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Houston, Texas
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Mrs. Gay accepts responsibilities with the history of Texas have been outstanding and a Texas Historical Commissioner is needed. Your favorable consideration will be appreciated as there are projects that she would be glad to complete.

Mr. Clay Johnson
Office of the Governor
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Austin, Texas 78711

Mr. dear Mr. Johnson:

I am Olee Yates McCullough, granddaughter of the late Rev. Jack Yates whose home was recently placed in the Sam Houston Park, Houston, Texas. I am the only living heir and grandchild born in that house.

This letter is to support the reappointment of Mrs. Willie Lee Gay as Texas Historical Commissioner. Mrs. Thelma Scott Bryant, the widow of the late Dr. Ira B. Bryant and neice of Emmit J. Scott of Tuskegee Institute, introduced me to Mrs. Gay.

Mrs. Gay is a sincere, energetic, dedicated person who knows how to approach people and work with and through them.

She conducted an indept research study on the Rev. Jack Yates' home (built in the 1870s) and family and was working on getting a Texas Official Historical Marker for the house when it was moved to the Sam Houston Park.

Mrs. Gay has been applauded and encouraged me to give arti-fact to be placed in the Jack Yates house in the Sam Houston Park.

She also emphasized that my father, Rutherford B. H. Yates' home was as historical as my grandfather's home. Since then, my father's home has been purchased by Mrs. Kathy Roberts who is now working on a project to restore it in Freedman Town.

Mrs. Gay sponsored a program at her church at which I was honored. She was instrumental in getting Mrs. Demetria Shabazz, editor and writer, to video this program which was followed by other documentations of my life as I came up in Freedman Town.

She encouraged me to add valuable documents to my collection, The Olee Yates McCullough, Exhibit 370 at the Houston Metropolitan Research Center - Houston Public Library.

Mrs. Gay is presently working with the restoration of Bethel Baptist Church, organized by Rev. Jack Yates in 1891. My parents were members of this church when I was born. My father served as a Trustee and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

She is working hard with the pastor, Rev. Robert O. Robertson and others at the present time to research the history of the church in Freedman Town.

Mrs. Gay accepts responsibilities with pleasure. Her contributions to the history of Texas have been outstanding and I feel that her continued service as a Texas Historical Commissioner is needed. Your favorable consideration will be appreciated as there are projects that she should be able to complete.

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Sincerely yours,

Olee Yates McCullough
Olee Yates McCullough

Olee Yates McCullough, granddaughter of the late Rev. Jack Yates, whose home was recently placed in the San Antonio Park Historic District, Texas. I am the only living heir and grandchild born in that house.

This letter is to support the reappointment of Mrs. W. H. Gay to the Texas Historical Commission. Mrs. W. H. Gay, the widow of the late Dr. W. H. Gay and neice of Emmit J. Scott of Houston, introduced me to Mrs. Gay.

Mrs. Gay is a sincere, energetic, dedicated person who knows how to approach people and work with and through them.

She conducted an in-depth research study on the Rev. Jack Yates (1840-1910) and family and was working on getting a Texas Historical Marker for the house when it was moved to the San Antonio Park.

Mrs. Gay has been applauded and encouraged me to give gift tags for the house placed in the Jack Yates house in the San Antonio Park.

She also explained that my father, Emmit J. Scott, was a historical marker grandfather in 1900. Mrs. Gay's father had been purchased by Mrs. Yates in 1850 and was living in a room in the house.

Mrs. Gay sponsored a program at her church at which I was instrumental in getting Mrs. Dorothea Scherer, writer and writer, to give this program which was followed by other documentation of the house up to President Lee.

She encouraged me to add valuable documents to my collection of Texas McCullough Exhibit 370 at the Houston Metropolitan Museum of Art and Public Library.

Mrs. Gay is presently working with the reconstruction of the church, organized by Rev. Jack Yates in 1890. My father served as a trustee of the church when I was born. My father served as a trustee of the church and the Sunday School.

She is working hard with the pastor, Rev. W. H. Gay, to get the present time to research the history of the church.