County; Orig. land grant #15, Book C, p. 264, 6/8/1841.
4. ibid., Book X, p. 397, Jan. 3, 1873.
5. ibid., Vol. 338, p. 10 & 11, Jan. 16, 1922.
6. ibid., Vol. 388, p. 575 et seq
7. ibid., Vol. 1612, p. 157 et seq
8. AF - CEMETERIES - DAVIS CEMETERY Austin-Travis Col., Austin Pub. Library



MAP MADE ABOUT 1895

FROM
FRANK BROWNS
ANNALS OF
TRAVIS CO
CHAPT. 15
PAGE 38-39

TEXAS
CAPITAL
BUILT 1853
BURNED 1881



CAPITAL GROUNDS WERE BARREN IN 1874

The Second Capital.--The old state house at the head of the Avenue, was built three stories high, 140 x 90; the floor of the lower story was of white marble, inlaid with cement. There were two passages twenty feet wide, crossing at right angles and going through the building from north to south and east to west. There were twelve rooms in the basement occupied by executive department for offices. A broad stone stairway ascended from the front to the second story, and another from the inside reached this story in the rear of the building. The second story was occupied by the senate chamber and representative hall. There were several Committee rooms. The third story was occupied by the geological cabinet, state library, a number of committee rooms. The walls were of limestone taken from quarries north of town, on the farm of George W. Davis. The foundation was laid ten feet in the ground. The building was 111 feet high. The original appropriation was $150,000. To this was subsequently added $25,000, making the total cost $175,000. The sum of $25,000 was also appropriated to purchase furniture. The work was well done. When the contractors undertook to demolish the walls to make way for the granite capital, dynamite had to be used. The building stood in front of the present structure.

Mr. Eli Kirk of Austin, was commissioned by Gov. Bell to proceed north to buy the furniture, which he did at Philadelphia, and all the halls and rooms were suitably supplied. A few of these desks can now be seen in use at Austin.

QUARRIED ON SHOAL CREEK AND QUARRIED THE STONE
WHAT IS NOW THE EAST BANK OF SHOAL CREEK IN
AUSTIN, NORTH WEST PART OF GEORGE W DAVIS HAD
LAND IN THE CURVE OF VINE ST. AND SOLD LIME STONE
FOR 60 FT WID DID NOT CURVE AT THAT TIME AND THEN BLASTED
OUT A CISTERN ROCK AT THE REAR OF HOUSE FOR
THE STATE HOUSE WATER. Rock & Dirt
MARCH 8-1977

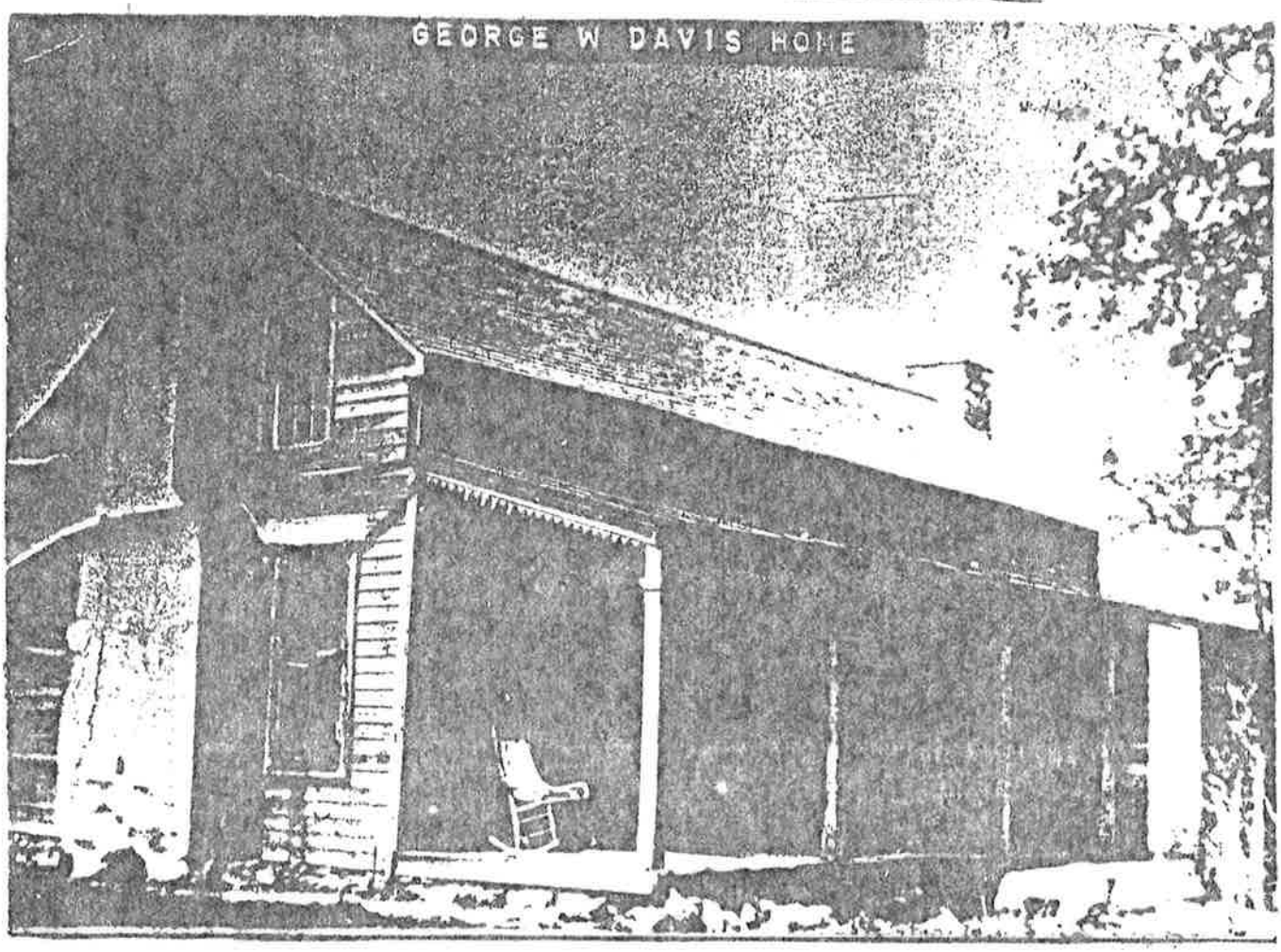
At the request of Roy W. Davis I make this statement.

In the years of 1907 to 1917, my father, Lafe Mills rented the George W. Davis farm on Original Land Grant of Travis County #15, then owned by Mrs E. T. Davis

We lived in the house pictured below and were school mates of said Davis at Esperanza School.

I have examined the map prepared by him. of the quarry site, now in North West Park and I remember the quarry when I was a teenager and I am now 82 years old. I was told, by Walter Davis, that the Capitol was built of stones from this quarry. These stones were moved to the Capitol site by Oxen.

Neale Mills -
5402 Woodview
Austin Tex. 2-14-78



4PHOTO BY ROY W DAVIS 1914

BUILT IN 1840-S - OF LUMBER HAULED WITH OXEN FROM HOUSTON. FRAMING NATIVE CEDAR. BURNED 1943. Roy W Davis 2-27-78

Am. 7/8/1955 — Parks & Rec. Board recommended to City Council n w park acres- Shoal Creek runs through; adj. to Green Acres subdivision; n w of Air Conditioned Village - 35 acres ($1,500 per acre)

Am/ 7/15/1955 p. 1 — City Council oks purchase of 30 acres in n w Austin - n w of Air Contitioned Village. Will cost about $45,000

Am. 7/29/1955 p. 9 — Contract executed (not paid for yet; no deed yet)

Am. 8/10/1955 p. 17 — "City to Borrow $200,000 to Finance Park Plans"

" The City Council Tuesday afternoon told acting City Mgr. W.T. Williams, Jr. to borrow $200,000 from local banks to finance 'park development'
Presumably at least a part of that sum would go toward a proposed rec. park in Northwest Austin, for which the City has contracted to buy 30 acres of land.....Acerage for the proposed n w park will be purchased from W.E. Wilson for $46,500. The land is located n w of the Air Conditioned Village.....

Am. 9/16/1955 P.1 — "Loan of $1,000,000 Arranged for City"

" The City of Austin will borrow one million dollars from local banks to pay for 'imperative necessary' projects under a plan worked out by Mayor Tom Miller.....The Council unanimously adopted the plan....Miller said the Council proposes to spend about $200,000 for swimming pools and other recreational facilities. Most of that amount would go toward a pool and bath-house for the planned 30-acre park in northwest Austin....

Northwest Park opened July 28, 1956

7-30-80

Ina Ray:

I am returning the file on the Davis Marker. After reviewing this material, and visiting the site on the ground, I believe that we should go ahead with the marker. I suggest that we ask the City of Austin to sponsor this marker since they are the owners of the property on which it will be located. I suggest that we go through Betty Himmelblau, as she seems to be the one most involved.

To me, the convincing item was the excerpt from Frank Brown's Annals of Travis County where he said "The walls were of limestone taken from quarries north of town, on the farm of George W. Davis". I had not seen this quote before. I am sure that the quarry was in the area of Northwest Park. I believe that it could have been downstream from where Roy Davis says it was because of the topography - but only a few feet.

I suggest that the marker be placed at the bathhouse at the foot of Albata Street. This would be the 2600 block+ of Albata Street and at the 7000 block of Ardath Street.

The Davis Cemetery is in the 6500 block of Vine Street or about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile southwest of the suggested marker site. I think that the text of the marker should point out that the limestone for the 1855-1891 Capitol came from this property and that the Davis Cemetery is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile southwest of the marker site where many of the early area settlers are buried. It might be brought out that one of them was the Reverend A. J. Adisson, whose brother, William Adkisson, was killed by the Indians near Hornsby's Bend in 1845 while on a fishing trip. Also, it is not too far from here where Gideon White was killed by the Indians in 1842.

If I can be of further help, call me.

Mulkey

CHAIN OF TITLE

Headright grant of a league & a labor of land (4,605 acres) to George Washington Davis	Original Land Grant #15 Book C, p. 264, June 8,1841
George W. Davis to Elvira T. Davis - approx. 160 acres (on which quarry site is located)	Deed Book of Travis County Book X, p. 397, Jan. 3, 187
Elvira T. Davis to heirs	Sept. 12, 1918
Walter L. Davis, Alden T. Davis, executors of will of Elvira T. Davis, sold approximately 160 acres to Wilbur P. Allen	Volume 338, p. 10, 11 Jan. 16, 1922
Wilbur P. Allen to John Whatley	Volume 388, p. 575 et seq
John Whatley et ux to W.E. Wilson et al	Volume 768, p. 157 et seq
W.E. Wilson et al sold 30 acres to the City of Austin	Volume 1612, p. 79 et seq

Bob.

Betty

FEB. 27- 1978

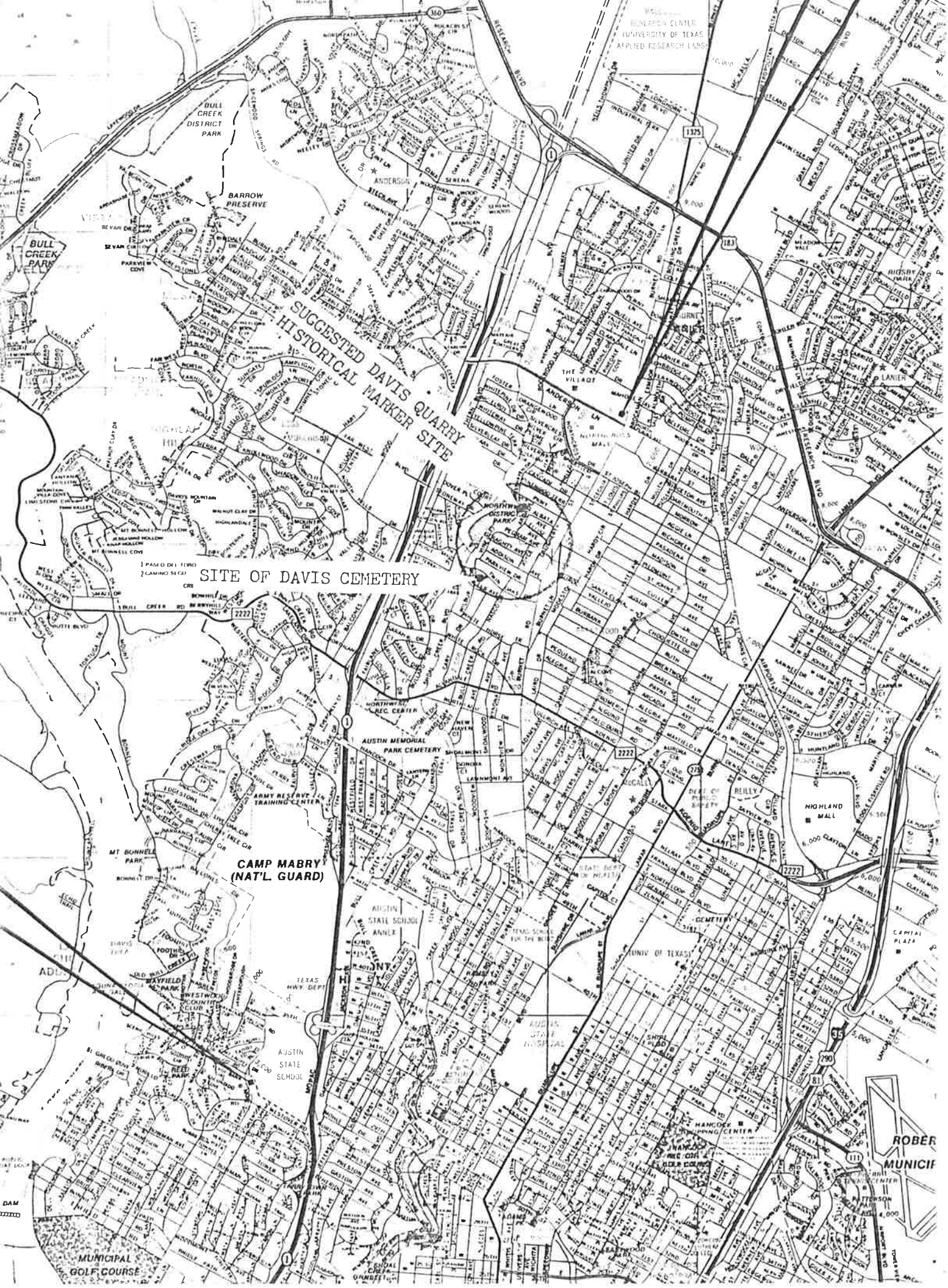
MR RICHARD R LILLIE. DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,

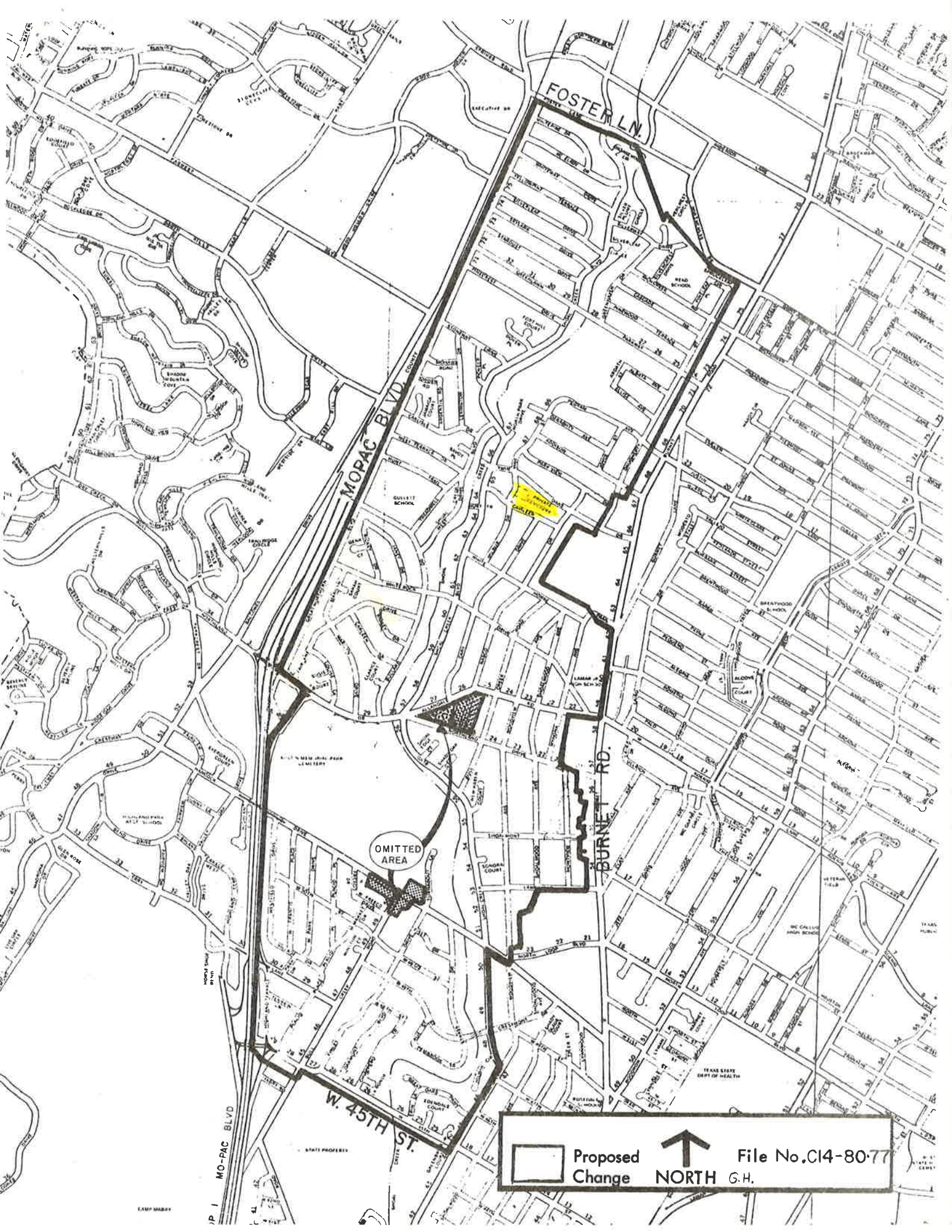
DEAR MR LILLIE.

IN APRIL OF 1977 I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM COUNCIL PERSON BETTY HIMMELBLAU CONTAINING A COPY OF YOUR LETTER OF MAY 31- 1977 TO HER. ON THE 2-14-78 I LOCATED A SCHOOL MATE WHO LIVED 10 YEARS WITHIN 200 YARDS OF THE QUARRY SITE.
HE GAVE ME THIS STATEMENT, I AM SENDING IT TO YOU WITH SOME INFORMATION ON THE ARRIVAL OF GEORGE W. & AT. WATERLOO NOW AUSTIN AND SOME OTHER ITEMS.
HOPING THIS WILL BE OF VALUE TO YOUR DEPT. OR THE PARKS DEPT. OF THE EXACT LOCATION OF WHERE THE LIMESTONE CAME FROM. TO BUILD THE 1853-1881 CAPITOL

Sincerely.

Roy W Davis,
1502 Edgewood ave.
Austin Texas 78722


SUGGESTED DAVIS QUARRY HISTORICAL MARKER SITE
SITE OF DAVIS CEMETERY
CAMP MABRY (NAT'L GUARD)
BULL CREEK DISTRICT PARK
BARROW PRESERVE
BULL CREEK PARK
AUSTIN MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY
ARMY RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
MT BONNELL PARK
AUSTIN STATE SCHOOL
HIGHLAND MALL
MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE
BUSINESS CENTER (UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS APPLIED RESEARCH LABS)
RESEARCH BLVD
NORTHWEST DISTRICT PARK
NORTHWEST REC. CENTER
HANCOCK REC. CTR
HANCOCK GOLF COURSE
CAPITAL PLAZA
ROBER
MUNICIF


FOSTER LN.
MOPAC BLVD.
BURNET RD.
W. 45TH ST.
MO-PAC BLVD
OMITTED AREA
Proposed Change
NORTH
File No. C14-80-77
G.H.

Travis County Historical Commission

January 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO PARD - Director, Leonard Ehrler

FROM TCHC - Chairman, Ina Ray Smith

SUBJECT State Historical Marker located in Northwest Park.

An official Texas Historical Marker on a post (18 x 28¢) costs $325.00.

Enclosed is a report from J. Mulkey Owens, longtime TCHC member, dated July 30, 1980, recommending this marker location on a map.

George W. Davis received Headright No. 15 from the Republic of Texas for 4,605 acres (approximately 7 square miles), so most of Allendale, Northwest Park, and the development of Burnet Road on the east and Balcones on the west was the Davis family holdings for more than 100 years. We have information from family members and other research sources to prepare the necessary narrative and chain of title to process this marker.

Would you please present to the Board?

1. Permission of the land owner to erect this marker
2. The City, as the landowner, could share the cost of the marker with the Travis County Historical Commission, as the family remaining does not seem to have the funds.

The Travis County Historical Commission, in this decade, is intensifying our search for historic sites, in view of the upcoming Texas Sesquicentennial in 1986, and the Austin Sesquicentennial in 1989.

Since you receive City funding and we receive County funding, it would only cost each organization $162.50.

Thanks.

Enclosures:

Guidelines for Marker
Memo & Map

The Texas Historical Foundation

BOX 12243 CAPITOL STATION
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711
512/475-2406

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* Ex Officio Member (nonvoting)

March 25, 1981

Travis County Historical Commission
Mr. L. Allen Searight, Chairman
1504 Lorraine St.
Austin, Texas 78703

Dear Mr. Searight,

In connection with an audit of our books, our accountants desire a confirmation of the balance held for you for a marker. Please compare the balance shown at the date given below with your records and advise them as to its corrections.

An envelope is enclosed for your reply directly to them.

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Tritico

Frank E. Tritico
Acting Executive Director

Date: 12/31/80

Balance of Deposit $ 6,004.50

Purpose: Bremond Carriage House-$125.00, #5598-$475.00 1st Presby. Church; #6062-$575.00 Austin CSA, #7041-$535.00 Tips Bldg, #6147-$183.75 Gilfillan House, #6145-$175.00 Sandbo/Weaver, #6146-$75.00 Sandbo/Wv. #6203-$575.00 - AHS-Tallen Campus, #6204 $575.00-Rio Grande Campus, #6205-$525.00 Centennial of Pub. Ed., #6144-$575.00 1st Colored Bap. Ch. #5989-$325.00 W. Iron Works, $1200.00 for Hirchfield House & Cottage, $85.75 undesignated county credit

Signed: _____

City of Austin
Founded by Congress, Republic of Texas, 1839
Municipal Building, Eighth at Colorado, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767 Telephone 512/4776511

April 6, 1981

Ms. Ina Ray Smith
Travis County Historical Commission
1122 Colorado
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Parks and Recreation Board at its meeting held on February 24, 1981, reviewed the request of the Travis County Historical Commission to place a Davis Quarry Historical Marker in Northwest Park. The Parks and Recreation Department staff and members of the Parks and Recreation Board share your interest in the historical significance of the Northwest Park.

Due to mounting budget restraints, the Parks and Recreation Board recommended approval of the request to place the marker in Northwest Park, but at no expense to the City. However, the Parks Division crews would help with the installation of the marker.

Thank you again for your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

Leonard Ehrler, Jr., Director
AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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6575

MARKER TITLE Old Quarry Site JOB NO. _____

CITY Austin COUNTY Travis

TYPE OF MARKER 18"x28" Subj. Marker w/post DATE 11-4-81

EVALUATION OF
APPLICATION FOR COMMEMORATIVE MARKER
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE MARKER COMMITTEE:

Your appraisal of the attached dossier is hereby requested. To assist you in your deliberations, the comments and recommendations of the staff are included. If your own comments are extensive, you may attach other sheets, or write on the back of this one.

Please retain in your file all but this evaluation sheet, which we request that you return to the state office at your earliest convenience. If the majority of the State Marker Committee recommends acceptance, the inscription will be written and sent to you for your approval. At that time you may wish to refer to the history previously submitted.

Truett Latimer
Executive Director

Historical evaluation: Now part of a city park, the old stone quarry on the George W. Davis farm provided limestone for the construction of the 1853 State Capitol which burned in 1881. The quarry site is also significant because of its connection with the pioneer Davis family of Austin. The Davis family cemetery is located near the marker site and could also be mentioned. Recommend approval. C. Williams, 12-9-81

Administrative evaluation: Recommend approval
Claire Williams, 12-9-81

RECOMMENDATION OF SMC MEMBER:

Signature, SMC Member Date



TRAVIS COUNTY

I approve of the inscription for OLD QUARRY SITE

as sent to me on 3-24-82

Mulkey Owens signature

3-26-82 date

Travis Co.

I approve of the inscription for

OLD QUARRY SITE

as sent to me on 3-15-82

B. L. Schmidt, Chairman signature

March 16, 1982 date

P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 31, 1982

Mr. Bill Southwell, Jr.
The Southwell Company
P.O. Drawer 299
San Antonio, Texas 78291

NO. 6575

RE: Des.A 18"x28" Subject Marker w/post
OLD QUARRY SITE
Travis County

Dear Mr. Southwell:

Enclosed is an application for Design A 18" x 28" Subject Marker with post, Old Quarry Site, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

We would appreciate a rubbing of this inscription.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard

Frances Rickard
fr

SHIP TO: J. Mulkey Owens
4013 Ridgelea Dr.
Austin, TX 78731

Travis County Historical Commission

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Dedication of

T E X A S H I S T O R I C A L M A R K E R

Commemorating

T H E O L D Q U A R R Y S I T E

11:00 A. M. August 5th, 1982

Ardath & Albata Streets

In Northwest Park

Austin, Texas

O L D Q U A R R Y S I T E

LIMESTONE QUARRIED AT THIS SITE WAS HAULED TO CONGRESS AVENUE BY OXEN AND USED IN CONSTRUCTING THE 1853 TEXAS CAPITOL BUILDING. THE STRUCTURE BURNED IN 1881, BUT STONE FROM THE CAPITOL RUINS WAS LATER USED IN SEVERAL AUSTIN BUILDING PROJECTS. THE QUARRY SITE WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF THE LAND GRANTED TO TENNESSEE NATIVE GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS (1806-84) FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE TEXAS REVOLUTION. LATER INHERITED BY HIS DAUGHTER - IN - LAW ELVIRA T. DAVIS, THE LAND WAS MAINTAINED AS THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD FOR MANY YEARS. THE DAVIS CEMETERY IS LOCATED NEARBY (.25 MI. SW).

(1982)

D E D I C A T I O N P R O G R A M

WELCOME ..... Jack Evins
Vice Chairman, Travis County Historical Comm'n

INVOCATION ..... Rev. B. C. Schmidt
Chairman, Travis County Historical Commission

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS ..... Jack Evins
Master of Ceremonies

THE OLD QUARRY SITE ..... Beverly Sheffield
Former Director, Austin Parks & Recreation Dept.

THE DAVIS FAMILY ..... Alden Mason
Descendant of George Washington Davis,1st Owner

UNVEILING OF MARKER ..... Roy W. Davis
Descendant of George Washington Davis,1st Owner

READING OF MARKER TEXT .... Billie Davis Harvey
Descendant of George Washington Davis,1st Owner

BENEDICTION Rev. B. C. Schmidt
Chairman, Travis County Historical Commission

MARKER NAME Old Quarry Site JOB NO. 6575

TOWN Austin COUNTY Travis DATE 11-4-81

Des. A 18" x 28" Subj. Marker with post 325.00

MARKER SIZE PRICE No tax

CATEGORY UA LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

COUNTY CHAIRMAN:

The Rev. B. C. Schmidt
5409 Gloucester
Austin, 78723

PROCEDURE FOR MARKER APPLICATION

INITIAL	DATE	
FR	11-9-81	1. Application checked and dated
FR	11-9-81	2. Check deposited
FR	11-6-81	3. Receipt of application acknowledged
		4. Additional information sent for
		5. Sent to National Register for architectural evaluation
Clw	12-9-81	6. Evaluated
		7. Sent to SMC for subject matter approval
		8. Letter of approval sent, permanent record & DSA recording, labeling, listed, & filed
DKU	2-22-82	9. Checkout to inscription writer
DC	2-25-82	10. Sent for State Marker Committee approval
FR	3-15-82	11. Inscription submitted for County approval
		12. Highway permission secured (if necessary)
FR	3-31-82	13. Order sent to Southwell
Clw DKU	5-25-82	14. Rubbing checked
HW	7-6-82	15. Notice of shipment and news release information sent
		16. RTHL Certificate sent
		17. Recorded for Marker Guide
		18. Extraneous material deleted
		19. Folder placed in completed marker file

DATE RECEIVED: 11-4-81 1-11-82

CHECK NO.: 3355 7416

CHECK DATED: 4-20-81 12-31-81

AMOUNT OF CHECK: 85.75 889.25 (only 239.25 for this #)

CHECK SIGNED BY: Texas Historical Payment Travis Co.