

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	TEXAS
COUNTY:	Fayette
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JAN 23 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fayette County Courthouse and Jail

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **104 Main (Jail)** **(Court-Bounded by Main, Colorado, Washington & Travis Sts. house)**

CITY OR TOWN: **LaGrange,** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048** COUNTY: **Fayette** CODE: **149**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Fayette County**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **LaGrange,** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **LaGrange** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Texas Historical Commission**

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

CITY OR TOWN: **Austin,** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **048**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fayette County Courthouse, dominating LaGrange's courthouse square, is surrounded by two-story commercial buildings, typical of small Texas courthouse towns. A block from the square stands the picturesque 1881 Victorian Gothic county jail. Although the entire square is worthy of nomination, only the courthouse and jail will be submitted at this time.

The Fayette County courthouse is a three-story masonry Romanesque Revival structure with a tall clock tower rising over the main entrance. Designed by J. Riely Gordon, the courthouse was built in 1890-91 and was a unique departure from the traditional cross corridor plan of Victorian courthouse designs. Inspired by a desire to develop good lighting and a more satisfactory arrangement for natural ventilation of interior spaces, Gordon arranged all the offices and the courtroom around a 30-foot square central courtyard. Numerous doors opened into this space, providing for cool breezes through the building. On the second and third floors, a two-story courtroom encompassed the west side. In the 1940's, due to a need for additional space, the open court was converted into a vault and offices.

The exterior reflects the broken massing of offices by a series of projecting pavilions on each facade. The four sides are similar in massing, consisting of a 5-part composition: a central entrance bay, flanked by two projecting gabled pavilions and recessed, crenellated, end section.

Texas' most abundant building material--stone--was used to create rich detail in texture and color. The exterior walls displayed Belton white limestone and Muldoon blue sandstone in a polychrome technique. The two stones produce a checkerboard effect in the gables, while the arches are richly expressed by alternating the voussoirs with the two different stones. Red Pecos sandstone emphasized the horizontal stringcourses and pink Burnet granite richly accent the columns and steps. The colonettes display acanthus-leaf capitals and some of the stonework displays arabesque detail. Located at the base of the clock tower is a large stone slab on which an American eagle is carved. At each end of the dentil work above the stone slab are the likenesses of griffins. Between the windows the pressed tin swag and patera motifs in the spandrels further embellish the building.

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Description...

The east is immediately identified as the main entrance. A large recessed, round, arch shelters the double doors on the first floor, a segmental arch covers the second floor balcony, and the third floor contains an uncovered balcony. The third level contains three narrow windows crowned by pressed tin arabesque embellishment, semi-circular transoms and rounded arches. The dominating features marking the entrance is the pyramidal roofed tower with round arch and supporting coupled columns framing the openings. *are*

The coupled windows on the projecting pedimented pavillions are grouped under a segmental arch on the first floor, while the second and third floor windows are organized vertically, linked by the pressed tin panel and ending in a semi-circular transom and round arch. The sides of the projecting pedimented pavilions and the recessed end sections have a slightly different organization with the first and second floor windows linked vertically under a round arch, while the coupled third floor windows have a horizontal lintel.

The alternate entrances are also arranged somewhat differently. The central bay on the north and south facades are sheltered by a two-story gabled portico containing a balcony over the first floor and a large round arch over the second. The central bay at the rear has a segmental arched opening over the rear entrance, but the second and third floors, which contain the two-story court room, is enclosed on the exterior by a large round arched aperture containing three windows with transoms. *we*

The hipped roof was originally covered with slate and Spanish tile, but is now of composition shingles.

A block from the Fayette County Courthouse stands the two-story, masonry, Victorian Gothic Fayette County jail. Designed by Andrewarthe and Wahrenberger and built in 1881 by Fritz Schulte, the picturesque T-shaped structure contains both jailer's quarters and cells. The building expresses a feeling of solidarity in the use of rusticated limestone and emphasizes the architectural details with the smooth, polished stone.

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The main facade consists of a large, gabled, central mass creating a slightly projecting tower pavilion at the center and two gabled end pavilions forming angular projections at each corner of the main mass. The first floor of the central projecting bay contains a double door with transom under a segmental arched lintel bearing the inscription "County Jail." The second floor contains two narrow segmental arched windows, and a third level contains three small louvered, lancet windows. Crowning this central portion is a stepped parapeted tower with a large lancet arch opening, embellished with iron detail. The projected portion is emphasized by quoins on the lower half and oilasters with crenellated capitals on the upper portion of the tower. Additional details include decorative molding and corbelling.

The central portion and flanking indented bays constitute the central gabled mass. The angled corner pavilions complete the main facade and add interest to the rectangular hipped roof portion. On the first floor of the angled bays are two narrow windows with flat beveled lintels, grouped under a segmental arch. The second floor displays two windows with segmental lancet arched lintels. Quoins embellish the pavilion until meeting the stringcourse at the second level. A small lancet window creates a third level in the gable and the molded cornice and finial complete the bay.

A one-story pitched roof wing extends from the rear center of the hipped roof rectangular portion. Segmental arched windows are spaced along the east and west facades of the wing. The rear of north facade of the wing has angled end pavilions similar in scale to the ones on the main facade with narrow windows containing segmental arches and a round window in the gable.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1881 (Jail)** **1891 (Courthouse)**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fayette County was first settled by members of Stephen F. Austin's old Three Hundred. Named for the French hero of the U.S. Revolution, Marquis de Lafayette, the county was created by the Republic of Texas in 1837 and organized in 1838 with LaGrange as the county seat.

Several different structures housed the courthouse and jail before the present facilities were built. Because of the immediate need for a courthouse in 1838 a small building, formerly used as a grocery store, was moved to the square. Despite the lack of space, it was not until 1847 that a larger more permanent courthouse was erected. Also built in 1838 at a cost of \$460, was the county's first jail, in which prisoners were ironed and chained. However, within ten years a new building was needed. After numerous plans and appropriations an attractive two-story brick building was finally built in 1853. Fayette County citizens soon became concerned that the new brick jail looked better than the courthouse, thus a third courthouse was constructed in 1856. Built by H. L. Kreische and designed by William Rosenberg, the two-story masonry structure served the county until 1890.

The 1853 jail was remodeled in 1876, but by 1881 the old jail had proven inadequate to detail prisoners. In 1881 the county commissioners selected the design of Andrewarthe and Wahrenberger for a new prison and received the bid of F. Schulte for its construction. The jail was completed in 1883 and the iron fence enclosed the grounds in 1884.

By 1890 an examining committee reported that the third courthouse was in unsafe condition and recommended that a more substantial building be constructed. The county commissioners chose J. Riely Gordon of San Antonio as the architect and Martin, Byrnes and Johnson of Colorado City as the builders.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Weyand, Leonie R., and Houston Wade, An Early History of Fayette Co. La Grange, Tx. LaGrange Journal Plant, 1936.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8 acres.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Marie D. Landon, Historian
 Joe R. Williams, Project Director

ORGANIZATION: Texas Historical Commission DATE: 1-17-75

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: Joe R. Williams
 Title: Executive Director
 Date: January 17, 1975

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

DR. ROBERT M. GIBSON
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/23/75

ATTEST:
Charles O. Henry
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-22-75

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Significance...

A native of Winchester, Virginia, J. Riely Gordon had no formal architectural training. At the age of 18 he began his career in Texas by study and apprenticeship with the Waco architect, W. D. Dodson. In 1883 Gordon went to Washington, D. C. and worked under the supervising architect of the Treasury. Returning to Texas in 1887 he opened an office in San Antonio and soon became popular as a courthouse architect. Besides the Fayette County Courthouse, he designed the courthouses in the counties of Victoria, Bexar, Erath, Dallas, Brazoria, Ellis, Hopkins, Gonzales, Wise, Lee, Comal and Harrison. Following a national trend inspired by the work of Henry Hobson Richardson, the style, frequently known as the Richardsonian Romanesque was quite fashionable in Texas in the 1890's. J. Riely Gordon did some of his finest work in this style and most of his courthouses reflect his personal version of the Richardsonian Romanesque.

The Fayette County Courthouse and Jail, both serving their original functions, remain unchanged except for some interior alterations.

Property Fayette County Courthouse + Jail

State Texas

Working Number 1.22.75.76

Fayette
75001973

TECHNICAL

Photos 10
Maps 1

CONTROL

ok C. Ashton
1-22-75

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HISTORIAN

Accept
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1-22-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
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1/22/75

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Inventory _____
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Accept
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1/22/75

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KEEPER

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for photos
1.22.75

National Register Write-up _____

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STATE Texas	
COUNTY Fayette	
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ENTRY NUMBER JAN 23 1975	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Fayette County Courthouse			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square			
CITY OR TOWN: La Grange			
STATE: Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Fayette	CODE 149
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Texas Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 12-2-69			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: THC			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Detail of stonework and pressed tin embellishment on the east or main facade. #186			

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STATE Texas	
COUNTY Fayette	
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ENTRY NUMBER JAN 23 1975	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Fayette County Jail			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 104 Main			
CITY OR TOWN: La Grange			
STATE: Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Fayette	CODE 149
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Texas Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 12-2-69			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South elevation #2086			

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COUNTY Fayette	
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ENTRY NUMBER JAN 23 1975	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Fayette County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:

LaGrange

STATE:

Texas

CODE

048

COUNTY:

Fayette

CODE

149

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Texas Historical Commission

DATE OF PHOTO: 12-2-69

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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Detail of main entrance on east facade showing granite pilasters, acanthus leaf capitals, and arabesque detail in stonework.

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COUNTY Fayette	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JAN 23 1975	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Fayette County Courthouse			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square, bounded by Main, Colorado, Washington & Travis			
CITY OR TOWN: La Grange			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Texas	048	Fayette	149
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
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COUNTY Fayette	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Fayette County Courthouse			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square			
CITY OR TOWN: La Grange			
STATE: Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Fayette	CODE 149
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
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DATE OF PHOTO: 12-2-69			
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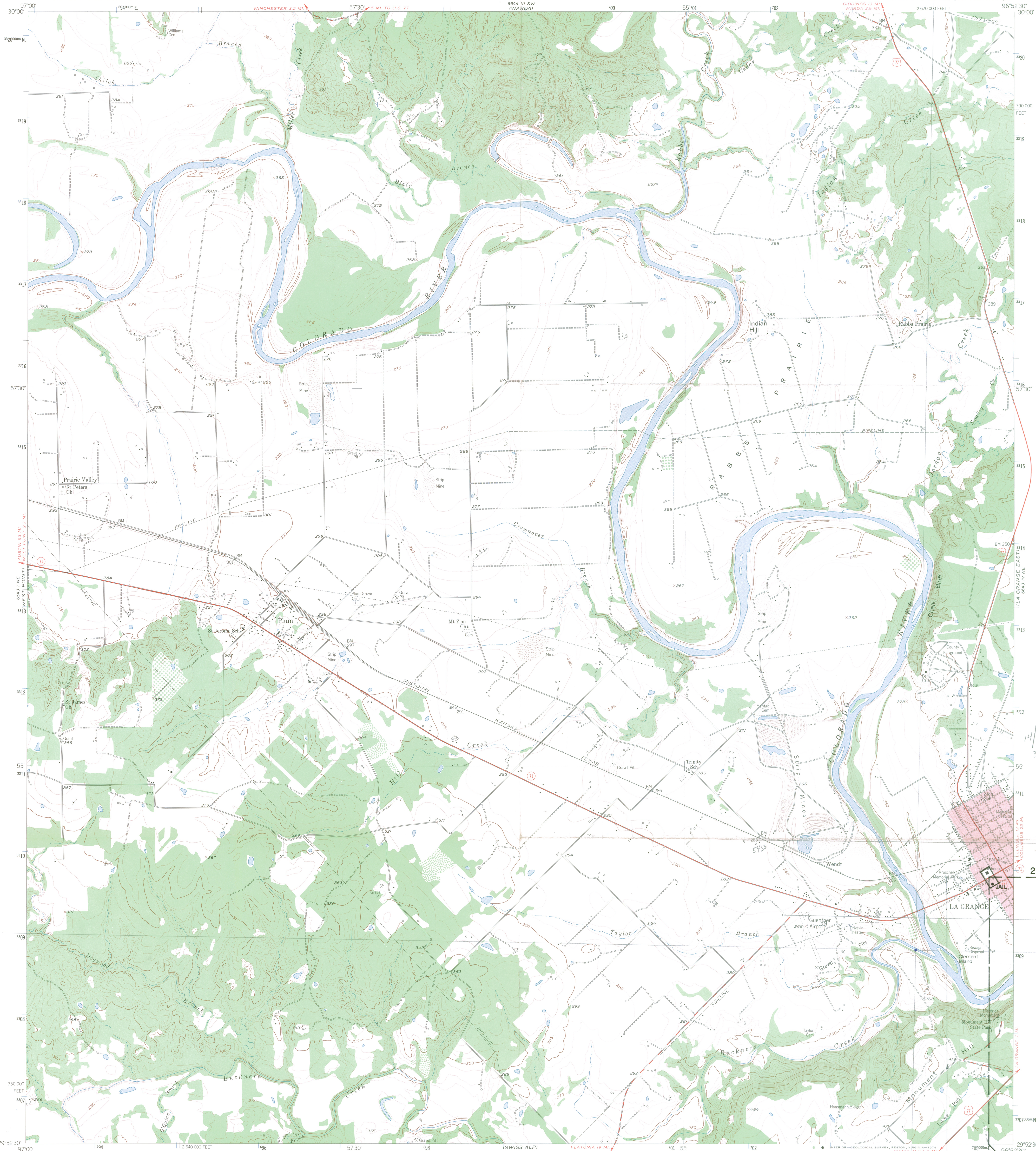
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1. NAME			
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CITY OR TOWN: La Grange			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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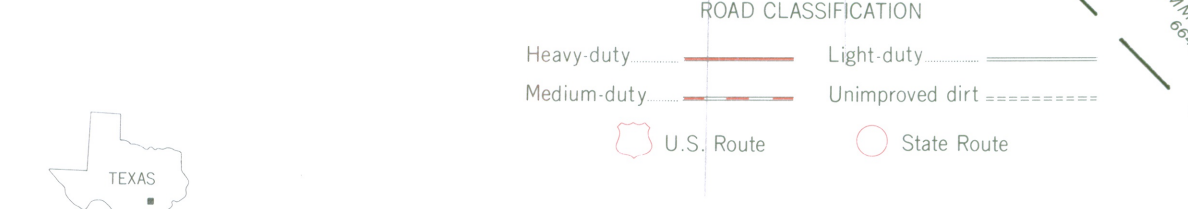
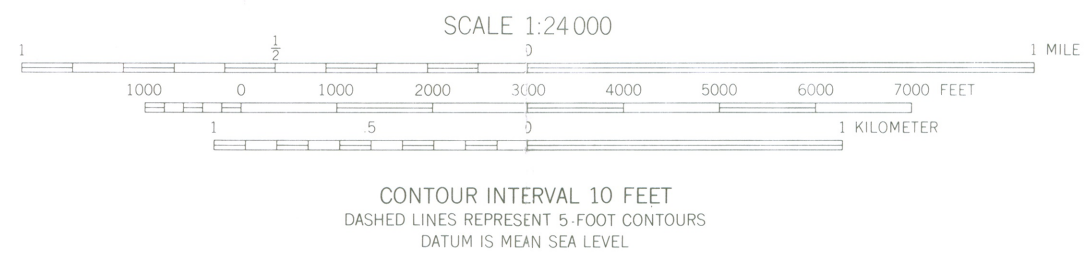
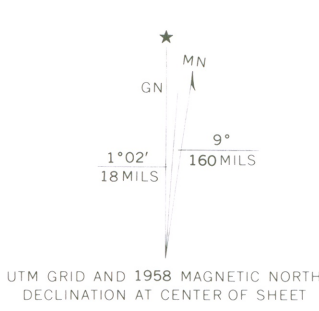


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10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
south central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown



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Texas Historical Commission
Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
Truett Latimer
Executive Director

January 17, 1975

Mr. Charles Herrington
Chief Architectural Historian
National Register of Historic
Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th & C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed is the nomination for the Fayette County Courthouse and Jail. Surrounding the courthouse are attractive nineteenth century Victorian commercial buildings that we want to include as a courthouse historic district in the near future. However, in order to amend the apportionment warrant for fiscal year 1973 and make development funds immediately available to the courthouse, we are only nominating the county structures at this time.

We are looking forward to visiting with your staff at the annual meeting in February.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie D. Landon".

Marie D. Landon
Historian

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Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE

TEXAS JAN 23 1975

Date Entered

Name

Location

Fayette County Courthouse and Jail

La Grange
Fayette County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. J. J. Pickle

Regional Director, Southwest
Region

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

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 12/16/76
Reviewer INITIALS: Nesbitt

NR DOE 1/23/75

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: FAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JAIL

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION: COURTHOUSE SQUARE AND 104 MAIN St.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

LA GRANGE

STATE

TX

VICINITY OF

048

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

FAYETTE

code

149

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

EXTERIOR

Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

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-Jail 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- COURTHSE./JAIL

now- COURTHSE./JAIL

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

AGRICULTURE

ARCHITECTURE -4

ART

COMMERCE

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSERVATION

ECONOMICS

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

EXPLORATION

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Law/Gov't/politics

LITERATURE

MILITARY

MUSIC

PHILOSOPHY

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION

SCIENCE

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN -24

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

entertainment

health

recreation

settlement -29

socio/cultural

urban & commun

planning

Claims

"first"

YES

NO

"oldest"

YES

NO

"only"

YES

NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ^{RICHARDSONIAN} ROMANESQUE (COURTHOUSE) / GOTHIC REVIVAL AND ROMANESQUE ELEMENTS (JAIL)
architect/m. builder: J. RIELY GORDON (COURTHOUSE) / ANDREW WARTHE & WAHRENBERGER (JAIL) engineer:
landscape/garden designer: artist/artisan:
interior decorator: builder/contractor: F. SCHULTE - JAIL

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: personal (1) - STEPHEN F. AUSTIN - LED GROUP OF 300 FAMILIES GRANTED TO HIM BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, CA. 1820s. TO LAND IN TEXAS
(label role & appropriate date) events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1890-1891 - COURTHOUSE / 1861 - JAIL
DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:
HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

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

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) 8 ACRES

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here) COURTHOUSE: LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, AND GRANITE; 3 STORIES, MODIFIED RECTANGLE, HIPPED AND GABLED ROOF SECTIONS; 5-STORY CENTER ENTRANCE CLOCK TOWER, PYRAMIDAL ROOF, PROTECTING FLANKING GABLED PAVILIONS; ROUND-ARCHED BALUSTRADED ENTRANCE PORTAL, MULTI-COLOR STONE WINDOW AND DOOR VOISSIERS, CRENELATED PARAPET, DECORATIVE SPANDRELS. MULTI-COLOR PATTERNED STONE IN GABLE ENDS, RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE.

JAIL: ROCK-FACED STONE, 2 1/2 STORIES, T-SHAPED, GABLED ROOF SECTIONS; 3 1/2-STORY FRONT CENTER ENTRANCE TOWER, POINTED-ARCHED OPEN-WORK BELFRY, STEPPED GABLES, SEGMENTAL-ARCHED WINDOWS, CORBELED CORNICE; MINOR INTERIOR SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences) ALTERATIONS; GOTHIC AND ROMANESQUE ELEMENTS.

COURTHOUSE IS THE WORK OF NOTED ARCHITECT JAMES RIELY GORDON. COUNTY SETTLED BY MEMBERS OF STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S ORIGINAL 300 FAMILIES.

In continuous use as courthouse and jail.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF ACTION

PREAPPLICATION

APPLICATION

(Mark appropriate box)

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt)

REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION

2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION

a. NUMBER

b. DATE Year month day
19 78 07 21

Leave Blank

3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

a. NUMBER
8-07-12-006

b. DATE Year month day
ASSIGNED 1978 07 10

4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT

a. Applicant Name : State Historic Preservation Office

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

5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.
74-6016195

6. PROGRAM (From Federal Catalog)

a. NUMBER 150904

b. TITLE
Historic Preservation

7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT

Fayette County Courthouse Development Project-Phase II
LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas

The objective of this project is to preserve the courthouse by restoring the interior marble tile floors, patching and replastering the interior walls and cleaning and refinishing the interior woodwork.

Source of matching money: Fayette County funds.

8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT

A-State
B-Interstate
C-Substate District
D-County
E-City
F-School District
G-Special Purpose District

H-Community Action Agency
I-Higher Educational Institution
J-Indian Tribe
K-Other (Specify):

Enter appropriate letter A

10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)

Texas

9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

A-Basic Grant
B-Supplemental Grant
C-Loan

D-Insurance
E-Other

Enter appropriate letter(s) A

11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING
12,000,000

12. TYPE OF APPLICATION

A-New
B-Renewal

C-Revision
D-Continuation

E-Augmentation

Enter appropriate letter A

13. PROPOSED FUNDING

a. FEDERAL	\$ 21,000	.00
b. APPLICANT	21,000	.00
c. STATE		.00
d. LOCAL		.00
e. OTHER		.00
f. TOTAL	\$ 42,000	.00

15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12c)

A-Increase Dollars
B-Decrease Dollars
C-Increase Duration
D-Decrease Duration
E-Cancellation

F-Other (Specify):

Enter appropriate letter(s)

14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:

a. APPLICANT statewide

b. PROJECT 10

16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day
19 79 See 33

17. PROJECT DURATION 12 Months

18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY 1978 07 24

19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

21. REMARKS ADDED

Yes No

20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code)

OAHP, HCRS, Washington, DC 20240

22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT

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: No response attached

(1) Governor's Office of Budget and Planning

(2) Capital Area Planning Council

(3)

23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE

a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE
Truett Latimer, State Historic Preservation Officer

b. SIGNATURE

c. DATE SIGNED Year month day
1978 07 21

24. AGENCY NAME
Department of the Interior

25. APPLICATION RECEIVED Year month day
1978 7 26

26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT
Service Heritage Conservation & Recreation

27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
Grants Administration Div.

29. ADDRESS
18th and C Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240

30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION
48-8995

31. ACTION TAKEN

a. AWARDED

b. REJECTED

c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT

d. DEFERRED

e. WITHDRAWN

32. FUNDING

a. FEDERAL	\$ 21,000	.00
b. APPLICANT	21,000	.00
c. STATE		.00
d. LOCAL		.00
e. OTHER		.00
f. TOTAL	\$ 42,000	.00

33. ACTION DATE Year month day
19 78-9-18

34. STARTING DATE Year month day
19 78 9 1

35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)
Stephen D. Newman
202 523-5472

36. ENDING DATE Year month day
19 79 9 30

37. REMARKS ADDED

Yes No

38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION

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.

b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.)
Same as #35

SECTION I—APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

SECTION II—CERTIFICATION

SECTION III—FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION