

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: <b>Texas</b>	
COUNTY: <b>El Paso</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>FEB 23 1972</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
\* **Old Fort Bliss, 1878-1893**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Site of Hart's Mill**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1800 block Doniphan Street; property between Doniphan Street and Rio Grande, north of Franklin Canal**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**El Paso**

STATE <b>Texas</b>	CODE <b>048</b>	COUNTY: <b>El Paso</b>	CODE <b>141</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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
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:  
**Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso C. Lopez (Hart's Mill Site)**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1720 West Paisano (See continuation sheet #2)**

CITY OR TOWN: <b>El Paso</b>	STATE: <b>Texas</b>	CODE: <b>048</b>
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**El Paso County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: <b>El Paso</b>	STATE: <b>Texas</b>	CODE: <b>048</b>
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**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: <b>Austin</b>	STATE: <b>Texas</b>	CODE: <b>048</b>
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered     Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Today, the visible remains of Old Fort Bliss are a pair of large, two-story adobe officers' quarters, which are now used as apartment buildings, two long structures identified in Old Forts of the Southwest as barracks buildings, and La Hacienda restaurant, formerly Simeon Hart's residence, which was used as an officers' club for the fort.

The two-family quarters buildings are two-story structures of double-laid adobe brick structured on a raised cut-stone basement. This pair of structures which are similar but not identical, are T-shaped with the T-stem projecting to the rear. The buildings have simple architectural detailing throughout. The massing of the structures, the architectural detailing and the progression of spaces--each Victorian in style--are closely related to the plain masonry buildings of other military dependent housing in the Texas fort series built by the United States government.

The entranceway into each of the quarters have single doors with sidelights and transoms. Three low gables on the main or east facades accentuate the pairs of windows and doors. Originally, one-story verandas extended the width of the buildings. When the quarters were made into apartments, the long verandas were replaced with small gabled porches covering only the two doorways in the center of the main facade on both buildings.

The barracks buildings are very plain, long adobe structures on rubble stone foundations. Only the corner blocks are of cut stone. The buildings are parallel and have a regular rhythm of a window and a door opening into each of the narrow barracks chambers.

A thorough archeological investigation of the site is expected to reveal numerous ruins of Old Fort Bliss structures and the remains of Simeon Hart's mill, the site of which is adjacent to the present La Hacienda Cafe. The large stucco-covered restaurant building was constructed within the walls of Simeon Hart's residence "Molino."

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

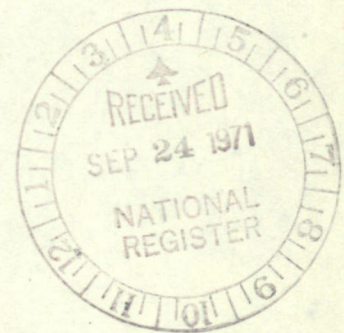
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4. (contd.)  
(Barracks) Mr. Oscar Casas,  
1401 Hawthorne Street  
El Paso, Texas 048



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) 1851 (mill) c. 1885 (barracks)

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) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic            | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first United States military post in what is now El Paso was established in February, 1848, and "in September, 1849, Major Jefferson Van Horne arrived with regimental headquarters and six companies to defend against Indian raids and to maintain American authority in the territory recently acquired from Mexico by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo" (Handbook of Texas, p.620). The post was officially named in 1854 for Colonel William Wallace S. Bliss, assistant adjutant general and General Zachary Taylor's adjutant general during the Mexican War.

At this time the American settlement on the north side of the Rio Grande consisted of four scattered establishments known as Hart's Mill, Smith's Ranch, Magoffinsville, and Stephenson's (or Concordia) Ranch.

The United States military establishment of Fort Bliss has occupied a number of different locations and was abandoned several times in the first decades after its founding. The Smith Ranch site, Magoffinsville site and the Concordia site were all on land leased by the United States government. The fourth location, and the first fort site which the federal government purchased was established on 135 acres at Hart's Mill in 1878. It was on this site that the first permanent establishment was to be built.

Hart's Mill, which was located at the strategic site of the actual pass through the mountains along the Rio Grande between the United States and Mexico, had been settled in 1851 by Simeon Hart.

Hart settled in 1850 in what was to become El Paso and built a flour mill in 1851. Hart's Mill, powered by water impounded on the Rio Grande, was a large mill with a capacity of one hundred barrels daily, supplying flour for the vast territory east to San Antonio, south to Rosales in Mexico, and west to Tucson, Arizona. (Handbook of Texas, p.781). With an interruption during the Civil War, Hart successfully operated his mill until his death in 1874.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Conger, Roger N., et. al. 1966. Frontier Forts of Texas. Waco: Texian Press.

Hart, Herbert M. 1964. Old Forts of the Southwest. Seattle: Superior Publishing Company.

Webb, Walter Prescott, ed. 1952. The Handbook of Texas. Austin: Texas Historical Association.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	31° 45' 53"	106° 30' 26"				
SE	31° 45' 42"	106° 30' 26"				
SW	31° 45' 42"	106° 30' 36"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 11 acres

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  
Gary Hume, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 12-16-71

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 048

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 Walter J. Salmons

Title State Liaison Officer

Date December 29, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connelly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 23 1972

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William H. Hays  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS  
 NE 13/357255 351515  
 SW 13/356960 358515  
 NW 13/356980 351415  
 SE 13/357240 3514810  
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In 1878, the Hart's Mill site for Fort Bliss was purchased from Hart's heirs and his home, called "Molino," which has been remodeled into the present La Hacienda Restaurant, and the mill were apparently used and incorporated into the Fort Bliss complex. "Congress had appropriated \$40,000 for the new fort, but the contractor's bid ran \$160,000. The result was that the soldiers were told to handle the construction, and the further result was that as late as 1881 the department commander was complaining that because of frequent Indian escapades, the work of constructing Fort Bliss buildings was still a long way from complete." (Frontier Forts of Texas, p.33).

The Hart's Mill location of Fort Bliss also failed to be a permanent location for the military post. "The railroads, then at the height of their power and therefore more persuasive with Congress and the Texas Legislature than the military, desired a right-of-way through the Fort Bliss acreage." (Frontier Forts of Texas, p.33). Soon the Southern Pacific tracks and the Santa Fe tracks bisected the post's parade ground.

The Hart's Mill location of Fort Bliss was, during its fifteen-year existence between 1878 and 1893, strategically involved in some of the last Indian campaigns in the Southwest, including the Victorio uprising in 1879 and the campaign against Geronimo in 1885-1886. In 1893, Fort Bliss was moved to its final location five miles northeast of El Paso.

NAME OF PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

*Old Fort Bliss*

*Texas*

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location. \_\_\_\_\_

XX 3. Classification. *Our staff is unclear as to whether this is a site or should it maybe be a district?*

4. Owner of Property. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. \_\_\_\_\_

XX 7. Description. *The relationship of La Hacienda Cape to present definition of Old Ft. Bliss is not clear.*

8. Statement of Significance. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Bibliography. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data.

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Acreage. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Form Prepared By. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Certification. \_\_\_\_\_

Photographic Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_

XX Map Coverage. *Please send a detailed map (handdrawn is O.K.) with boundaries and buildings, so that we may see their relationship to each other.*

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

*Thank you,*

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Robert J. Mulvan*

RECEIPT PROPERTY Old Fort Bliss - 1878-1893 STATE TEX

DATE OF RECEIPT 9/22/71 YES  NO  NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTER NUMBER: FEB 23 1972

DATA PAGE  \_\_\_\_\_

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PHOTO DESCRIPTION (S)  \_\_\_\_\_ 1

MAP (S)  \_\_\_\_\_

MAP DESCRIPTION (S)  \_\_\_\_\_

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ACKNOWLEDGE 9/24/71 \_\_\_\_\_

RESUBMIT \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW G Tech 10/1/71 need check to show where Capt is locate. Also if nominated as ? site, what function do barracks and officers quarters serve in nomination. OK means 9/30/70

HISTORIAN Obay Sands 4/17/72

ARCHEOLOGIST \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECT Very interesting. OK Chambers 10-4-71

ASST. KEEPER Recommend return. Muller 10/12/71

KEEPER Wayne Bell says local groups plan to acquire & restore

WRITER/EDITOR This is confusing - only last 2 paragraphs of # 5 explain role of Fort Bliss. Do need make showing location of these bldgs. 3 Manuscripts 10/4/71

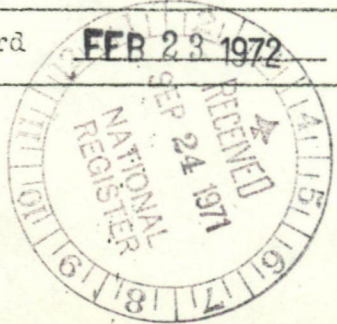
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EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR Maybe this should be Old Fort Bliss? OK CD 10/5/71

Federal Register Entry 4-4-72 Annual Edition Entry \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ WORKING NUMBER 9.22.71.1



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: San Richard A. White



Bell

Relationship of LA  
Hacienda Cafe <sup>(PHOTO)</sup> to <sup>(a)</sup>  
present definition of Old  
Fort Bliss <sup>(b)</sup> present +  
older ~~the~~ version of  
Hort's Mill is not  
clear. We also need  
detailed map with  
boundaries, buildings,  
of this district. Bolt

**SPECIAL**

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY  
9/30/71



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NPS Number 2.23.72

Title: Old Fort Bliss

El Paso county, Texas

Lo: SE elevations of the two  
remaining officers' quarters  
at Old Fort Bliss.

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OFFICERS QUARTERS - OLD FORT BLISS - TEXAS, 1878-1893 (EL PASO - TEXAS)

PHOTO No-5

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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1. NAME

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Ewing Waterhouse  
DATE OF PHOTO: August, 1971  
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Ewing Waterhouse  
1304 Madeline Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79902

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  
  
Southeast elevations of the two remaining officers' quarters at Old Fort Bliss.



NrS Number

Title:

Loc.

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EWING WATERHOUSE  
1304 MADELINE AVE.  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79902

NPS Number 2.23.72

Title:

Loc.

Old Fort Bliss  
El Paso County, Texas  
North elevation of  
barracks building at  
Old Fort Bliss.

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BARRACKS - OLD FORT BLISS TEXAS - 1878-1893 (EL PASO - TEXAS)

PHOTO - No - 6

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
North elevation of barracks building at Old Fort Bliss.			



La Hacienda Cafe



NPS Number 2.23.72

(4)

Title: Old Fort Bliss

El Paso County, Texas

Loc. SE elevation of La Hacienda  
Cafe which now occupies the site  
of Hart's Mill. Hills beyond  
(to the west) are Mexico.

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JUAN HART M. SITE - RIO GRANDE RIVER & OLD MEXICO IN BACKGROUND. PHOTO - No. 1

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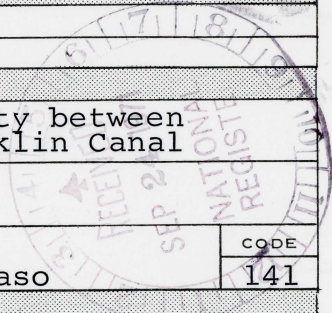
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Southeast elevation of La Hacienda Cafe which now occupies the site of Hart's Mill. Hills beyond (to the west) are Mexico.





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NPS Number 2. 23. 72

Title: Old Fort Bliss

El Paso County, Texas

Loc. North + east elevation of  
one of the extant officers'  
quarters.

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OFFICERS QUARTERS - OLD FORT BLISS, TEXAS, (1878-1893) (EL PASO-TEXAS)

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

North and east elevation of one of the extant officers' quarters.

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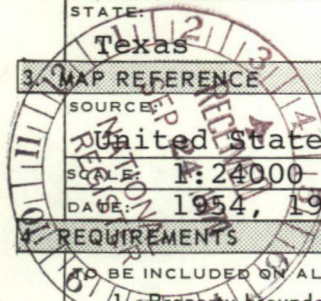
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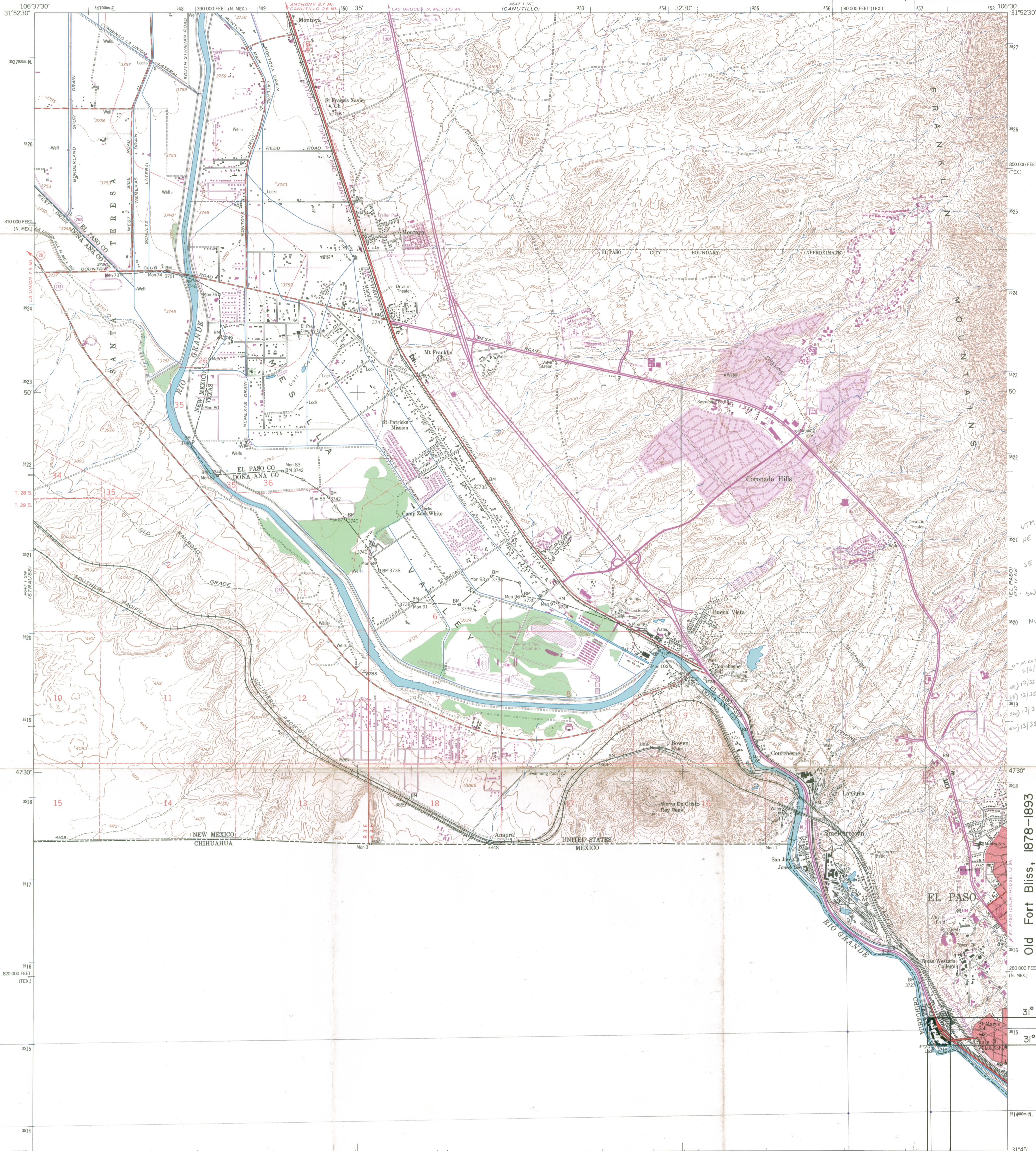
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

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Smelertown, Texas - New Mexico





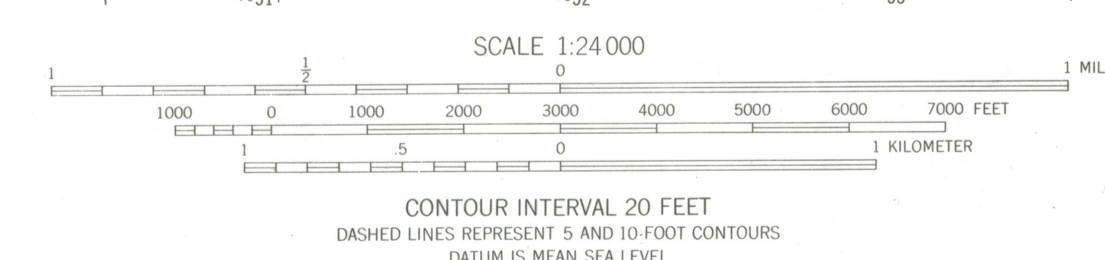
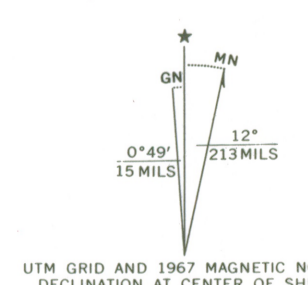
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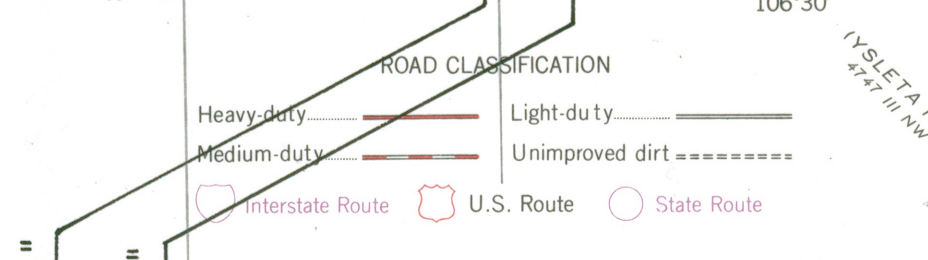
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and New Mexico coordinate system, central zone  
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January 10, 1972

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Honorable George B. Hartzog, Jr.  
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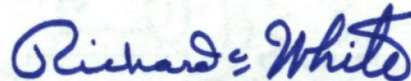
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To EAC  
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The attached correspondence is forwarded for the preparation of a draft reply. In the event the above suspense date cannot be met, please furnish me an interim draft reply on or before that suspense date, and include reasons for the delay and an estimate as to the date a final reply may be expected.

All draft replies must be surnamed by the Chief of the Division preparing the draft. It will be optional with that Division Chief as to whether his Assistant Director should also surname the draft.

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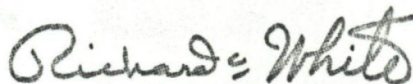
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3 July 1975

Mr. W.M. Reeves  
O.A.H.P. - M.P.S. - U.S.D.I.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Reeves,

Alton Briggs, Texas Antiquities Committee, Austin, asked me to send these photos directly to you for inclusion in the file on archeological sites nominated to the National Register from the Easternmost Two Sections of Castner Range, Fort Bliss, El Paso County, Texas.

The identification of the photos is on the back of each. If further information is needed, please write or call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex E. Gerald".

Rex E. Gerald, Ph.D.  
Director

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AUG 8 1975

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Dr. Rex E. Gerald  
Director, The Museum of the  
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El Paso, Texas 79968

Dear Dr. Gerald:

Thank you for your recent letter and the accompanying photographs of archeological sites in the two easternmost sections of Castner Range, Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

The photographs and the accompanying descriptions were very helpful in reaching a decision on a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register on sites in this area. As you know from your telephone conversation with Bill Reeves in the National Register office, we are retaining the photographs so that they may be included in with a National Register nomination that the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer will soon be forwarding to the National Park Service.

We appreciate your cooperation on behalf of historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald M. Greenberg

*for* William J. Murtagh  
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