

Harris County Historical Commission

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Marker # **Year** **Inventoried BY** **Date Last Inventory**

Marker TYPE **Inventory Notes**

Marker Description **West University Place**

Marker SIZE **Key Map Coordinates** **Location Address**
Dedication Date **Condition of Marke**

Notes

added 1-1-2008 per Trevia list of marker dedications; not in THC Atlas

Location City **Zip**

GPS Latitude **GPS Longitude**

DB Ref. # **Parking**

- Hispanic* *African America* *Other Ethni* *Women's* *Cemetery* *Photos*

Marker Text

Tennessee politician Ben W. Hooper led investors in forming the West End Realty Co. in 1910. They chose land near Rice Institute, which opened in 1912, and created West University Place, connected to Houston by streetcar. Homesites sold primarily to young, middle-class families. Trying to address the area's frequent flooding, citizens incorporated in 1924, electing L. B. Ryon as Mayor. The city's second Mayor, Harold B. Schlesinger, helped develop a strong infrastructure. With several additions, the city grew to its current size, approximately two square miles. Today, the independent, viable community features park space and other amenities for its several thousand residents. (2004)

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Marker Mentor:

Marker Research:

Marker Narrative:

Directions: