

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE  
 TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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 CO-2-34,030

ORIGIN Field	OFFICE Dallas, Texas	FILE NO. CO-2-34,030
TYPE OF CASE Assassination of President Kennedy	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Elm Street
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED 7-8/9-64	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA John Joe Howlett		
<u>SYNOPSIS</u>		
History of Elm Street and the formation of the Triple Underpass.		
<u>DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION</u>		
Investigation was requested by Inspector Kelley on July 8, 1964.		
<u>Other Investigations</u>		
Investigation revealed that there is no single document that can certify the name of the curved street in front of the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building to be Elm Street. Therefore, five documents are included, four of which are certified copies, that show the history and formation of the Triple Underpass and the three streets leading to it from Houston Street, Dallas.		
A certified copy of the map of Dallas, as filed with the Clerk of the Dallas County Court in April 1855, is attached. This map shows the streets of Dallas as they were originally laid out. It will be noticed that there were two streets west of Houston, being Broadway and Water Streets. These streets were later closed when the triple underpass was built.		
Certified copies of the resolutions adopted June 6, 1934 and June 13, 1934 by the Dallas City Council, setting forth the need for purchase of land to extend Elm Street, Main Street, and Commerce Street, are included. These two resolutions are only part of the resolutions and pertain to the north half of the block bounded by Elm Street to the north, Houston Street to the east, Main Street to the south, and Broadway Street to the west, known as City Block, figure 2 over 11. The other resolutions pertaining to the south half of block, figure 2, over 11, block 1, over 12, block 11, over 3, and block 10, over 4, are similar in wording.		
COPIES	REPORT MADE BY	DATE
Giles 2 cc	7-9-64	7-9-64
Dallas 2 cc	APPROVED <i>Harold G. Shank</i>	DATE 7-9-64
	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	

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A copy of the City of Dallas plat book page showing blocks 1 to 13 is included. This page shows original blocks dotted in and the present condition drawn. This drawing also shows Broadway and Water Streets being closed in vicinity of the Triple Underpass.

No document could be found giving an official name to the curved streets just west of Houston Street between Elm Street and Commerce Street. Other than the above resolutions which say that Elm Street, Main Street, and Commerce Street, were to be extended to and under a triple underpass known as the Commerce-Main-Elm-Street Underpass.

A letter is included with the original of this report from Mr. Harold G. Shank, City Secretary of the City of Dallas, certifying that there has not been a name change for the street known as Elm Street, in Dallas.

DISPOSITION

This phase of the investigation is considered closed.

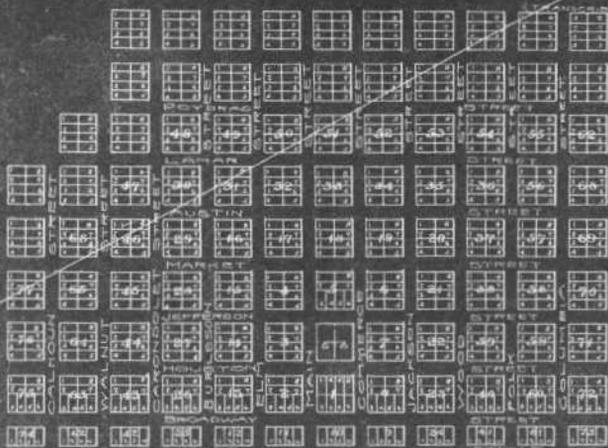
ATTACHMENTS

- Map of the town of Dallas, April 1855 (Certified copy)
- Certified copy of Resolution adopted by Dallas City Council June 6, 1934
- Certified copy of Resolution adopted by Dallas City Council June 13, 1934
- Copy of City of Dallas plat book, page showing blocks 1 to 13
- Certification letter from Mr. Harold G. Shank, City Secretary of the City of Dallas, Texas

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2188—Continued

# Map of The Town of Dallas



This map is a true and correct copy of the original map of the Town of Dallas, Texas, as filed in the office of the County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, on the 9th day of July, 1964.

I, *Tom E. Ellis*, County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the map of the Town of Dallas, Texas, as filed in the office of the County Clerk of Dallas County, Texas, on the 9th day of July, 1964.

Witness my hand and seal of office Dallas County, Texas, this 9th day of July, 1964.

*Tom E. Ellis*  
 County Clerk Dallas County, Texas

## COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2188-A

THE STATE OF TEXAS, I, **TOM E. ELLIS**, County Clerk in and for said COUNTY OF DALLAS, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Map of the Town of Dallas

as the same appears on file and/or of record in my office in Vol. D Page 698 of Map Records of Dallas County, Texas.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office Dallas, Texas, this 9th day of July 19 64.

**TOM E. ELLIS**, County Clerk Dallas County, Texas  
 By Jana Connor Deputy

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2188-A-Continued

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN, WHICH APPROPRIATION IS MADE NECESSARY FOR A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT IN THE CITY OF DALLAS, KNOWN AS THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS, COMMERCIAL, MAIN AND ELM STREETS, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON, TO MAKE AN OFFER OF THE SUM OF MONEY STATED HEREIN, REPRESENTING THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES LEGALLY ALLOWABLE AT LAW BECAUSE OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

WHEREAS, the governing body has heretofore determined and does at this time determine that the appropriation of the hereinafter described property belonging to the hereinafter named property owner is necessary to carry out a public improvement known as the triple underpass, at Commercial, Main and Elm Streets, and the appropriation of said property is required for the public purpose of creating a thoroughfare in the prolongation of Commercial, Main and Elm Streets, under the tracks of the Union Terminal Railway Company; and,

WHEREAS, it becomes necessary in the acquisition of said property, or as a prerequisite to condemnation, to make a bona fide offer of a sum of money representing, in the opinion of the governing body, the sum of money legally allowable to said property owner growing out of the appropriation of said property; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. That it is hereby determined to be necessary to acquire and appropriate under the exercise of the right of eminent domain the hereinafter described property to be devoted to a public improvement in the City of Dallas known as the Commercial, Main and Elm Streets Underpass in the prolongation of said streets under the tracks of the Union Terminal Railway Company, and others, said property, when acquired, to be used for highway, streets and parking appurtenant to and incident to highway and street purposes, said property being described as follows:

Being all that lot, tract or parcel of land, being situated in the City and County of Dallas, Texas, and being the north one-half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2/11, official City numbers; and,

Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Elm Street with the west line of Houston Street;

Thence westerly with the south line of Elm Street a distance of 100 feet;

Thence southerly 100 feet from and parallel with the west line of Houston Street a distance of 50 feet;

Thence easterly 50 feet from and parallel with the south line of Elm Street a distance of 100 feet to the west line of Houston Street;

Thence northerly with the said west line of Houston Street a distance of 50 feet to the place of Beginning.

Section 2. That said property is now owned by A. T. Walraven, and if it should be found that any other persons own or claim any interest therein, either by leasehold or otherwise, then this determination as to appropriation and the acts authorized to be performed herein shall apply so well to said interest owners whether named herein or not.

Section 3. That the Director of Public Works, his assistants, or John M. Young, is hereby authorized to transmit to said property owner the offer to pay the sum of money mentioned herein, which said sum represents in the opinion of the Council the compensation legally allowable at law growing out of and accruing to said property owner by reason of the appropriation of said property above described.

Section 4. That the sum of money authorized herein to be paid to or offered said property owner is \$15,000.00.

Section 5. The said Director of Public Works, his assistants, or John M. Young, is hereby required to report back to the governing body of the City of Dallas what action, if any, has been taken by the property owner, that is to say, whether said offer was accepted or rejected.

Section 6. The sums of money authorized herein shall be paid out of Overhead Crossing & Underpass Fund No. 176.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage as in the charter in each case made and provided.

It was moved and seconded that resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:  
aye - Burroughs, Hester, Moore, Norrell, Painter - 5  
nay - Camp, Webb, Thompson - 3  
Absent - Turner - 1  
Carried - - - Resolution adopted.

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS }  
CITY OF DALLAS }

I, Harold G. Shank, City Secretary of the City of Dallas, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution (passed/adopted) by the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas June 6, 1934

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS, This the 9 day of July A.D. 1934

*Harold G. Shank*  
City Secretary of the City of Dallas, Texas

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2188-B-Continued

A RESOLUTION THAT BEING UPON THE AGENDA OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS, AND AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS, HELD AT THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS, ON THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 1964.

WHEREAS, for the purpose of constructing and extending public thoroughfares in the City of Dallas, Texas, Commerce, Main and Elm Streets, and to provide adequate outlets for traffic in the area adjacent to the present and existing, on said streets near the Union Terminal, it is deemed necessary, it is deemed necessary that the City of Dallas acquire the hereinafter described property belonging to the hereinafter named owners and to acquire the right of eminent domain pertaining, and acquiring said property for the purposes herein stated and

WHEREAS, the Union Terminal Company, a corporation, is the owner of the herein-after described property, and it appears after persistent and bona fide efforts on the part of the agents and representatives of the City of Dallas that said named persons cannot agree with the City of Dallas as to the purchase price, and the City of Dallas, in the event to be held an acquisition of property for the public use being sought for the purposes herein mentioned, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

Section 1. That a necessity exists for the appropriation by the City of Dallas, under its power of eminent domain, to acquire and appropriate the hereinafter described property belonging to the hereinafter named owners for the purposes of widening, Commerce, Main and Elm Streets and the construction of a triple underpass under the tracks of the Union Terminal Company in the prolongation of said Streets, Main and Elm Streets so as to furnish adequate access to the area shown on the lower down town section of the City of Dallas, and it is hereby determined by the City of Dallas to take said property under and by virtue of the power of eminent domain.

Section 2. That the purpose for which said property shall be taken is for the construction of a triple underpass known as the Commerce-Main-Elm Street underpass and under the tracks of the Union Terminal Company so as to provide necessary and needed traffic thoroughfares in the City of Dallas since it is hereby determined to provide adequate outlets for traffic in the down town section of the City of Dallas.

Section 3. That said property necessary for the purposes herein stated and to be acquired by eminent domain is owned by the Union Terminal Company, a corporation, and said property of said Union Terminal Company desired to be acquired under the right of eminent domain is described as follows:

- Situated in the City and County of Dallas, State of Texas, Lots 3 and 4 and parts of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2111, official plat, located:
  - BEING the intersection of the south line of Elm Street with the east line of Beach Street;
  - THENCE westerly with the east line of Beach Street a distance of 193 feet;
  - THENCE easterly 100 feet from and parallel with the south line of Elm Street a distance of 200 feet to the west line of Houston Street;
  - THENCE northerly with the west line of Houston Street a distance of 50 feet;
  - THENCE westerly 50 feet from and parallel with the south line of Elm Street a distance of 100 feet;
  - THENCE northerly 100 feet from and parallel with the west line of Houston Street a distance of 50 feet to the south line of Elm Street;
  - THENCE westerly with the south line of Elm Street a distance of 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Section 4. That the City Attorney's Department is hereby instructed to cause a statement to be made listing said property and giving the names of the owners thereof and their residence, if known, and the owners for which said property is to be taken under the right of eminent domain, and to file such statement with the Judge of the County Court of Dallas County, at Room No. 24, or the Court of any court having jurisdiction by law to act in condemnation proceedings, and the commissioners shall thereupon be appointed as appraisers in such suit in for the purpose of condemning the said land for the right of way herein declared to be necessary for the purpose above stated, and the City Attorney's Department is authorized to add the names of such other persons claiming interest in said land as may be necessary for the purpose of acquiring said right of way and placing title in the City of Dallas for the purpose herein stated.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the City of Dallas has been unable to agree with said property owners as to the amount of compensation legally allowable at law and that the offers heretofore made and authorized by the governing body have been rejected and denied, and, therefore, the City of Dallas is forced to exercise the right of eminent domain in order to carry out a public improvement, to-wit, Commerce, Main and Elm Streets Underpass.

Section 6. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage as in the Charter in such cases is made and provided.

It was moved and seconded that resolution be adopted.

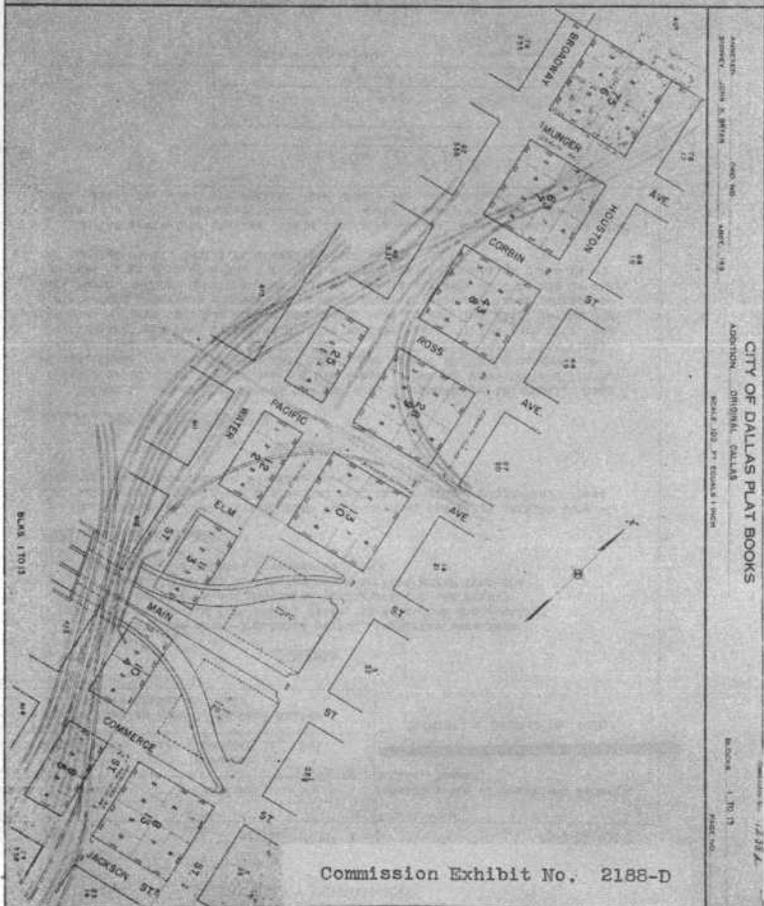
ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

Aye - Barrroughs, Camp, Baxter, Moore, Norrell, Painter, Turner - 7  
Nay -  
Carry left - - - Resolution adopted.

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF DALLAS }  
CITY OF DALLAS }

I, Harold G. Shank, City Secretary of the City of Dallas, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution (passed/adopted) by the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas June 13 1964  
WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS, This the 9 day of July, A.D. 1964.

*Harold G. Shank*  
City Secretary of the  
City of Dallas, Texas



Commission Exhibit No. 2188-D

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2188-D

CITY OF DALLAS  
TEXAS  
HAROLD G. SHANK  
CITY SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS:  
COUNTY OF DALLAS:  
CITY OF DALLAS:

I, Harold G. Shank, City Secretary of the City of Dallas, Texas, do hereby certify that a search of this office reveals no change in street name of the street named Elm Street, in the City of Dallas, Texas.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS,  
This the 9th day of July A.D. 1964.

*Harold G. Shank*  
Harold G. Shank  
City Secretary of the  
City of Dallas, Texas

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2188-E