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(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

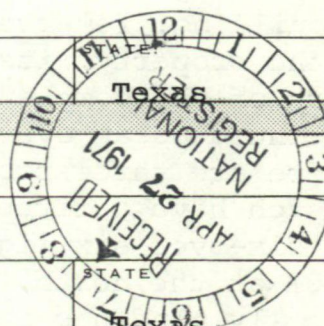
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STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Bexar	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 24 1972	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: Jose Antonio Navarro House Complex			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Navarro House			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 228-232 South Laredo Street			
CITY OR TOWN: San Antonio			
STATE Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Bexar	CODE 029
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 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 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) civic & social functions of Conservation Society <input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: San Antonio Conservation Society			
STREET AND NUMBER: 511 Villita Street			
CITY OR TOWN: San Antonio			
CODE 048			
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: San Antonio City Hall			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: San Antonio			
CODE 048			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Texas State Historical Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1964 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Texas State Historical Survey Committee			
STREET AND NUMBER: 108 West 15th Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Austin			
STATE: Texas			
CODE 048			

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jose Antonio Navarro House Complex consists of three stuccoed limestone buildings and a common patio. The complex is on a corner near the large new County jail, close to the San Antonio business district. At the southwest corner of the complex there is a two-story stuccoed limestone office building, or despacho, used as a law office by Navarro. This structure is nearly square in plan and has a single room on each floor. The hip roof is relatively low pitched with a gentle flare in the lower portion and narrow eaves. Large, prominent quoins define the outside corners of the building. The front facade is strongly symmetrical with two doors at the first story and two windows placed above them at the second. The side facade faces West Nuevo to the south of the complex, and has one door and one window at the first story. A rear door opens to the patio at the east. There are no openings on the north side. The double doors and the window shutters are of diagonally placed boards in a chevron pattern. The windows are of the casement type, ten lights in each casement. There are four-light transoms above each first-story opening.

The Navarro House is a few feet to the north of the office building, fronting on South Laredo Street. It is a generously proportioned typical early Texas one-story house with wide front gallery and with a rear ell with gallery extending from an inset rear porch. Three rooms open on to the rear gallery. The windows are ten-light casement type with paneled shutters. The doors are double with single vertical panels.

A third building, referred to as a kitchen, is set toward the rear of the property, its side at the street that forms the south boundary of the complex. The building has a hip roof which is continued as an overshoot roof on the front and rear porches. There are three rooms. The two rooms that open on to the porches each have a fireplace. The windows in this section are vertical six-over-six light double-hung sash type. The end room, the room at the north, is the oldest portion of the building stylistically, and has massive stone lintels and six-over-six light windows. The porch columns have simple capitals. The patio surface is of gravel and flagstone, and is landscaped.

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6. (Contd.)

Historic American Buildings Survey
1936 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, DC 08

Texas Architectural Survey
1954 State
Architecture Library
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas 048



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) 1850s

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☒ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The three stuccoed limestone buildings that make up the Navarro House Complex, in San Antonio, were the home and business place of Jose Antonio Navarro, a significant figure in Texas history. Navarro was born in San Antonio, February 27, 1795, and was one of the two native Texans who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, March 2, 1836. He was an active proponent of independence for Texas in his youth against the Spanish, and later against the Mexican government. He was a friend of Stephen F. Austin, a representative of Texas in the Mexican State Legislature in 1824, and assisted in colonization projects of Milam, Wavell, and DeWitt. Navarro had land grants in five counties, operated a general store, and practiced law. Frequently elected representative of Bexar County before and after independence and a member of the committee of twenty-one which drafted the constitution of the Republic, he was also delegate to the Convention which voted for Texas annexation in 1845.

Navarro was a commissioner on the ill-fated Santa Fe Expedition in 1841, and was sentenced to death by Santa Anna; later the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Navarro did spend three years in the dungeon of San Juan de Ulloa before his parole and escape.

In 1846 Navarro County was created in North Central Texas, its county seat, Corsicana, named for the birthplace of Navarro's parents -- Corsica. As late as 1861, Jose Navarro was still politically active and attended the Austin meeting to encourage secession. All four of his sons fought in the Confederate Army. Navarro died in San Antonio in 1871.

The Navarro House Complex is significant not only as the residence of an important Texas patriot, but architecturally significant as examples of San Antonio buildings of the 1850s. The complex was purchased by the San Antonio Conservation Society in 1960 and restored in 1962. Brooks Martin, architect for the restoration received the Texas Architectural Society Award for Restoration in 1970 for his work on the Navarro Complex. (see continuation sheet #2)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ramsdell, Charles. San Antonio. (Austin, 1959)
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 Webb, Walter P., ed. Handbook of Texas. (Austin, 1952)
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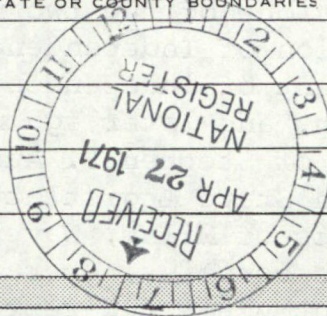
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
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NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wayne Bell, Project Director
 Roxanne Williamson, Architectural Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee
 STREET AND NUMBER: 108 West 15th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Austin
 STATE: TEXAS
 CODE: 048
 DATE: 3-16-71

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

Title State Liaison Officer

Date April 20, 1971

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

Ewert A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 24 1972

Date

ATTEST:

William H. Hunt
 Keeper of The National Register

Date

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The main dwelling and the other buildings have been furnished with antiques of Texas, Louisiana, and Mexico, known to have been in use in San Antonio during Navarro's lifetime. The office contains an exhibit of pictures and documents telling the Navarro story. The kitchen is used for social functions of the San Antonio Conservation Society.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 1964



S.I. O. INQUIRY - NOTE ARR. DATE!

SPECIAL

PLEASE REVIEW TO SEE IF ANY MORE INFO. IS NEEDED.

call

Bexar Co House Complex
Tex.

MAR 24 1972

Ref # 72001353

#7. Would like to get states various bldgs. constructed, whether at same time; some later.

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OK Nurch 6/30/71

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OK Chambers
3-15-72
O. C. Mullen
3-23-72

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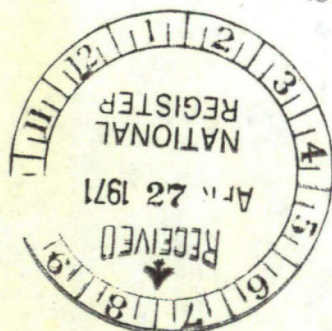
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OK
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cong. dist. # 20
Henry B. Gonzalez

Bexar Co.
(Jose Antonio) Navarro House Complex
Tex.

4/27/71

MAR 24 1972

Ref # 72001353

8-9-72

4/28/71

Latitude coord looks very slightly off --- not sure enough to send back, but should be carefully checked before computerization.

OK Kirsch
4/30/71

Agree with Betty. I see no need for additional info.

OK Chambers
3-15-72
OK Mullen
3-23-72

I think we still need dates of ~~the~~ the hldgs.
Otherwise, okay. Could go ahead with this, telling them we'll expect the info. from them.

3/14/72
Married
Ellen
3-24

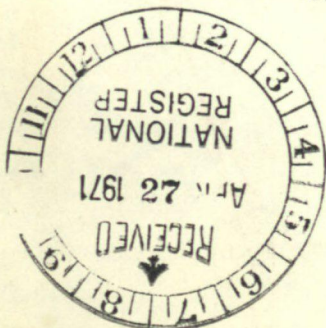
HABO

Sally, these hldgs. (3) all seem to date from the 1850's.

OK
CDA
3/15/72

FR 5-2-72

MAR 24 1972
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NPS Number 3-24-72

Title: Navarro, Jose Antonio,
House

Loc. Bexar Co. Texas

Kitchen

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P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station

Austin, Texas 78 11

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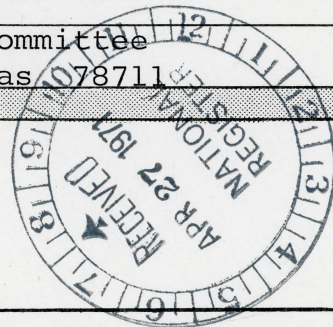
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Kitchen, from the southwest			





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Title:

Navarro, Jose Antonio,
House

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Loc.

Bexar Co., Tex.

~~Litcher~~
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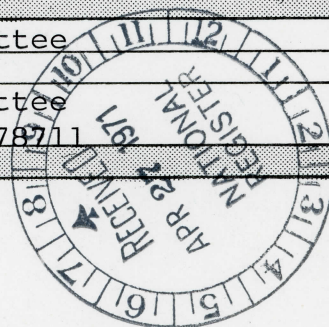
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Kitchen, from northwest			



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Title:

Navarro, Jose Antonio,
House

Loc.

Bexar Co., Tex.

West facade

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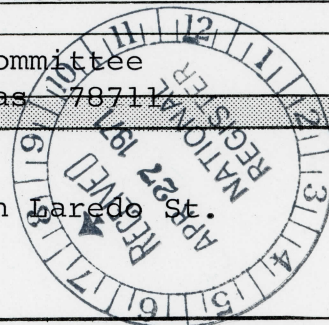
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Title: Navarro, Jose Antonio

Loc. Bexar Co., Tex.

Office building 4
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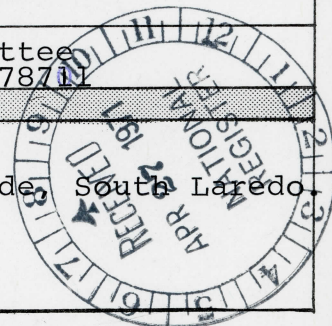
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Office building, despacho - West facade, South Laredo.			



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House

Loc. Bexar Co., Texas
Before restoration

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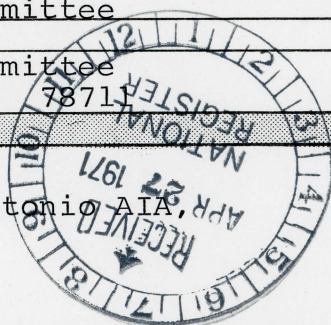
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<u>Navarro House before restoration, from San Antonio AIA.</u>			
<u>Historic San Antonio. p. 8.</u>			





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Loc. Bexar Co., Texas
General view

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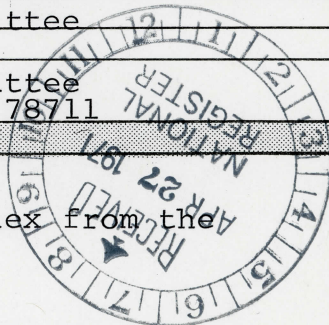
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General view of Navarro House Complex from the southwest			





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Loc. Brewer Co., Tex.

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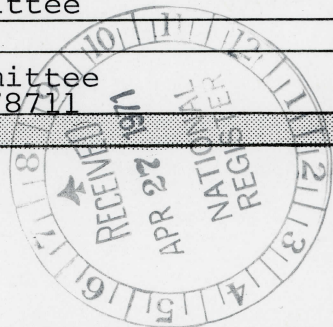
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Rear elevation of house



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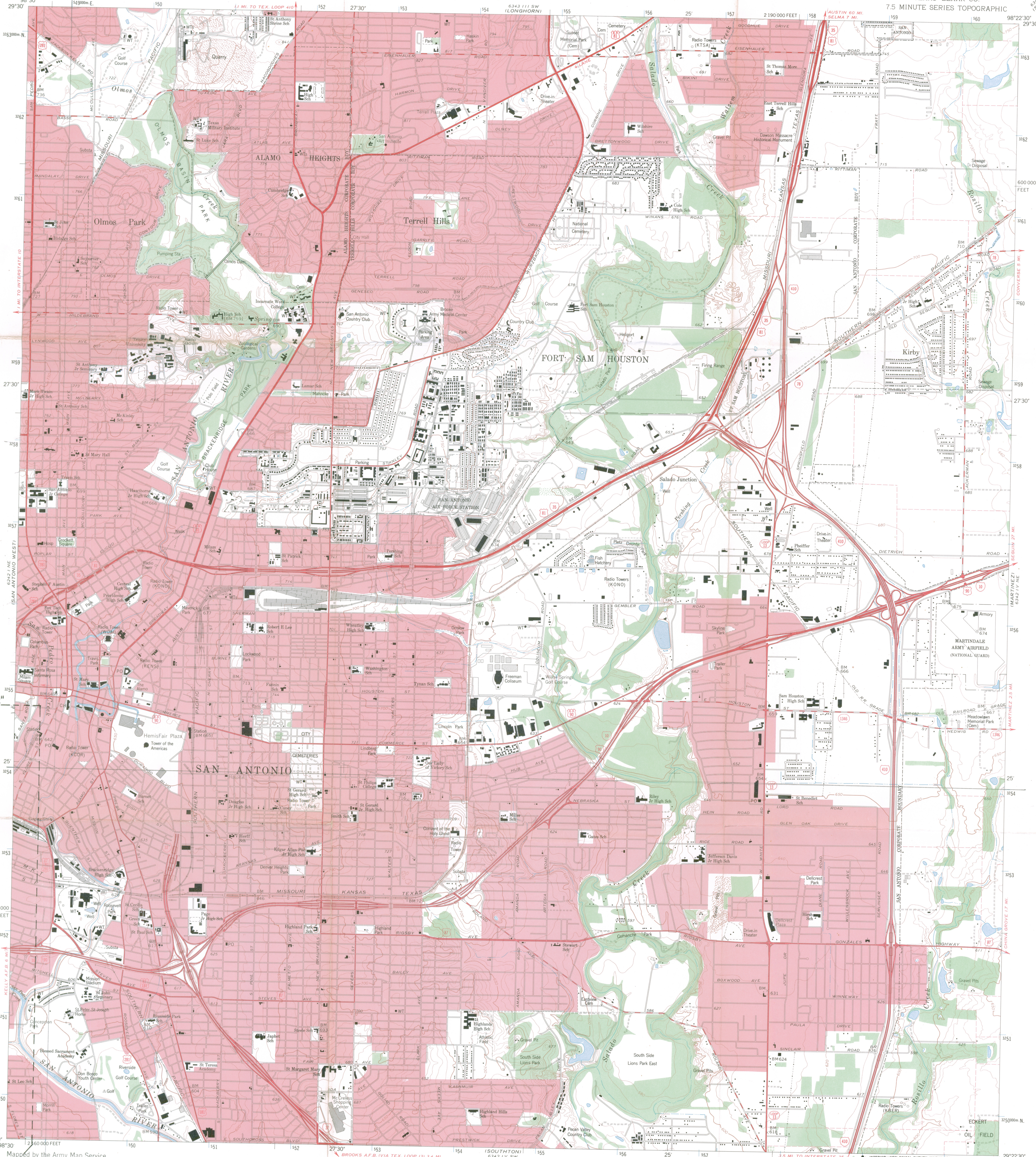
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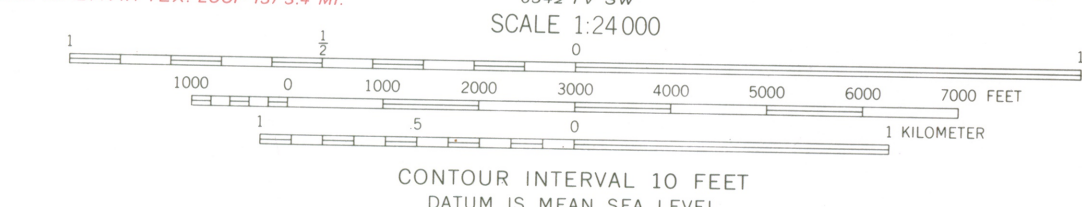
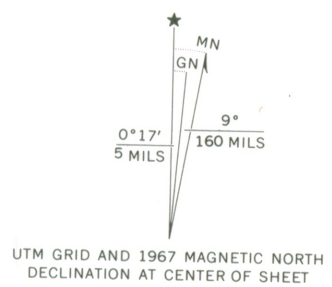
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from aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967.
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum.
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
south central zone.
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue.
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown.
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines.



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route ——— U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

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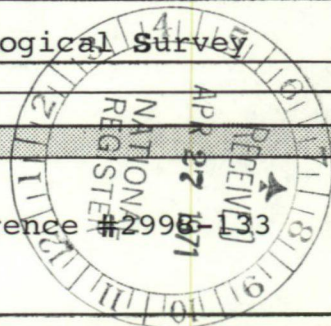
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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STATE TEXAS	
COUNTY Bexar	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAR 24 1972	

1. NAME			
COMMON: Navarro House Complex			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Jose Antonio Navarro House			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 228-232 South Laredo Street			
CITY OR TOWN: San Antonio			
STATE: Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Bexar	CODE 029
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1952, 1953 1966, 1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

Texas Map Reference #2995-133



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STATE TEXAS

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Navarro (Jose Antonio) House Complex	San Antonio Bexar County
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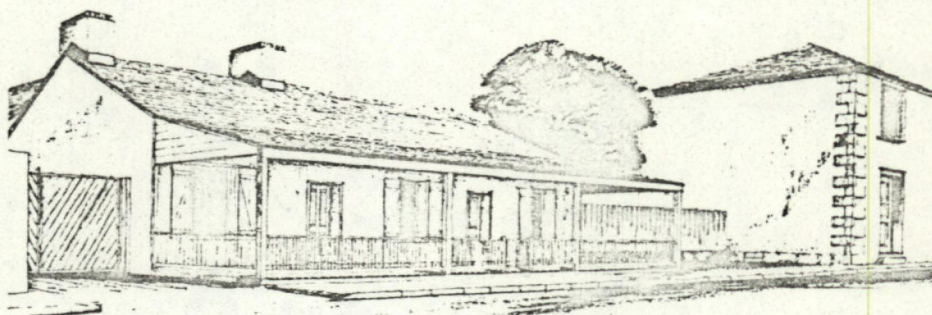
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THE HOME OF JOSE ANTONIO NAVARRO

228-232 South Laredo Street

San Antonio, Texas

(Across Nueva Street from Corporation Court)

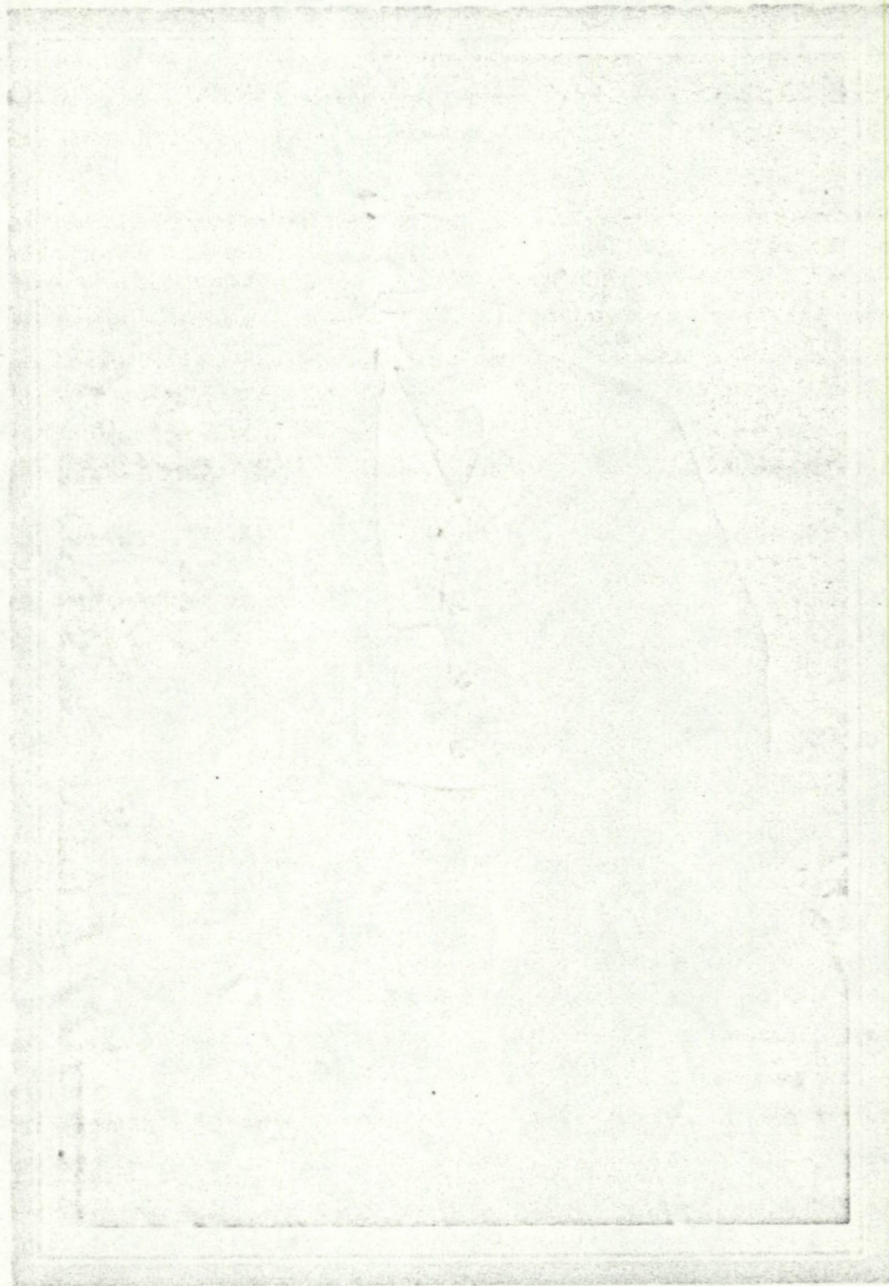
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COCINA NAVARRO RESTAURANT

Weekdays: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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"I have sworn to be a free Texian. I shall never forswear."

JOSE ANTONIO NAVARRO

1795-1871

One of the greatest Texans of all time, José Antonio Navarro, was born in San Antonio de Bexar, February 27, 1795. He was the son of Angel Navarro, a proud emigré from the island of Corsica, and María Josefa Ruiz de Navarro, whose family came to San Antonio from Saltillo, Mexico.

Sent back to Saltillo to school at the age of ten, the young Navarro came home to learn his father's business just as the turbulence of revolt against Spain swept over the New World. Members of his family were early activists on the side of freedom from Mexico. When local rebellions were quelled by Spanish arms in 1813, Navarro, then still only eighteen, fled as a political refugee to Louisiana where he was forced to remain for three years.

Given amnesty, he came back to San Antonio to find his widowed mother worn and destitute. He threw himself into the task of working and caring for his mother and younger brothers and sisters. The family was under constant suspicion by the Spanish authorities. Nevertheless, during this period of hardship, José Antonio Navarro found time to read law on his own and to enter practice.

In 1821, when Mexico finally secured her independence from Spain, the Navarro and Ruiz families again took their place as community leaders. José Antonio Navarro was elected representative to the legislature of the State of Coahuila and Texas which convened in the old capital of Monclova. Navarro soon became known as the "Americanized Texan" because of his work on behalf of the new colonists from the United States and his friendship with their leader, Stephen F. Austin. He was for some time the land agent for the Green Dewitt Colony.

As events moved toward the open break between Texas and the dictator government of Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, Navarro and his uncle, Francisco Ruiz found themselves again on the side of freedom.

On March 2, 1836, at Washington-on-the-Brazos, they both signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. They were the only native Texans to sign this momentous document.

Sam Houston's victory at the Battle of San Jacinto established the Republic of Texas as a free nation. José Antonio Navarro first served his new country in the capacity of representative to the first Texas Congress meeting at Houston in 1838 and 1839.

Then, fatefully, in 1841, he was sent as a commissioner with the famous Santa Fé Expedition. This brash band of Texans marched overland to the high desert of New Mexico to try to convince the people there that they should join the Republic of Texas rather than stay with Mexico. However all were taken prisoner by New Mexican authorities and sent on another cruelly long march to Mexico City to face Santa Anna's wrath.

José Antonio Navarro, his initial death sentence revoked in the Mexican courts, was nevertheless held in a dungeon for years. He was kept under constant pressure by the wily Santa Anna to forswear his allegiance to Texas. This Navarro steadfastly refused to do, although his defiance meant continued suffering and separation from his wife and children. Finally, after having been removed to the grim prison of San Juan de Ulúa in Vera Cruz, he managed to escape by ship to New Orleans, arriving home in the winter of 1845.

Ever after a free man in a free land, Navarro was, the very next year, elected senator from Bexar County to the first State Legislature organized after Texas joined the United States.

As time went on, Navarro devoted himself largely to his family and his ranching activities on the San Gerónimo near Seguin and in Atascosa County. He was probably happiest living and working at the Atascosa ranch, but spent much time at the town house and adjoining office he had built in San Antonio about 1850 on Laredo Street. It was in this stone house that José Antonio Navarro died on January 13, 1871.

THE HOME OF JOSE ANTONIO NAVARRO

A pleasant walk across San Pedro Creek from the Spanish Governor's Palace and San Fernando Cathedral, the home of José Antonio Navarro, great Texas patriot and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, offers a glimpse of home life in nineteenth-century San Antonio.

Two of the complex of three limestone houses were built about 1850, the third probably even earlier in Spanish colonial time. The main dwelling, as have the other buildings, has been furnished with antiques of Texas, Louisiana, and Mexico, known to have been in use in San Antonio during Navarro's lifetime. Several unusual pieces were made in the San Antonio area by local furniture craftsmen of the day.

The corner building, originally the despacho, or office, of José Antonio Navarro, and his sons, contains an exhibit of pictures and documents telling the Navarro story, along with copies of the declaration of independence of Texas and the United States and the Mexican equivalent, the famous Grito de Hidalgo.

The little old cocina, or kitchen, with its friendly shaded galleries, offers a spot for visitors to sit and relax a while as they make their way about historic San Antonio.

A restaurant - "COCINA NAVARRO" - is now open Monday thru Friday inside the quaint old kitchen. The "Cocina" features special foods prepared and served by volunteers from San Antonio Conservation Society.