

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Texas	
COUNTY: McLennan	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.6.42.0006	DATE 6/22/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Waco Suspension Bridge

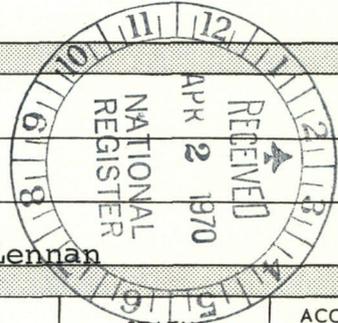
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Bridge Street and Brazos River

CITY OR TOWN:
Waco

STATE: Texas CODE: 42 COUNTY: McLennan CODE: 309



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

Yes: Restricted Unrestricted No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Waco

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Waco STATE: Texas CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
City of Waco

STREET AND NUMBER:
Street and Bridge Department

CITY OR TOWN: Waco STATE: Texas CODE: 42

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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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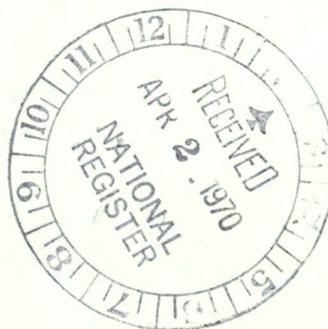
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(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

An early suspension bridge with two double cable towers of pink brick (now stuccoed) with superimposed arches connecting the two piers of each tower and crossing the road bed. Toll houses and walls terminate both ends of the bridge. The original crenellation, pierced openings, and fine detail has been removed or stuccoed over, but the general lines of the structures are still architecturally interesting. The toll houses have stepped gable roofs, parapets, and round arched openings now closed up.

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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) 1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

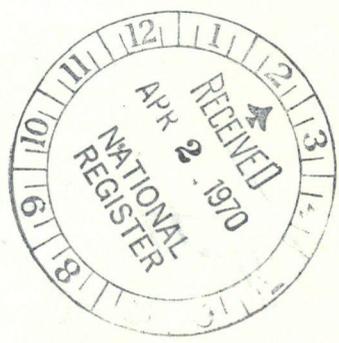
The Waco suspension bridge was the first bridge across the Brazos river and the (longest single span suspension bridge in the world when it was built).¹ It was chartered by Waco stockholders November 1, 1866. Col. John T. Flint, President of the Waco Bridge Company, went to New York and contacted the John A. Roebling Company (the Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883). The engineer Thomas M. Griffith was sent to Waco to design the bridge. It has a 475 foot span and the cable and pieces were tooled at eastern foundaries and shipped to Galveston. They were then sent on part of the way by rail and the rest of the way by ox teams. Thousands and thousands of local brick were used.

The bridge was opened January 7, 1870 and functioned for twenty years as a toll bridge with a 24 hour toll keeper. On September 1, 1889, it was purchased by McLennan county for \$75,000 and conveyed to the city for one dollar.

A severe flood in 1885 damaged the east approach and a steel span was built for this section. Later the windows and doors of the anchor houses and towers were closed and the brick construction was covered with plaster.

The bridge is still in daily use.

¹ O'Dowd, M. A., The Magic Bridge



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stopping time later date

THAYER says no way

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

O'Dowd, Mary Alice. The Magic Bridge, Waco, The Heritage Society of Waco, n.d., Pamphlet, 4pp.
 Liecke, Jay; Mogas, Richard; Fields, Earl. Waco Suspension Bridge. unpublished student paper. Architecture archives, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, n.d.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

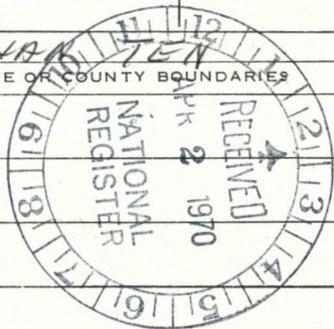
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		31 ° 33 ' 38 "	97 ° 07 ' 38 "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: LESS THAN TEN

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

14/677790
3493100
CD



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: Texas Historical Survey Committee DATE: 3/25/70

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: _____

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUN 22 1970

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAY 27 1970

McLennan

7/2/70

70.6.42.0006

TEX. SIGN C

Waco Suspension Bridge

RECEIPT

Date of Receipt	<u>7/2/70</u>	Yes	No	Number
Data Page		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Photo(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Photo Description(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Map(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Map Description(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Logged		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acknowledged	<u>4/8/70</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

acc. to Public - 2
rechecked
m. 4/8/70

4/13/70
Dowdle
OK

REVIEW

Provided there is enough data for Betty -

Historian Comments

OK

B.L.
5/12/70

Architect Comments

OK

Chambers
4/13/70

if checked
ref. to
Herb

Chief Architect Chief Archeologist Chief Historian

Keeper Comments

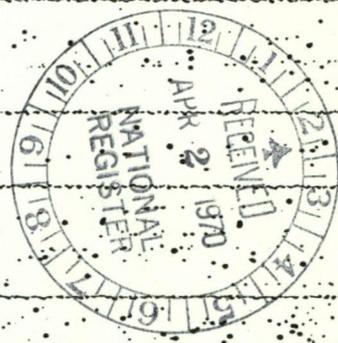
OK

W.P.M.
5/27/70

ENTRY

Chief, OAMP Comments

OK



all
6-22-70

Date of Entry

Registry Clerk Yes No Date

Assign NPS No.

Acknowledgement Sent

EDITORIAL PROCESSING

Editor	Date
Federal Register Entry	<u>8/4/70</u>
Annual Edition Entry	

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5/14/70

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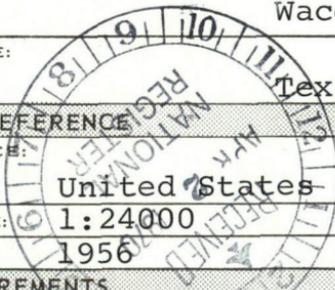
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

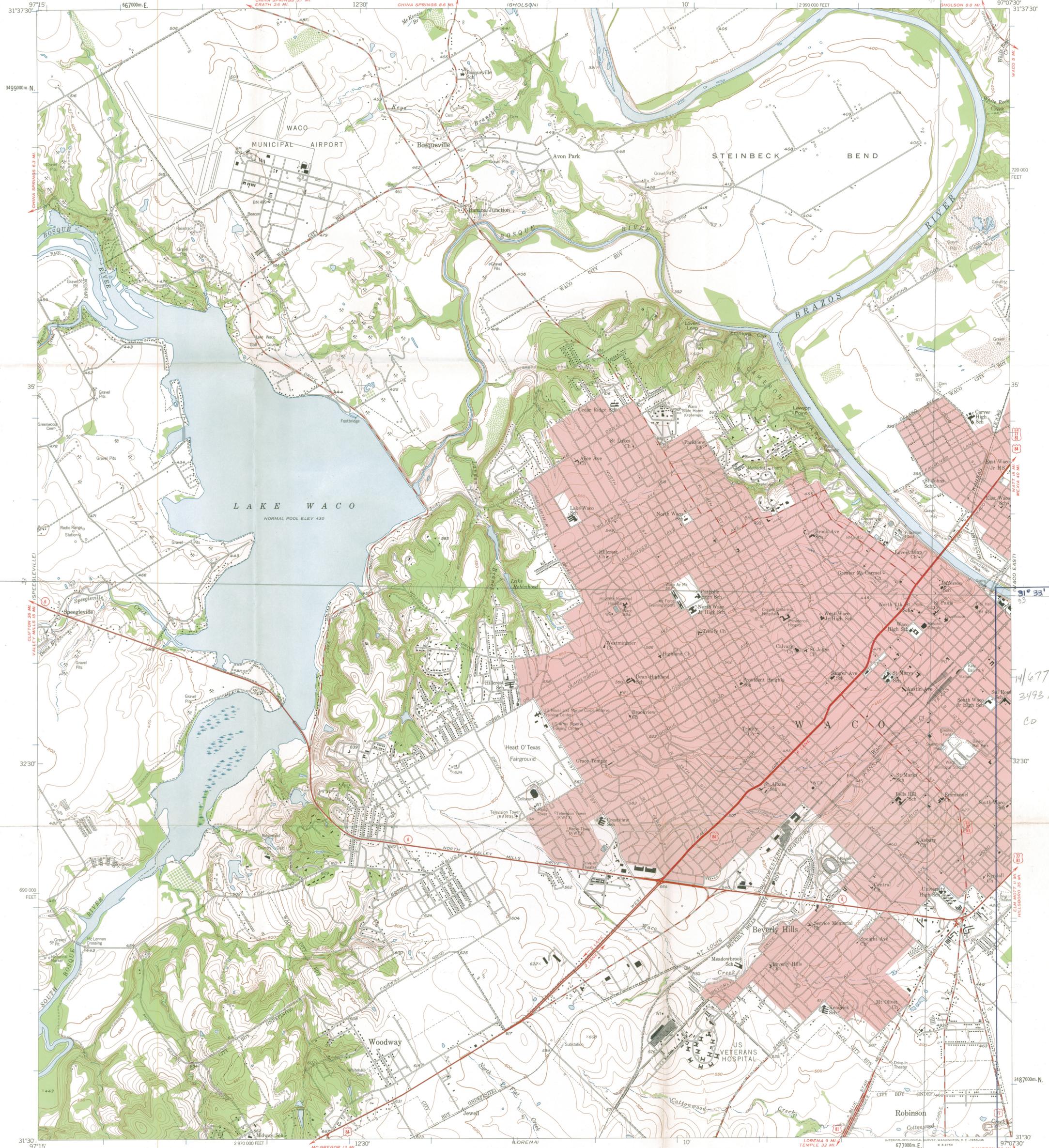
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	TEXAS	
COUNTY	McLennan	
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ENTRY NUMBER	70.6.42.0006	DATE
		6/22/70

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON:	Waco Suspension Bridge		
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:	Bridge Street and Brazos River		
CITY OR TOWN:	Waco		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Texas	042	McLennan	309
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:	United States Department of Interior Geological Survey		
SCALE:	1:24000		
DATE:	1956		
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.	Texas Map Reference #3197-412		
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

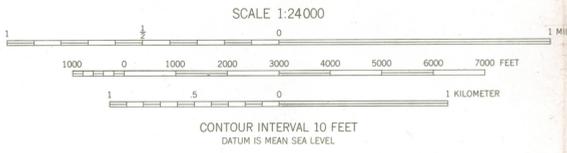




Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from 1956 planetable surveys and by ER-55 plötter
Aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1957
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown

APR 7 1967

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1957



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER 2, COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

WACO SUSPENSION BRIDGE
WACO, TEXAS
CODE 42-307

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty
Medium-duty
Light-duty
Unimproved

U.S. Route
State Route

RECEIVED
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REGIONAL
OFFICE

WACO WEST, TEXAS
SW/4 ELM MOTT 15 QUADRANGLE
N3130-W9762-7.5
1957

UTM: 14 677790 3493100

3197-412 18

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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DATE ENTERED

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10 * PAGE 1

Acreage of nominated property: approx. 8 acres

Quadrangle name: Waco West, Texas

Scale: 1:24,000

UTM References: A)14/677800/3493265
B)14/677860/3493245
C)14/677700/3493000
D)14/677600/3493085

Verbal boundary description:

The nominated property is bounded by University Parks Drive, Washington Ave., Lake Brazos Drive, and Franklin Ave.

70000 250

Property Waco Suspension Bridge

State 2 eps

Working Number 12.19.78

TECHNICAL

only an update

Photos _____
Maps 1, sketch

CONTROL

OK pl 1.3.79

Original nomination submitted with simply - under 10 acres.
So--this documentation is not out-of-line with that material.
While this is fairly arbitrary, given the scale of the bridge, the
state case for needing additional acreage is logical - i.e. any
acreage from 1-20 ~~ac~~ would be somewhat justified
and somewhat arbitrary.

HISTORIAN

Shofy 1-23-79 accept

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

This control sheet is for comments re. a VBD being submitted for a bridge which is already listed on the Nat'l Register. I questioned the inclusion of a small bldg. which appears on the USGS map. The bldg no longer stands. I also had doubts regarding the size ^{indicated in} of the proposed VBD. I did receive an answer on this matter which satisfied me. Defer to historian.

not 1/19/79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

new acreage (8) reflects block Bridge sits on rather than solely bridge, but this boundary has the advantage of being easily duplicated.

OK LEBVICK 1/25/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

OK Wynn 1/29/79

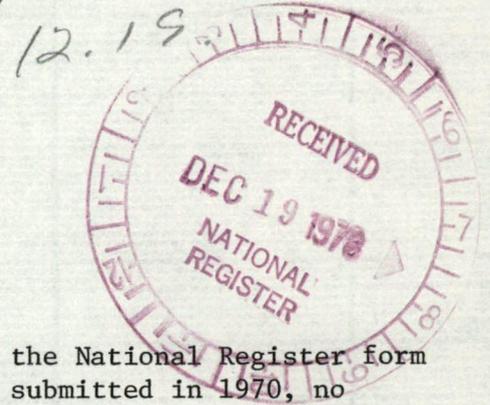
National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered _____
Federal Register Entry _____ Re-submit _____

TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

December 11, 1978



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

The Texas Historical Commission would like to amend the National Register form for the Waco Suspension Bridge. Since the form was submitted in 1970, no verbal boundary description was required. To correct that lack, we have enclosed a new quad map, site plan, and continuation sheet.

Significance of the Bridge depends partially on its visual impact. Its towers, rising 56' above the roadbed, comprise an impressive site for not only the surrounding neighborhoods, but also for the travelers on Interstate Highway 35, a few blocks to the east. Therefore, inclusion of the entire city block is logical, as it will facilitate the continuing isolation this unique structure deserves. The city of Waco owns the entire 8 acres.

Your rapid approval of this material would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

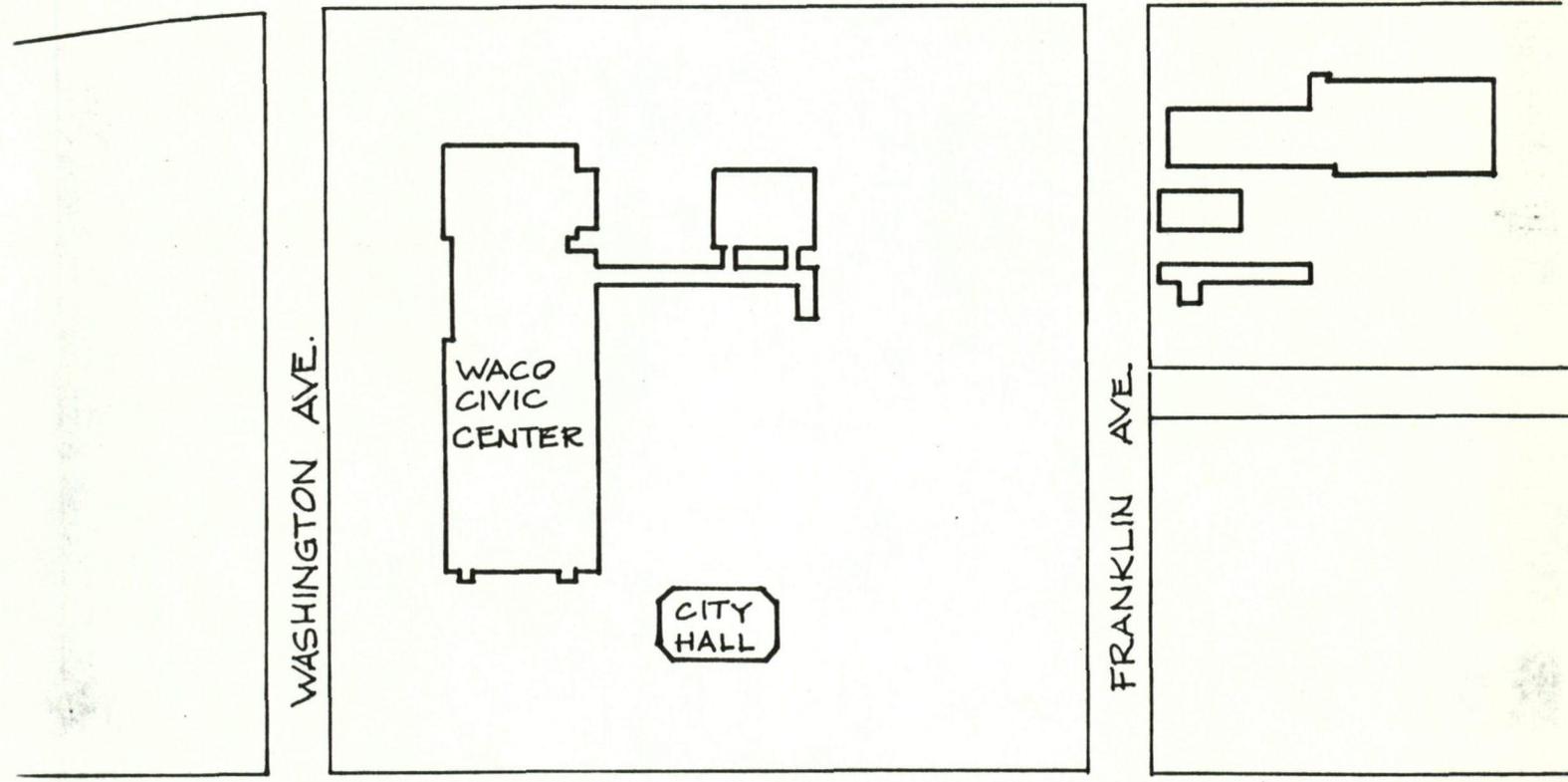
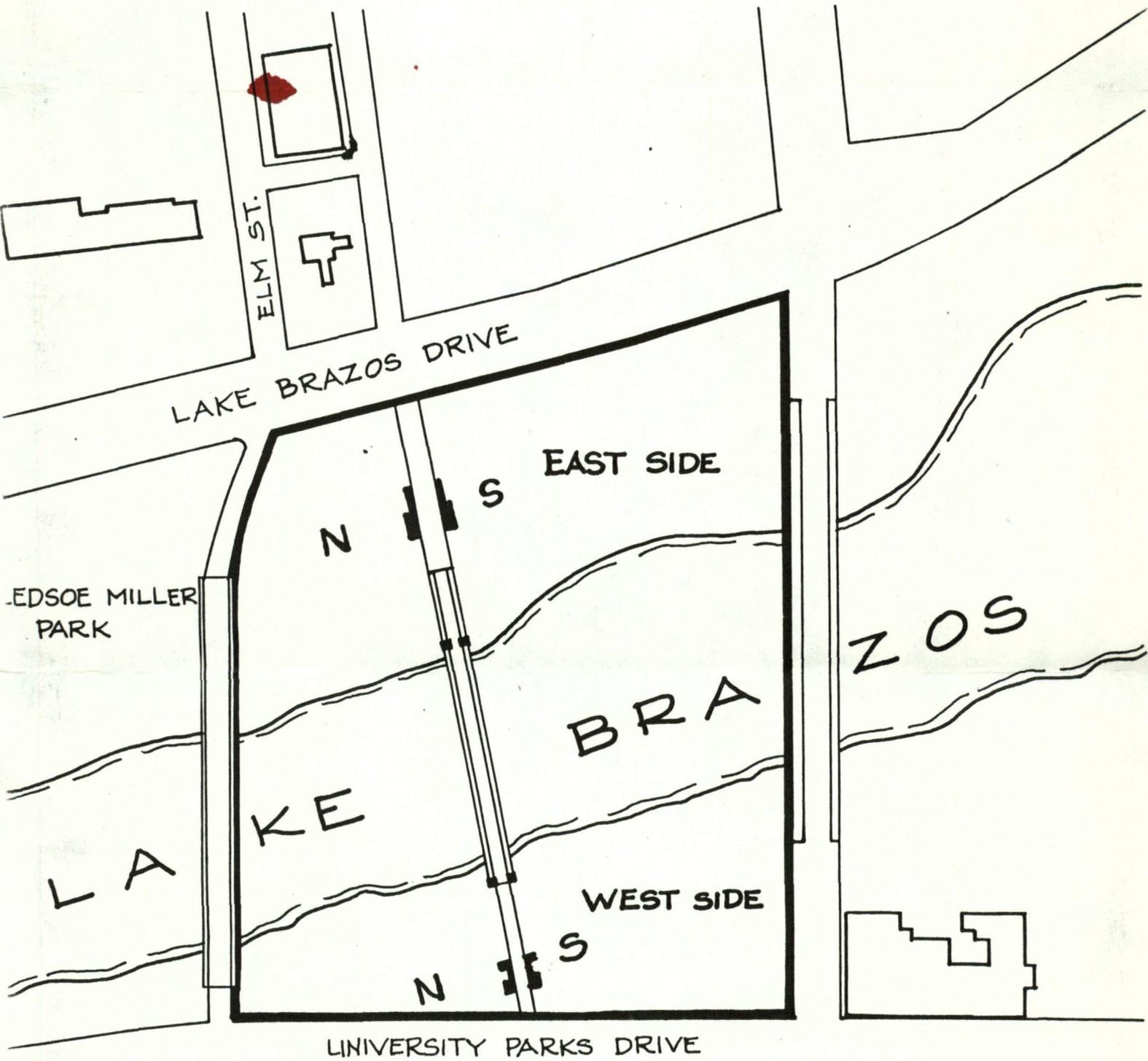
Lissa Anderson
Coordinator
National Register Nominations

LA/cm
Enclosures

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
Pension Building
440 G Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

*2/8/79 Talked with
Lissa Anderson
regarding update
approval of Waco
Suspension Bridge
by Dr. Murtagh
1/29/79*

The State Agency for Historic Preservation



WACO SUSPENSION BRIDGE
 WACO, MCLENNAN COUNTY
 TEXAS ; NOT TO SCALE







NPS Number 70-6-42-0006

Title: Waco Suspension
Bridge

Loc. McKenra Co., Texas ①
Cable anchor at toll house



NPS Number 70-6-42-0006

Title: Waco Suspension
Bridge

Loc. McKinnon Co., Texas
View of bridge
approach

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



NPS Number 70-6-42-0006

Title: Waco Suspension

Bridge

Loc. McKeanon Co., Texas

Soll House

(3)

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



NPS Number 70-6-42-0006

Title: Waco Suspension
Bridge

Loc. Mc Kennan Co., Texas
Over spanning
roadway

(4)

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



NPS Number 70-6-42-0006

Title: Waco Suspension
Bridge

Loc. McKenna Co., Texas
View of approach and
bridge.

(5)

H30-HR

JUN 22 1970

Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas State Historical Survey Committee
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,

(Signed)

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

Entered in the National Register

JUN 22 1970

cc:

HR

RGamble:mm

6/22/70

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Green

Waco Suspension Bridge *Carroll*
6-22/70
6-22

Eaton 6/29/70

Wood 6/20

J. Stewart
6/22/70

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

H30-HR

JUN 30 1970

Hon. Ralph W. Yarborough
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Yarborough:

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. Senator John G. Tower and the appropriate Representatives 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, 108 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Thomas F. Flynn

DEPUTY Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

JUN 22 1970

cc:
Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, 108 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Duplicate letter sent to: Hon. John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

cc: Director, Southwest Region
Mr. Charles Steen, Southwestern Regional Office
Mr. Melvin

6/22/70

RCable:mm

cc: HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

TEXAS

Texas State Capitol Building

Austin, Texas

Waco Suspension Bridge

Waco, Texas

Winedale Inn

Winedale, Texas

by James
4/22/70

an
Mc Lennan Co., Tex
Gamble 6/22/70
Connelly 6-22
Eaton 6/25/70
Wood 6/26
J. Stovany 6/29
Green 6/30

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

H30-HR

JUN 30 1970

Hon. W. R. Poage
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Poage:

We are pleased to inform you that the Waco Suspension Bridge in Waco, Texas, has been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Texas and has 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, 108 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

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JUN 22 1970

Entered in the National Register

cc:

Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, 108 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Director, Southwest Region

cc: Mr. Charles Steen, Southwest Regional Office
LL-Mr. Melvin
HR
6/22/70
RGemble:mn



Texas Historical Commission

Box 12276, Capitol Station

Austin, Texas 78711

Truett Latimer
Executive Director

October 10, 1974

Norma Rowland
Branch of Publications
National Register Of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Rowland:

- ✓ Concerning your questions about the Lampasas County Court-house, the nomination form should be changed to denote unrestricted accessibility to the public. The measurements
- ✓ you requested for the Waco Suspension Bridge include a sixteen foot wide road across the bridge and cable towers measuring fifty-six feet from the surface of the road.

Since the Waco Suspension Bridge was nominated, the bridge has been closed for motorized traffic and is used presently only as a foot bridge.

There has been another change in a recently accepted nomination.

- ✓ Only a few days after the "Little Campus" submission was accepted in September, 1974, some of the structures were demolished. The buildings referred to as the carriage house and the two-story brick structure built in 1912 have been razed in order to create an access road adjoining a section of Interstate Highway 35 under construction. However, the three most important structures in the complex remain unthreatened at this time.

If you have further questions concerning past submissions, we will be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

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

Marie D. Landon
Historian



CITY OF

Waco

P. O. BOX 1370

WACO, TEXAS 76703

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

October 28, 1974

Ms. Marie Landon
Texas Historical Committee
Box 12276
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas

Subject: Suspension Bridge Over the Brazos - Waco, Texas

Dear Ms. Landon:

Under separate cover are three blueline copies of original drawings concerning the Suspension Bridge about which Roger N. Conger asked me to send you information. The key points which you might be interested in are as follows:

ORIGINAL BRIDGE - 1870

1. Span - 475 ft.
2. Brick Towers -
 - a. Height of cables from roadbed - 43'-3"
 - b. Overall height from roadbed - 49'-0"
3. Wood Trusses
 - a. Bolted wood sections
 - b. Total height trusses - 6'-8"
4. Wood Roadbed
 - a. Width - 18'-0"
 - b. Total width wood structure - 22'-0"

BRIDGE - REMODELED - 1914

1. Span - 475 ft.
2. Towers - Original brick was stuccoed. Cable height raised with concrete addition. Concrete arch added. Castellated brick removed.
 - a. Height of cables from roadbed - 51'-1"
 - b. Overall height from roadbed - 56'-10"
3. Trusses - All original wood removed and replaced with steel trusses
 - a. Riveted steel angles, channels, and I-beams
 - b. Total height trusses - 14'-8"

4. Roadbed - A wood roadbed was installed and two pedestrian walkways. Later, asphalt was installed over the wood roadbed (no date).
 - a. Width - 18'-0"
 - b. Walkway - 6'-0" - both sides
 - c. Total width all steel - 34'-0"

BRIDGE ROADBED AND WALKWAYS - 1949

All of the roadbed and walkways were replaced to new specifications. Asphalt on roadbed was also installed. Since this date, roadbed has been repaired as needed.

BRIDGE - 1953 TORNADO

During the 1953 Waco tornado, the roadbed and structure were lifted in the center of the span and received minor damage. All steel was repaired as necessary to restore its vehicular useage.

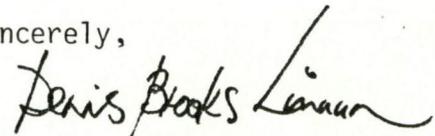
BRIDGE - 1974

At present, detailed renovation plans are being planned as part of Waco's bicentennial celebration. The bridge is now used only for pedestrian traffic being closed to vehicular traffic in 1971. The bridge is planned for utilization for art shows, exhibits, outdoor dinners, and general public events.

Ms. Landon, I hope that this summary has the specific information that you are seeking. I have now secured all drawings of the bridge in the city secretary's fireproof vault. The Mc Lennan County engineer also maintains a copy of most of the drawings that the City of Waco has at this time; however, our drawings are more complete. Unfortunately, we do not have the original drawings of the bridge; however, before the 1914 changes, a record of the original bridge was made. Also, enclosed you will find cover sheet copies and a bibliography copy from a report we are utilizing which may be of help to you.

If you need any additional information, please, feel free to call.

Sincerely,



DENNIS BROOKS LINAM, Associate A.I.A.
Bicentennial Coordinator

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

November 1, 1974

Ms. Norma Rowland
Branch of Publications
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Rowland:

Recently you wrote to the Texas Historical Commission requesting additional information on the measurements of the Waco Suspension Bridge. The information I sent to you on October 10, 1974, was based on a scale drawing of the bridge included in an architectural report at the University of Texas. Yesterday, I received this very detailed report from the Waco City Planning Office and thought you might be interested in the material.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie D. Landon".

Marie D. Landon
Historian

MDL/dra
Enclosure

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT:

TO/FROM:

DATE:

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ADDRESS:

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REPORT: No notable structures (gaze of floods?)

No imminent ~~arch~~ construct

park is planned

consid const in area, however

she says not a buffer because no
clear + present danger

ask if land included is
that which was purchased with bridge;
is it ~~use~~ unchanged since construct of
bridge;

Sherfy
reld call "small bldg no longer exists."
Other questions not addressed
