

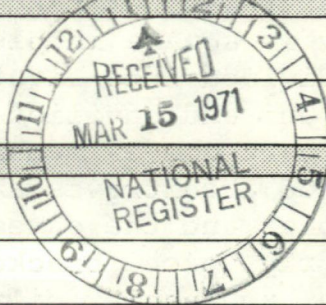
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

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:	Parker	
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ENTRY NUMBER	716480039	DATE
		6/21/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON: Parker County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: Weatherford

STATE: Texas 76086      CODE: 048      COUNTY: Parker      CODE: 367

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" 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 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: Parker County

STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square, Parker County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Weatherford      STATE: Texas      CODE: 048

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: Weatherford      STATE: Texas      CODE: 048

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Texas State Historical Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1965       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Texas State Historical Survey Committee

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin      STATE: Texas      CODE: 048

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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 three-story limestone courthouse with fourth-story attics and a central tower that adds three additional stories. The building is square in plan with four identical facades, each facade divided into five bays by the shallow projection of the central and end pavilions. The end pavilions are surmounted by prominent convex mansard roofs each with four dormers with pedimented architraves above arched windows. The central pavilions have gables and the eaves of the building are bracketted with irregularly spaced brackets of two sizes. The corners of each pavilion have ashlar pilasters contrasting to the rustication of the rest of the fabric. The openings are arched. The first floor windows are of the one-over-one light double-hung sash type. The second and third floor windows are vertically continuous with small pediments above the terminal arch at the third floor. There is a small, somewhat Palladian, arrangement of windows at the attic story of the central pavilions. The tower is arranged so that two convex mansard roofs are united by a vertical section--all shingled. The lowest story has paired dormers with broken segmentally arched pediments on each side; the second story has louvered bell-windows with broken segmentally arched pediments. The top is ornamented with large clock faces with molded archivolt and prominent keystones.

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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) 1884-1886

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        |
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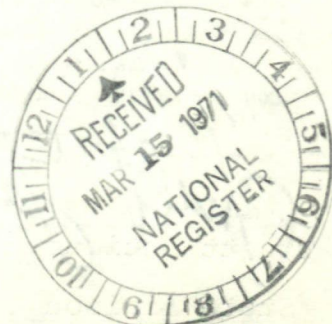
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Parker County Courthouse is an eye-catcher. Its tall central tower and four corner pavilions with handsome mansard roofs are a naive and charming version of the French Second Empire style in architecture.

Parker County is located in North Central Texas. The first permanent settlers came to the region after 1849. The county was created from Bosque and Navarro counties in December of 1855. The site for Weatherford, the county seat, was chosen from three sites selected by the county commission at that time. For some years, Weatherford was the last settlement on the western frontier between Fort Worth and El Paso.

The first courthouse was of rough pine. The second was a two-story brick building destroyed by fire in 1874. A third burned in 1884. The present courthouse is the fourth and was built in 1884-1886 for a cost of \$55,555.55. The architect was W. C. Dodson, at that time in partnership with a man named Dudley. Dodson was the architect for at least five other Texas courthouses, two of them, the courthouses of Hill and Hood counties - both built in 1890, with central towers that duplicate this one in Weatherford.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 1965.



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Weatherford



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# Parker County Courthouse

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DATE OF RECEIPT <u>3/15/71</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NUMBER <u>2</u>	TEX <u>6/21/71</u>
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ACKNOWLEDGE <u>3/17/71</u>			
RESUBMIT			

*off Herrick*  
*4/12/71*  
*DePena*

Design + Built by W.C. Dodson

HISTORIAN

*ok* *Levy*  
*4/27/71*

~~ARCHAEOLOGIST~~

*ok* *57 Maxine*  
*4/19/71*

ARCHITECT

*Ok* *Chamber*  
*4-26-71*

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

*ok* *Wm*  
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ENTRY

CHIEF, CAMP

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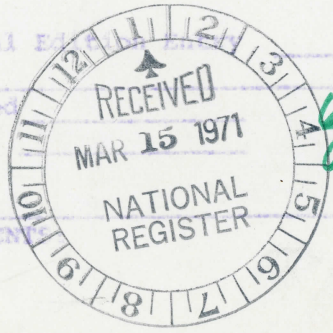
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11th Dist. Rep. W.R. "Bob" Page







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Title: Parker County  
Court house

Loc. Parker Co., Texas  
View from the main  
street

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE  
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER







NPS Number 71-6-48-0039

Title: Parker County Courthouse

Loc. Parker County, Texas

one of 4 identical facades

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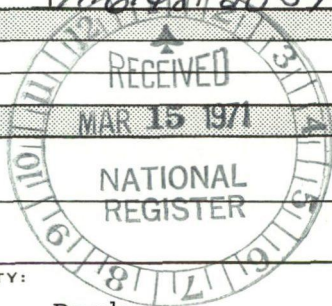
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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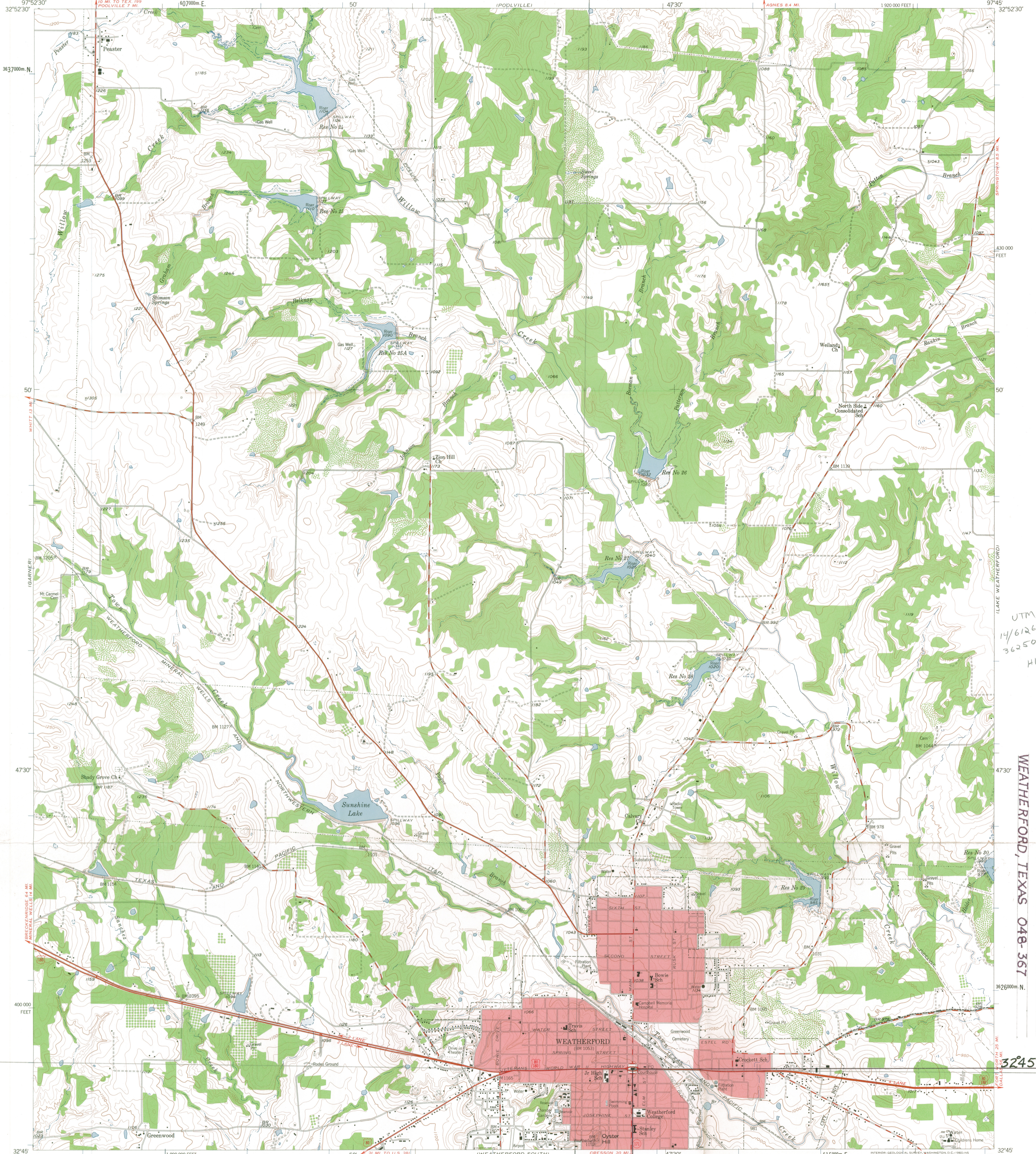
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United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.		Texas Map Reference #3297-331	
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			







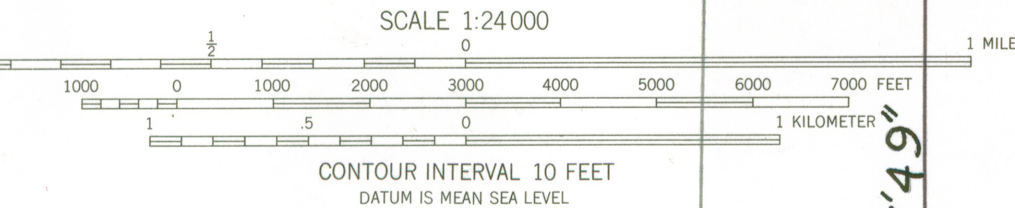
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PARKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
WEATHERFORD, TEXAS 048-367

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zone 14, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown  
Areas covered by dashed light-blue  
pattern are subject to controlled inundation

TRUE NORTH  
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APPROXIMATE MEAN  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
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JUN 22 1971

H30-HR

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 John G. Tower and Lloyd Bentsen and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

JUN 21 1971

cc:

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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
<u>Parker</u> County Courthouse	Parker County, Weatherford, Texas

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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

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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. Gray Bursleson  
Hon. George H. Mahon  
Hon. John Dowdy

cc: Director, Southwest Region  
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Hon. Olin E. Teague  
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