

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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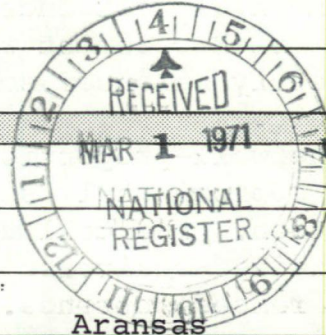
STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Aransas	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 716,48,0033	DATE 6/5/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
T. H. Mathis House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
612 Church Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Rockport
STATE:
Texas
CODE: **048** COUNTY: **Aransas** CODE: **007**



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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Walter Mathis
STREET AND NUMBER:
401 King William Street
CITY OR TOWN:
San Antonio STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Aransas County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Rockport STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: **1936** Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Washington STATE: **DC** CODE: **008**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<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 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

The T. H. Mathis House, located on a one-and-a-half-acre house lot on Church Street in Rockport, is a very refined late Greek Revival residence. The one-story frame cottage on a raised brick basement with a central entrance pavilion is a classically balanced scheme with a Palladian sense of massing and scale.

The well-proportioned, five-bay-wide frame structure is raised approximately seven feet above grade on a brick arcaded foundation. The tall upper story or piano nobile is reached by a flaired staircase which intensifies the dramatic effect of the raised entrance. The entrance portico is supported by two pairs of square fluted wooden columns on a plinth base with finely molded capitals. The pilasters at the juncture of the portico and the main block of the house repeat the design of the columns, as do the corner pilasters on the east or main facade.

The cornice is supported by a bracketted entablature which is panelled between the brackets. The entablature on the east and the north elevations is handled in this manner, while the south and west elevations have entablatures defined by undecorated fascia boards.

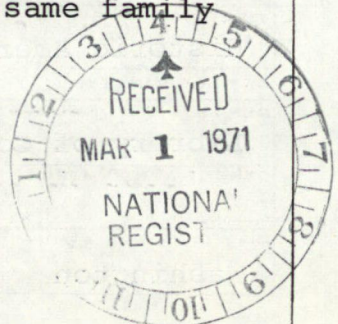
The entrance consists of double-panelled entrance doors with sidelights and a transom. The entablature over the door supports a raised cornice and has small brackets repeating the design of the main entablature over the end pilasters. The entablature and cornice are supported by fluted pilasters which form the jambs of the entrance way. The two windows on each side of the portico on the main facade also have lintels with projecting bracket-supported cornices. The lintels of the windows on the other facades have molded caps.

The main block of the residence has a low hip roof, while the entrance portico has a flat roof.

The central hall plan house has a large room and a smaller rear chamber on each side of the wide hall. There are fireplaces in the wall between the front and rear chambers. There is also a rear service ell.

The house, which has always remained in the same family is maintained in a pristine state of repair.

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(Continuation Sheet) #1

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6. (cont'd)

Texas Architectural Survey
1965 State
University of Texas (Architectural Library)
Austin, Texas 048



8. SIGNIFICANCE

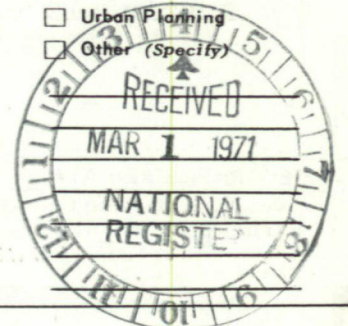
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1867**

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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas H. Mathis was born on July 14, 1834, in Stewart County, Tennessee. He received his early education in country schools of Tennessee and Kentucky and at the age of nineteen he entered the school of Dr. J.T. Mathis in Southern Arkansas. He remained there two sessions and then taught school for a year before he went to Bethel College, where he finished his education in 1857.

After a short career in teaching, he moved to Southwest Texas in 1859 and became a businessman engaged in trade in Mexico. Mathis temporarily opened a school in Gonzales in 1861 and in the summer of the same year, he moved to Victoria.

Mathis speculated in tobacco in the early part of the war and accumulated large profits. In 1862, he acted as a supplier for the Confederate troops of the Trans-Mississippi Department. In the fall of 1862, Mathis joined Duff's regiment, Company E, and fought for the Confederacy until the close of the Civil War.

After the Civil War, Mathis returned to private business and moved to Aransas Bay at the site of the present town of Rockport. Mathis was a highly successful businessman whose interests included large scale ranching and agriculture holdings in Wharton, San Patricio and Aransas counties. Between 1872 and 1879, T. H. Mathis was a part of the Coleman, Mathis and Fulton Pasture Company, a large scale Texas ranching enterprise which continued for more than fifty years and, at its peak, controlled over 150,000 acres. In addition to holdings in real estate and shipping, Mathis encouraged the development of communications in Southeast Texas and engaged in road and bridge building. He was president and principal stockholder in the National Bank of Rockport.

Mathis was an outstanding citizen of South Texas and the town of Mathis in San Patricio County was named for him.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alexander, D.B. Texas Homes of the Nineteenth Century. University of Texas Press, Austin. 1966.

Brown, John. Indian Wars and Pioneers of Texas. L.E. Daniell, Austin. 1916.

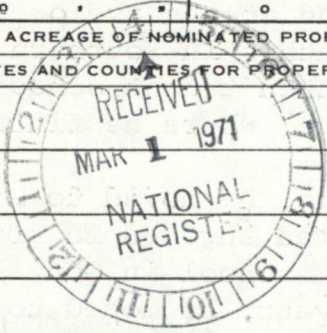
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1.5 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



14/ 690650 3100925 KF

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Wayne Bell, Project Director**
Gary Hume, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Texas State Historical Survey Committee** DATE: **2-18-71**

STREET AND NUMBER: **108 W. 15th Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Austin** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048**

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: *Walter Salinas*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 9-23-71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
JUN 21 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William M. Montegib
Keeper of The National Register
APR 22 1971

Date: _____

T. H. Mathias' House

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RECEIPT PROPERTY 71000918 STATE TEX.

REGISTER NUMBER 71.6.48.0033

DATE OF RECEIPT 3/1/71 YES NO NUMBER 3

DATA PAGE

7/15/71 PHOTO (S)

PHOTO DESCRIP (S)

MAP (S)

MAP DESCRIPTION (S)

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ACKNOWLEDGE 3/2/71 NUMBER 1

RESUBMIT _____

OK 3/18/71 *Hume* *Orlann* 3/15/71

HISTORIAN *OK* *Levy* 4/15/71

~~ARCHAEOLOGIST~~ *OK* *Marvin* 4/8/71

ARCHITECT # 8 doesn't tell much about sig. of house - only about the man, but *OK* *Chambers* 4-15-71

ASST. KEEPER _____

KEEPER *OK* *Wm* 4/22/71

ENTRY _____

CHIEF, OAMP *OK* *6-28*

HAYS EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR *OK* *CD* 4/21/71

Federal Register Entry 8/3/71 Date

Annual Edition Entry _____

Logged Card *6/21/71* *6/21/71* WORKING NUMBER 3.1.71.4



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: *#14 Rep Young*



NPS Number 71.6.48.0033

Title: T. H. Mathis House

Loc. Arkansas Co., Texas
main or east elevation

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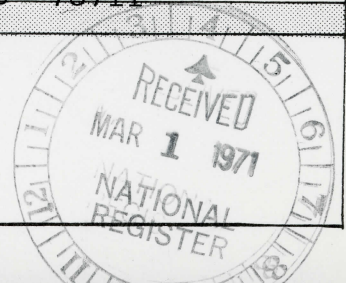
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CITY OR TOWN:
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STATE: Texas CODE 048 COUNTY: Aransas CODE 007

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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DATE OF PHOTO: January 2, 1971
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Texas State Historical Survey Committee
108 W. 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78711

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
/Main or east elevation





Dr. M.
R. 1877

NPS Number 71.6.48.0033

Title: T.H. Mathis House

Loc. Arkansas Co., Tex.
detail of main
entrance

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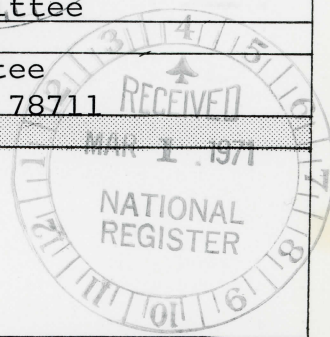
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Detail of main entrance			





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Title: T. H. Mathis House

Loc. Arkansas Co., Texas

Southeast corner

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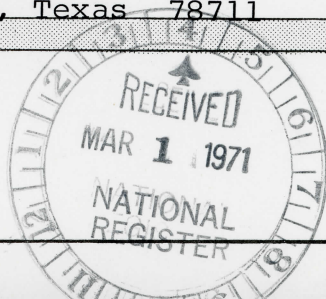
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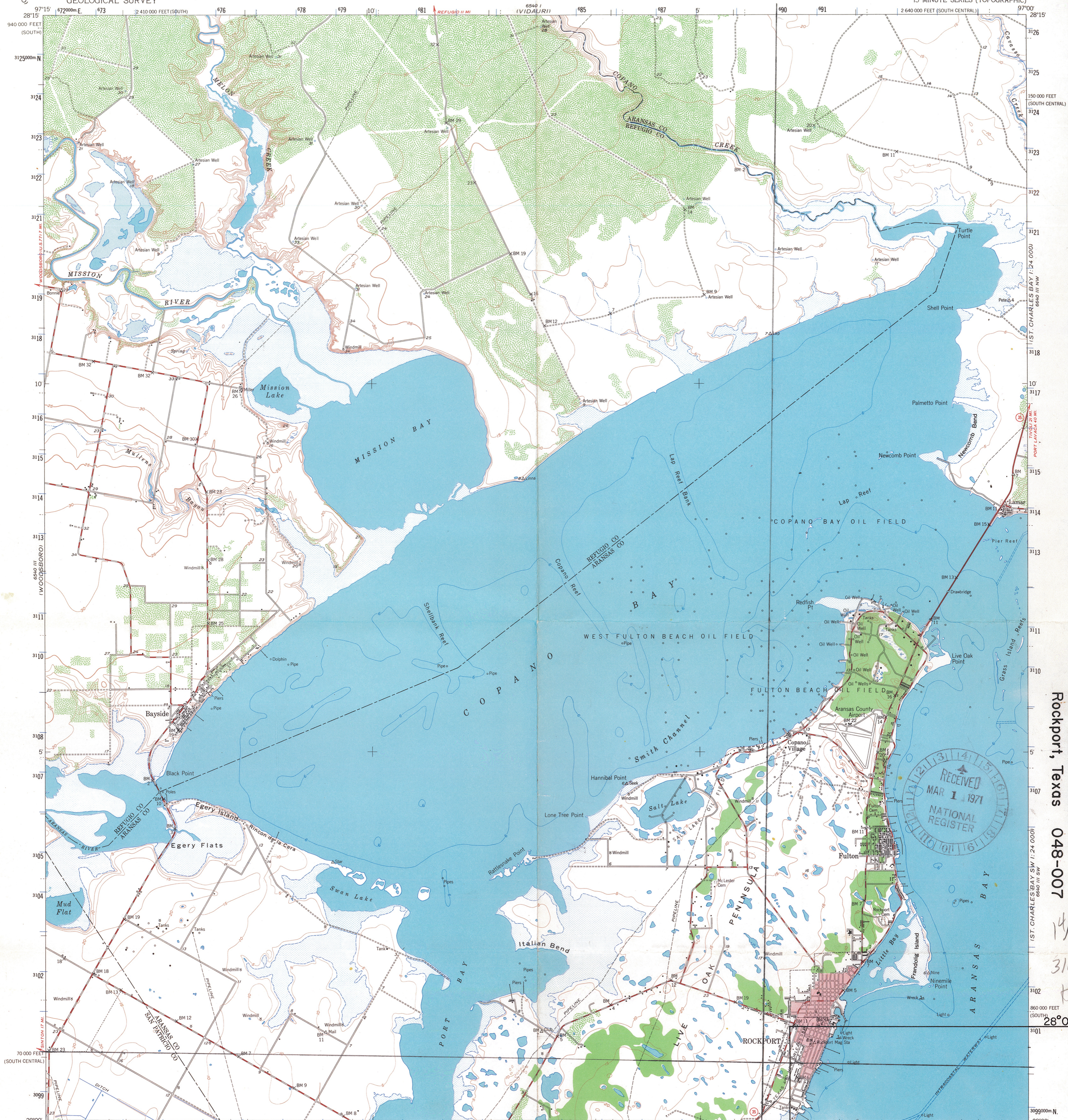
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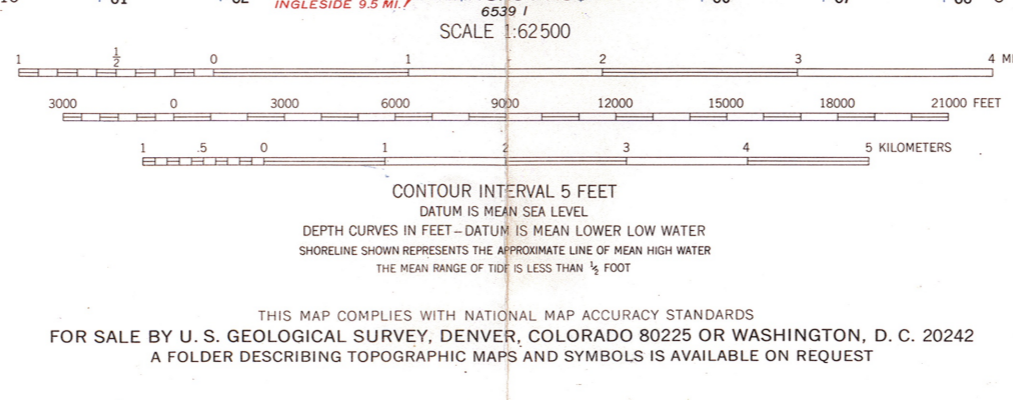
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Southeast corner			





Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1952. Topography by plane-table surveys 1954
Hydrography from USC&GS chart 1285
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system south central and south zones
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Water stages in this area vary with meteorological conditions
Approximate limits of occasional inundation shown by dashed blue lines where mean high water is undetermined for lack of visual evidence. Dotted blue lines indicate the approximate limits of occasional inundation
All wells shown unless otherwise indicated
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, shown in blue

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MAGNETIC NORTH
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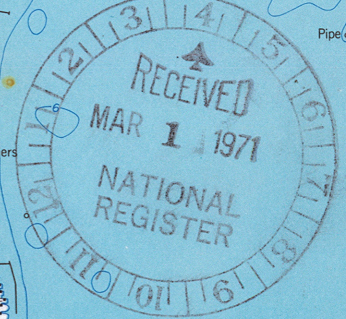


ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route (red circle) State Route (white circle)

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES IN FEET - DATUM IS MEAN LOWER LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS LESS THAN 1/4 FOOT

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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

ROCKPORT, TEX.
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AMS 6540 II—SERIES V782
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T. H. Mathis House
612 Church Street
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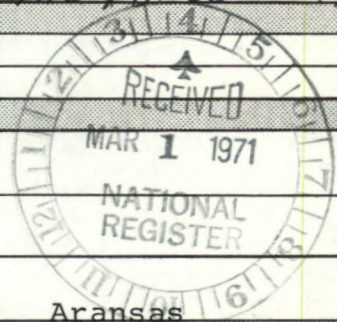
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey
SCALE: 1:62500
DATE: 1952, 1954

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

Texas Map Reference #2897-110

JUN 22 1971

H30-HR

Hon. Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Bentsen:

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, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register JUN 21 1971

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

Also notified: United States Senate
Hon. John G. Tower

House of Representatives
Hon. John Young
Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle
Hon. Omar Burleson
Hon. George H. Mahon
Hon. John Dowdy

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

cc: Director, Southwest Region
HR 6/10/71 PDHerrick:naf

House of Representatives
Hon. Olin E. Teague
Hon. W. R. Poage

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

T. H. Mathis House

Aransas County,
Rockport, Texas

Levi Rockshelter

Travis County,
Austin, Texas

Paint Rock Indian Pictograph Site

Concho County,
Paint Rock, Texas

Lubbock Lake Site

Lubbock County,
Lubbock, Texas

Old Nacogdoches University Building

Nacogdoches County,
Nacogdoches, Texas

Westerman Mound

Houston County,
Kennard, Texas

Hill County Courthouse

Hill County,
Hillsboro, Texas

Ezekiel Cullen House

San Augustine County,
San Augustine, Texas

"Liendo"

Waller County,
Hempstead, Texas

Lampasas County Courthouse

Lampasas County,
Lampasas, Texas

Parker County Courthouse

Parker County,
Weatherford, Texas

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

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Sincerely yours,

(signed)

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