

STATE: <b>Texas</b>
COUNTY: <b>Travis</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>APR 13 1973</b>

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Henry Hirschfeld House and Cottage**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**303 and 305 West 9th Street**

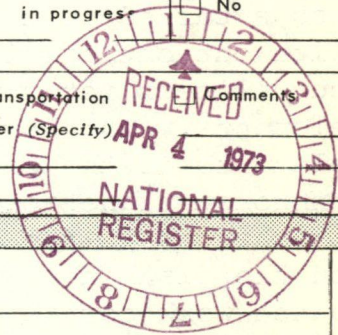
CITY OR TOWN:  
**Austin**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**10 - J. J. Pickle**

STATE: **Texas**      CODE: **048**      COUNTY: **Travis**      CODE: **453**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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:  
**Mrs. Max Bernheim**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**303 West 9th Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Austin**

STATE:  
**Texas**

CODE:  
**048**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Travis County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Austin**

STATE:  
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CODE:  
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Texas State Historical Survey Committee**

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Texas State Historical Survey Committee**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station**

CITY OR TOWN:  
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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
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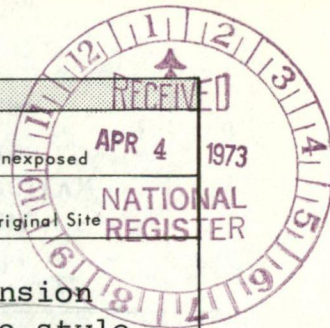
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hirschfeld House is a twelve room Victorian Mansion with certain stylistic relationships with the Eastlake style. The two-story main block of the house is constructed of smooth-faced limestone blocks with strongly-raked horizontal joints between courses of stone. The structure contains a profusion of decorated stonework including a belt course directly below the lintels on the second story, carved trumeaus between the paired windows, and nearly every lintel contains incised rosettes and foliated decorative elements.

The decorative elements of the house are its most distinctive and unique feature. Perhaps the owner's German heritage was influential in designing the architectural decorations of this maverick mansion, for the decorations follow none of the popular styles of the Victorian era. The residence has a one story gallery with ballustrated deck encompassing the main facade and extending across both side elevations. The porch has a turned post with flat brackets of an organic design with cut-out curvilinear elements. The spandrel repeats the curvilinear motif with a series of flat, cut-out fan-shaped elements. The cornice is undoubtedly one of the most unique elements of the composition. This element extends in an unbroken plane across the facade, disregarding recessions or changes in the surface of the wall. There is no cornice on the flanking walls of the gabled square bays. However, a punch-work cornice extends across the bays, projecting from the wall and leaving a void section between the cornice and the curved, bracket-like bargeboards of the gable. The cornice is terminated by rectilinear pendants on each end. The main facade is a symmetrical composition with two projecting square bays and recessed central entrance. Corner fireplace in the two principle chambers cause the walls flanking the doorway to be battened at a forty-five degree angle.

The mansion has a central hall plan with two rooms on each side of the hall. A cross hall connects to a side entrance on the North (9th Street) facade. A two-story brick service wing extends from the southwest corner of the structure. In the central hall of the mansion there is a free-standing staircase which ascends with a single flight of stairs, and then separates at the landing to form a double stairway returning along the walls. The stair hall is lighted by a stained glass window. The room arrangement is typical of late nineteenth century with corner fireplaces and large double sliding doors which allow the spaces to be opened into suites of rooms.

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Ceiling heights are thirteen feet throughout the house. The living room and dining room have heavy cornices and ceilings of simulated steel in an "Italian" design. The music room has a pair of stencil painted doors which lend contrast to the otherwise dark woodwork throughout the mansion.

The fact that the house has remained unaltered and intact, even to its furnishings, make this a most important example of late Victorian architecture in central Texas.

The Hirschfeld Cottage is an attractive limestone Victorian cottage with a standing-seam metal roof. This small residence has an L-shaped main facade with a projecting bayed chamber to the west of the main entrance. A wooden gallery extends across the entrance and chamber to the east. The house has rectangular-cut, random ashlar stone work on the main facade and rubble-wall stone construction on the sides and rear elevations. A bracketed-box cornice encompasses the house.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

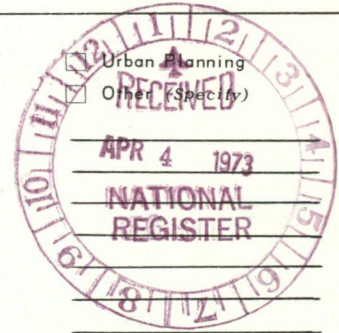
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1876, 1886

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Four generations of the Hirschfeld family have occupied the two Austin houses on West 9th known as the Hirschfeld Cottage and the Hirschfeld House. Both structures were built by Henry Hirschfeld for his family. The larger Hirschfeld House at 303 West 9th is one of the few Austin homes remaining in tact which is still owned and occupied by descendants of the family who built them.

Henry Hirschfeld came to the United States from Germany when he was only 15, going first to join two uncles in Mobile, Alabama, where he helped as a "country peddler." After the Civil War, Hirschfeld came to Georgetown, Texas, and then to Austin. He started a drygoods store on the corner of 6th and Congress and eventually became a successful merchant. In 1868, Hirschfeld married Jenny Melasky, daughter of Mr. B. Melasky, who had a clothing store on Congress Avenue between 6th and 7th streets.

The first home that Hirschfeld built for his family was a small, charming stone cottage in 1876. In later years, after the family had moved, this home at 305 West 9th was often called "Honeymoon Cottage" because so many young couples began "housekeeping" there.

The Hirschfeld family lived in the cottage ten years before building the 12 room, two-story mansion next door. In fact, the family didn't move for a year after it was completed, for Mrs. Hirschfeld could not bear to leave the cottage. Rather than moving any furniture from the cottage, Mr. Hirschfeld bought all new furnishings from a local salesman, Charles A. Dahlich. The furniture, ranging from early to late Victorian, is still in use there.

Hirschfeld was one of the founders of the Austin National Bank in 1890 and served as one of the vice-presidents until his death in 1911. His son, Morris, was with the Austin

(see continuation sheet #2)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Austin American-Statesman. September 5, 1965, p. A-4.  
 "Hirschfeld House" file, Travis County Collection, Austin Public Library.

Interview with Mrs. Lelia Bernheim and Miss Laura Hirschfeld by Katherine Hart, February 28, 1958. "Henry Hirschfeld" file, Travis County Collection, Austin Public Library.

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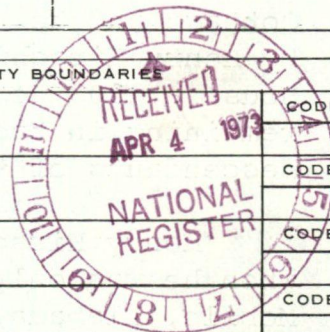
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .5 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: Gary L. Hume, Project Director  
 Marie Deacon, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 3-30-73

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station

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: Truec Latimer  
 Title: Executive Director

Date: 3-30-73

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

Robert M. Utley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: APR 13 1973

ATTEST: Deary J. [Signature]  
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4/10/73

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National Bank for 58 years. Two other sons, Sam and Jake, went into the clothing business. None of the sons ever married.

The house is now the home of Mrs. Max (Leila Hirschfeld) Bernheim, the only living member of the family of four sons and four daughters. Mrs. Bernheim's daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanna, lived in the cottage after World War II until they could build a house. The cottage now serves as offices for Micro-Data of Austin.



PROPERTY

*Hirschfeld (Henry) House and Cottage Texas*

STATE

WORKING NUMBER

*4.4.73.2686*

TECH REVIEW

Photos 4

Maps 1

*Travis*

*Ref # 7301978*

CONTROL REVIEW

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4-4-  
73*

HISTORIAN

*OK  
Accept - Aml  
4/4/73*

*Accept - E. Stuebel - 73*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept  
KH  
4/4/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*OK  
for Mustang  
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National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry 6-5-73

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Loc. Travis, Texas

view of cottage from NW

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view of house from NE

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North elevation of house

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Detail of house, S.E. corner

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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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

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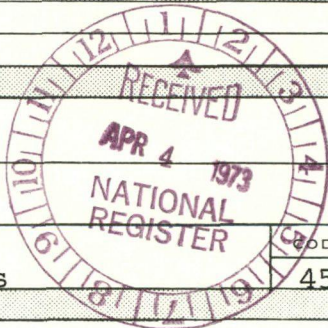
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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

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U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE: 1:24000

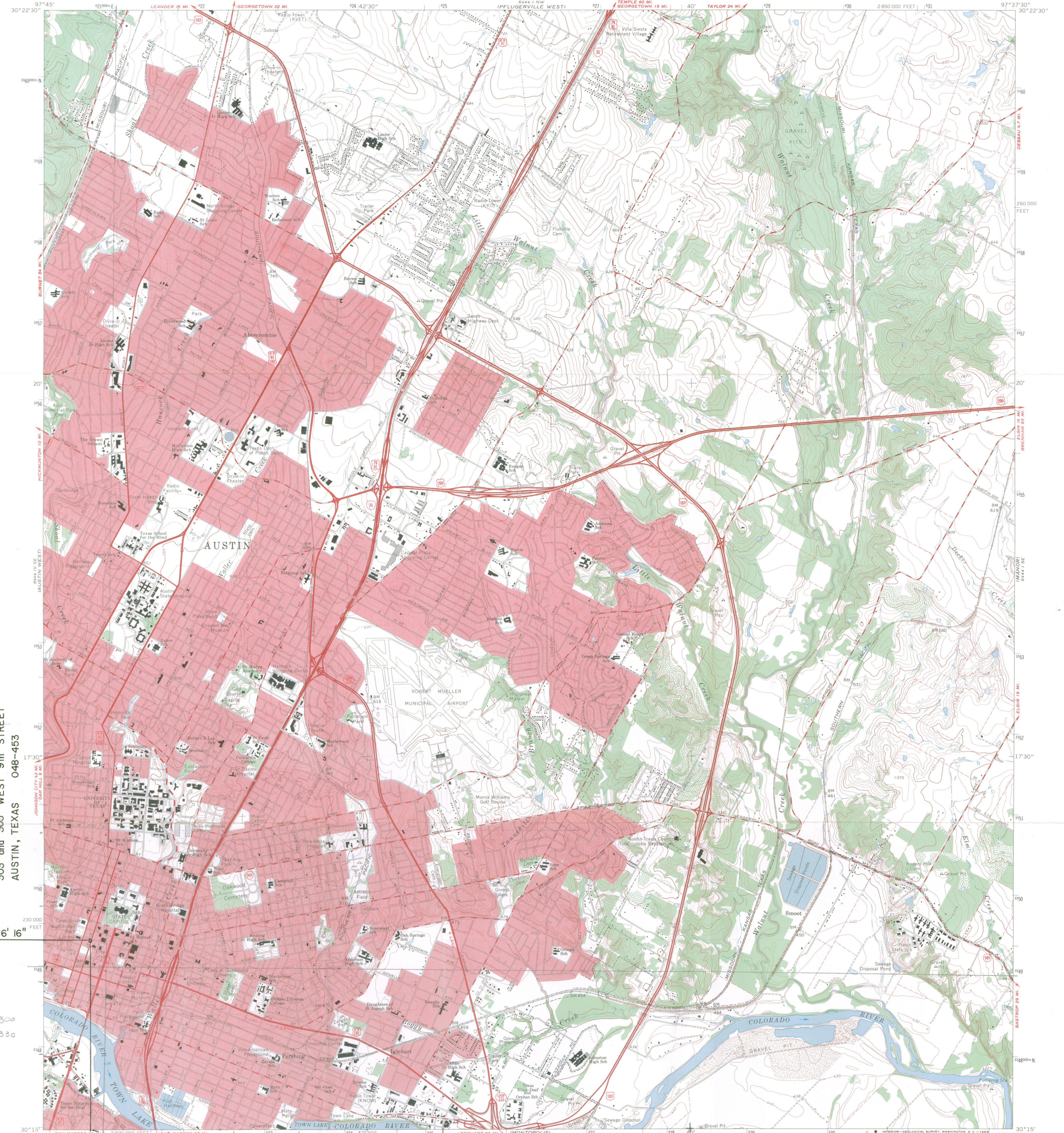
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**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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Austin East Quadrangle.

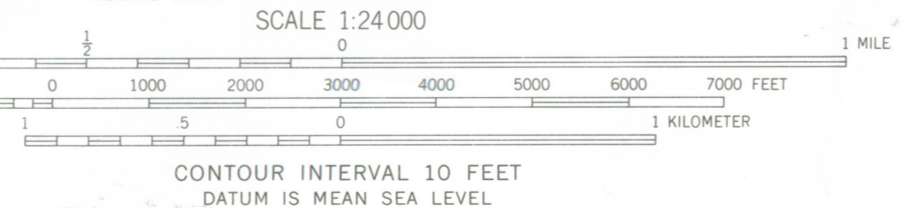
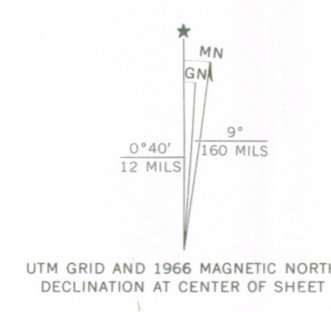


HENRY HIRSCHFELD HOUSE and COTTAGE  
303 and 305 WEST 9th STREET  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 048-453

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
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aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1966  
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  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

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SW/4 AUSTIN 15' QUADRANGLE  
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# F. Y. 1973 APPORTIONMENT WARRANT NOMINATION

(DUE 1 APRIL 1973)



[ IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS  
NOMINATION BY 1 MAY 73, PLEASE NOTIFY US AT ONCE ]



**Texas State Historical Survey Committee**

Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711

Truett Latimer

Executive Director

APR 17 1973

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

Gentlemen:

We were informed by the owners of the Henry Hirshfeld House and cottage that they, the descendants, consider the anglicized spelling of the name to be the correct form.

It would be most appreciated if you would delete the "c" in our spelling of Hirshfeld on the nomination form.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Gary L. Hume*  
Gary L. Hume, Director  
National Register Programs  
for Texas

cc: Mrs. Marie B. Hanna

GLH/sm

*Re: Henry  
Hirshfeld House  
National Register*

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STATE TEXAS

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Hancock (John) House	Austin Travis County
Doyle House	Austin Travis County
The Goodman Building	Austin Travis County
Hirshfeld (Henry) House and Cottage	Austin Travis County
Old Pierce House	Marshall Harrison County

Also Notified

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 Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle  
 Hon. Wright Patman

Director, Southwest Region

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