

## Government Hill

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Contract has been let by the **Government Hill Company** to the International Water Company for the piping of **Government Hill Addition** with 4-inch mains.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
September 20, 1906

John A. Happer and J.L. Marr were in Bisbee in behalf of the **Government hill tract**, also going to Tombstone to see the Herschel mine.

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January 21, 1907

The gable end of the residence of J.S. Barber in **Government Hill** was blown in and Mr. and Mrs. Barber narrowly escaped with their lives.

14 Years Ago Today

February 25, 1907

Work has begun on the residence of T.M. Wingo, in **Government Hill**. This will be a mission house, costing about \$15,000, and will be one of the prettiest residences of its kind in the city.

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Work has been begun on the residence of T.M. Wingo in **Government Hill**. It will be a mission house, which will cost \$3000.

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March 1, 1907

Work has begun on the residence of I.M. Wingo in **Government Hill**. It will be a mission house which will cost \$3000.

14 Years Ago Today

March 2, 1907

**Government Hill** lots are being sold by Latta & Happer and Austin & Marr for \$100 to \$150 each—\$10 down and \$5 a month.

14 Years Ago Today

October 21, 1907

The citizens of **Government Hill**, Altura, Grand View, Military Heights and North Highland Park have under discussion the matter of incorporating and establishing schools and other civic improvements.

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October 22, 1907

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14 Years Ago Today

November 20, 1908

The owners of **Government Hill** addition have completed arrangements with the El Paso street car company to extend its tracks to that suburb. The extension will be 14 blocks long.

14 Years Ago Today

December 15, 1908

The petition of J.A. Happer for a franchise to build a street railway for passengers to **Government Hill** from Fort Bliss was granted by the county commissioners.

14 Years Ago Today

January 18, 1909

The ties and rail for the **Government Hill** extension of the Fort Bliss car line have arrived and been distributed along the right of way.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago

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Ties and rails for the **Government Hill** extension of the Ft. Bliss line have been distributed over the right-of-way. The line,

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14 Years Ago Today  
February 19, 1909

The new **Government Hill** car line formally opened when a special car was run from the transfer point to the end of the line with a number of residents of the section invited guests of the company as passengers.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
February 21, 1909

Electric car service will be inaugurated on the **Government Hill** line tomorrow. Latta

& Happer and Austin & Marr will conduct lot sales in that territory.

14 Years Ago Today  
May 7, 1909

Miss Irene Essinger, of Chicago, is guest of Mrs. W.M. Butler, **Government Hill**.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
January 12, 1911

Excited because he had engaged in a fistic encounter with a neighbor, a resident of **Government Hill** addition telephoned that he had killed a man. His neighbor is alleged to have drawn a gun and at the same time fallen over a chicken coop, dropping the gun. No arrest was made.

14 Years Ago Today  
February 6, 1911

Persons can purchase lots in the **Government Hill** addition for \$10 down and \$5 a month, with no taxes and no interest to pay.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
March 17, 1911

T.M. Wingo has just put in a sub-irrigation system at his suburban home in **Government Hill** for irrigating his yard and garden.

Out Of The Past—20 yrs ago  
September 11, 1911

Beginning Nov. 1 **Government Hill** will have hourly car service each way between the transfer stations and the end of the **Government Hill** line.

Out Of The Past—20 yrs ago  
March 18, 1912

**Government Hill** residents are hoping the Ft. Bliss enlargement measure goes through soon so that the sewer system there may be connected with that of El Paso, eliminating the disagreeable odor from the overflow trickling down through the **Government**

**Hill** arroyos, also danger if sickness when hot weather arrives.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
March 20, 1912

Residents of **Government Hill** are hoping that the Ft. Bliss measure will go through so that the sewage system of the Post can be connected with that of the City.

Out Of The Past—20 yrs ago  
April 9, 1912

Stanton st. is to have a street car line from Boulevard to San Antonio st. The line will be used by the Ft. Bliss, Highland Park and **Government Hill** cars, which will be switched off to Stanton st. at the Boulevard intersection, down Stanton to San Antonio, around the loop to Oregon and north on Oregon to the transfer station.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
June 26, 1912

Lieut. E.R. Coppock of the 2nd Cavalry has purchased two lots at Davis and Jefferson street in **Government Hill** addition.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
October 10, 1912 (Thursday)

J.R. Hudspeth has purchased from E.W. Earl the five-room red brick bungalow in block 28, **Government Hill** Addition. This sale was made through Perry-Kirkpatrick Realty Co. and was made for \$3,000.

Out Of The Past—20 yrs ago  
October 15, 1912

R.C. Semple is building a \$5000, seven-room bungalow in **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
November 12, 1912

That part of **Government Hill** lying west of Ft. Bliss paved road is to be parked and paved by the **Government Hill company**.

The contract for the paving has been let for \$40,000.

Out Of The Past—20 yrs ago  
December 7, 1912

A J.W. Schmid and family are moving into their new bungalow recently completed in **Government Hill**.

14 Years Ago Today  
December 14, 1912

A.J.W. Schmid and family are moving from 3424 Hueco street to their new bungalow in **Government Hill**.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
December 15, 1912

An expenditure of \$54,000 is to be made in the paving and improvement of the **Government Hill** section of the city and the paving alone will amount to \$40,000.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
January 21, 1913

Dr. and Mrs. G.H. Mengel have moved into their new home in **Government Hill**.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
March 10, 1913

A charming affair was the bridge party given by Mrs. W.M. Butler at her home in **Government Hill** in honor of Miss Judyn Hague to announce her engagement to Jesse Elliott of Jacksonville, Fla., a prominent young business man of that city.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
March 13, 1913 (Thursday)

Advertisement: **Government Hill** is conceded to be the finest offering of suburban home sites in the Southwest. No other addition around El Paso can compare with it. A great wave of activity is sweeping over this addition. No interest, no taxes, no mortgage. We can still sell lots outside the restricted

district at \$125 to \$225. AUSTIN & MARR, also LATTA & HAPPER.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
March 27, 1913

E.R. Bennet's house in **Government Hill** was moved several feet from its foundation by the severe windstorm of last night. W.E. Brickel's Ford auto was blown away from in front of his residence on Prospect and rolled down hill.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
May 6, 1913

Thomas Paxton is moving into the W.M. Butler home in **Government Hill**, which he recently purchased.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
June 19, 1913 (Thursday)

Miss Dora Lee Peacock became the bride of Richard Roland Mason at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Covington in **Government Hill**. Mrs. Covington is Miss Peacock's sister.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
July 3, 1913

Beginning today the **Government Hill** addition will have half hourly street car service.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
July 19, 1913

R.E. McKee is building a five-room bungalow in **Government Hill** which he will occupy as a home.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
July 23, 1913

O.H. Thorman and Co. are preparing plans for a five-room brick bungalow costing about 3500 which R.E. McKee will build in **Government Hill** and occupy as his home.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
September 6, 1913

All short-stop street cars which run from the transfer station to the **Government Hill** switch in Alta Vista now bear the name "Alta Vista" on their fronts.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
September 26, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. McClintock have moved into their new home on Oxford St., **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
December 11, 1913

The first car run over the Manhattan Heights extension of the car system, which connects the Fort Bliss and **Government Hill** lines with the new addition, was a work car, run this morning.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
March 6, 1914

Judge and Mrs. A.M. Walthall will entertain the officers and teachers of the First Baptist Church Sunday School tonight at their home in **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
July 19, 1914

About 20 young people gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J.J. Boyd on **Government Hill** Saturday night, and went on a jolly hayride down the valley.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
September 15, 1914 (Tuesday)

Miss Gladys Wright was the pleasant hostess on Saturday afternoon at her home in **Government Hill** for Miss Mable Murry's Sunday School class.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
November 5, 1914

Miss Irene Laughlin and Miss Grace Wingo will give a dance Friday night, in the home of Miss Wingo in **Government Hill**.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
November 27, 1914 (Friday)

Miss Grace Wingo was the pleasant hostess at a very attractive Thanksgiving dinner given last night at her home in **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
December 9, 1914

Plans were completed by the Alta Vista Improvement Club today for the big family dinner, which is to be given tomorrow night by the club, complimenting all who live in the Alta Vista section between Piedras street and **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
January 20, 1915

Mrs. Maze Burton Connelly of **Government Hill** has written a new song, dedicated to El Paso: "The Call of the Golden West."

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
January 22, 1915

The official opening inspection of the Hendricks Sanatorium on **Government Hill** was given last night. The building was erected at a cost of \$90,000.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
January 24, 1915

A new mail carrier service to include Manhattan Heights, Altura Park, Grand View and **Government Hill** will be inaugurated March 1. Heretofore these districts have had no carrier service and the extending of the service is one of the largest extensions that has been made by the post office here.

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January 25, 1915

A new Mail Carrier service to include Manhattan Heights, Altura Park, Grandview and **Government Hill** will be inaugurated an March 1.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
February 19, 1915 (Friday)

Mr. and Mrs. P.W. Galt entertained the Social Evening Club last night at their home in **Government Hill**. Mrs. C.R. Brownlee will entertain next week.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
February 27, 1915 (Saturday)

Mrs. D.M. Spilsbury gave an informal tea yesterday afternoon at her home in **Government Hill** to honor Mrs. Stella McRae of Bisbee, who is her house guest.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
May 3, 1915 (Monday)

Lt. and Mrs. J. Anderson, of Douglas, Ariz., are in El Paso to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Wingo, in **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
July 31, 1915

Annexation of Grand View, Military Heights, Altura Park, **Government Hill** and Richmond Terrace to the city will be realized within the next six months. The additions will be made to increase the bond issue to provide for the city.

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40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
August 26, 1915 (Thursday)  
Little Miss Mary McClintock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. McClintock, celebrated her sixth birthday anniversary at a party given by her mother in their home in **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—20 yrs ago  
September 4, 1915  
A residence district that is planned to be as unique as it will be different from anything in or around El Paso will shortly be placed on the market. Joshua S. Reynolds, W.H. Austin, C.N. Bassett, J.G. McNary, James L. Marr and others own 164 acres of property east of the platted section of **Government Hill** upon the high ground.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
September 21, 1915 (Tuesday)  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terrell have moved from **Government Hill** to 1305 Oregon St.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
October 14, 1915 (Thursday)  
Mrs. H.B. McDowell has as her guest at her home on **Government Hill**, Miss Bess Allen of San Antonio.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
October 30, 1915 (Saturday)  
Miss Helen Stimmel and Miss Veva Driskell entertained last night with a delightful dance at the home of Miss Stimmel on **Government Hill**.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
November 28, 1915 (Sunday)  
A very enjoyable dance was given by London Wingo at his home, in **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
February 21, 1916  
Three masked robbers held up Lynn R. McClintock Frieen, last night at 10 o'clock near his home at 3905 Oxford in **Government Hill**.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
February 25, 1916  
Seventy-two property owners in the **Government Hill** addition have signed a petition asking the city council of El Paso to annex the addition to the city of El Paso.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
March 9, 1916 (Thursday)  
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sayles have moved into their newly completed bungalow in **Government Hill**.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
September 1, 1916 (Friday)  
Residents of a portion of **Government Hill** are clamoring to be admitted within the City limits. The part seeking entrance comprises 84 blocks, starting at Stevens from thence it runs north to Hastings, east to Lamar, south to Alamogordo and west to Stevens.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
September 1, 1916  
Residents of a portion of **Government Hill** are clamoring to be admitted within the city limits. The district desiring entrance comprises 84 blocks. Mayor Lea stated to the petitioners that they had a right to seek admittance and he would be glad to see them come in.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
September 10, 1916  
An interesting question as to the status of the county's new school on **Government Hill** has arisen as a result of the annexation by the city of a large section of **Government Hill**, including the Concordia school district.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
September 12, 1916

**Government Hill** and the northeastern section of the city is to have a Catholic chapel soon. Bishop A.J. Schuler said he would meet with prominent churchmen to further a place of worship for that growing section of the city.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
September 14, 1916

The mayor and city council spent yesterday afternoon inspecting that portion of **Government Hill** which is asking to be admitted within the city limits. The ordinance performing that service is scheduled to come up this morning for its final reading.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
September 23, 1916

A letter questioning the legality of the recent admission, of a portion of **Government Hill** to the city limits has been received by city officials. The letter is from an assistant in the attorney general's district in which there was an outstanding school bond indebtedness of \$56,000. A number of local attorneys who have looked into the case hold that the district can be admitted.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
October 1, 1916

W.R. Piper, sales manager of the James L. Marr and Company, reports that the demand for houses and building sites keeps up without abatement. Many bungalows are being built in **Government Hill**, and Mr. Piper says that there is more demand for high-class residence property than ever before.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
November 22, 1916 (Wednesday)  
Two men were slightly injured when an incoming **Government Hill street car** went off the track at the curve three blocks from

the end of the car line resting partly over on its side.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
November 22, 1916

Conductor P. Angler and D. Rolison were slightly injured Monday night about 9:30 o'clock when an incoming **Government Hill street car** went off the track at the curve three blocks from the end of the car line, turned partly over on its side.

Mrs. L.A. Wright, 3915 Oxford St., had a miraculous escape from death yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock when she hurled through the windshield of her automobile as it collided with a **Government Hill street car** at Bliss and Luna Sts. She sustained a bad cut on the forehead and was severely bruised about the body.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
December 6, 1916

Approaching the curve at too high speed, a **Government Hill street car**, in charge of Motorman Carver, left the track at the corner of Hueco and Jefferson Sts. shortly after 3 o'clock last night and turned over on its side. The motorman and conductor were the only occupants of the car and both escaped injury.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
March 13, 1917 (Tuesday)  
All machinery has been installed in the Altura Park substation of the railway company and as a result the company is now enabled to operate the **Government Hill** and Ft. Bliss lines absolutely on schedule.

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March 13, 1917

All machinery has been installed in the Altura Park substation of the railway company and as a result the railway company is now enabled to operate the **Government Hill** and



Fort Bliss lines absolutely on schedule. The new substation has been in operation now a week and is proving efficient in relieving the main power plant of the strain caused by the heavy traffic on the **Government Hill** and Fort Bliss lines.

Glimpses Of The Past—13 yrs ago  
April 22, 1917

City Attorney J.H. McBroom left yesterday for Austin, where he goes to seek the passage of a law which will result in **Government Hill** being recognized for city school purposes as well as a part of the city.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
May 1, 1917 (Tuesday)

WANTED—Boy with horse to carry route between **Government Hill** and Val Verde. Apply to Circulation Dept. Times Office.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
August 25, 1917

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February 1, 1918

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June 5, 1918

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40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
June 17, 1918 (Monday)

After spending a week in El Paso as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.G. Bunsen of **Government Hill**, Fred Bunsen leaves this evening for Fort Worth to join his company.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
October 13, 1918

The **Government Hill Company's** request that the city incorporate within its limits Austin Terrace will come before the City Council tomorrow. It is estimated that the value of the property to be taken in is approximately \$435,800, which would net the city in taxes about \$5000.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
January 3, 1919

Under specific orders from Major Charles Davis, the police had an officer detailed on the **Government Hill carline** to instruct passengers not to smoke.

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June 5, 1919

The El Paso Labor Congress has adopted a resolution approving the extension of the **Government Hill street car line** out to the 7th Cavalry post. A committee was appointed to put the matter before the City Council and the street car company.

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June 7, 1919

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40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
February 15, 1920 (Sunday)

Mrs. Grover C. Linn, wife of the pastor of **Government Hill Baptist Church**, entertained the young people of the church with a Valentine party in her home. Throughout the evening the young people were favored with vocal and instrumental music. Mrs. Linn was assisted by Mrs. C.E. Eminger, Mrs. O.A. Brandt and Mrs. L.C. Kelly. Mrs. G.L. Bennett supervised the games.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
June 9, 1920 (Wednesday)

The women of the **Government Hill Baptist Church** were entertained delightfully at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Grover C. Linn, 3520 Clifton. St.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
September 11, 1920

Rev. Grover C. Linn, pastor of the **Government Hill Baptist Church** conducted the first of the fall services in the County Jail. Fourteen prisoners announced their intentions of becoming Christians.

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40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
April 23, 1922 (Sunday)

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Hardaway of Deming, N.M., have moved to the city and are located in **Government Hill Addition**.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
July 8, 1922

Eighteen women of the **Government Hill Baptist Church** were recovering from a baseball game played at a church picnic near Ysleta. Miss Mary Robinson won a decision over Miss Peggy Goodell in a two-round boxing bout in which Miss Goodell's nose bled freely.

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Out of the Past – 10 yrs ago  
October 20, 1922

New Boy Scout troops will be sponsored by the following churches: Alta Vista district, Asbury Methodist, **Government Hill Baptist**, Bethany Presbyterian, St. Joseph Catholic and Austin Park.

Out of the Past – 10 yrs ago  
November 2, 1922

Ponder S. Carter's Men's Bible class will meet tonight at the **Government Hill Baptist church** in a reception for new members.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
June 17, 1923

The **Government Hill junction car line's** name has been changed to Alta Vista and five minute service in connection with the Ft. Bliss and **Government Hill** lines has been established.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
December 10, 1923

Plans are being made for extension of the street car system in El Paso with bus lines in

the Fort Bliss, **Government Hill** and Richmond Terrace districts.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
December 29, 1923

The **Government Hill Circle** of the First Baptist Church missionary society will give a holiday party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J.W. Bolton, 2619 Montana street.

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December 29, 1923

The **Government Hill circle** of the First Baptist Church missionary society will give a holiday party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J.W. Bolton, 3619 Montana street.

40 Yrs Ago in El Paso  
August 2, 1924 (Saturday)

A new route for **Government Hill street cars** will run down Stanton Street from Mills to San Antonio turn on San Antonio to Oregon and proceed up Oregon as formerly routed.

In Old El Paso—50 yrs ago  
July 31, 1925

Attorney S.J. Isaacks, representing Richmond Terrace and **Government Hill** residents, pleaded again with the City Council for a crossing over S.P. tracks leading to Memorial Park and Crockett School.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
July 31, 1925

Attorney S.J. Isaacks, representing Richmond Terrace and **Government Hill** residents, pleaded again with the City Council for a crossing over S.P. tracks leading to Memorial Park and Crockett School.

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December 10, 1925

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In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
May 28, 1926

Construction of a \$60,000 building is being considered by the **Government Hill Baptist Church**, J.R. Hedrick, 3912 Trowbridge, said today.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
April 22, 1927

“Political conditions in China have made it necessary for missionaries to leave the work to the Christianized Chinese, as the people just now resent foreigners,” Mrs. Victor Anderson told the **Government Hill circle** of First Baptist Church.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
July 24, 1927

Fred Armand of 3913 Montana street today asked for a city ordinance banishing “bovine tenants” from the city limits. Armand said the bawling of five cows in a **Government Hill** neighborhood disturbs his sleep and he has been forced to take his blanket and sleep in the park.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
July 28, 1927

The City Health Department can not move six cows in **Government Hill**, whose bawling Fred De Armond of 3913 Montana street complained about several days ago. De Armond suggests an ordinance which would put a muffler on noise-making animals.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
November 23, 1927

At least four persons were injured when a Fort Bliss car and a **Government Hill car** crashed in a head-on collision on Tularosa east of Five Points.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
June 16, 1929 (Sunday)

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November 22, 1929 (Friday)

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In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
January 25, 1930

A petition against the spending of so much money on the new East Side high school that

none will be left for a new grade school in **Government Hill** was being signed by **Government Hill** residents. The petition was drawn up by Dr T.J. McCamant, who recently bought a home in **Government Hill**.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
January 25, 1930

A telephone campaign to force the board to build a school in **Government Hill** was begun by residents today. Dodgers in big, black type announced “**Government Hill** in Danger.” Dr. T.J. McCamant sponsor of the dodger campaign, said that grade schools were to be slighted to provide for fine architecture for the new east side high school.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
January 26, 1930

A telephone campaign endeavoring to force the School Board to build a grade school in **Government Hill** was begun. Dodgers headed in big black type: “**Government Hill** un Danger,” were distributed.

El Paso’s Yesterdays—50 yrs ago  
January 31, 1930

The east side high school is to be built first at a cost of approximately \$425,000, and then, if there is enough bond money left, a grade school will be built in **Government Hill**. That policy definitely was decided upon by the school board Tuesday night.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
January 31, 1930 (Friday)

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In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
February 5, 1930

**Government Hill** residents formed a tentative Improvement League last night in the office of Dr. C.H. Mason and called a mass meeting for Feb. 10.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
February 12, 1930 (Wednesday)

Tentative approval for plans for a school building for **Government Hill**, comprised of 15 rooms and auditorium, was given to the City School Board in a meeting late yesterday, in the office of J. Walker Morrow, president of the board.

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February 12, 1930

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February 25, 1930

**Government Hill** needs a school building and no amount less than \$80,000 will build a structure adequate to minimum needs, the **Government Hill Improvement League** resolved last evening.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
March 3, 1930

Dr. T.J. McCambant, County Health Officer, spoke on the **Government Hill** school situation at a meeting of the Women's City Government Club.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
March 19, 1930

The El Paso School for Girls is to retain its exclusive character. There will be no public school across the street. Through it will cost between \$3500 and \$5000 to build the **Government Hill** school two blocks west of the chosen site it will be done, the board decided.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
April 9, 1930 (Wednesday)

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El Paso's Yesterdays—50 yrs ago  
May 5, 1930

A city-building permit for construction of the proposed **Government Hill grade school** was in the hands of the city school board Monday. The permit calls for "con-

struction of a Grade A grammar school" to cost \$59,830.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
June 7, 1930 (Saturday)

Residents of the **Government Hill** section expect to present a petition to the City Council requesting that the City purchase property north of El Paso School for Girls so that the **Government Hill** area may have a park. Joshua Reynolds, owner of 23 lots in the block 83, has agreed to sell his property for \$6,000.

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July 9, 1930

Patrons of the new **Government Hill** school now under construction have donated a cornerstone for the building.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
September 24, 1930

Dr. T.J. McCamant, president, will preside at a meeting of the **Government Hill Improvement League** at Coldwell School, when plans for a park north of El Paso School for Girls and other matters will be discussed.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
December 6, 1930 (Saturday)

Proposal to establish a City park south of Loretto Academy has not been approved by the **Government Hill Improvement League**, Dr. T.J. McCamant, president of

the organization, said yesterday; The proposal to establish a park there will be fought by every resident in **Government Hill** on the basis that the territory selected is desert land and unattractive, according to McCamant.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
April 11, 1931

Cleofas Calleros, social worker, will appear before City Council, he said to protest against City Planning Commission recommendation that no park site be purchased by the City for **Government Hill Addition**.

El Paso's Yesterdays—50 yrs ago  
September 10, 1931

County Engineer J.W. Carter will begin hiring men to clear McKelligon canyon and the **Government Hill ditch** within two or three weeks as the first step in the county's program to relieve unemployment.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
December 20, 1932 (Wednesday)

Night after night, the residents in **Government Hill** have heard ghostly noises resembling a siren. Night officers were ordered to investigate and learned the noises were coming from a feed grinding mill.

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20 Years Ago In El Paso  
January 29, 1934 (Monday)  
L.F. McKinney, 2914 Alamogordo, **Government Hill street car operator**, last night

was held up for the second time within a month by an armed bandit.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
March 31, 1935

State and County officers joined forces to subdue a belligerent nanny goat that residents in **Government Hill** had complained was eating their flowers.

40 Years Ago In El Paso  
January 30, 1936 (Thursday)

What at first appeared to be an attempted holdup of the motorman of a **Government Hill Street car** was foiled by County Commissioner Bill Hawkins when he appeared on the scene armed with his son's baseball bat, and subdued the assailant who was booked for being drunk and disturbing the peace.

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tinct tremor was felt lasting from three to five seconds. No damage was reported.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago

August 14, 1936

Residents of Austin Terrace, **Government Hill** and Pershing drive have signed six petitions asking the City Council to reopen the El Paso Electric Co.'s application to discontinue the Ft. Bliss bus line.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago

December 21, 1936

A mysterious explosion injured four persons and broke more than 300 windows in the **Government Hill** and East El Paso districts.

40 Years Ago In El Paso

April 27, 1937 (Tuesday)

There will be a public hearing on proposals for change from street car to bus service on two El Paso lines. Extensions of bus service would replace street cars on the **Government Hills** and Manhattan lines.

40 Years Ago In El Paso

April 29, 1937 (Thursday)

A new route for the Ft. Bliss streetcar line, taking the car south on Piedras to Alameda Avenue and then to the business section on the Park line tracks was approved by the City Council, along with approval of substituting buses for streetcars in Manhattan Heights and the **Government Hill** district.

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In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago

June 5, 1937

Delivery of nine new buses for the proposed Manhattan-**Government Hill** line has been delayed. The new line will supplant streetcar service.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago

May 16, 1938

Mrs. W.P. Allen's home at 4109 Hueco street was the first house built on **Government Hill** 25 years ago.

20 Years Ago In El Paso

June 29, 1938 (Wednesday)

Street car traffic downtown and to the east was paralyzed following a cloudburst last evening. The arroyo drain through the **Government Hill** section was reported as carrying from four to six feet of water. Water reached a depth of two feet on Elm Street and Texas Street was for a few minutes, under more than 18 inches of water.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago

August 5, 1938

**Government Hill**, Mesa and Manhattan buses began operating on a new route in the business district.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago

September 3, 1938

City Engineer Stacy recommended to City Council that the **Government Hill** ditch not be covered on Hueco and Houston streets because of the expense.

20 Years Ago In El Paso

January 18, 1942 (Sunday)

A meeting will be held Thursday in the home of Mrs. G.A. Kernigan, 4424 Trowbridge St., for the purpose of forming a neighborhood garden group to be known as the **Government Hill Garden Club**.



In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
January 19, 1942

A new neighborhood unit of the Garden Club will be formed in the **Government Hill** area at a meeting in the home of Mrs. G.A. Jernigan of 4422 Trowbridge street.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
April 16, 1942 (Thursday)

Members of the **Government Hill Garden Club** will hold their monthly excursion trip Friday. Visits will be made to the homes of Mrs. A.J. McKinnin, 4520 Hueco St., Mrs. Hannah Alexander, 3134 Aurora St., and Mrs. G.H. Wilson, 2701 Copper St.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
July 17, 1942 (Friday)

**Government Hill Garden Club** will entertain members and their families and guests at a picnic supper Friday in Hill Top Garden. Mrs. V.W. Durbin is chairman of the arrangements committee which includes Mrs. C. Fornero and Mrs. L.T. Walker.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
July 25, 1942

John W. Phillips has formed a new corporation, the El Paso Construction Co., to construct homes for Army men and defense workers. Most of the homes will be built in the Grandview and **Government Hill** areas.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
February 6, 1943

The tin can drive in Civilian Defense District 17-A, **Government Hill**, will go into high gear tomorrow with the district's first official "Tin Can Day."

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
March 10, 1943 (Wednesday)  
Mrs. Vernon, W. Durbin, 211 Trowbridge St., chairman of the **Government Hill Garden Club**, is a nominee for the presidency of the Garden Club Council.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
March 30, 1943 (Tuesday)

The Victory Garden Show, sponsored by El Paso Garden Clubs, will be held May 1-2 in El Paso Recreation center, 128 North Campbell St. **Government Hill Garden Club** will be in charge of the show which will include vegetable and fruit arrangements.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
April 6, 1945

Mrs. V.W. Durbin was elected third vice president of the Texas Garden Clubs Inc., at the seventh annual convention in Dallas. Mrs. Durbin is a member of the **Government Hill Garden Club**.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
November 6, 1947 (Thursday)

**Government Hill** residents presented petition today to City Council requesting the establishment of the old route for the **Government Hill bus**. Mesa Terrace residents were on hand to contest the petition. **Government Hill** residents maintain that lengthening of the bus route to the Mesa Terrace district delays arrival in downtown by at least 20 minutes.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
April 15, 1949

Committee chairmen have been chosen from City garden clubs for the 23rd annual Flower Show at the Coliseum. **Government Hills Club** is sponsoring this year's show.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
April 20, 1949

Mrs. Raymond H. Hamilton was installed president of the **Government Hill Garden Club**. Other officers are Mmes. J.L. Gore, Harold D. Griffin, B.R. Berisford, E.L. Cornell and W.S. Webb.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
September 2, 1949 (Friday)

One hundred Iris rhizomes were planted yesterday in Alta Vista Park and the first pledge was submitted by an individual citizen in the iris planting drive which is being jointly sponsored by the El Paso Garden Club Council and The El Paso Times. The **Government Hill Garden Club** was the first group to plant iris in the drive to make El Paso the "City of Iris."

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
April 10, 1950

Mrs. E.E. Hill 3229 Bisbee street, will serve as chairman of entries for the 24th Annual Flower Show "Shower of Flowers." She is a member of **Government Hill Garden Club** and served as entry chairman for the 1949 show.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
April 11, 1950

Some Loretto Place residents today were signing petitions approving the proposed new **Government Hill bus route** of City Lines. Petitioners said the new Government Hill routes will eliminate hazards for both school children and pedestrians.

In Old El Paso—25 yrs ago  
April 19, 1950

The City council today tentatively approved a new loop for the **Government Hill buses** that will provide direct service to Loretto Place. William. Farrell, City Lines superintendent, proposed the new route at a special Council meeting.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
April 20, 1950 (Thursday)

The City Council will act today on a proposal to reroute the **Government Hill bus line** through Downtown El Paso to provide for a separate line to Loretto Addition. The routing will be laid out to have the busses

run on an elongated U, with one leg ending in the addition.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
October 10, 1952 (Friday)

**Government Hill Garden Club** members have several years experience in iris growing to prepare them for their club project in the current campaign to make El Paso the "City of Iris."

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
April 26, 1953 (Sunday)

The Silver Traveling Trophy, for the club receiving the greatest number of ribbons in the entire show, became the permanent property of **Government Hill Garden Club** following the 27th annual Flower Show in El Paso Coliseum Saturday. The club has won the award for the past two years and with the award this year won the right to retire the trophy.

20 Years Ago In El Paso  
September 5, 1954 (Sunday)

Persons approving the route change of the **Government Hill bus line** from Yandell to Montana listed reasons for their approval Saturday after a group of Montana Street businessmen announced plans to fight the change.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
September 19, 1957

City engineers are studying possibilities of building more dams on **Government Hill drain** in an effort to keep runoff waters out of the Durazno street flood area.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago  
September 26, 1957

A second dam designed to keep floodwaters out of the Durazno street area has been completed. The dam, which cost \$780, is located on **Government Hill drain** at Wyoming between Crockett and Bowie streets.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago

April 11, 1958

Mrs. R.D. Ashmore will become the president of the **Government Hill Garden Club** at an installation luncheon to be held on April 16 in the International Club.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago

May 6, 1959

How 43 women kept a secret was revealed today when members of the **Government Hill Garden Club** surprised Mrs. W.J. Carsen with the gift of a life membership in the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

In Old El Paso—10 yrs ago

June 27, 1960

The Public Service Board today postponed action on a petition to change the water pressure in the **Government Hill** area from low to high until residents of the neighborhood are informed the increase in water pressure may burst pipes.

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