

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Texas</b>
COUNTY: <b>Ellis</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>MAY 3 1974</b>

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Waxahachie Chautauqua Building**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Getzendaner Park**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Waxahachie**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**6--Olin C. Teague**

STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048** COUNTY: **Ellis** CODE: **139**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" 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) <u>Can be used for any public meetings.</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**City of Waxahachie**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**104 Elm Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Waxahachie**

STATE:  
**Texas**

CODE:  
**048**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Deed records, County Clerk's Office**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Waxahachie**

STATE:  
**Texas**

CODE:  
**75165 048**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

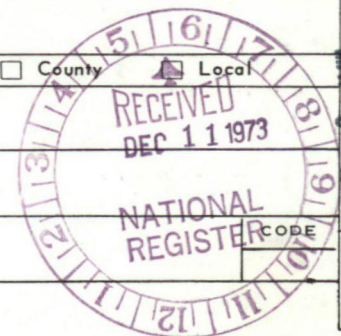
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

		(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 building is octagonal in basic shape, with a rectangular stage being attached to the South part of the eight-sided structure. The doors (large hinged windows) which occur on seven sides of the building (not including stage area) are similar in structure, with the doors simply having a lower sill and steps. These apertures when open allow the building to be an open air structure except for the roof and columns. It has a stage with dressing areas, but no restroom facilities, on the South side of the structure. The interior is interesting, having wood panels in the ceiling following the octagonal shape, full permanent seating for 2500 on wood chairs (wood floors), and having at one time had a beautiful and ornate hand-painted canvas curtain for the stage. The only exterior ornamentation is a scalloped trim along the edge of the eaves. The structure is very distinctive in appearance and is very impressive in that it dominates the landscape in its part of town being located in a several acre park. The building is of frame construction and it still has the original electric lighting and piping for gas heaters. Its present appearance is identical with the original appearance, except for normal deterioration. A small platform has been added to one of the columns to be used for photography, and improved stage lighting has been added; otherwise no changes or additions have been made.



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3. 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) Built in July 1902

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political          | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry             | osophy                                      | _____                                    |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art          | Architecture                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | itarian                                     | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation     | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure was built in 1902 for use as a Chautauqua Auditorium. The Chautauqua movement was, of course, an educational and entertainment program which originated in Chautauqua, New York, in the nineteenth century, and spread over a large part of the nation. The ground upon which this building was built was used for area (a large part of Texas) Chautauqua meetings for many years before this structure was built. Early meetings at this location were of a camp-ground meeting type. The structure was used for Chautauqua programs until the end of Chautauqua in this area in the late 1920's. It has been used at all times for public meetings such as high school graduation ceremonies, etc. There were a number of noted speakers who spoke in the building for Chautauqua meetings--William Jennings Bryan, John Philip Sousa, Will Rogers, and many others. The Chautauqua meetings were in the summer, usually June, and usually lasted about two weeks. There were Bible study, educational programs, and entertainment programs.

The structure is of particular significance as it is perhaps the only building of its type which has survived. These wooden structures were by design vulnerable to fire and termites, as well as "progress". They apparently are not duplicates of this structure. The Chautauqua Auditoriums are a building type of which few examples remain in Texas.

Architecturally the building is of great interest, as it is a very unusual, but practical design, being a wood octagonal structure which opens entirely to make an open air structure, unsuitable for air conditioning but really very comfortable in the summertime regardless. Its appearance is unique and very attractive.

This structure is of architectural and historical significance to the Chautauqua movement. It is also of significance to the educational and entertainment movements in the Central Texas area during the early 1900's.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Courthouse Records of Ellis County  
 Waxahachie Enterprize, 1902-1907  
 Waxahachie Daily Light, 1914-1925

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

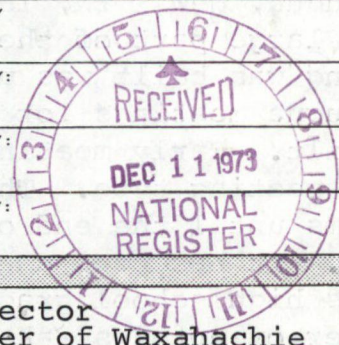
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres cm

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  
Ed Seegmiller, City Manager of Waxahachie

ORGANIZATION: Texas Historical Commission DATE: Dec. 7, 1973

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: Truett Latimer  
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Date: December 7, 1973

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

A. R. Montauzen  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/3/74

ATTEST:  
Wm. Montauzen  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5.2.74



PROPERTY Napakachie Chautauqua Building STATE Texas

74002070

WORKING NUMBER 12.11.73.40670

TECH REVIEW  
PHOTOS 2  
MAPS 1

Ellis

CONTROL REVIEW #10 Wreath is missing  
otherwise OK

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HISTORIAN  
very nice  
Accept  
R. Luce 2/11/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
Accept  
Jan Thorman  
2-7-74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF  
Interesting  
Accept  
KHCole  
1/14/74

BRANCH CHIEF  
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KEEPER  
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National Register Write-up May 25, 1974

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

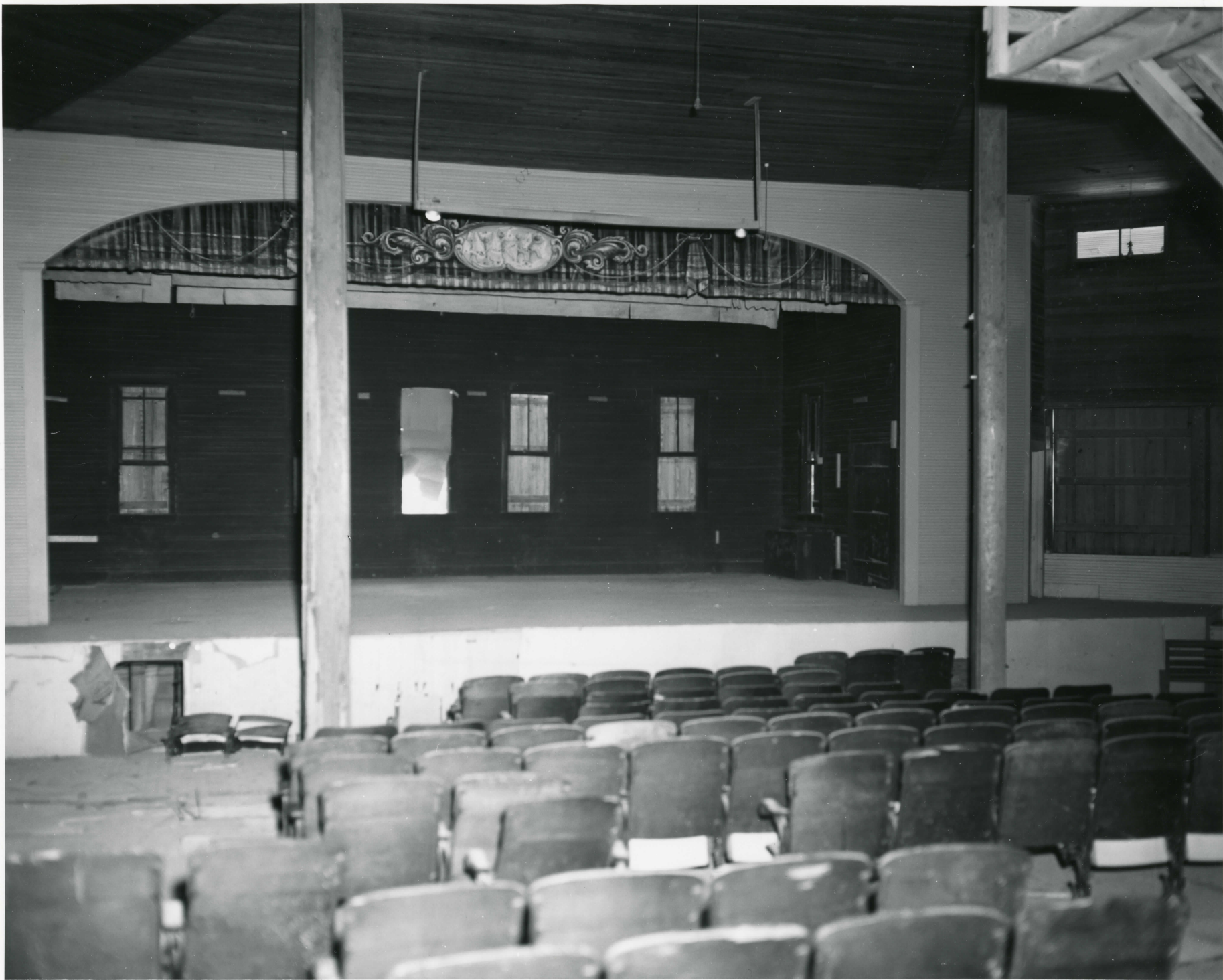
Federal Register entry June 4, 1974

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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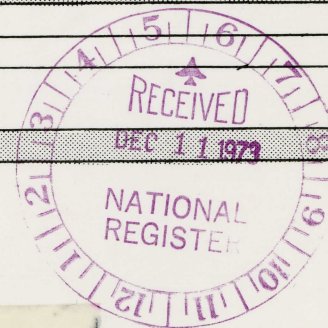
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STATE: Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Ellis	CODE 139
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Texas Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: September 15, 1972			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Texas Historical Commission			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Interior, South elevation.			

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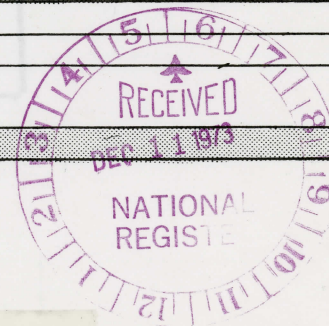
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Exterior, Northwest oblique			

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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CITY OR TOWN:  
Waxahachie

STATE: Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Ellis	CODE 139
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:  
USGS 7.5' series, Waxahachie Quadrangle

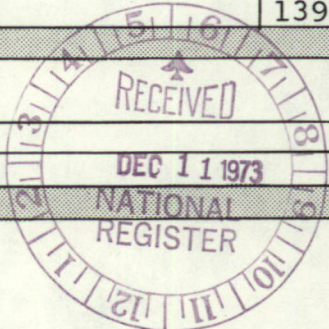
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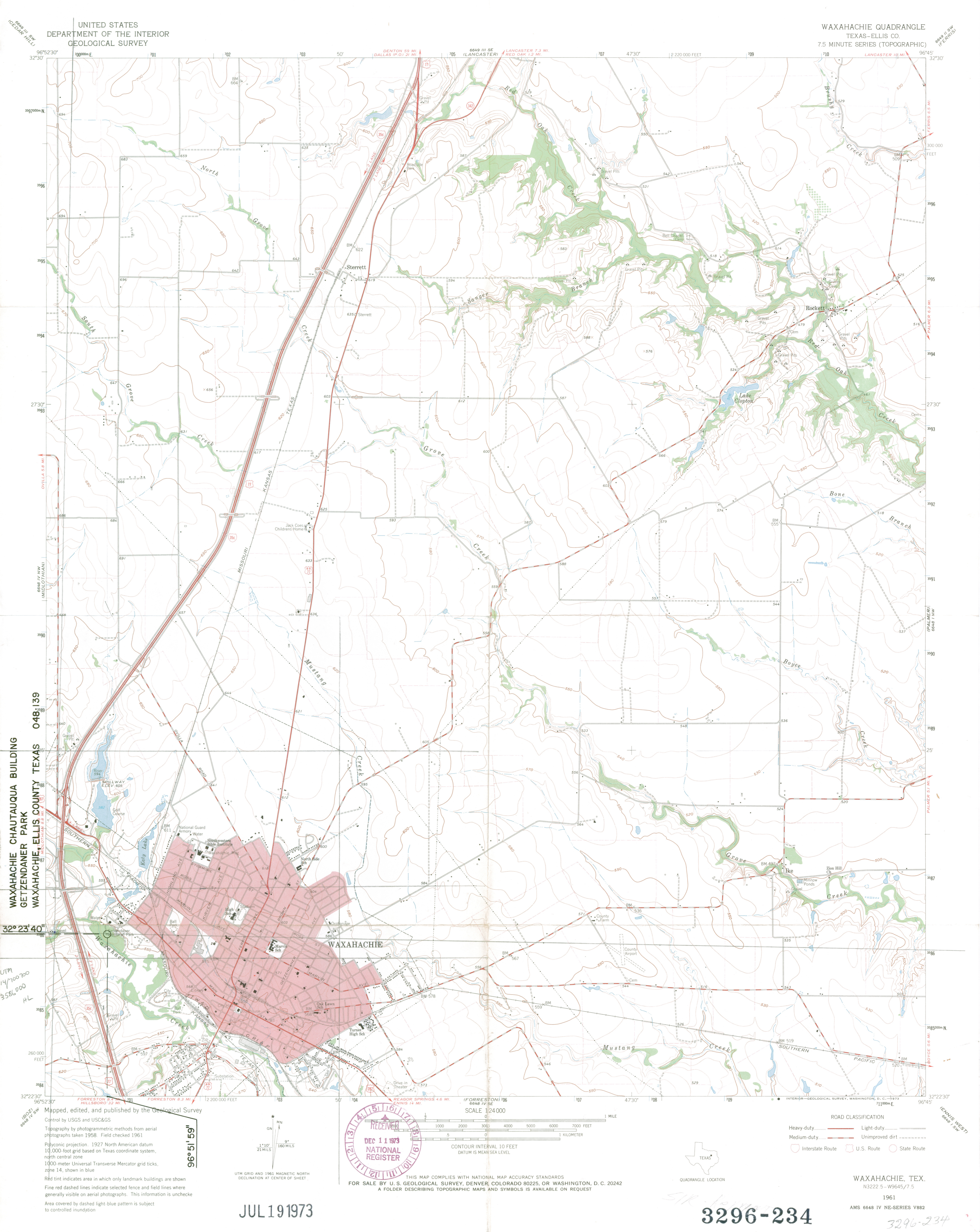
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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







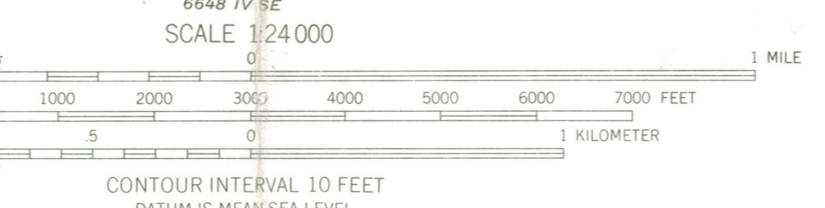
WAXAHACHIE CHAUTAUQUA BUILDING  
GETZENDANER PARK  
WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS COUNTY TEXAS 048139

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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961.  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, north central zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 14, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Area covered by dashed light blue pattern is subject to controlled inundation

UTM GRID AND 1961 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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WAXAHACHIE, TEX.  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **TEXAS**

Date Entered **MAY 3 1974**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Waxahachie Chautauqua Bldg.</b>	<b>Waxahachie Ellis County</b>

Also Notified

<b>Hon. John G. Tower</b>	<b>State Historic Preservation Officer</b>
<b>Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen</b>	<b>Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director</b>
<b>Hon. Olin C. Teague</b>	<b>Texas State Historical Survey Committee</b>
	<b>Post Office Box 12276</b>
<b>Regional Director, South-</b>	<b>Capitol Station</b>
<b>west Region</b>	<b>Austin, Texas 78711</b>

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5/14/74



**NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION**

Do Not Use This Space

1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER  
5-03-03098

2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

3. GRANTOR: a. Federal agency  
Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit  
National Park Service

c. Administering office - (1) Name  
Division of Grants

(2) Address - Street or P.O. Box  
18th and C Streets NW. City Washington State DC Zip Code 20240

4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER: a. Code 48-75-00121-00 b. Title Waxahachie Chautauqua Building Development, Phase I

c. Purpose The octagonal-shaped auditorium, constructed in 1902, is perhaps the only "open air" building of its type to survive. Project work will include extensive interior and exterior restoration

5. GRANTEE: a. Name  
Texas Mr. Truett Latimer, Exec. Dir., Texas State Historical Survey Committee,

b. Address - Street or P.O. Box P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station City Austin State Texas Zip Code 78711

6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State  b. Inter-state  c. County  d. City  e. School district  f. Special unit  g. Community action  h. Sponsored organization  i. Other

7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE Year 75 Month 03 Day 26  
8. ACTION DATE Year 75 Month 04 Day 10  
9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE Year 75 Month 04 Day 10  
10. ENDING DATE Year 78 Month 04 Day 09

11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New grant  b. Continuation grant  c. Supplemental grant (identify agency in item 16)  d. Change in existing grant (1) Increase in duration  (2) Decrease in duration  (3) Cancellation  (4) Increase(\$) (5) Decrease(\$)

12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION  
a. Federal - (1) basic \$ 37,477 (2) Supplemental \$  
b. State \$ 49,371\* c. Local \$ d. Other \$

13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16)  
a. Program Number 15.904 b. Supplemental Program Number

14. AUTHORIZATION  
a. Federal Budget Accounts 10-58-1040-0-1-405  
b. Public Laws PL Title Sec. 89 665  
c. U.S. Code 16 U.S.C. 470

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)  
a. City Getzendaner Park, Waxahachie b. County Ellis

16. REMARKS  
\*City of Waxahachie