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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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
Cavitt House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
713 East 30th Street
CITY, TOWN
Bryan VICINITY OF
STATE
Texas CODE
48 77801 COUNTY
Brazos CODE
041 77801

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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
Miss Edith Cavitt and Miss Ethel Cavitt
STREET & NUMBER
St. Joseph Hospital
CITY, TOWN
Bryan VICINITY OF
STATE
Texas CODE
77801

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Brazos County Clerk's Office
STREET & NUMBER
Brazos County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN
Bryan STATE
Texas CODE
77801

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Philips Addition to the City of Bryan, Brazos County, Texas
DATE
1871 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Brazos County Clerk's Office
CITY, TOWN
Bryan STATE
Texas CODE
77801

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cavitt House, located in Bryan, Texas, is a two-story stuccoed brick masonry structure with load bearing exterior walls. The ell shaped house is Bryan's oldest residence and is the only local example of the Italianate style.

The Cavitt House consists of three elements, a two-story rectangular main facade, a two-story secondary block located immediately west of the main block, and a one story kitchen ell located on the western side of the secondary blocks.

The eastern facade of the Cavitt House exhibits the asymmetrical massing and large fenestration typical of the Italianate style. The facade is divided vertically in an A, B, C, C, pattern. The northeastern 2/3rds of the facade contains a deeply inset double gallery with wide bays which frame entrances on both floors, flanked by two narrower bays on the north side. Three pillars on each level support the galleries. They are very austere with simple mitred cyma recta moulded caps and bases. The pillars themselves are square wooden columns. The second floor gallery's balustrade however, is composed of slim machine turned wooden ballusters. The A-section of the facade contains a wide rectangular bay window on the first floor with 2/2 light double hung sash windows. The bay has no ornamentation or cornice other than the metal rain gutter which carries runoff from its small wood shingled hipped roof. Above the bay are paired 2/2 light double hung sash windows set within a single broad opening with a stilted segmental arch. An identical bay window and stilted arched window combination is located on the north side of the house.

The main entrance consists of panelled double doors, each with a fixed rectangular glass pane with a round headed two light transom which has a single vertical mullion. The second floor gallery entrance is a panelled door with a single pane arched transom. The first and second story entrances on the west side of the house are similar.

The inset double galleries on the west side of the house are supported by three chamfered square wooden columns on each level. The first floor columns have simple mitred cyma recta moulded caps and bases. The second floor columns are more elaborate with bolder cyma recta moulded caps and trefoliated brackets. The balustrade is composed of wooden machine turned ballusters. The elaboration of the second floor is typical of the Italianate style and is interpreted in the courthouse in only these few details. In the early 20th century, a 1/2 turn staircase, supported on crude wooden posts, was built at the southwest end of the gallery. The stairs have a simple slat balustrade and are enclosed from the mid first floor landing to the second story gallery. A panelled door which opens on

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Historic Sites Inventory
1975 State
Texas Historical Commission
Austin, TX 78711

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to the landing provides access to the second flight of stairs.

The kitchen ell is connected to the western gallery by means of a single story gallery consisting of a shed roof supported on three chamfered columns with simple mitred and beveled caps and bases.

The kitchen ell, unlike the remainder of the Cavitt House, has double hung 4/4 light sash windows. The rectangular ell has a fireplace and chimney on its north wall. The chimney is plastered brick and rises only slightly above the ell's ridge pole which runs east and west. A breezeway once divided the ell from the two-story secondary block, has been enclosed with a stuccoed brick wall on its north side and with glazing and screening on its south end. Access to the breezeway is gained through a three panel door with a single fixed top pane inserted into the north wall of the breezeway. A small brick veneer concrete stoop with tubular steel handrails was added in the early 20th century. The stairs are at a right angle to the kitchen ell's north wall. Similar brick veneer slabs were used to replace the floors of the ground level galleries.

The Cavitt House has a subdued wooden frieze with raised discs and rectangular panels in alternating sequence. There is no cornice other than the metal rain gutters. The two-story blocks have wood shingled hipped roofs whose ridge poles intersect at a right angle. A "T" shaped captain's walk serves to visually link the two separate roof elements. The head of the "T" is located above the ridge pole of the eastern block. The captain's walk has a simple slat balustrade.

The Cavitt House is in good condition and has consistently been maintained by the Cavitt family since its construction. The house contains many of its original furnishings and is currently owned by Edith and Ethel Cavitt, daughters of the home's builder. The house has been vacant since its owners entered a local nursing facility in 1971.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cavitt House, located in Bryan, Texas, is the oldest residential structure in Bryan and the only local example of the Italianate style. Built as the home of William R. Cavitt, a local financier, the house is unusually austere for its era and style.

W. R. Cavitt, a prominent Brazos County landowner, purchased the city block on which the house stands for \$1,000 in January, 1875. The following October he brought his bride, Mary Mitchell Cavitt, to the newly completed house. The large, white stuccoed home was constructed in the Italianate style with typically large fenestration, assymetrical massing and dominant cubic shapes. However, the house was unusually chaste for its style and date, and lacked the deep bracketed cornices, corner tower, and elaborate millwork commonly found in contemporary examples of the mode. By the turn of the century the house had extensive gardens, one of Texas' first private tennis courts, and a cedar-lined walk leading to the main entrance. Only the cedar walk has survived to the present.

Cavitt was actively involved in civic affairs and twice served as a county attorney, from 1878 to 1880 and again from 1882 to 1884. In personal business matters, Cavitt was primarily involved in the planting of cotton and the acquisition of rich farmland in the surrounding Brazos valley. At the time of his death, in 1924, Cavitt owned much of the land between Bryan and nearby College Station.

Of Cavitt's six children, two are still living. Edith and Ethel Cavitt, presently confined to a local nursing home, have retained ownership of the Cavitt House and most of its original furnishings.

The Cavitt House is unique in Bryan for its continued ownership by the family which built it and for the near total lack of major modifications and alterations, which have preserved the house in very nearly its original appearance. The age of the Cavitt House is particularly significant since much of Bryan was enlarged and rebuilt in the years following Reconstruction, after the erection of the Cavitt House. The Cavitt House is therefore of particular historical value to the city of Bryan since it represents the earliest group of substantial structures built there.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Volume M, page 253, Deed Records, Brazos County, Texas.
Other volumes recording probate proceedings, marriages and deaths.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>14</u>	<u>75,2</u> <u>2,6,0</u>	<u>3,3</u> <u>9,5</u> <u>3,8,0</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Cavitt House is located at 713 East 30th street in the city of Bryan, Texas. The house is located at the center of a square 4 acre tract (1 Bryan City Block).

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

Joe Williams, Project Director
Michael Guarino, Research Assistant

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Shelley Johnson 6-30-76
SHPO

TITLE

DATE

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

Acting

Gene L. Bess

DATE

10/27/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Ronald M. Sturkey

DATE

10/27/76

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Executive Director of the Arts Council of Brazos Valley.

Property Cavitt House
State Tx Working Number 8.19.76.3992

Brazos
76002010

TECHNICAL

Photos 6
Maps 1

CONTROL

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OK 8.23.76

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grosvenor
10/20/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

4 acres

see telephone sheet

ACCEPT Call
Teleovich
10.26.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
10-27-76
Accept
BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Greenberg
for Whinnish
10/27/76

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered OCT 27 1976
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Cavitt House
Bryan, Brazos County, Texas

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Texas Historical Commission, 1976
Texas Historical Commission

Southeast oblique of the Cavitt House (main
facade)

Photo #1

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Bryan, Brazos County, Texas

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Texas Historical Commission, 1976
Texas Historical Commission

South elevation of the Cavitt House. Note
"T" shaped widow's walk.

Photo #2

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Cavitt House
Brazos County
Bryan, Texas

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B.V.A.C., Brazos Valley Arts Council, Bryan, Texas
Northwest oblique, Kitchen ell, main block and
secondary block

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Cavitt House
Brazos County
Bryan, Texas

AUG 19 1976

B.V.A.C., Brazos Valley Arts Council, Bryan, Texas
Southwest oblique, West galleries, Boarding over
dog trot (L) and window grilles installed in 1971.

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Cavitt House
Brazos County
Bryan, Texas
B.V.A.C., Brazos Valley Arts Council, Bryan, Texas
Detail--Paired windows above bay--stilted arch and
wooden freize

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Cavitt House
Bryan, Brazos County, Texas

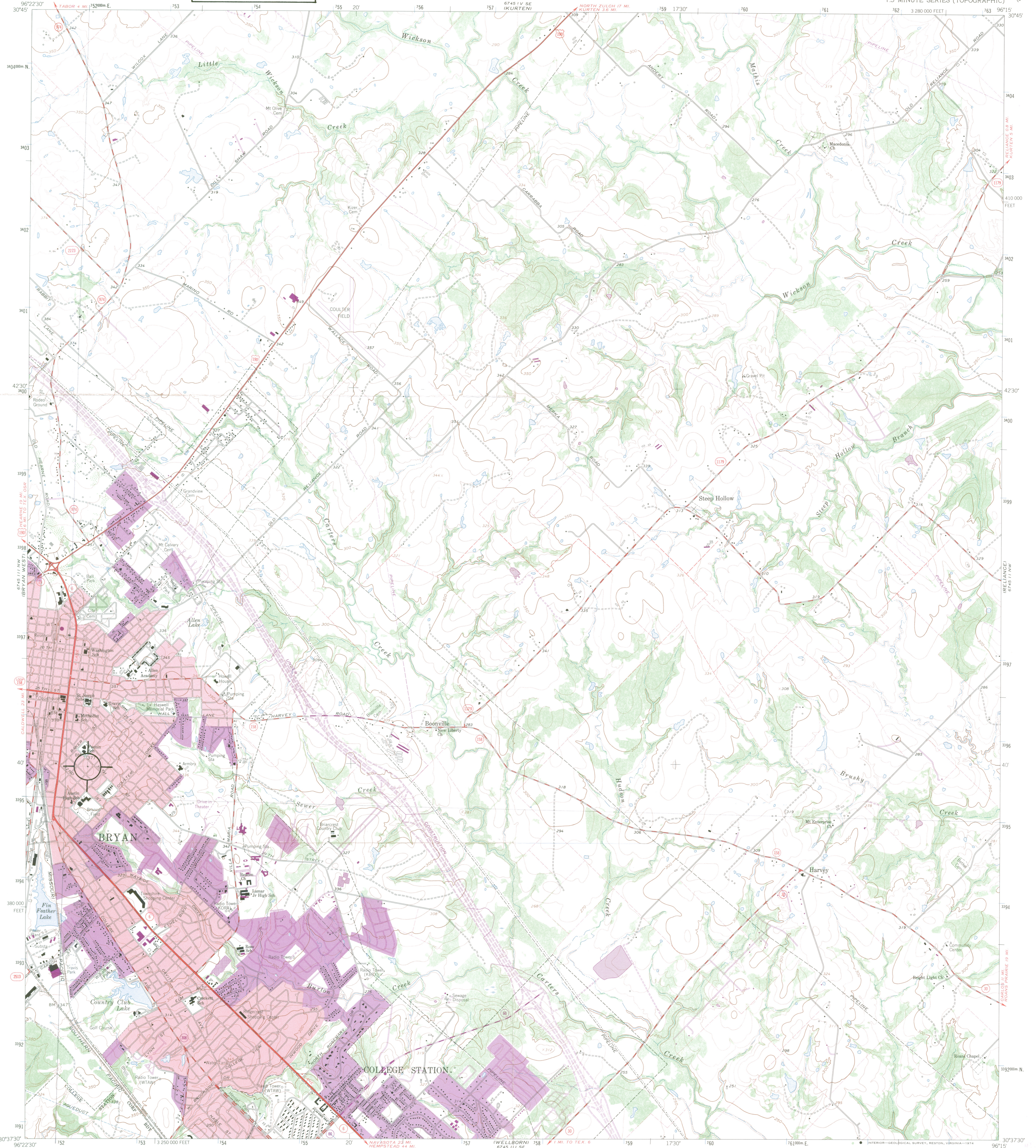
Texas Historical Commission, 1976
Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique including west wing.

Photo #6

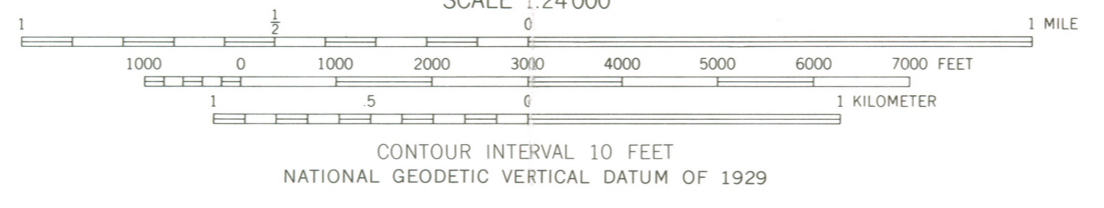
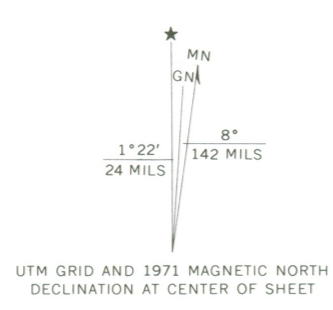
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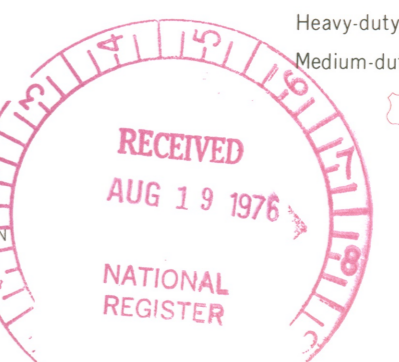
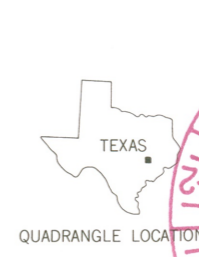


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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1961. Field checked 1962
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, central zone
1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 14, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1971. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

BRYAN EAST, TEX.
N3037 5 - W9615 7 5
1962
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 6745 111 NE-SERIES V882

DEC 2 1974

3096-424

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NOTICE

Original letter is filed with the first property referred in the text.

SEE FIRST PROPERTY FILE

Stratton 11/1
Burns
Collier
Greenberger
Montgomery
Rogers
T Wood
19/11
Whitlock 11/1

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We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

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Associate
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Enclosures

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Braxton 11/1
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19/11
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Honorable Olin E. Teague
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 10.26.76

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

10:30

AM
PM

1. CALL TO; FROM (Name)

MARIE LAWSON

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Texas SHPOFFICE

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

- (1) BRYAN CARNEGIE LIBRARY
- (2) CAVITT HOUSE

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

- (1) 1.5 Acre is correct
- (2) 4 acres is city block

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

BILL LEBONCOX

ARCHA HIST.

NAT. REG.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered OCT 27 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cavitt House	Bryan Brazos County
Bryan Carnegie Library	Bryan Brazos County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. Olin E. Teague
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Cavitt House
 2 OTHER NAMES:
 3 date of entry: 10-27-76
 4 county code: 041

5 LOCATION street & number: 713 E. 30th Street
 city / town: Bryan
 vicinity of:
 state: TX
 county: Brazos
 6 NPS REGION: Southwest

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: 6th
 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form? SHPO

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME: NO
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME: NO
 15 ACREAGE: 1.5 acre
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION:
 excellent deteriorated altered original site
 good ruins unaltered moved
 fair unexposed reconstructed unknown
 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
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18 ACCESS: YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO
 20 SAVED? YES
 21 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10
 ENGINEERING-11 ENTERTAINMENT-26
 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' - oldest residence in city
 'only' - only local example of the Italianate style

23 functions:
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Residence
 CURRENTLY: Residence
 24 dates of initial construction: 1875
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): Italianate
 27 architect:
 28 master builder:
 29 engineer:

30 landscape architect / garden designer:
 31 interior decorator:
 32 artist:
 33 artisan:
 34 builder/contractor:

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

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: Brick, stuccoed; 2 stories, L-shaped, hipped roof with deck, interior chimneys, double-door entrance, 1st- and 2nd-story single-door entrances, recessed front and rear double galleries with balustrade, windows set in segmental-arched recesses; 1-story kitchen ell. Only local example of the Italianate style; built for W.R. Cavitt, prominent land owner; city's oldest residential structure.