

Proposed Relocation
of the
Ammon Underwood House
East Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas

Prepared by:

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West Columbia, Texas

With assistance from:
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Texas Historical Commission

May 2005

Ammon Underwood House, 587 CR 703, East Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas (Proposal to Move)

From *East Columbia Historic District*, NR nomination (1991, by Hardy-Heck-Moore):

Description: A 2-story frame dwelling with center-passage plan, the Ammon Underwood House is a modest vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival style typical of the type built in Texas during the middle decades of the 19th century. Facing northwest onto Main Street, the dwelling is sheathed with wood siding and surmounted by side-gabled roof featuring composition shingles. An inset 2-tiered porch of 5 bays extends across the full width of the primary elevation. Detailed with square posts with molded caps, it features a balustrade on the second level. Fenestration includes single-door entrances with sidelights and transoms and double-hung wood sash with 6/6 lights on both levels. The Sweeny-Waddy House, relocated to rear of the property for use as a museum facility in the 1970s, is classified as a Noncontributing element of the district.

Significance: The Ammon Underwood House (NR 1976) is best known as the 50-year residence of Texas pioneer Ammon Underwood. Built in 1835 by Thomas W. Nibbs, a lawyer from Alabama, the house originally was a two-room frame dwelling. An unsuccessful law practice caused Nibbs to move to Fort Bend County to start a plantation in 1838, whereupon he sold the house to Ammon Underwood (Williams 1976).

Underwood came to Texas in 1834 from Massachusetts, arriving at East Columbia in April of that year. After working for several businesses in nearby communities, Underwood established a mercantile business in East Columbia with partners John P. Coles and David H. Milburn. Underwood joined the Texas Army in November 1835 and was appointed shortly thereafter to head the post commissary at East Columbia. After the Texas Revolution, he served as the town's postmaster from 1836 to 1845 (Webb 1952, II 817- 818). Underwood purchased the house from Nibbs in partnership with Mrs. Catherine Carson, one of Stephen F. Austin's first 300 colonists. In establishing a boarding house for the growing town, they transformed the building into a 2-story frame building of four rooms and a kitchen ell (Williams 1976). The dwelling faced Front Street overlooking the Brazos River. Upon Underwood's marriage in 1839 to Catherine Carson's daughter, Rachel, the boarding house was closed and the building served as the family residence.

While Underwood lived in East Columbia, he amassed a considerable fortune through the operation of two large cotton plantations in Brazoria County. In the 1860s Underwood's plantation hands labored to move the house away from the eroding banks of the Brazos River. Despite the loss of his fortune during the Reconstruction Era, Underwood was elected to the 19th Texas Legislature in 1884 as a representative of the Brazoria district. He served on various committees including finance, insurance, statistics and history, and public buildings and grounds. Although he had earlier conveyed it to his son, Joseph, Underwood lived in the East Columbia house until his death in 1887 (Brazoria County Deed Records P:273).

Joseph Underwood took over the house and his father's mercantile business in East Columbia. As the Brazos River continued to erode the lot, he was forced to move the house a second time before 1900. With this move the structure was divided and the half placed on an adjoining lot was destroyed in the 1900 hurricane. The remaining half was repositioned on the lot to face Main Street (Williams 1976). After Joseph's death in 1925, his children, John and Laura, gained title to the property and lived there for over three decades. The river bank again gave way in 1937, compelling the Underwood's to remove the rear kitchen ell and relocate the dwelling to its current position on the lot. In 1968 the house was acquired by the First Capitol Historical Foundation and converted it into a museum depicting early republic-era life in Texas (first Capitol Historical Foundation, Inc.). (From *East Columbia Historic District*, NR nomination (1991, by Hardy-Heck-Moore).

36 CFR 60.14.b

In accordance with 36 CFR 60.14.b of the National Historic Preservation Act as amended, the following information is included:

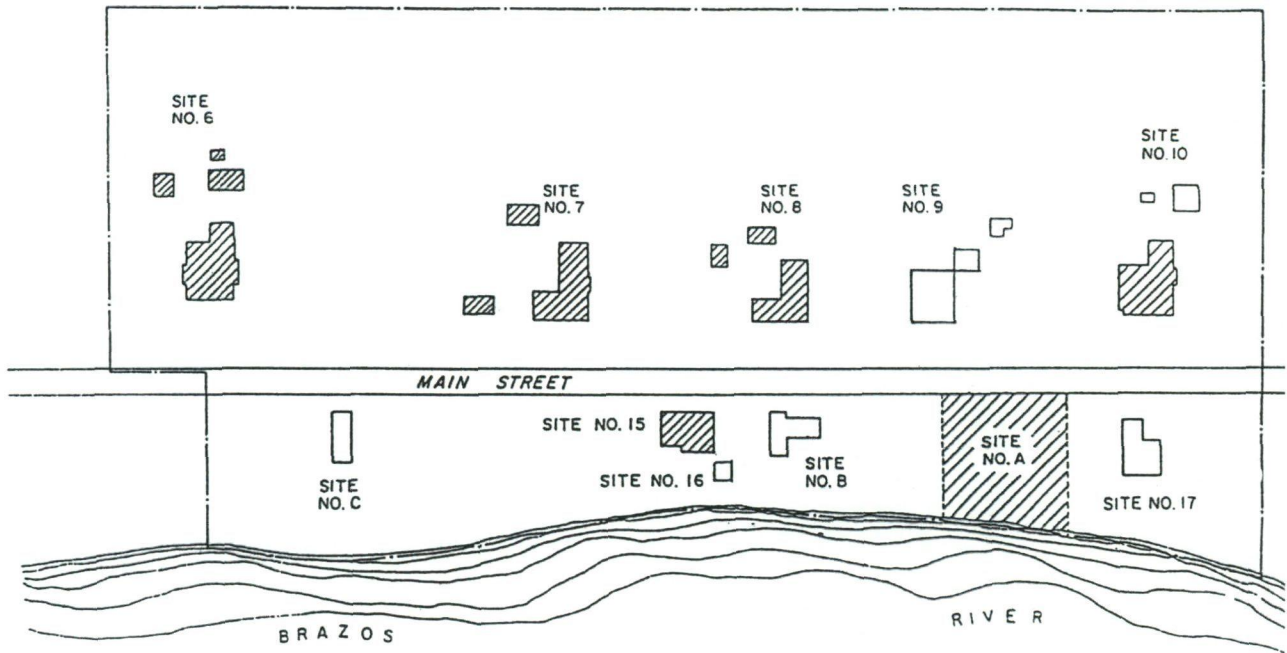
1. The reasons for the move
2. The effect on the property's historical integrity
3. The new setting and general environment of the proposed site, including evidence that the proposed site does not possess historical or archeological significance that would be adversely affected by the intrusion of the property
4. Photographs showing the proposed location.

Attachments

1. Map of the East Columbia Historic District (1990), as submitted to NPS
2. Map prepared by THC staff showing proposed house relocation site.¹
3. Map showing relocation of Ammon Underwood prior to NR listing in 1975 (THC files)
4. Map showing changing course of Brazos River, current house location and proposed location (river course map from Ammon Underwood House NRHP nomination supplemental files; modified by THC staff 2005).
5. Map with photo key.
6. Photos of proposed site (1 & 2)
7. Photos of other properties with the district (3-7)
8. Photos of the house in its current location (8-9)
9. Cover letter from Beth Griggs, President, First Capitol Historical Foundation (2 pages) (Note: referenced letters of support and other extraneous materials not included in this document).
10. Letter of March 29, 2005 from Beth Griggs, describing new documentation submitted (2 pages)
11. Plat map drawn by surveyor Randy Stroud, indicating lots for proposed new location

¹ Please note that the relocation site was recently surveyed, and the juxtaposition of the survey map onto the original district map reveals that the 1990 district map does not accurately show the location of the river. Since the eastern district boundary has not been resurveyed in its entirety, the revised map only shows the location of the river at the north end of the district. The written boundary description of the district refers only to the river as the east boundary and remains valid, despite subsequent erosion.

1. East Columbia Historic District map (as submitted to NPS, 1990; Underwood House is Site 15).



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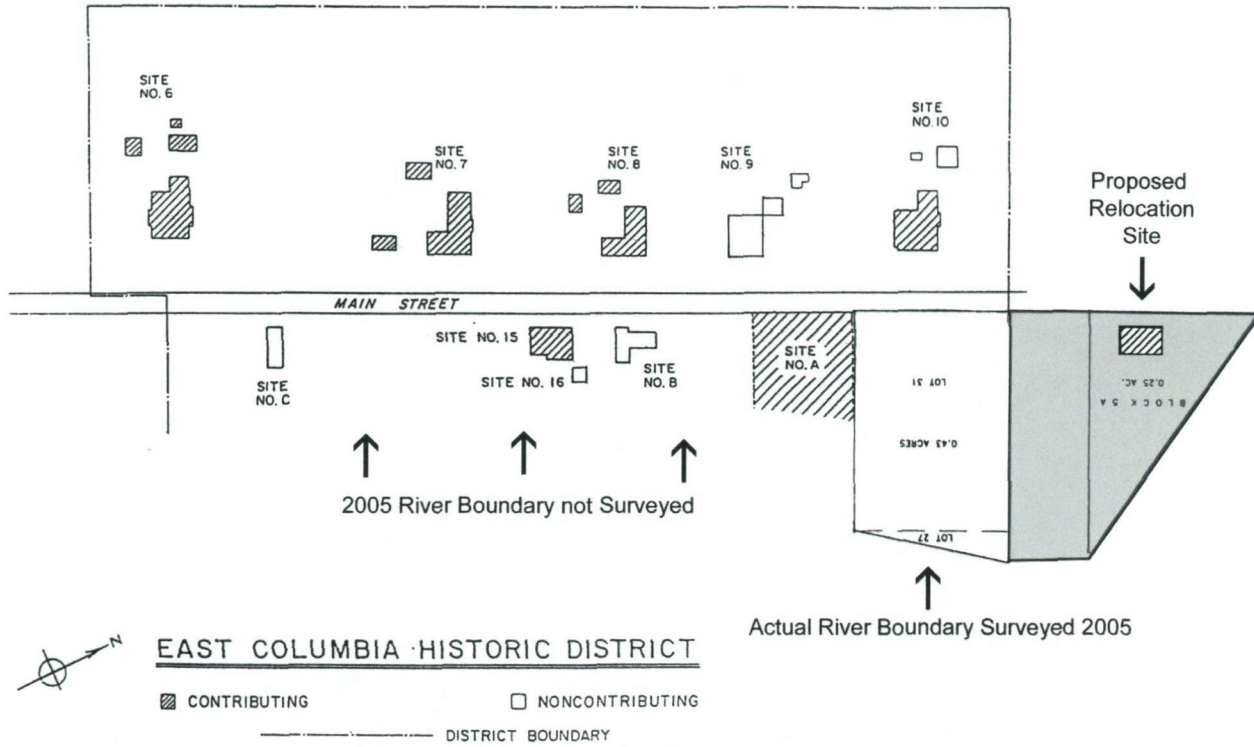
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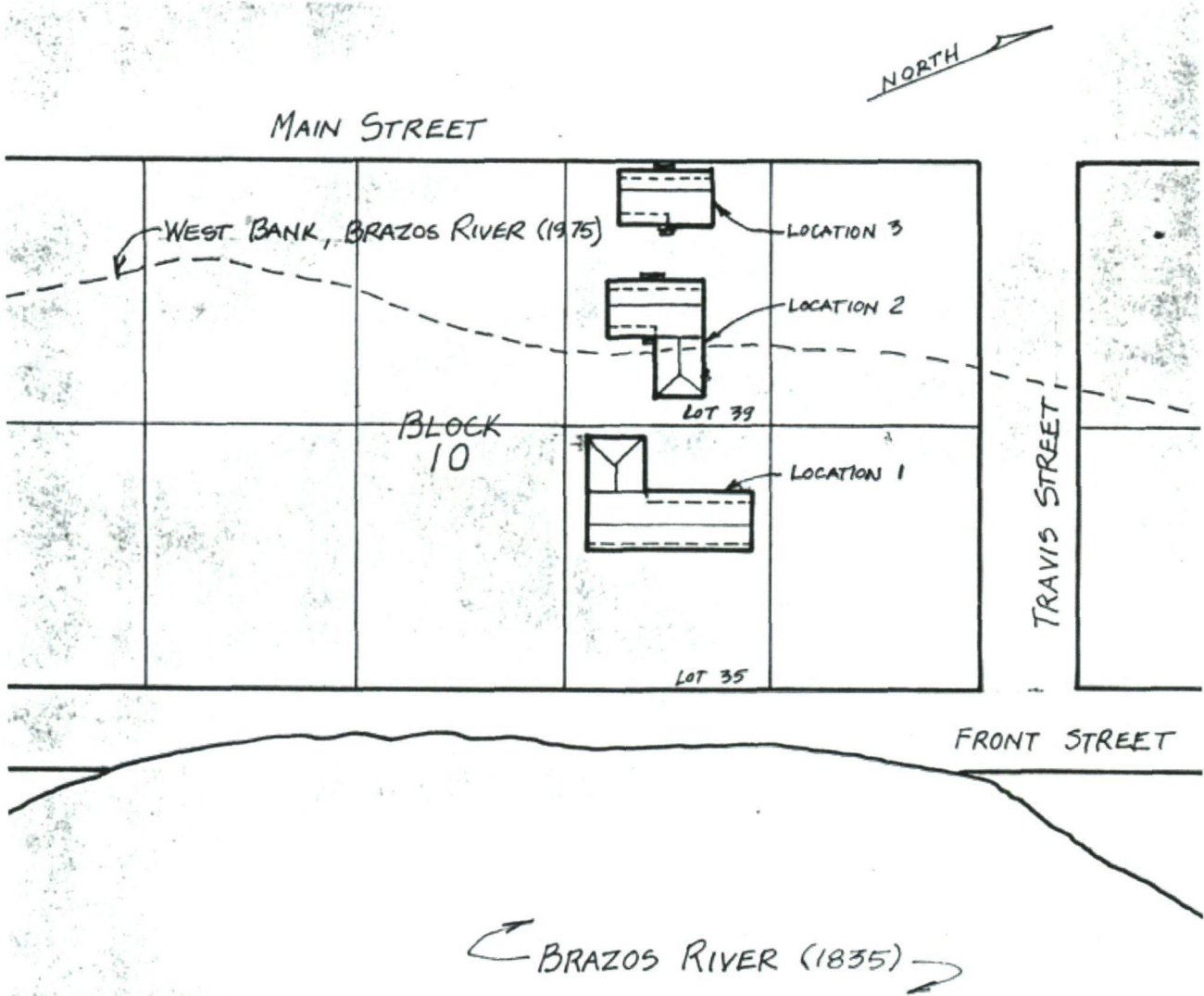
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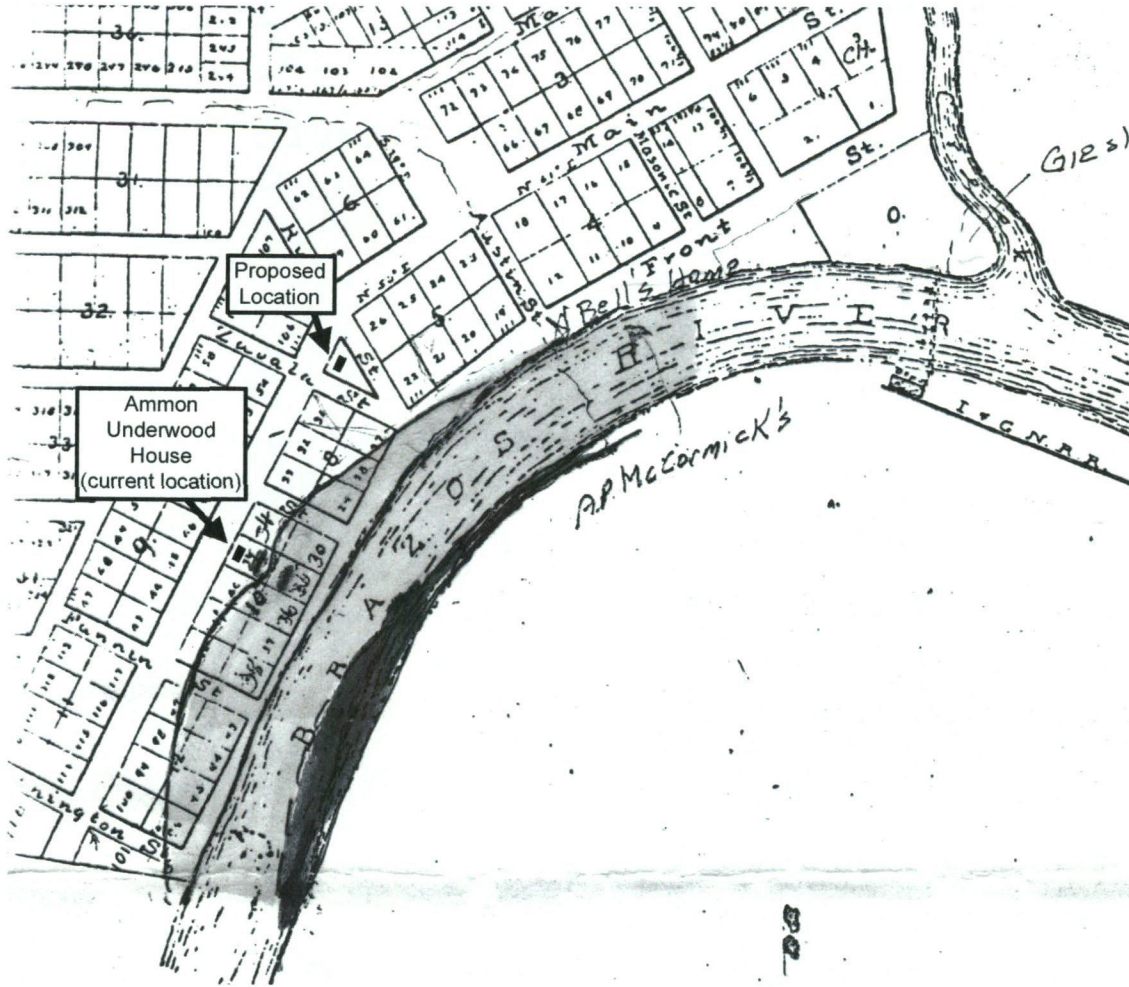
2. East Columbia Historic District Map (Ammon Underwood house is Site 15). Revised 2005 to indicate Ammon Underwood House relocation site, outside the boundary of the district.



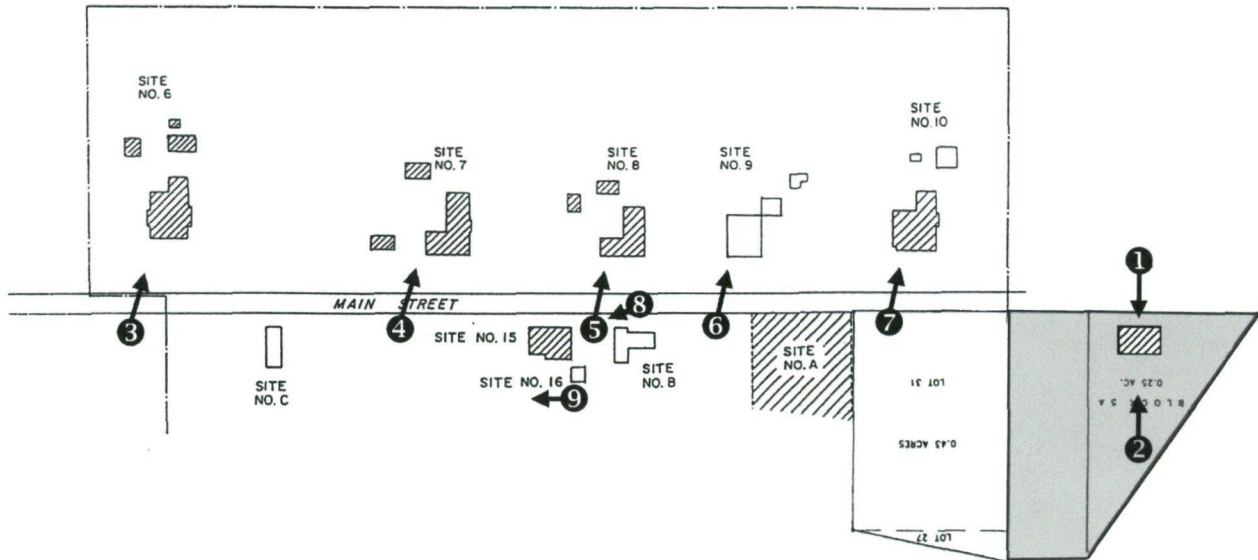
3. Map showing location of house prior to 1975 (map from Ammon Underwood House NRHP nomination supplemental files; modified by THC staff 2005).






- 4. **Map showing changing course of Brazos River**, with current house location and proposed location (river course map from Ammon Underwood House NRHP nomination supplemental files; modified by THC staff 2005).



5. East Columbia Historic District Photo Key



 **EAST COLUMBIA HISTORIC DISTRICT**

 CONTRIBUTING  NONCONTRIBUTING

————— DISTRICT BOUNDARY

Proposed Relocation Site

1. Camera facing east



2. Camera facing west



3. Dr. Mason Locke Weems House



4. Tyler Bryan Weems House



5. Capt. Travis L. Smith House



6. Aldridge-Smith House



7. Aycock-Smith-Crews House





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Ammon Underwood House 2003



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Ammon Underwood House - rear

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Re: Ammon Underwood House

Over a year ago, I contacted Dan Utley, Amy Hammons, and Jeffrey Harris about the necessity of moving the Ammon Underwood House . The Underwood House sits on the bank of the Brazos River. The river curves into the bank directly behind the Underwood House . The bank sloughs with each big rain, so that the house is in danger of falling into the river.. I have sent you information about the historic importance of the Ammon Underwood House and the Underwood Family.

This house was named a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1970, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. It is situated in a multiple property historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. We want to maintain our historic designations

According to s60.14 changes and revisions to properties listed in the National register

(b) Relocating properties listed in the National Register

(1) The house is be moved because it is in imminent danger of having the ground beneath it slough off into the Brazos River. It is to be moved a few lots north of its present location to a deeper lot, farther away from the Brazos River bank. It will be moved from 587 CR703 , to 505 CR 703., This is on the same side of the street, still within the East Columbia Historic District.

(2) It is desired that the property remain in the State Historic Preservation Program, based on the following documentation

(i) The house must be moved because the Brazos River cuts into the bank directly behind the Ammon Underwood House - and the house is in imminent danger from the river

(ii) the effect on the property's historical integrity will be negligible since it will be located within a few lots of its original site, surrounded by historic houses, still within the East Columbia Historic District

(iii) The new setting and general environment of proposed site is the same. Shovel tests reveal no historical or archeological remains on the new site, which is in keeping with the deed search and historical records.

(iv) Enclosed photographs :

1. Proposed site
- 2 Architect's drawing showing location of house on site ~
3. Ammon Underwood House at present location
4. Map showing course of Brazos River

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.The Ammon Underwood House, built in 1835, is one of the oldest houses in Brazoria County. It is valued because of its significance at the time of the Republic of Texas, and the political importance of its owner, as well s its age and method of construction. It is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It has been nominated as an Endangered Historic Property on the Texas' Most Endangered Places list.

The Ammon Underwood House is owned and operated by the First Capitol Historical Foundation organized for the sole purpose of preserving and maintaining the Underwood House and other historic structures. The Foundation was chartered in 1967 and designated as a public foundation in 2003. (Letters from Treasury Dept. Are attached)

Need for Project

The Underwood House is located on the banks of the Brazos River, and has been moved three times to escape the crumbling river banks. It is once again in critical danger. Heavy rains caused the loss of about 20 feet or river bank recently. The house must be moved (see attached maps)

Cost of Project

Sixty five thousand dollars is needed to move the house and make restoration of the house (see attached budget)

Scope of Activities:

- Preserving and exhibiting one of oldest houses in Texas
- Presenting the history of its owners and their part in Texas history
- Preserving and exhibiting the only remaining slave cabin in Brazoria County
- Presenting furnishings that are original to the house of representative of the period
- Exhibiting a way of life during days of the Republic

Specific Population that will benefit

- School tours from 8 school districts in county will have a learning classroom as they visit a historic home and a slave cabin
- Visitors will learn of life during days of Republic
- Citizens of Texas will have a significant piece of their history preserved

Supporting material

- Maps showing course of Brazos River
- Photographs showing loss of river bank
- Letters of support from school superintendents
- Letter of support from County Judge John Willy
- Letter of support from Chairman, Brazoria County Historical Commission

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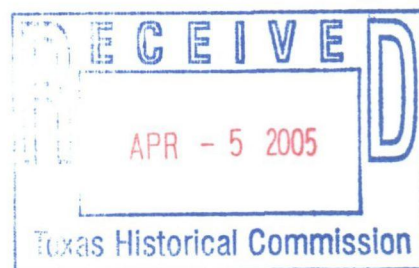


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March 29, 2005

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Greg:

The First Capitol Historical Foundation, the owner of the Ammon Underwood House, has acquired three pieces of property:

TRACT ONE; Being 0.45 acre tract being all of Lots 31 and the residue of Lot 27 in Block 8, Town of Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas .

TRACT TWO: Being 0.24 acre tract, being a 55.50 feet wide platted road, known as Zavala Street, in the Town of Columbia, J. H. Bell 1-1/2 League Grant, Abst. 40, Brazoria County, Texas. This road was abandoned by Order No. 44. and is described by metes and bounds in attached field notes from Randy Stroud.

TRACT THREE: Being a 0.25 acre tract, being Block 5A in the Town of Columbia, J. H. Bell 1 1/2 League Grant, Abst. 40, Brazoria County, Texas. Said 0.25 acre tract is described by metes and bounds in attached field notes in deed from Mary Crews Taylor to First Capitol Historical Foundation;

Tract One above is located in Block 8 which is included in the East Columbia Historical District. It is requested that the East Columbia Historical District be expanded to include Tracts Two and Three.

I also include:

Plat of three tracts drawn by Randy Stroud, county engineer;
Plat showing proposed location of Underwood House on National Register

Continuation Sheet

Recent photograph of rear of Ammon Underwood House

Photograph of proposed site of House from the street

Photograph of proposed site from side view

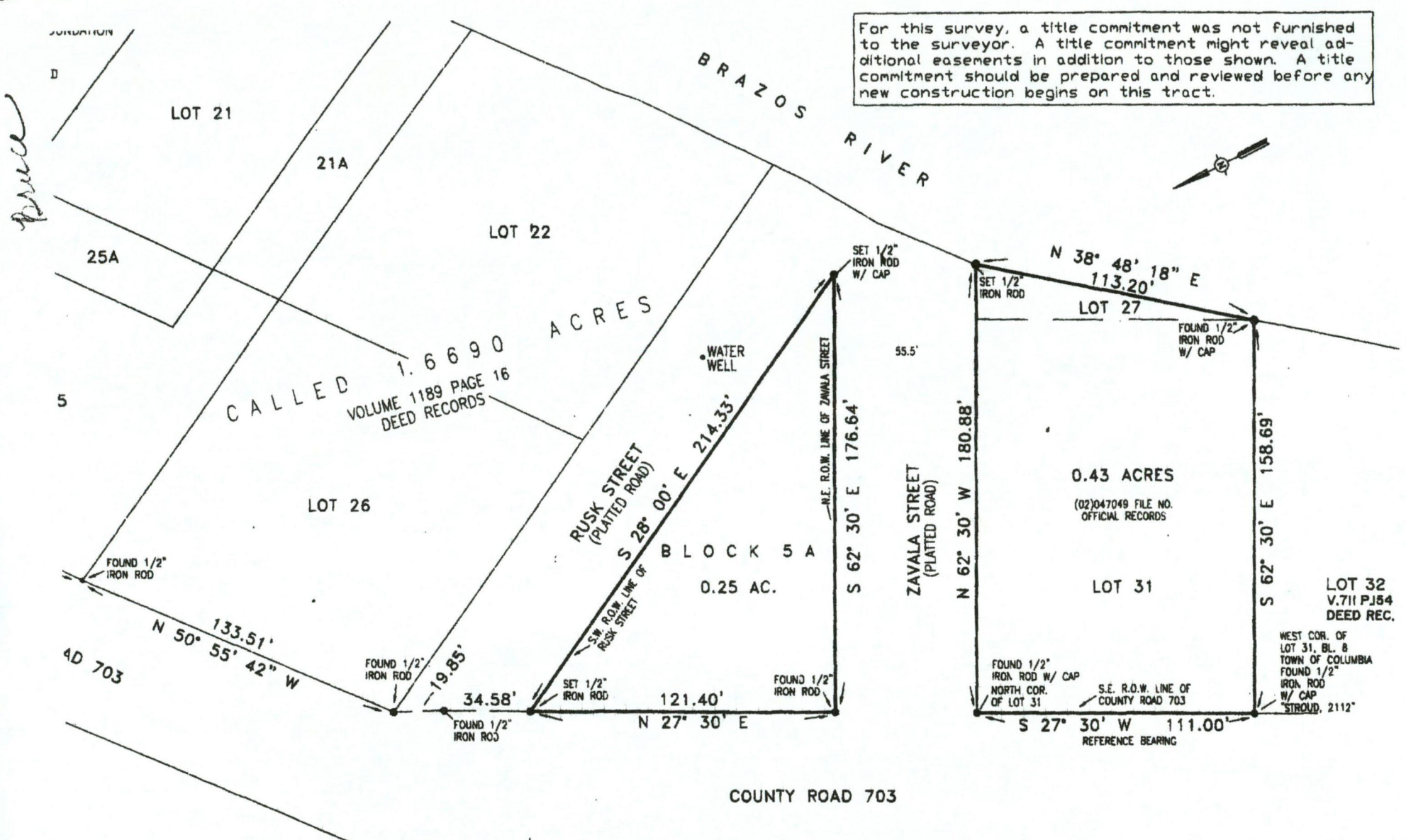
I do truly appreciate your help and your patience . If there is other information that would be helpful, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Griggs". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Beth Griggs
979 345-3712

For this survey, a title commitment was not furnished to the surveyor. A title commitment might reveal additional easements in addition to those shown. A title commitment should be prepared and reviewed before any new construction begins on this tract.



A PLAT OF A 0.25 ACRE TRACT, BEING BLOCK 5A IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, J.H. BELL 1-1/2 LEAGUE GRANT, ABSTRACT 40, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS; SAID 0.25 ACRE TRACT BEING OUT OF A CALLED 1.6690 ACRE TRACT CONVEYED TO W.L. CREWS, JR. AND WIFE, LITHA C. CREWS BY A DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 1189, PAGE 16 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SAID 0.25 ACRE TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ATTACHED.

A PLAT OF A 0.43 ACRE TRACT BEING ALL OF LOT 31 AND THE RESIDUE OF LOT 27, BLOCK 8 IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, J.H. BELL 1-1/2 LEAGUE GRANT, ABSTRACT 46, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ATTACHED.

SCALE: 1" = 40'

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9-23-04

I, RANDY L. STROUD, REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, ANGLETON, TEXAS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PLAT SHOWN HEREON IS A REPRESENTATION OF A FIELD SURVEY MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION ON THE GROUND IN SEPTEMBER, 2004 AND THAT ALL CORNERS SHOWN WERE EITHER FOUND OR ESTABLISHED BY ME.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Randy L. Stroud
 RANDY L. STROUD, REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REQUEST FOR MOVE

PROPERTY NAME: Underwood, Ammon, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: Brazzaroria, TEXAS

DATE RECEIVED: 05/26/2005 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 06/10/2005
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 06/28/2005 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 07/10/2005
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 76002011

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Significant, ^{early} example of "pioneer anglo" architecture (ca. 1935) in Texas. House had been moved several times prior to its listing 1976 to escape destruction from the eroding river banks. Although it has been within the boundaries of the East Columbia H.O. (NR-1991), the lot selected for the building's relocation is outside of but adjacent to the historic district. The new lot is a triangular lot set well back from the river. Side has no archeological value. Side has ample space to situate the building to Main St. and reestablish its setting.

RECOM. / CRITERIA Accept Move

REVIEWER Linda McClellan DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/30/05

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

Property is significant for its architecture and is one of few buildings remaining from Austin's first settlement

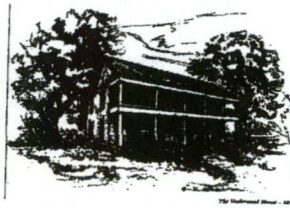
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Re: Ammon Underwood House

This is to request your help in expediting authority to move the Ammon Underwood House. Time is truly of the essence.

The Brazoria County Judge and our Brazoria County Commissioner have allocated funds out of the Brazoria County Community Development Funds, to move the house to a safe location. However, Nancy Friudenberg, the CDF director, is unable to release the money for moving the house until she has a letter from the National Register program giving authority to move the house.

There are several procedures that must be followed before this money is dispersed, advertising for bids, letting bids, etc., all of which will take time. This money needs to be spent by September, out of this year's budget.

Also, the grant from Dow was given with the understanding that the project would be completed within one year, which ends September 1.

We have acquired property where the house will be moved, made provision for packing and storing the furniture, contacted a reputable mover, but we are unable to do anything further until we receive authority from the National Register Program to move the house

We would greatly appreciate your help in expediting the necessary procedures, so that we can work within this time frame.

Sincerely,

Beth Griggs



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The State Agency for Historic Preservation



TO: Janet Matthews, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Gregory W. Smith, National Register Coordinator
Texas Historical Commission

RE: Ammon Underwood House (Proposal to Move), East Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas

DATE: May 24, 2005

The following materials are submitted regarding: Ammon Underwood House:

	Original National Register of Historic Places form
	___ Resubmitted nomination
	Multiple Property nomination form
<u>X</u>	Photographs
	USGS map
<u>X</u>	Correspondence
<u>X</u>	Other: Documents supporting proposal to move a listed building

COMMENTS:

___ SHPO requests substantive review

___ The enclosed owner objections (do___) (do not___) constitute a majority of property owners

___ Other: _____



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May 24, 2005

Ms. Janet Matthews
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street N.W. 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

RE: Ammon Underwood House (Proposal to Move), East Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Enclosed is documentation outlining a proposal to move a building listed in the National Register of Historic Places (Ammon Underwood House, East Columbia, Brazoria, Texas). This documentation was submitted by Beth Griggs, President of the First Capitol Historical Foundation, with assistance from THC staff, to fulfill the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act [36 CFR 60.14 (b)] regarding the relocation of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Ammon Underwood House was individually listed in 1975, and is also a contributing property in the East Columbia Historic District, listed in 1991. The house was moved three times on the same lot prior to listing in 1975. The documentation argues that the Brazos River has eroded the lot over the years, and that keeping the building in place puts the building at great risk. The First Capitol Historical Foundation has received a private foundation grant and federal and county funding to move the building this summer.

The relocation site was chosen to take the house far from the river bank, just to the north of the East Columbia Historic District. A site within the district was considered, but the owners, the State Board of Review, and the Texas Historical Commission agree that given the recent erosion of the riverbank (and the likelihood of continued erosion), the house should be moved as far from the bank as possible, but still retain its orientation and setting on a lot immediately adjacent to the district. The State Board of Review approved the relocation of the house at its meeting on May 21, 2005, and has determined that the building should remain individually listed in the National Register if moved as proposed. All procedures outlined in 36 CFR 60 have been met.

We request your determination regarding whether or not the Ammon Underwood House could remain listed in the National Register in its new location. If you have any questions or comments, please contact National Register Coordinator Gregory Smith at (512) 452-4433 or by email at greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. Lawrence Oaks".

F. Lawrence Oaks
Executive Director

Varnier-Hogg SHS
PO Box 696
West Columbia TX 77486

May 24, 2005

In regards to: Underwood House New Site

Gregg Smith
Texas Historical Commission

Dear Gregg Smith,

After performing a shovel test on the area that has been chosen for the new location of the Underwood Home in East Columbia, I feel that it is an accurate assessment to state that there are no signs of occupation or historically significant remains at the site. The shovel testing revealed that there were no archaeological artifacts nor significant ecofacts present. I feel that it is safe to move the structure to this location, as there will be no archaeological or historical impact.

Thank you,



Megan Ahlstrom, Collections Manager
TPWD

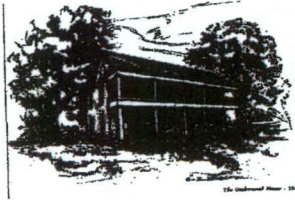
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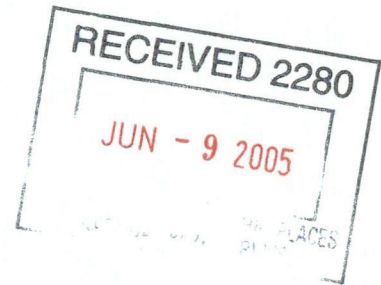
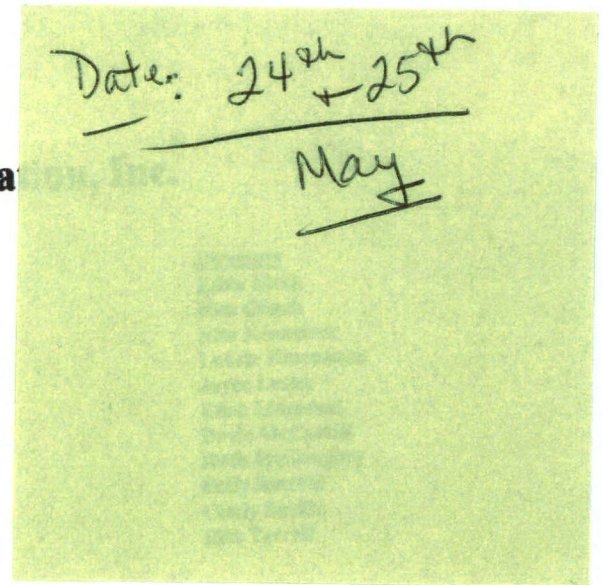
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The First Capitol Historical Foundation, the owner of the Ammon Underwood House, was formed for the sole purpose of protecting this and other historical structures.

As a result of the ever encroaching and eroding banks of the Brazos River, it has become necessary to move the house a few hundred yards to the north, to a more secure and stable location. Greg Smith, director of the National Register in Austin, has informed me that this move has been approved and that this information has been sent to you for your approval..

Money for the move was solicited from many sources. Two of our major contributions were \$25,000 allocated by our County Judge and County Commissioner out of Brazoria County Community Development Block Grant, and \$25,000 donated by Dow Chemical Company for a project that would benefit living in Brazoria County.

We are operating under time constraints imposed by the terms of these commitments. The grant received from Dow in September, 2004 was obtained with our assurance that the project would be completed within a year. The funds from Brazoria County Community Block Grant will not be available until authorization is received from your office, and must be spent by September 30, the end of this fiscal year.



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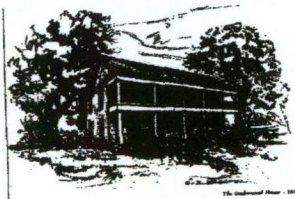
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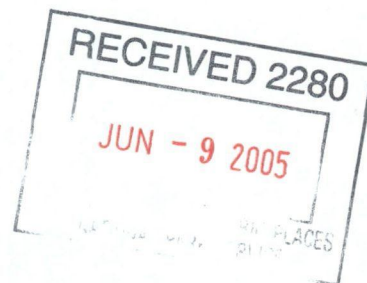


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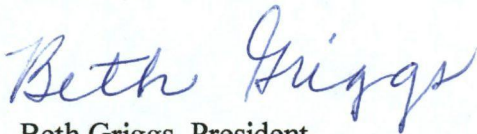
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Time is truly of the essence since we are unable to proceed until we have received authorization from your office. The process of advertising for bids, signing a contract, scheduling the move in the mover's time frame, securing an environmental study of the site, preparing the site for the move, packing and storing furniture could easily take sixty days or more.

We will be very grateful for anything that you can do to expedite the handling of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Griggs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "G".

Beth Griggs, President
First Capitol Historical Foundation

FLPMA. The segregative effect of this notice will terminate upon issuance of patent, 270 days from the date of this publication, or in accordance with a notice of termination published in the **Federal Register**, whichever occurs first.

The appraisal report, planning document, and environmental analysis covering the proposed direct sale are available for review at the Upper Snake Field Office of the BLM. Office hours are 7:45 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Dated: April 20, 2005.

Carol McCoy Brown,

Field Manger, Upper Snake Field Office.

[FR Doc. 05-11529 Filed 6-9-05; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-957-05-1420-BJ]

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 2, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The plat representing the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines designed to restore the corners in their true original locations, Township 19 North, Range 103 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted June 2, 2005.

Copies of the preceding described plats and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: June 3, 2005.

John P. Lee,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before May 28, 2005. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by June 27, 2005.

John W. Roberts, Acting Chief,

National Register/Notional Historic Landmarks Program.

Alabama

Dallas County

Water Avenue Historic District, Water Ave. bounded by Lauderdale, MLK Blvd., Beech Creek, Alabama R, Selma, 05000650

Etowah County

Turrentine Historic District, 300-633 Turrentine Ave., Gadsden, 05000649

Jefferson County

Southside Historic District, 2800 University Blvd., parts of 4th-7th Ave. S and 22nd-32nd St. S, Birmingham, 05000647

Mobile County

Campground, The, Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Rylands St., St. Stephens Rd. and Ann St., Mobile, 05000648

Monroe County

New Hope Baptist Church, About 4 mi. off Monroe Cty Rd. 50 near old Natchez, Beatrice, 05000646

Talladega County

Winterboro Stagecoach Inn, 22901 AL 21, Winteboro, 05000651

Alaska

Prince of Wales—Outer K. Borough—Census Area

Mary Island Light Station, (Light Stations of the United States MPS) East Shore, N end of Mary Island, bet. the Revilligiedo Channel and Felice Strait about 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ mi. S of Revilligiedo, Ketchikan, 05000645

Colorado

Weld County

Daniels School, US 60 and Weld Cty Rd. 25, Milliken, 05000653

Yuma County

Zion, Walter and Anna, Homestead, off Cty Rd. 15, Idalia, 05000652

Florida

Lake County

Eustis Commercial Historic District, Roughly Lake Eustis, McDonald Ave., Grove St., Orange Ave., Eustis, 05000654

Louisiana

Allen Parish

St. Paul Baptist Church—Morehead School, 772 Hickory Flats Rd., Kinder, 05000686

Maryland

Kent County

Sumner, Charles, Post #25, Grand Army of the Republic, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown, 05000655

New York

Bronx County

Morris Park Station, (New York City Subway System MPS) Under Espalanade at Bogart and Colden Ave. and Hone Ave., Bronx, 05000677

Woodlawn Station (Dual System IRT), (New York City Subway System MPS) Jct. of Bainbridge Ave. and Jerome Ave., Bronx, 05000679

Essex County

Ausable Club, 137 Ausable Rd., St. Huberts, 05000683

Greene County

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 464 Main St., Oak Hill, 05000682

Kings County

4th Avenue Station (IND), (New York City Subway System MPS) Bet. 3rd and 4th Aves., and 10th and 11th Sts., Brooklyn, 05000673

9th Avenue Station (Dual System BRT), (New York City Subway System MPS) 38th St. and 9th Ave. near the jct. of New Utrecht Ave., Brooklyn, 05000676

Avenue U Station (Dual System BRT), (New York City Subway System MPS) Bet. Ave. U and Ave. T and 7th and 8th Sts., Brooklyn, 05000675

Bay Parkway Station (Dual System BRT), (New York City Subway System MPS) Above Bay Parkway at 86th St., Brooklyn, 05000670

New Utrecht Avenue Station (Dual System BRT), (New York City Subway System MPS) Beneath the jct. of New Utrecht Ave. with 15th Ave. and 62nd St., Brooklyn, 05000678

Substation #401, (New York City Subway System MPS) 3046 Fulton St. bet. Essex St. and Shepherd Ave., Brooklyn, 05000680

Wilson Avenue Subway Station (Dual System BMT), (New York City Subway System

MPS) Chauncey St. at Wilson Ave., Brooklyn, 05000681

Madison County
Chenango Canal Summit Level, (Historic and Engineering Resources of the Chenango Canal MPS) Along Canal Rd., Bouckville, 05000684

Nassau County
Oyster Bay Long Island Rail Road Station, Railroad Ave., Oyster Bay, 05000666
Oyster Bay Long Island Rail Road Turntable, Railroad Ave., Oyster Bay, 05000667

New York County
14th Street-Union Square Subway Station (IRT; Dual System BMT), (New York City Subway System MPS) Broadway, Fourth Ave., and E. 14th St., New York, 05000671
Beaver Building, 82-92 Beaver St., New York, 05000668
Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall Subway Station (IRT), (New York City Subway System MPS) Under Centre St. bet. Chambers and Frankfort Sts., New York, 05000674
Chambers Street Subway Station (Dual System BMT), (New York City Subway System MPS) Beneath the Municipal Building at Chambers, Centre and Duane Sts. and Lafayette Plaza, New York, 05000669

Queens County
Elmhurst Avenue Subway Station (IND), (New York City Subway System MPS) Beneath Broadway at 82nd St. and 45th Ave. and Elmhurst Ave., Queens, 05000672

Schoharie County
Forks in the Road Schoolhouse, 115 Lumber Rd., South Gilboa, 05000665

Westchester County
Marble Schoolhouse, 388 California Rd., Eastchester, 05000663
Rochelle Park—Rochelle Heights Historic District, The Circle, The Boulevard, The Serpentine, Hamilton Ave. and others, New Rochelle, 05000664

North Dakota

La Moure County
Dagen's Grocery, 616 Central Ave., Jud, 05000659

Pennsylvania

Montgomery County
Black Horse Inn, 1432 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, 05000685

Texas

Starr County
Mifflin Kenedy Warehouse and Old Starr County Courthouse, 200 Blk. W. Water St., Rio Grande City, 05000657
Rio Grande City Downtown Historic District, (Rio Grande City, Starr County, Texas MPS) Roughly bounded by N. Corpus, E. Wimpy, N. Avasolo and E. Mirasoles, Rio Grande City, 05000656

West Virginia

Harrison County
Edgewood Manor, 0.25 mi. N of U.S. 50 interchange on U.S. 19, Clarksburg, 05000662
Lost Creek Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot, Main St., Lost Creek Rd. and Cty Rte 48, Lost Creek, 05000660

Ohio County
Woodridge, 1308 Steenrod Ave., Wheeling, 05900658

Summers County
Hinton Historic District (Boundary Increase), Hill St., Hinton, 05000661
A request for REMOVAL has been made for the following resources:

Arkansas

Cleveland County
Federal Building 26 Magnolia St. Rison, 00000752

Lee County
Mison-Evans Barn 459 S. Alabama St. and U.S. 1 Bus. S. Marianna, 99001349

Prairie County
White River Bridge at DeValls Bluff (Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS) US 70, over the White River DeValls Bluff, 90000514
A request for a MOVE has been made for the following resource:

Texas

Brazoria County
Underwood, Ammon, House Main St. Columbia, 76002011
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-503]

In the Matter of Certain Automated Mechanical Transmission Systems for Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Trucks and Components Thereof; Notice of Institution of Formal Consolidated Enforcement and Advisory Opinion Proceedings

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has instituted a formal enforcement proceeding relating to certain remedial orders issued at the conclusion of the above-captioned investigation. The Commission has also instituted advisory opinion proceedings in the same investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rodney Maze, Esq., Office of the

General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3065. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This patent-based section 337 investigation was instituted by the Commission on January 7, 2004, based on a complaint filed by Eaton Corporation ("Eaton") of Cleveland, Ohio. 67 FR 937 (January 7, 2004). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain automated mechanical transmission ("AMT") systems for medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks, and components thereof, by reason of infringement of claim 15 of U.S. patent No. 4,899,279 ("the '279 patent"); claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 5,335,566 ("the '566 patent"); claims 2-4 and 6-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5,272,939 ("the '939 patent"); claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,624,350 ("the '350 patent"); claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,545 ("the '545 patent"); and claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,066,071 ("the '071 patent"). The complaint and notice of investigation named three respondents ZF Meritor, LLC of Maxton, North Carolina, ZF Friedrichshafen AG of Friedrichshafen, Germany, and ArvinMeritor, Inc. ("ArvinMeritor") of Troy, Michigan.

On January 7, 2005, the ALJ issued his final ID on violation and his recommended determination on remedy and bonding. The ALJ found a violation of section 337 by reason of infringement of claims 15 of the '279 patent by respondents. He found no violation of section 337 regarding the '566 and the '545 patents. Petitions for review were filed by Eaton, the respondents, and the commission investigative attorney

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Ammon Underwood House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street, Block 10, Lots 35 and 39

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
East Columbia

VICINITY OF

22

STATE
Texas

CODE
048

COUNTY
Brazoria

CODE
039

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
First Capitol Historical Foundation, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
West Columbia

VICINITY OF

STATE
Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Brazoria County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
State Highway 288

CITY, TOWN
Angleton

STATE
Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic Sites Inventory

DATE
1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN
Austin

STATE
Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ammon Underwood house, located between Main Street and the Brazos River in East Columbia, is an early representative of the vernacular Greek Revival style of architecture. Situated on a high bank just above the Brazos, the house affords a commanding view of the river. The Underwood house was built on lots 35 and 39 of block 10 and still stands on the eastern most portion of lot 39. The house has been moved twice to avoid the encroachment of the river, since all of lot 35 and part of lot 39 have gradually been eroded (see sketch map).

Stylistically, the Ammon Underwood house is a hybrid between the Greek Revival and the early pioneer-anglo Texas houses. The result is a house that evolved in Texas due to the adaptability and ease of simplification of the Greek Revival. The early Texas house incorporated a row of posts across the front supporting the roof. The Underwood house took this basic form and transformed it into a Texas version of the Greek Revival by simply enlarging the posts into square columns with added molding for a capital, using a proportionally heavier beam for an entablature, and capping it with a simple cornice. The Underwood house combined the double gallery of the two-story Greek Revival and the lines and simplicity of the early double-room frame houses.

The Ammon Underwood house originated as a two-room one-story frame structure built in 1835-36. The framing in the walls was of hand-hewn cedar which was wood-pegged. Hand-made bricks were stacked between the studs for insulation and strength. All interior walls and the exterior wall under the porch were plastered. This original structure is incorporated into the existing building as the first floor on the north end of the house.

In 1838 the house was enlarged considerably for use as a boarding house. It was built then as it exists today with the exceptions of a portion of the house which was removed before 1900 and the kitchen ell removed in 1937. Before 1900 the house was moved to an adjacent lot for use as an independent residence. The other residence was completely destroyed in a 1915 storm. The house was turned at this time to face Main Street, rather than the river as it had in its first location.

The last move, in 1937, saw the removal and abandonment of the kitchen ell which was hanging over the river after the bank again crumbled. The existing house, which contains the original 1835-36 construction, plus the additions made by Ammon Underwood in 1838, has been moved, but always on the same lot, in an effort to escape the encroachment of the Brazos River.

The house today is distinguished by its full-length double gallery incorporated into the main body of the gabled roof. Square columns support the galleries with their spacing from each other decreasing toward the center. The central hall is entered through a transomed side-lighted panel door at each level. At the rear of the central hall is a 1937 addition which contains a new stair landing and a pair of four-light double doors. The southwest corner of the house, with an exterior door on the south wall, was added at this time where the kitchen ell was removed. A rear double gallery stretches from the 1937 addition to the north wall and is covered by a shed roof. Access to the gallery is via three doors on each floor. All windows are uniform six-over-six light, double-hung sash with original outside louvered blinds now being refurbished.

The Underwood house is in the process of being restored. It has been leveled with a new concrete pier foundation which will receive a brick veneer. A new wood shingle roof has been put on, and the structure has been painted to stop deterioration. The galleries have been rebuilt from material salvaged from other vintage houses, and broken window panes have been replaced with glass of the same period. The two 1835-36 rooms have had their walls stripped of their original plaster which will be replaced. The exterior porch walls, missing their plaster for many years, will also be replastered. The house is now the property of the First Capitol Historical Foundation Inc., which is responsible for its restoration and upkeep.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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SPECIFIC DATES 1835-36
1838

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Nibbs
Ammon Underwood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ammon Underwood house, a significant example of pioneer-anglo architecture in Texas, was the home for nearly fifty years of the prominent businessman, plantation owner, Texas revolutionary soldier, and Texas legislator, Ammon Underwood. The original structure was built in 1835-36 by Thomas Nibbs and enlarged by Underwood in 1838. The house, located in East Columbia, is the oldest existing residence there. Although the house has been moved two times to avoid the encroaching river, it still stands on the original lot.

When the Underwood house was built, the community was known as Bell's Landing for its founder in 1823, Josiah Hughes Bell. At that time it was the head of navigation on the Brazos River, and was the most important shipping point in Stephen F. Austin's first colony, having a considerable volume of import and export trade due to the large sugar and cotton plantations in the area.

In 1835 Thomas Nibbs (1807-1844), a lawyer from Alabama, constructed the first building on the site above the Brazos River at Bell's Landing. Nibbs built a simple two room, one story hand-hewn log frame structure as his homestead. He lived there until his lack of success as a lawyer caused him to move to Fort Bend County where he started a plantation. Nibbs sold the property to Ammon Underwood on October 15, 1838. Underwood immediately enlarged and improved the buildings constructed by Nibbs.

Ammon Underwood (1810-1887) came to Texas from Boston, arriving at Velasco on April 10, 1834. After working for several businesses in various communities Underwood chose to settle in Columbia where he went into partnership in a mercantile business with John P. Coles and David H. Milburn. For fifty years Underwood continued in the mercantile business in Columbia where his firm owned a large two-story brick building with its own warehouse on the banks of the Brazos. In November, 1835, the revolutionary war with Mexico had become acute in Texas and Underwood joined the Texas Army, taking part in the siege of Bexar and the Battle of Old Mill before being appointed head of the post commissary at Columbia. After the war, Underwood was post-master at Columbia from 1836-1845.

In 1838 Ammon Underwood entered into another business partnership, this time with Mrs. Catherine Carson. Mrs. Carson settled on the Bernard River in 1824 as one of Stephen F. Austin's first three-hundred colonists. Together they financed the enlargement and improvement of the house on the Brazos River which they opened as a much needed boarding house in the thriving community. Mrs. Carson presided over the establishment until the marriage of her daughter, Rachel, to Ammon Underwood in 1839. The boarding house was discontinued then, and the building became the Underwood's residence.

Underwood owned a large plantation in addition to his business holdings, but he continued to live in town. The multi-talented Underwood also represented the Brazoria District in the Nineteenth Texas Legislature in 1884, as well as being the local correspondent for the Galveston News. Ammon Underwood died at East Columbia in 1887, and was survived by his wife and four children who remained in the house.

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The Underwood house was first moved around the time of the Civil War when a fissure was found running from the river through the yard and under the house. Slaves were used to move the house more than the width of the house away from the river. The river continued to erode the lot, and the house was moved back from the river again prior to 1900. At this time the house was divided. A portion of the house was moved to an adjacent lot and used as an independent house until being destroyed in a hurricane in 1915. The remaining part of the house, including the original 1835-36 structure, was turned around 180 degrees to face the street rather than the river, with the kitchen "ell" extending toward the river. In 1937 the river bank again gave away, this time under the kitchen, leaving it partially suspended over the river. At this time the house was moved on the same lot, up to the street.

Joseph Underwood (1845-1925), Ammon's son, lived in the house and continued the mercantile business. Joseph's children, John Underwood (1879-1929) a merchant and County Commissioner, and Laura Underwood (1877-1966) continued to live in the house until 1958. The house is now the property of the First Capitol Historical Foundation, Inc. which is responsible for its upkeep. The house will be used for exhibition purposes, as it was given to the Foundation by the Underwood family with the proviso that it only be used for this purpose. Restoration of the house is in process. The portion of the house remaining after the 1915 storm, including the original 1835-36 structure, will be returned to its ca. 1840 appearance of the period when Columbia was the capitol of the Republic of Texas.

Property Ammon Underwood House

State Texas

Working Number 4.29.76.3230

*Brazoria
76002011*

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 2

CONTROL

OK 5.3.76

HISTORIAN

*Conference
B. Grosvenor
5/5/76*

Historically, this is OK, although it might be worthwhile knowing whether or not East Columbia was part of Columbia in 1840. There is a question of architectural integrity. The house has been moved 3 times, and there have been extensive alterations. The original house is still incorporated in the present building, but the enlargements associated w/ the main historical figures are mostly gone, and sections of the present house were built in 1937. The porch, a major feature in the architectural justification, is not original, but was ~~re~~ reconstructed in the 20th C. from other "vintage houses."

only one move was less than 50 years ago and all three moves kept house on same lot

only question concerns basis for restoration

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

State is trying to guide amateurs in this restoration, we would be refining State's judgement by not accepting

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Ammon Underwood House
front and north side

Ammon Underwood House
East Columbia, Texas
Brazoria County
First Capitol Historical Foundation - Photo
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Ammon Underwood house
front (facing west) -street
side

Ammon Underwood House
East Columbia, Texas
Brazoria County
First Capitol Historical Foundation
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East Elevation
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Ammon Underwood house
south side

Ammon Underwood House
East Columbia, Texas
Brazoria County
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North Elevation
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Ammon Underwood House
back (east) side - facing
river

Ammon Underwood House
East Columbia, Texas
Brazoria County
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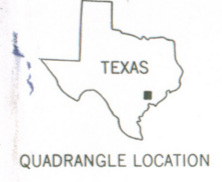
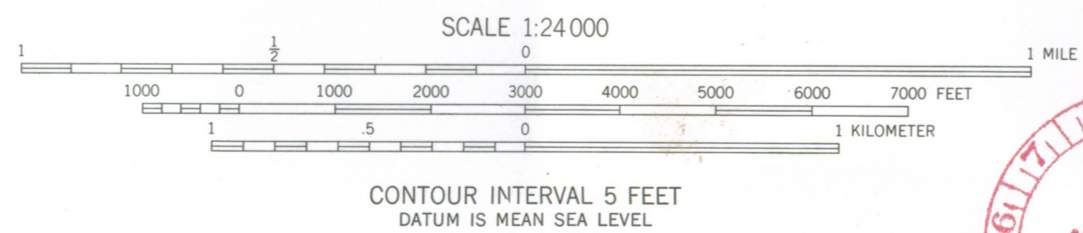
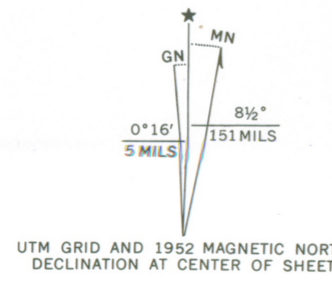
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AMMON UPPERWOOD HOUSE
MAIN STREET, EAST COLUMBIA, TEX.
UTM REFERENCE:
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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1946-1947. Topography by plane-table surveys 1951-1952
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, south central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE, 16 LANE	Light-duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE, 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route		State Route

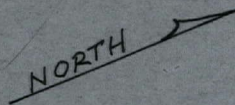
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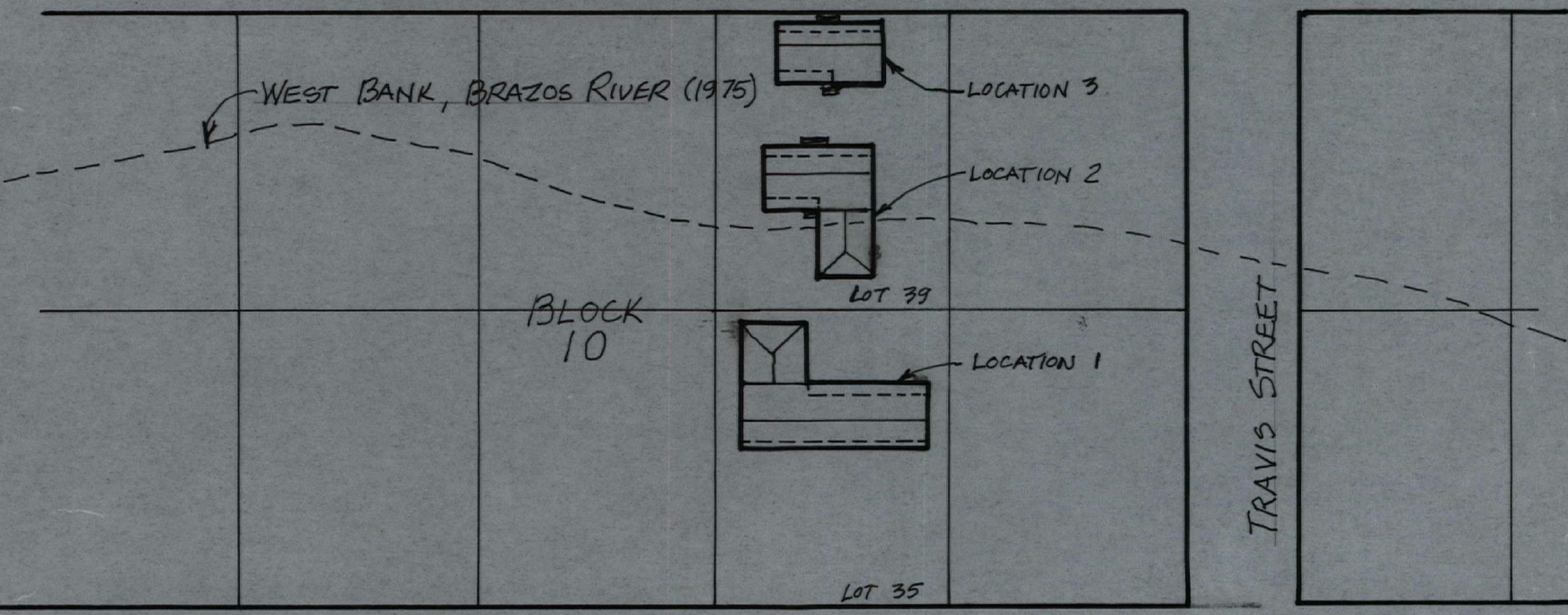
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FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225 OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20532
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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AMMON UNDERWOOD HOUSE - PLAT
NO SCALE



MAIN STREET



BLOCK
10

TRAVIS STREET

FRONT STREET

BRAZOS RIVER (1835)



JUN 24 1976

DATE MAY 5, 1976
TIME OF CALL 3:00 PM

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)
Marie Langdon
Mike Yanney

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)
TEXAS SHIP OFFICE

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.
Underwood, Ammon House

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

BASIS FOR RESTORATION?

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<u>Bill Lebowicz</u>	<u>Area Historian</u>	<u>Nat Registry</u>

MAY 5, 1976

TELEPHONE REPORT

3:00

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Texas SAPOFFICE

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Nat Register

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered JUN 24 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sayles, Henry, House	Abilene Taylor County
Old D'Hanis Historic District	D'Hanis Medina County
Giddings-Stone Mansion	Brenham Washington County
Nueces County Courthouse	Corpus Christi Nueces County
Underwood, Ammon, House	East Columbia Brazoria County
Musgano Site	Tatum vicinity Rusk County
Sheeks-Robertson House	Austin Travis County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. Omar Burleson
Hon. Abraham Kazen, Jr.
Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle
Hon. John Young
Hon. Bob Casey
Office of Hon. Wright Patman

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

Regional Director, Southwest Region
PR Mott 6/25/76

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Underwood, Ammon, House
 2 OTHER NAMES:
 3 date of entry: 06-24-76
 4 county code: 039

5 LOCATION street & number: Main Street
 city / town: East Columbia
 vicinity of:
 state: TX
 county: Brazoria
 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: 22nd
 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME:
 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME:
 15 ACREAGE: 0.25 acre
 if state who prepared form? SHPO
 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 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

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

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 COMMERCE - 5
 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
 POLITICS / GOVT. - 21 RELIGION - 22
 SCIENCE - 23 SETTLEMENT - 29
 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN - 24 URBAN PLANNING - 31
 SOCIAL / CULTURAL - 30 OTHER (SPECIFY):
 TRANSPORTATION - 25
 22 CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest' HOUSE IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF AUSTIN'S 1ST COLONY
 'only'

23 functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: Residence/Boarding House
 CURRENTLY: Museum/Under Restoration
 24 dates of initial construction: 1835
 major alterations: 1838 / 1895-1900 / 1937
 historic events:
 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): Greek Revival
 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: Thos. Nibbs - original builder and owner / Ammon Underwood - owner who made significant alterations in 1838 / Mrs. Catherine Carson - proprietress and business partner of boarding house in this structure, 1838--39.
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Frame, clapboarding; 2 stories, rectangular, gabled roof, 1st- and 2nd-story center entrances transom and each with sidelights, recessed double gallery with square doric posts, partial-width rear double gallery, glazed rear double doors; original building enlarged, 1838; additions removed 1895--1900; further alterations, 1937; house moved, c. 1855--1865, 1895--1900, 1937. Greek Revival. Oldest house in commercial community of Stephen F. Austin's first colony; residence of Ammon Underwood, prominent businessman, Texas Revolutionary soldier, community official, and state legislator.