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INVESTIGATION MADE AT <i>Dallas, Texas</i>	PERIOD COVERED <i>7-8/9-54</i>	
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cc to Commission with original attachments 7/13/54 SA Edmunds

SYNOPSIS

History of Elm Street and the formation of the Triple Underpass.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Investigation was requested by Inspector Kelley on July 8, 1954.

Other Investigations

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.

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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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