

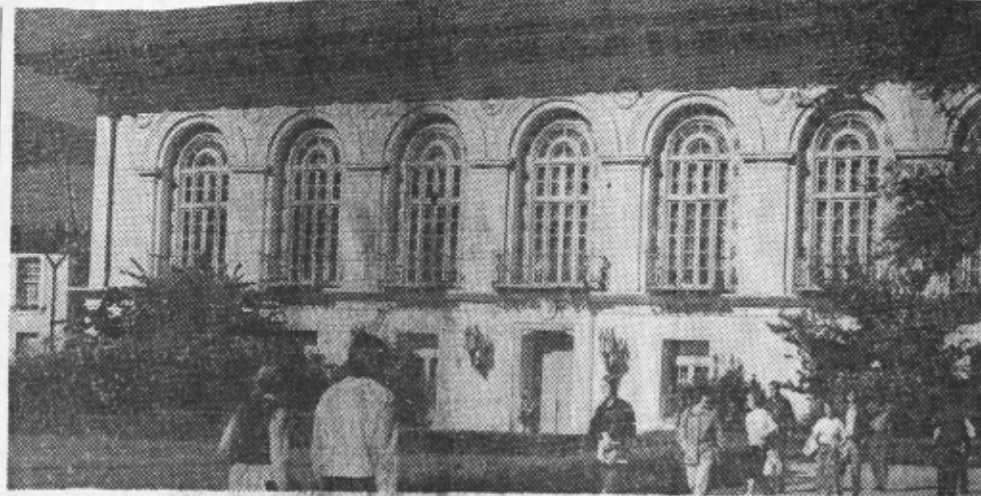
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OLD LIBRARY BUILDING AT UT IS NOW "BATTLE HALL" IN MEMO
Regents approve name change to honor man who designed U

Old UT Library Building Renamed in Honor of Prof

The Old Library Building — completion of over 30 building completed its move to the new
one of the architectural gems at projects for the growing Main Building in 1937, the Old
the University of Texas at campus. Library Building was used for

Austin — has been renamed Battle Hall in memory of Dr. The venerable scholar also is some years for fine arts classes
Battle Hall in memory of Dr. remembered as the designer of and offices.
William J. Battle, well-known the official UT seal, founder of In 1950, the building became
UT classics professor who died the University Cooperative known as the Eugene C. Barker
in 1955, according to UT Society and first president of Texas History Center to
officials. the University Club. recognize the fact that is housed

The UT System Board of The Old Library Building was the University's vast collections
Regents approved the action at designed by the noted American of Texana, now located in
its meeting here Monday. architect Cass Gilbert and Richardson Hall.

Dr. Battle, who once Current occupants of Battle
remarked that he and the Hall are the College of Fine
university "were young Arts administrative offices, the
together," joined the faculty in Music Library and the
1893 when UT was only 10 years library for almost a quarter of a centry. After the UT Library

old and he was 22.
He moved rapidly to the rank of professor of Greek and, with the exception of a three-year teaching stint at the University of Cincinnati (1917-20) and one year at Harvard (1923), forged an association with UT Austin that lasted 62 years. He retired in 1949, but continued to come to the campus.

Dr. Battle also filled high UT administrative positions, including that of acting president (1914-16). In addition, he was dean of the College of Arts (1908-11), and dean of the faculty (1911-17).

Dr. Battle had 28 years of service on the faculty building committee (1920-48). He was chairman of it for more than 25 years, supervising the



DR. WILLIAM J. BATTLE
UT classics professor

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