



Texas Historical Commission
Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
Truett Latimer
Executive Director

September 25, 1974

Ms. Beth Grosvenor
Branch of Publications
National Register
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th & C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Grosvenor:

Regarding our National Register submission entitled "Barker History Center (Old Library)", would you please change the common name to Battle Hall and the historic name to Old Barker History Center.

Other than this name change, there are no other revisions to our present National Register submissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie D. Landon".

Marie D. Landon
Historian

MDL/pbs

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Travis	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.8.42.0029	DATE 8/25

1. NAME

COMMON:
BATTLE HALL *(Old Barker History Center)*

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Library

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Mall, Campus of the University of Texas at Austin

CITY OR TOWN:
Austin

STATE: **Texas** CODE: **042** COUNTY: **Travis** CODE: **453**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The University of Texas System

STREET AND NUMBER:
The University of Texas at Austin

CITY OR TOWN: **Austin** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **042**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Report of Regents to Governor and Legislature

STREET AND NUMBER:
University of Texas Archives

CITY OR TOWN: **Austin** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **042**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

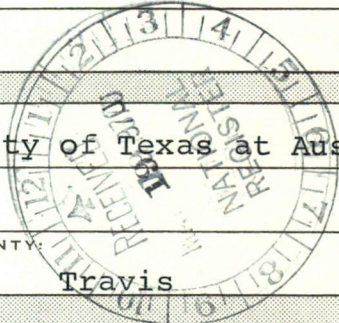
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A beautifully proportioned two story symmetrical rectangular structure of smooth cream colored limestone with a large red tile roof and wide projecting eaves in the Mediterranean Renaissance style. The first and second stories are given the Renaissance proportions of basement and piano nobile, with deep set trabiated first story openings with iron grills and a panelled double front door with wide architrave carved in low relief with plants and plant form urns and large cartouche-keystone. The door is flanked by two massive and ornate wrought iron lanterns derived from Spanish renaissance prototypes.

The seven second story windows are also deep set and are very large, arched, and have polychrome terracotta archivolts with fruit and flowers in relief. Terracotta medallions with zodiac signs are on the spandrels between the arches. There are delicate iron grill balconies at each window. The wide eaves have polychrome coffers and pendants and carved acanthus brackets.

The exterior is reminiscent of McKim, Mead, and White's Boston Public Library although this building is more feminine and delicate. The interior has offices on the first floor and a grand marble staircase with ornamental iron balustrades tucked in a rear corner of the building. The second floor is given monumental proportions with a large beamed and paneled reading room with Spanish reja inspired grills.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1910-1911

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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On December 11, 1909, the Board of Regents of the University of Texas appropriated \$211,000 to construct and furnish a library building. They decided that there was no architect in Austin equal to the task, and so they chose Cass Gilbert of New York City. Gilbert received his training at M.I.T., and he designed such well-known buildings as the State Capitol of Minnesota, the St. Louis Art Museum, the Woolworth Building in New York, and the Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C. He produced many beautiful works, and his Texas library remains one of the best buildings on the campus.

Gilbert agreed to design the University of Texas library if he could do so with "the utter exclusion from the building of any feature of material or of ornament indigenous or identifiable to Texas" He must have made a conscious effort to reflect the Spanish heritage of Texas, however, for the library includes numerous details typical of various Spanish Renaissance buildings. Gilbert's plan, accepted by the Regents January 11, 1910, consisted of two rectangles. The east portion included public reading rooms and a small art gallery; the west included space for book stacks. The library was to have three stories and a basement. A marble staircase and iron balustrade led to the second floor.

The east walls of the building are particularly beautiful. They are faced with limestone and rest on a granite base. Five arched windows let light into the Reading Room. A border of colored terra cotta extends around each window, and each border consists of a rich design of plants and mythological heads. White zodiac signs are emblazoned on blue terra cotta.

The building was completed by 1911. September 21, 1946, the Board of Regents named Gilbert's building in honor of the Texas historian and professor Eugene C. Barker, and they trans-

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ferred all University books, papers, archives, and letters pertaining to Texas and the Southwest to the Center. April 27, 1950, the University dedicated the Center.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

August W. Harris. "Cass Gilbert's Old Library Building,"
Southwestern Historical Quarterly, LXIV, i (July 1960),
 1-13.
 Austin, Library. Austin and Travis County Collection.

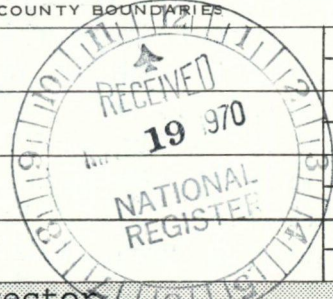
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY M. Wayne Bell, Project Director

NAME AND TITLE: Roxanne Williamson, Architectural Historian
Martha Doty, Cultural Historian (MD) (SB)

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 4-22-70

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street,

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 042

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: May 4, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: AUG 25 1970

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: JUN 23 1970

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Battle Hall (Cold Baker History Center) ^{Travis}
Barber History Center

RECEIPT

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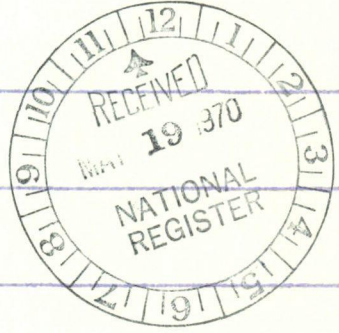
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 Keeper _____
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ENTRY

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EDITORIAL PROCESSING

EDITOR	Date
Federal Register Entry	10/6/70
Annual Edition Entry	

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Title: Barker History Center

Loc: Austin, Travis Co, Texas

front from east

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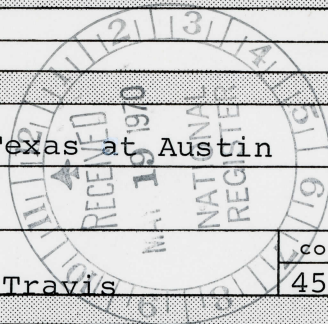
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Front elevation, from the east.			





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Center

Loc. Travis Co., Texas

Detail of cornice

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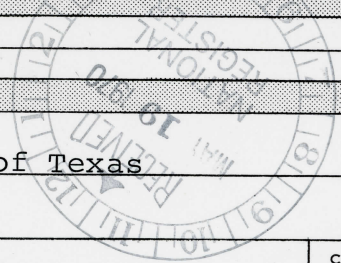
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Loc. Travis Co., Texas
front entrance east
elevation

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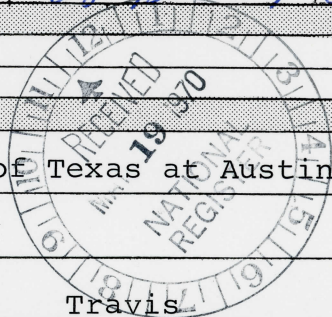
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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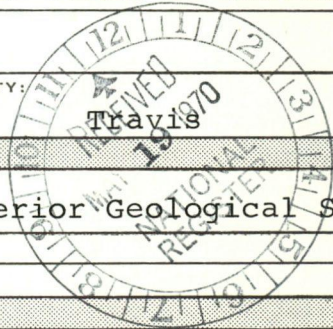
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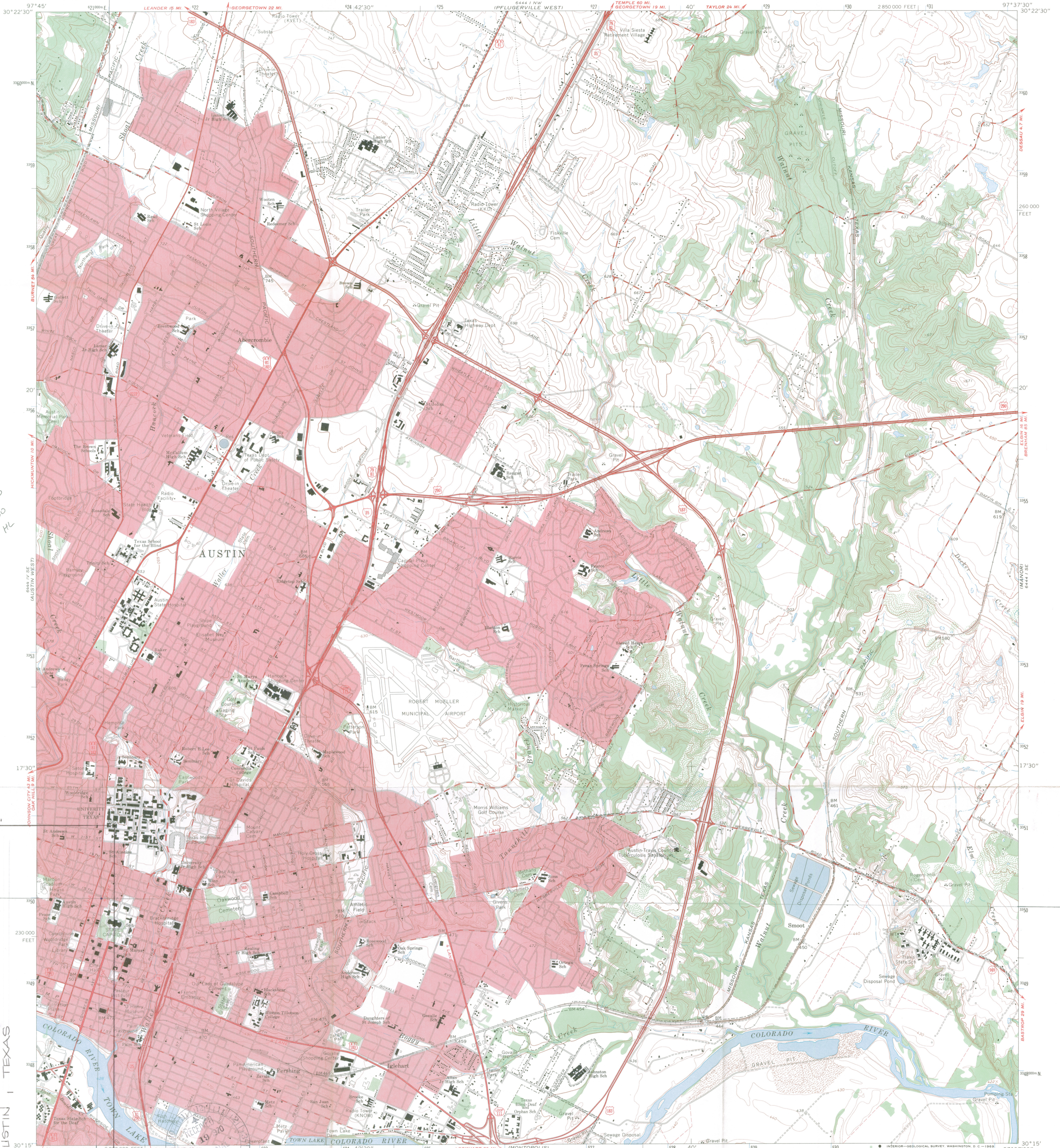
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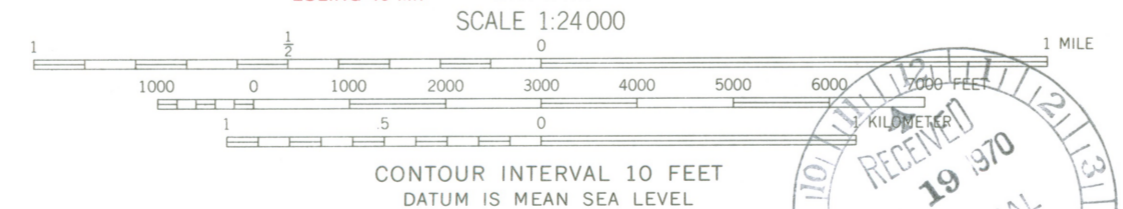
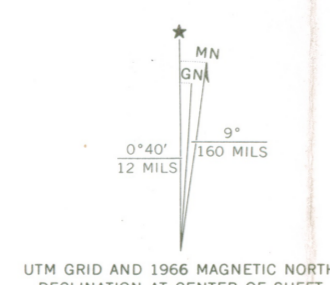




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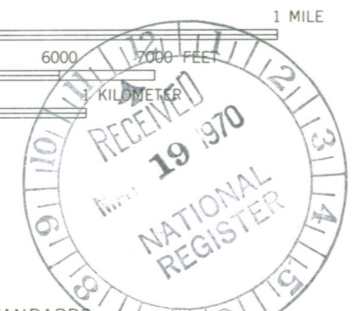
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FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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AUG 25 1970

Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas State Historical Survey Committee
Post Office Box 12276
Capitol Station
108 West 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Latimer:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Ralph W. Yarborough and John G. Tower and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

AUG 25 1970

Entered in the National Register _____

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BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

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Barker History Center	Austin, Texas
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Schubert House	Giddings, Texas
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Littlefield House	Austin, Texas
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Lindheimer Home	New Braunfels, Texas
Captain William Perry House	Jefferson, Texas
Beard House	Jefferson, Texas

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SEP 16 1970

Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pickle:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Texas and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Ralph W. Yarborough and John G. Tower have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, 103 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosures

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cc:

Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee,
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station, 103 W. 15th St., Austin, Texas 78701

Director, Southwest Region

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United States Senate
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Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee,
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Duplicate letter sent to:

Hon. John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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cc: Director, Southwest Region
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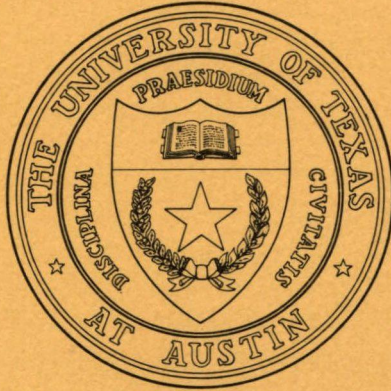
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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

The Eugene C. Barker
Texas History Center

THE EUGENE C. BARKER TEXAS HISTORY CENTER was established by The University of Texas Board of Regents in 1945. By regental directive, all books, archives, letters, documents, and other items relating to Texas and Southwestern history were to be brought together in one place on the University campus, to be "a corner forever Texas."

The Texas Collection thus created had its beginnings in 1883 with the opening of the Law Department, which was charged with the responsibility for acquiring Texas materials. In its developed form, the Collection is composed of three complementary units—the Texas Collection Library, the University Archives, and the Texas Newspaper Collection.

In 1971, the Barker Texas History Center occupied its present quarters in the middle section of Sid Richardson Hall in the East Campus Library Complex. In its new setting, the Center affords close proximity to the other collections at the University whose subject content is most related to Texas and Southwestern history.

The Texas Collection Library, considered the largest and most nearly complete collection of Texana, includes some 104,000 titles of printed material about Texas, published in Texas, or produced by writers who are identified with Texas. The library also acquires significant writings dealing with the Old South and the Southwest, and as a designated depository receives copies of all official state publications. The library maintains extensive clipping and photographic files as well as a collection of prints and etchings of Texas and Western artists.

The University Archives, one of the largest such institutions in the country, contains over seventeen million items. The Archives had its beginning at the end of the last century with the acquisition of the Bexar Archives, the incomparable record of Spanish and Mexican colonial administration in Texas. Soon afterward, Colonel Guy M. Bryan designated the University as

the permanent repository for the equally invaluable Austin Papers. Other collections of special significance include transcriptions from the national archives of Mexico and Spain, the Oral History of Texas Oil Pioneers, a cartographic collection of some six thousand items, and an extensive collection of broadsides. The Archives also serves as the official depository for retired University records.

The Texas Newspaper Collection provides access to approximately two thousand different titles of newspapers published in the state beginning in 1829. Included are some one hundred titles of foreign language newspapers published by the various ethnic groups who have contributed so significantly to Texas history.

The Barker Texas History Center is also headquarters for the Texas State Historical Association. Founded in 1897, the Association is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and publishing historical information relating to Texas, and is the oldest learned society in continuous existence in the state. The Association was a major force in the creation of the Texas Collection, and over the years has drawn heavily from the materials in the Collection in its publication program.

The three units of the Texas Collection maintain separate areas for public service. Photocopies may be made of most items for a nominal fee. Study carrels are available for the use of scholars whose research needs require them. Exhibits of materials from the Center are on display in the Hogg Reading Room and Winkler Rare Books Study in the Library and the James Harper Starr Case in the Archives Search Room.

The Texas Collection Library, SRH 2.106, is open from 8-5 Monday through Friday, and 8-12, Saturday. The University Archives, SRH 2.206, and the Texas Newspaper Collection, SRH 2.324, are open from 8-12 and 1-5, Monday through Friday, and 8-12, Saturday.