

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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DATE ENTERED **MAY 30 1975**

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Lee County Courthouse**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **Bounded by Hempstead, Grimes, E. Richmond
and Main Streets**

CITY, TOWN **Giddings** VICINITY OF **10** — NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE **Texas** CODE **048** COUNTY **Lee** CODE **287**

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Lee County**

STREET & NUMBER **Courthouse**

CITY, TOWN **Giddings** VICINITY OF **Texas** STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Lee County Courthouse**

STREET & NUMBER **Courthouse Square**

CITY, TOWN **Giddings** STATE **Texas**

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **Texas State Historical Survey**

DATE **1970** — FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS **Texas Historical Commission**

CITY, TOWN **Austin** STATE **Texas**

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lee County Courthouse in Giddings, Texas, stands on a public block that, unlike most squares in towns throughout the state, is surrounded by residential rather than commercial buildings. Designed by J. Riely Gordon in 1898 and built by Sonnefield, Emmins and Abright of San Antonio, the three-story red brick courthouse is located on the crest of the high divide that separates the Colorado and Brazos river basins. The building displays a combination of a variety of structural masses and is an imposing site in the predominantly residential area.

Similar in design to many of Gordon's Texas courthouses, the Lee County Courthouse employs the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Cruciform in plan, the structure contains two story quarter-circular entrance galleries set into the front ells (northeast and northwest ells), while the rear ells (southeast and southwest) contain two three-story quarter-circular bays with open arcades on the first level and enclosed floors on the second and third levels. A brick parapet with punched brick detail crowns each bay.

Each arm of the Greek cross is covered by a hipped roof. From three of the wings large, gabled wall dormers project, while a chimney rises from the rear (south) arm. Two additional dormers are set within the northeast and northwest ells above the two-story quarter-circular galleries. The three-story quarter-circular bays are crowned by cross hipped roofs. Rising from the center of the mass is a tall, square, brick clock tower with tall arcaded openings and a clock. The tower ends abruptly, however, for it lacks the pyramidal roof that Gordon typically employed.

The raised three-story red brick building rests on a raised limestone base and is decoratively trimmed with white rusticated limestone arches, foliated capitals, lintels and stringcourses. To this striking color contrast is added blue granite employed in the steps and in the polished columns supporting the arcades. A wide limestone band around the first and third floors forms the window lintels on these floors, while the second floor windows contain single stone lintels. A narrow limestone stringcourse below the second and third floors divides the building horizontally. Most of the windows are trabeated, but the large stone arches, typical of the Romanesque Revival style are present in the gallery arcades, entrance doors, dormers and the clock tower.

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The interior ornamentation displaying a variety of color is characteristic of Gordon's designs. The ground floor is finished with marble tile, border, and base, all of a different color. The district courtroom, enhanced by attractive woodwork, has a high stamped metal ceiling and a gallery, supported by iron columns.

Besides a few minor changes, such as the removal of the iron fence which once surrounded the block and the replacement of the slate shingles with sheet metal simulating shingles, there have been no alterations to the original 1898 courthouse.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1898-99

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J. Riely Gordon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lee County Courthouse is a fine example of a nineteenth century Texas courthouse. Designed in 1898 by J. Riely Gordon, a prominent Texas courthouse architect in the 1890's, the building represents Gordon's version of the popular Richardsonian Romanesque style. In emphasizing the building's role as the focal point of the community, Gordon utilized various Romanesque details and combined a variety of structural masses to give the courthouse a sense of weight and stability.

Created from Bastrop, Burleson, Fayette, and Washington counties, Lee County was organized in 1874. Giddings and Lexington were the leading rivals for the selection of a county seat. Lexington, an older town surrounded by excellent farmland, confidently laid out a courthouse square. But Giddings, settled chiefly by Wendish Lutherans in the 1850's, was a railroad town and was proud of its high, healthy location astride the divide between the Brazos and Colorado Rivers watersheds. In the heated and bitterly contested election, Giddings was selected as the county seat.

The first Lee County Courthouse was completed four years later in 1878. Built on a public square just south of the business section, the courthouse was a two-and-a-half story, Second Empire structure with mansard roof. A fire in 1897 unfortunately destroyed the elegant building. As plans were being discussed for a new structure, several people in Lexington and other county residents urged that the new courthouse be located in the geographical center of the state. However, a popular election once again confirmed Giddings as the county seat.

In order to choose an architectural style suitable for a new courthouse, a fund was set aside to enable the County Commissioners to visit various county seats in central and south Texas. The Commissioner's chose the work of the San Antonio architect, J. Riely Gordon. A native of Winchester, Virginia, 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. O. Dodson and in 1883 he went to Washington, D. C. to work under the supervising architect of the Treasury. Returning to Texas in 1887 Gordon opened an office in

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San Antonio and soon became popular as a courthouse architect. His courthouse designs which preceded the Lee County Courthouse were in the counties of Fayette (1892), Victoria (1892), Bexar (1892-95), Erath (1892), Hopkins (1894-95), Gonzales (1894-96), Ellis (1895-96), Wise (1895-97) and Comal (1898).

The contracting bid went to the San Antonio firm of Sonnefield, Emmins and Abright, whose bid for \$32,270 was approved April 22, 1898. Other bids included those for a tower clock, hot air heating system, furniture, windmill and well, plumbing, concrete walk, and iron fence. The Sonnefield firm used county convicts at \$1.00 per day to remove the burnt bricks from the old courthouse and the new building was constructed on the same location. Completed in 1899, and received by the Board of Commissioners on June 3, 1899, Gordon's design was nearly identical to the Comal County Courthouse built the year before. The building is still used as the courthouse and has had only minor alterations.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Robinson, Willard B. and Todd Webb, Texas Public Buildings of the Nineteenth Century, Austin: The University of Texas Press, 1974.

Texas Historical Commission Marker Files, "Lee County Courthouse."

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION Texas Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER Box 12276, Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN Austin

DATE April 25, 1975

TELEPHONE 512 475-3094

STATE Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

[Signature] SIGNATURE

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE April 30, 1975

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

[Signature]

DATE 5/30/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: [Signature]

DATE 5.30.75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]

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Lee Co.

Property LEE County Courthouse

State TEXAS Working Number 5.9.75.908

TECHNICAL
Photos 3
Maps 1

CONTROL
OK *pl*
5.14.75

I wish they wanted funds to finish the tower

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Accept
W.R. Luce
5/21/75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
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5/19/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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Cole
5.23.75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hunting
for Mustang
5.30.75

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____
Federal Register Entry 7-1-75 Re-submit _____

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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Texas Historical Commission DATE OF PHOTO 1970

NEGATIVE FILED AT THC

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 3

Southwest oblique revealing one of the three-story quarter-circular rear entrance bays

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Northwest oblique

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PHOTO NO. 2

Detail of northeast quarter-circular entrance gallery

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Giddings

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COUNTY

Lee

STATE

Texas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. Geological Survey

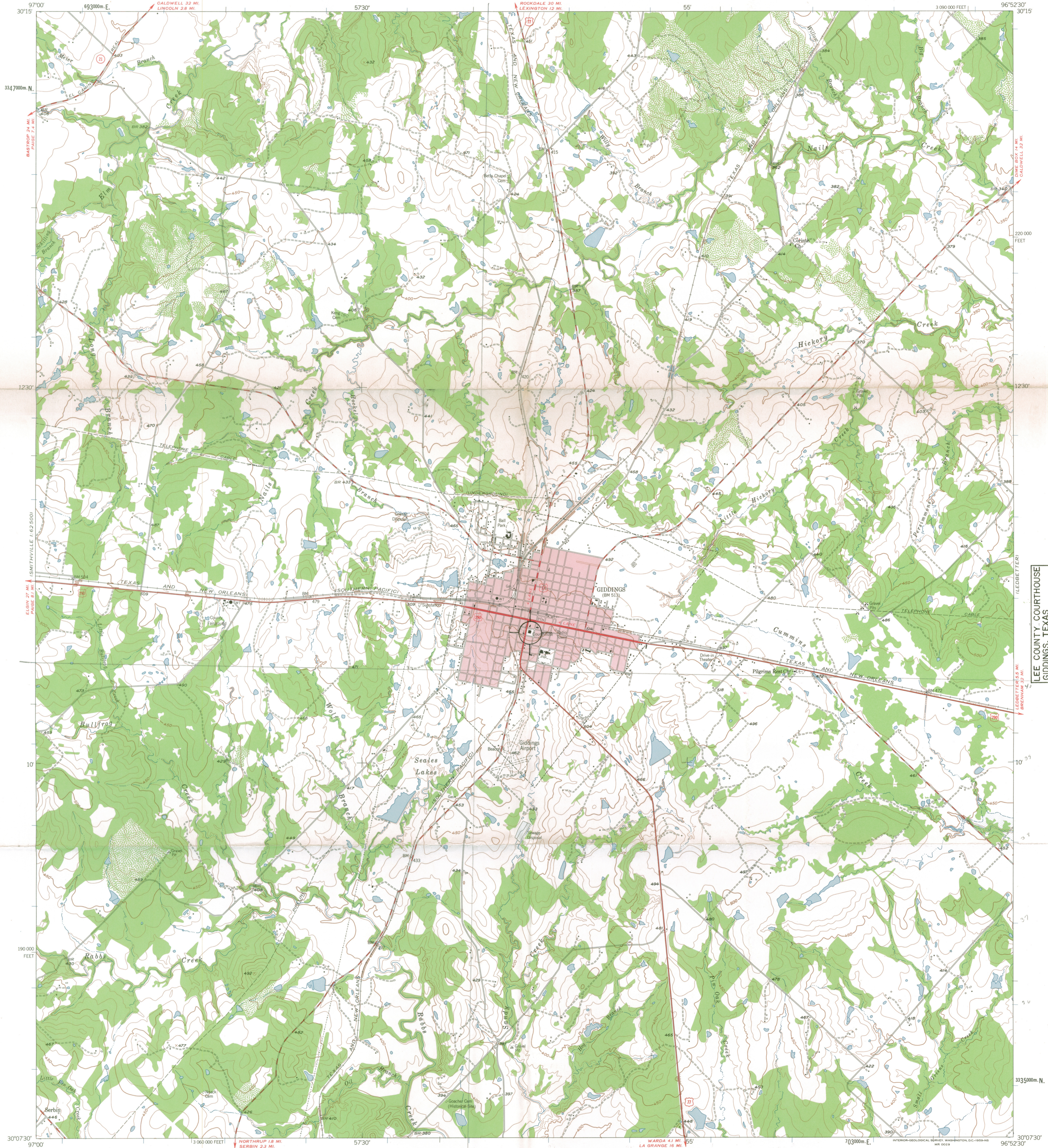
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4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

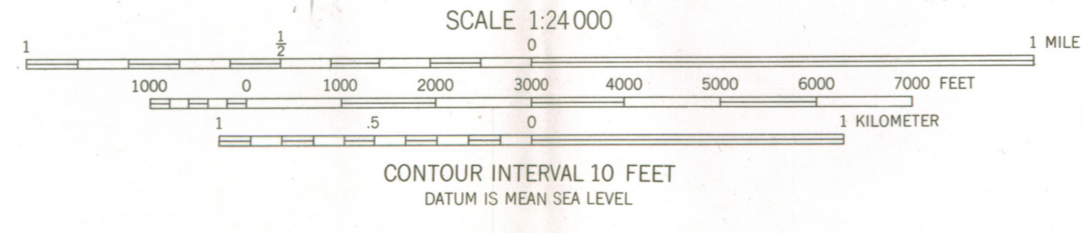


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LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
GIDDINGS, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE:
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1956. Field check 1958
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 area in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Area covered by dashed light-blue pattern is
subject to controlled inundation



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

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GIDDINGS, TEXAS
MAY 09 1975
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1958

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **TEXAS**

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Name

Location

Lee County Courthouse

Giddings
Lee County

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd Bentsen
Hon. J.J. (Jake) Pickle
Regional Director, Southwest Region

Also Notified

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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6/3/75

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① NAME as it appears on federal register: Lee County Courthouse ② OTHER NAMES: — ③ date of entry: 5-30-75 ④ county code: 287

⑤ LOCATION street & number: (See reverse) city / town: Giddings vicinity of: — state: TX county: Lee ⑥ NPS REGION: S.W.

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: —

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO ⑪ CONGRESS DISTRICT: 10 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form? TX H.C.

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO ⑮ ACREAGE: 1.0
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown ⑰ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO ⑱ SAVED? YES NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO

⑳ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ㉑ CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric - 2	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE - 6	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT - 26	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCH. - 15	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW - 16	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS / GOVT. - 21	<input type="checkbox"/> RECREATION - 28
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㉒ functions: County Courthouse ㉓ dates of initial construction: 1898-1899 ㉔ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: —
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: A Courthouse
 CURRENTLY: same
 major alterations: —
 historic events: —

㉕ architectural style(s): brick interpretation of Richardsonian Romanesque ㉖ architect: J. Riely Gordon ㉗ master builder: — ㉘ engineer: —

㉙ landscape architect / garden designer: — ㉚ interior decorator: Anna ㉛ artist: — ㉜ artisan: — ㉝ builder: Sonnefield, Emmins, Abright of San Antonio

㉞ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㉟ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Brick, rock-faced stone trim; 3 1/2 stories, cross-shaped, cross-hipped roof w/ gabled wall dormers & truncated crossing clock tower; interior end chimney, & bowed re-entrant corner 2-story portico; glazed double door entrance in truncated crossing clock tower with arched openings.

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⑤ Bounded by Hempstead, Grimes, E. Richmond,
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13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME: — NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME: — NO 15 ACREAGE: 1.0 16 ACRES: — 16 CONDITION: deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated 17 features: INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS: YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO 20 SAVED? YES NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5 COMMERCE-6 COMMUNICATIONS-7 CONSERVATION-8 ECONOMICS-9 EDUCATION-10 ENGINEERING-11 ENTERTAINMENT-26 EXPLORATION-12 HEALTH-27 INDUSTRY-13 INVENTION-14 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 LAW-16 LITERATURE-17 MILITARY-18 MUSIC-19 PHILOSOPHY-20 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RELIGION-22 SCIENCE-23 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25 RECREATION-28 SETTLEMENT-29 URBAN PLANNING-31 OTHER (SPECIFY) — 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

23 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: County Courthouse CURRENTLY: same 24 dates of initial construction: 1898-1899 major alterations: — historic events: — 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: —

26 architectural style(s): brick interpretation of Richardsonian Romanesque 27 architect: J. Riely Gordon 28 master builder: — 29 engineer: — 30 landscape architect / garden designer: — 31 interior decorator: — 32 artist: — 33 artisan: — 34 builder: San Antonio Sonnefield, Emmins, Abright of A

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: —

Brick, rock-faced limestone trim foundation; 3 1/2 stories, cross-shaped, cross-hipped roof with gabled re-entrant corner wall dormers, interior end chimney, double-door entrances in bowed re-entrant corner 2-story porticos, truncated central clock tower with blind-arched openings, corbeled cornice. Brick interpretation of Richardsonian Romanesque built by J. Riely Gordon, prominent TX courthouse architect.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION	a. NUMBER	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	a. NUMBER 6/04/13014																												
1. TYPE OF ACTION (Mark appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> PREAPPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION <input type="checkbox"/> NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION	Leave Blank		b. DATE Year month day 1977 05 25	b. DATE ASSIGNED Year month day 1976 15 4																													
	4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 74-6016195																														
a. Applicant Name : State Historic Preservation Officer b. Organization Unit : Texas Historical Commission c. Street/P.O. Box : P. O. Box 12276 d. City : Austin f. State : Texas g. County : Travis g. ZIP Code : 78711 h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Truett Latimer : (512)475-3094		6. PROGRAM (From Federal Catalog)		a. NUMBER 150904 b. TITLE Historic Preservation																													
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Lee County Courthouse, Giddings, Lee County, Tx., Development Project-Phase I. Bell Tower: Clean, repaint interior & exterior. Replace roofing, flashing, framing, & scuttle, floor, level 2. Remove roofing, repair skylight, vents, scuttle & new roof. Preserve the existing building by repairing bell tower. Source of matching funds: County funds.		8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT A-State B-Interstate C-Substate 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A		9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE A-Basic Grant B-Supplemental Grant C-Loan D-Insurance E-Other Enter appropriate letter(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A																													
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.) TEXAS		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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A																													
13. PROPOSED FUNDING		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:		15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12e) A-Increase Dollars B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation F-Other (Specify): Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/>																													
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