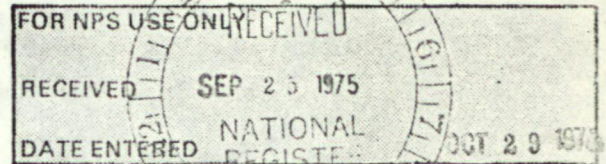


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HISTORIC

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AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

2115 Ross Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Dallas

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Texas

VICINITY OF

CODE 048

COUNTY

Dallas

CODE

113

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
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 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER: vacant

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NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

319 Vanderbilt

CITY, TOWN

Asheville

VICINITY OF

STATE

North Carolina

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

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STATE

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FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
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CITY, TOWN

Justin

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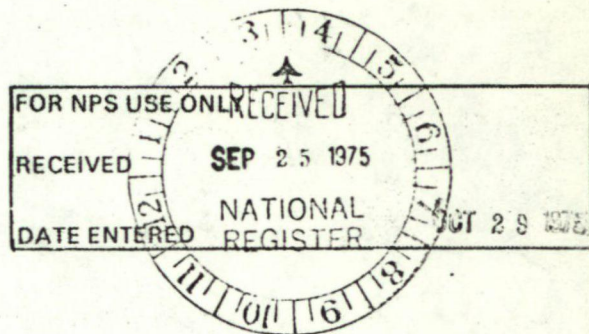
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SPECIFIC DATES 1888, 1926

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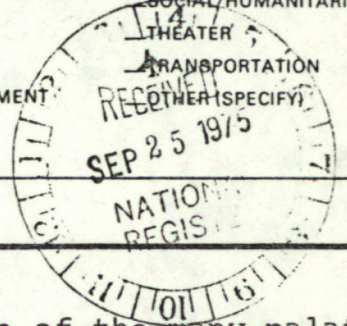
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## UTM REFERENCES

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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DATE 9-19-75

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CITY OR TOWN Austin

STATE Texas 78711

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission DATE September 22, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/29/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Ronald M. Stuebel  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/21/75



Property

*Belo, Alfred, Home*

~~*Sparkman's Funeral Home*~~

State

*Idaho*

Working Number

*11.29.74.2065*

SPECIAL  
RESUBMISSION

TECHNICAL

Photos *2*

Maps *1*

*2 cont sheets (7, 8)*

CONTROL

*cm*

*OK 12.6.74*

HISTORIAN

*As this is nominated solely for architectural significance, I wonder if we should have a more complete statement on architectural alterations which appear extensive. Sign. in communications as well. RETURN + typed 12/12/74*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

*We also need a descrip. -  
At least they didn't  
nom. it for social/hum.*

*Return  
J. Thorman  
12/17/74*

OTHER

HAER

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Dallas

CODE  
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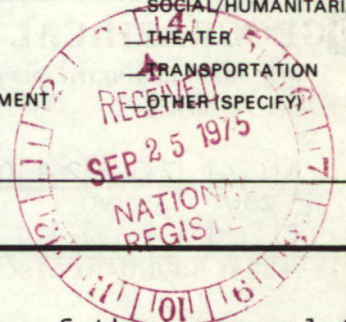
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*Acting*

Don A. [Signature]  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 10/29/75

ATTEST: Ronald M. [Signature]  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 10/21/75



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Property BELO, ALFRED HORATIO, HOUSE

75001965  
Dallas

2nd Control Sheet

State TX Working Number 11.29.74.2063

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 2  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

*OK pl*  
*9.25.75*

**HISTORIAN**

*Accept*  
*E. Smith*  
*10-9-75*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*ACCEPT*  
*H. J. J. J.*  
*10/1/75*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept*  
*Cole*  
*10.17.75*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

*Accept*  
*R. Greenberg*  
*10/21/75*

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 10-29-75

Title: Alfred Horatio Belo.  
Residence -- Dallas Cty.,

Loc. Texas -- So. elevation  
from Ross Ave.

16-2  
11+

CODE: DAL  
DA

VIEW: Front, SE ELEVATION

NEG. BY: THC

DATE: February 15, 1974

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P.O. BOX 12376  
CAPITOL STATION  
AUSTIN, TX 78711

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HISTORIC Alfred Horatio Belo Residence

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**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Dallas                      VICINITY OF                      STATE Texas                      COUNTY Dallas

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South elevation from Ross Avenue

PHOTO NO. 1 *of 4*







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Title: Alfred Horatio  
Belo Residence

Loc. Dallas Cty., Texas  
SW oblique from  
Arneway



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Southwest oblique from driveway

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NPS Number 10-29-75  
Title: Alfred Heratio Belo  
Residence -- Dallas  
Loc. City, Texas -- SW  
Oblique from Olive  
St.

CODE: DAL  
DR

VIEW: Ob. of side & front

NEG. BY: JHC

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Southwest oblique from Olive Street

PHOTO NO.

3 of 4







PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number

10-29-75

Title:

Alfred Horatio Belo  
Residence -- Dallas City,

Loc.

Texas -- Interior of  
entrance hall

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Interior of entrance hall

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HISTORIC

Alfred Horatio Belo Residence

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Dallas

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Dallas

STATE

Texas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

USGS

SCALE

1:24000

DATE

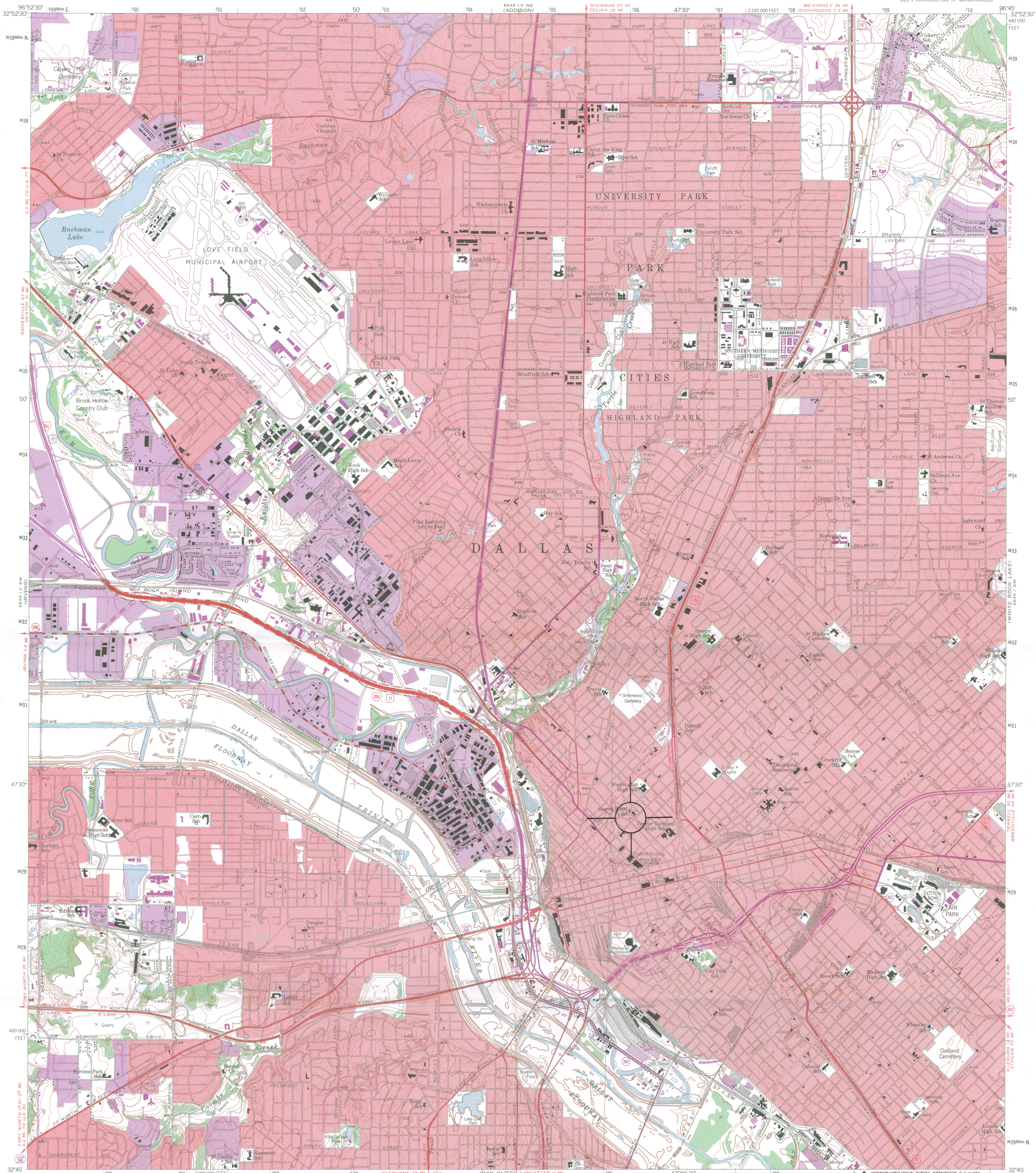
1958

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES





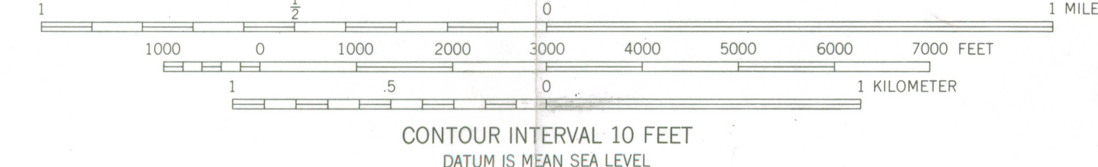
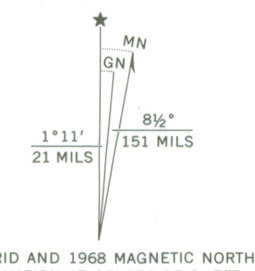
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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1952 and 1956. Topography from city of Dallas surveys  
1954 and by planetable surveys 1958

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,  
north central zone.  
1000-meter Universal Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 14, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from  
aerial photographs taken 1968. This information not field checked



**ALFRED HORATIO BELO RESIDENCE**  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
UTM REFERENCE:  
14 / 706240 / 3629740

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



DALLAS, TEX.  
SE/4 CARROLLTON 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3245-W9645/7.5

1958  
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SERIES V882  
**3296-331**

NOV 25 1969

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



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered OCT 29 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Belo, Alfred Horatio, House	Dallas Dallas County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower  
Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen  
Hon. James M. Collins

Regional Director, Southwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Truett Latimer  
Executive Director, Texas State  
Historical Survey Committee  
P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

PR MMott/je 11/11/75



<b>FEDERAL ASSISTANCE</b>		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION		3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER		7. NUMBER 8-02-04035	
1. TYPE OF ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> PREAPPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION <input type="checkbox"/> NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION <small>(Mark appropriate box)</small>		b. DATE 19 78 07 20		b. DATE Year month day 19 78 03 03		ASSIGNED	
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.		6. PROGRAM (From Federal Catalog)		b. TITLE	
a. Applicant Name : State Historic Preservation Office		74-6016195		a. NUMBER 1   5   9   0   4		b. TITLE Historic Preservation	
b. Organization Unit : Texas Historical Commission		c. Street/P.O. Box : P.O. Box 12276		d. City : Austin		e. County : Travis	
f. State : Texas		g. ZIP Code: 78711		h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Truett Latimer (512) 475-3094		8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT A-State H-Community Action Agency B-Interstate I-Higher Educational Institution C-Substate J-Indian Tribe D-District K-Other (Specify): E-City F-School District G-Special Purpose District Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A	
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT		9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE		10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)		11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING	
Alfred H. Belo House Development Project, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. The A. H. Belo mansion, built in 1888 for the founder of the Dallas Morning News, is the only surviving example of the many palatial houses that once stood on Ross Avenue. The project objective is to rehabilitate the property for use by the Dallas Bar Association.		A-Basic Grant D-Insurance B-Supplemental Grant E-Other C-Loan Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> A		Texas		12,000,000	
13. PROPOSED FUNDING		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:		12. TYPE OF APPLICATION		15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12e)	
a. FEDERAL \$ 100,000 .00		a. APPLICANT Statewide		A-New C-Revision E-Augmentation B-Renewal D-Continuation Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A		A-Increase Dollars F-Other (Specify): B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation N/A	
b. APPLICANT 772,800 .00		b. PROJECT 3		16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19/ See 33		17. PROJECT DURATION 12 Months	
c. STATE .00		18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY >		19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code)	
d. LOCAL .00		19 78 07 20		21. REMARKS ADDED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		OAHF, HCRS, Washington, DC 20240	
e. OTHER .00		f. TOTAL \$ 872,800 .00		22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT		23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE	
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT		a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE Truett Latimer, State Historic Preservation Officer		b. SIGNATURE 		c. DATE SIGNED 19 78 07 20	
a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved.		b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached: spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Response attached <input type="checkbox"/>		(1) North Central Texas Council of Governments <input type="checkbox"/>		(2) Governor's Office of Budget and Planning <input type="checkbox"/>	
24. AGENCY NAME Department of the Interior		25. APPLICATION RECEIVED 19 78 7 25		26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT Heritage Conservation & Recreation		27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Grants Administration Div.	
28. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION		29. ADDRESS 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240		30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION 48-8989		31. ACTION TAKEN	
32. FUNDING		33. ACTION DATE		34. STARTING DATE		35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)	
a. FEDERAL \$ 100,000 .00		19 78 8 8		19 78 8 1		Stephen D. Newman 202 523-5472	
b. APPLICANT 772,800 .00		36. ENDING DATE		37. REMARKS ADDED		38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION	
c. STATE .00		19 80 9 30		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.	
d. LOCAL .00		b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.)		same as #35		b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.)	
e. OTHER .00		38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION		same as #35		same as #35	
f. TOTAL \$ 872,800 .00		38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION		same as #35		same as #35	

SECTION I - APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

SECTION II - CERTIFICATION

SECTION III - FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION

JUL 25 1978



# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 12-9-76  
Reviewer INITIALS: nesbitt  
NR DOE 10/29/75

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: <sup>10</sup> Belò, Alfred Horatio, House

OTHER NAMES:

### LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: 2115 Ross Avenue  
CITY, TOWN: Dallas  
STATE: TX  
VICINITY OF: Dallas  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: third  
COUNTY: Dallas  
code: 113

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline):  
FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):  
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST  
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### FEATURES:

INTERIOR Substantially intact-1  
- unknown - 4  
- not applicable - 7  
EXTEPIOR Substantially intact-2  
- unknown - 5  
- not applicable - 8  
ENVIFONS Substantially intact-3  
- unknown - 6  
- Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -  
- EXCELLENT  
GOOD  
- FAIR  
- DETERIORATED  
- RUINS  
- UNEXPOSED  
- Unexcavated  
- UNALTERED  
ALTERED  
- Reconstructed  
- Excavated  
ORIGINAL SITE  
- MOVED  
- Unknown

ACCESS -  
Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

### FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- HOUSE  
now- NOT IN USE

### SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- RELIGION
- ENTERTAINMENT
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- CONSERVATION
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- SCIENCE
- HEALTH
- AGRICULTURE
- ECONOMICS
- LITERATURE
- RECREATION
- ARCHITECTURE -4
- EDUCATION
- MILITARY
- SETTLEMENT
- ART
- ENGINEERING
- MUSIC
- Socio/cultural -30
- COMMERCE
- EXPLORATION
- PHILOSOPHY
- TRANSPORTATION
- COMMUNICATIONS
- INDUSTRY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- URBAN & COMMUN PLANNING
- INVENTION

### Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO



ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: NEO-CLASSICAL REVIVAL *elements*

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1888

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1926

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) 1 acre

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here) Brick, 2 1/2 stories, irregular shape,

~~gabled and flat roof sections, interior chimneys, full-height tetrastyle entrance portico,~~  
~~consolidated, balustraded balcony, double-door entrance with fan and side lights; semi-circular~~  
*pedimented Corinthian*  
*dentilated modillion cornice*  
*rouched archway surmounted by* *braced side bay, 1-story side porte-cochere,*

~~side bay, 1-story flat roof porte-cochere; roof dormer; rear kitchen ell; 1926, E chapel~~  
*side*  
*near*  
wing added, *1926;* minor interior alterations. Neo-Classical *elements* revival. Built as the residence of

A. H. Belo, founder of the Dallas Morning News; ~~The~~ only surviving example of the large  
homes built along Ross Avenue *1926* in downtown Dallas before the turn of the century.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)