

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Williamson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70,10,48,0035	10/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Inn at Brushy Creek

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Cole House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Taylor exit (Hwy.79) off IH 35, west side

CITY OR TOWN:
Old Round Rock

STATE Texas	CODE 78664	COUNTY: Williamson	CODE 491
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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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input 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:
Chas. F. Tinnin and Buz Kelley

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Inn at Brushy Creek

CITY OR TOWN:
Round Rock

STATE:
Texas

CODE:
042

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Williamson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown

STATE:
Texas

CODE:
042

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
State Federal Local

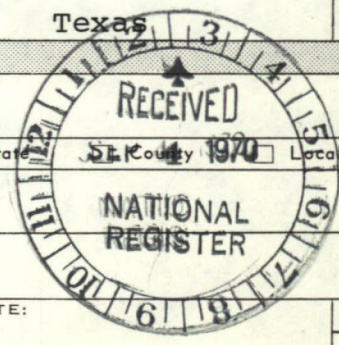
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

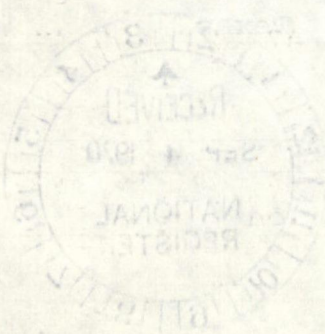
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A one-story symmetrical rectangular coursed cut limestone residence with a channeled tin gable roof with the crested ridge parallel to the long (front) side. There is an attached wide three bay front gallery with a flat roof. The columns are square in plan with fine molded panels, capitals, and impost blocks. The front door has two arched windows and two panels. The windows have six over six double hung sashes. There are two end chimneys. The building has been restored for use as a restaurant and there is a one-story rear addition.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Somewhere between 1853 and 1863.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Brushy Creek rises in southwestern Williamson County, and flows east sixty miles to the San Gabriel River. It has been the site of exciting activity for over two hundred years: Louis de St. Denis and Domingo Ramon led a expedition to the vicinity of the creek in 1716 and named it Arroyo de las Benitas Animas.

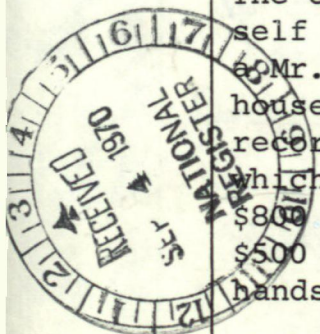
The best-known visitor to Brushy Creek was Sam Bass. Bass was a western outlaw who first appeared in Texas in 1870. He performed a spectacular holdup of a Union Pacific train at Big Springs, Nebraska in 1877, and returned to Texas to pursue a career of stagecoach and train robberies. He became the object of a chase by the Texas Rangers, until 1878, when one of his associates informed against him. On July 19, 1878, Bass was wounded at Round Rock. He died two days later, and was buried there.

Settlers also frequented Brushy Creek. About 1848, J.M. Harrell made the Brushy Creek area his home. Harrell was born about 1804, and his family was one of the first to move to the Waterloo settlement in 1838 (later Austin). June, 1848, Harrell represented Austin in a convention in LaGrange, called to express dissatisfaction with the Republic's policy in the West. He was elected mayor of Austin in January, 1847; in 1848, he moved to Round Rock, where he died August, 1853.

Harrell owned a league of land on Brushy Creek, and between 1848 and 1853, he divided his property into small tracts. Today, a small stone inn stands on part of Harrell's property. The exact date of construction is not known, but Harrell himself did not erect the building, for he sold the property to Mr. Oatts for \$15.00, in 1853. Oatts must have built the house sometime in the next ten years, however, for the deed records indicate that Oatts sold the land with improvements, which included a stone house and fence, to J.J. Harris for \$800 in 1863. Harris sold the property to Sally Cluck for \$500 in 1864, and between that time and 1969 the house changed hands more than fifteen times.

The building is a fine, typical, one-story cut stone early
(see continuation sheet #1)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gard, Wayne. Sam Bass. 1936.

Kelley, Buz, and Charles F. Tinnin. Conversations, June 9, June 18, and July 16, 1970. (owners)

Webb, Walter Prescott, ed. Handbook of Texas. Austin, 1952.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

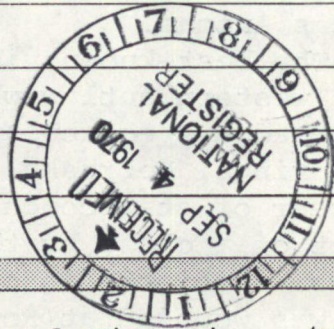
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.6 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wayne Bell, Project Director
Roxanne Williamson, Architectural Historian (MD) (SB)

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 7-21-70

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street P.O. Box 12276

CITY OR TOWN: Austin, STATE: Texas CODE: 78711
042

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: *Shel Salinas*
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: 9-1-70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Cunnally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 OCT 15 1970

Date: _____
 ATTEST:
A Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: SEP 25 1970

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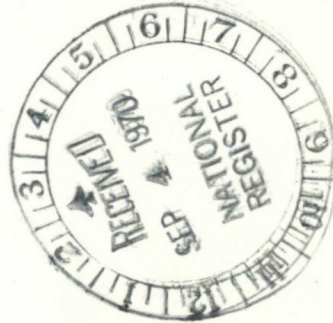
(Continuation Sheet) #1

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Texas residence with a wide front gallery. It has unusual square plan posts with molded panels that may be part of the original building.

Latest owners are Buz Kelley and Charles F. Tinnin, who use the building as a restaurant. Owners have taken good care of the building, and it is in excellent condition. Some of the changes include the addition of a kitchen about 1952 and an efficiency one room apartment in 1969 by the current owners.



Williamson

RECEIPT

PROPERTY

Own at Buxby Creek

STATE

Tex.

70.10.48.0035

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REGISTER NUMBER

70000777

DATE OF RECEIPT

9/4/70

YES

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PHOTODESCRIPTION(S)

MAP (S)

MAP DESCRIPTION (S)

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ACKNOWLEDGE

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REVIEW

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ARCHITECT

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ASST. KEEPER

OK

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9/27/70*

KEEPER

ENTRY

CHIEF, OAHF

OK

10-15-70

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

hasn't been altered too much

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Federal Register Entry

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NPS Number 70-10-48-0035

Title: The Inn at Brushy Creek

Loc. Williamson Co, Texas

Front elevation

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER 4

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

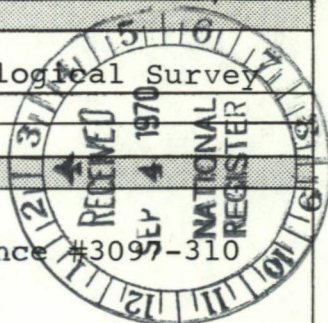
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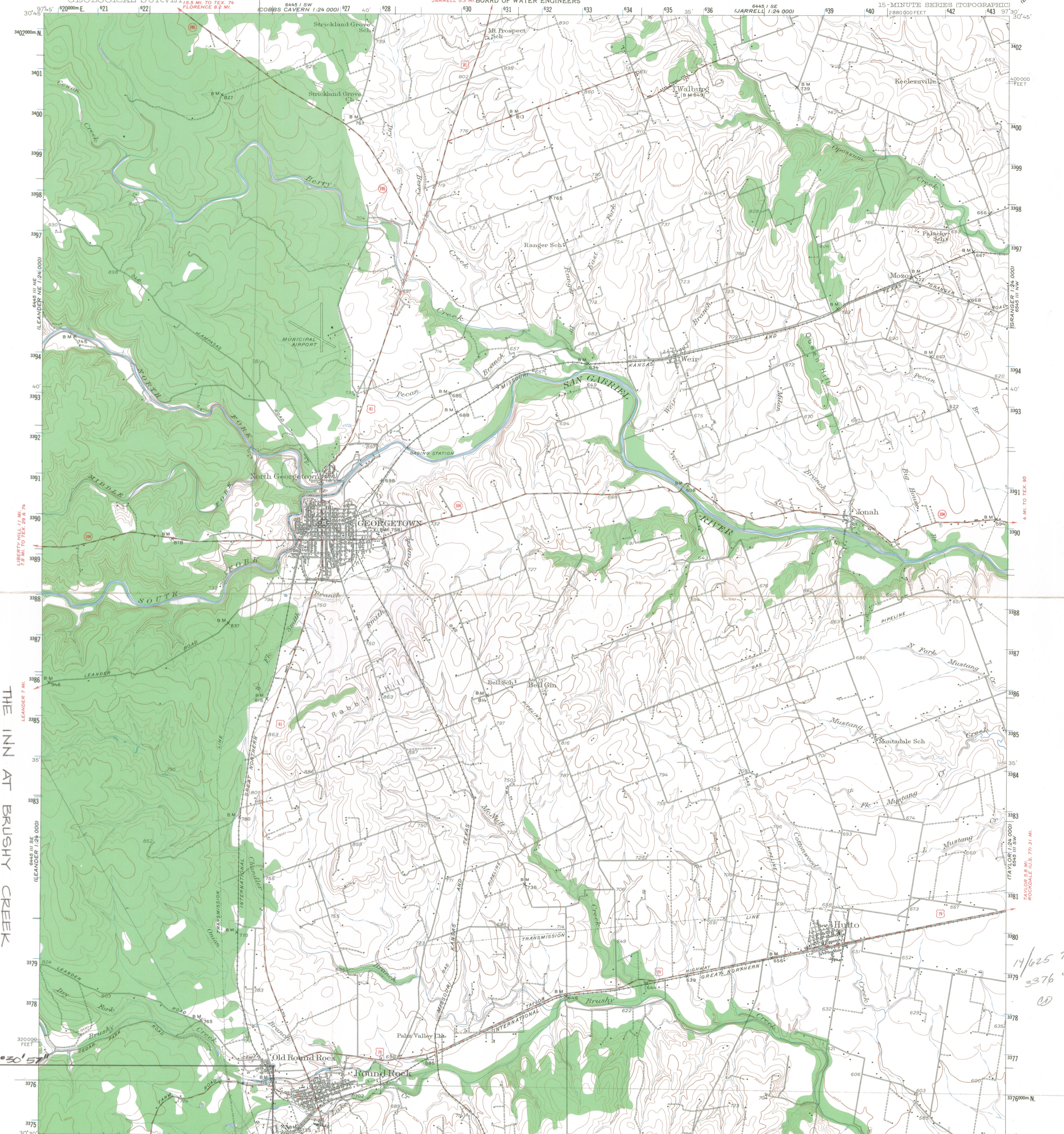
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Round Rock			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Texas	042	Williamson	491
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:62500			
DATE: 1923-1925 (revised 1949)			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

Texas Map Reference #3097-310





THE INN AT BRUSHY CREEK
THE COLE HOUSE
TAYLOR EXIT (HWY. 79) OFF I.H. 35, WEST SIDE
ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Cultural and drainage in part compiled from
aerial photographs taken by Air Corps U.S. Army
Surveyed by plane-table methods in 1923-1925
Revised in 1943
Polyconic projection, North American datum
4000-foot contour interval based on Texas coordinate system.
Central meridian 97° 30' W
1400-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue

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DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS
Heavy-duty 4 LANE LANE Improved dirt
Medium-duty 2 LANE LANE Unimproved dirt

U.S. Route State Route

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

ROUND ROCK, TEX.
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Inn at Brushy Creek
Williamson Co., Texas

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OCT 14 1970

Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas State Historical Survey
Committee
Post Office Box 12276
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

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 A. 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

OCT 14 1970

Entered in the National Register _____

cc:

HR

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

Pampell-Day House
French Home Trading Post
Fort House
Merrell (Captain Nelson) House
Inn at Brushy Creek
Mile Canyon
Fredericksburg Historic District

Brenham, Texas
Beaumont, Texas
Waco, Texas
Round Rock, Texas
Round Rock, Texas
Langtry, Texas
Fredericksburg, Texas

OCT 27 1970

H30-HR

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, Austin, Texas 78711, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

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Director, Southwest Region

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LL: Mr. Melvin
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Round Rock, Texas

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Director, Southwest Region
LL: Mr. Melvin
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