

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section AMEND Page 1

Bowie County Jail  
Boston, Bowie County, Texas

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## 1. NAME OF PROPERTY

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HISTORIC NAME: Bowie County Jail

OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER: N/A

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## 7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

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Today, only the Jail building occupies the Courthouse Square on the southeast corner. Demolition of the courthouse in the 1980s vacated the center of the square. Although this loss negatively impacts the Jail building's integrity in terms of setting and association to a degree, overall few alterations mar the Jail building's historic and architectural integrity in terms of location, design, materials, workmanship, and feeling.

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## 8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

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As the seat of county government shifted to the nearby town of New Boston, the county constructed a new, modern-style courthouse there in 1985. After sitting idle for several years, the courthouse at "Old Boston" fell victim to arson in 1987 (Kelsey, 49). The devastating fire completely gutted the building which was subsequently demolished. Despite this loss, the Jail building remains as one of the last tangible links to Old Boston's role as the seat of government in Bowie County. The 19th century building largely retains its characteristic architectural details and is easily recognizable to the period of significance. Therefore, the Bowie County Jail supports listing under Criterion A in the area of Politics/Government and Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the local level of significance.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (continued)

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Kelsey, Mavis P. and Donald H. Dyal. *The Courthouses of Texas*. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 1993.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bowie County Jail

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Bowie

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/98  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 77001429

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 7.2.98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A.D.

REVIEWER Gilson Beall

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 7.2.98

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



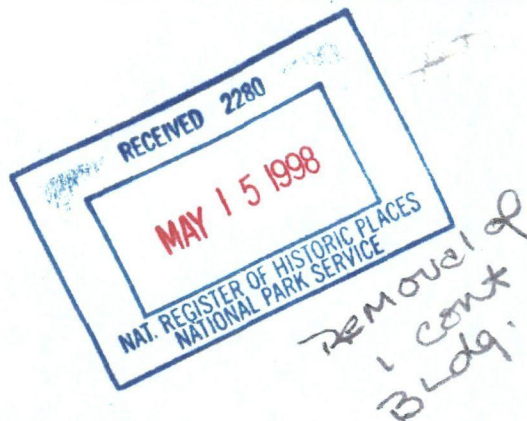
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May 5, 1998

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
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National Register of Historic Places  
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Washington DC 20240



**RE: Amendment to Bowie County Courthouse and Jail, Boston, Bowie County**

Dear Ms. Shull:

77-1429  
Public Sq.

Enclosed is a continuation sheet amending the original nomination to the Bowie County Courthouse and Jail in Boston, Bowie County, Texas. The two buildings were listed in the National Register under one nomination in 1977. The courthouse was abandoned and then demolished after a serious fire in the 1980s. This amendment therefore removes the Courthouse from the original listing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mary Dillman  
Historian, National Register Programs

enclosures

Linda,  
since the  
Boundaries  
are not changing  
does this need  
to go on the  
pending list  
Name  
change Alexis  
(change in signifi-  
cance - pending was

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DATA SHEET

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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  
 Bowie County Courthouse and Jail  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Public Square \_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CITY, TOWN Boston CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE Texas VICINITY OF 048 COUNTY Bowie CODE

**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                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                     | <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 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  
County of Bowie  
STREET & NUMBER  
Public Square  
CITY, TOWN Boston VICINITY OF Texas STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Office of the County Clerk, County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Public Square  
CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Texas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE Nov., 1976 \_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Texas Historical Commission  
CITY, TOWN Austin STATE Texas

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD             RUINS  
 FAIR              UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Centered in the public square the Bowie County Courthouse now has a plan that is atypical in Texas. A single corridor with exterior doors at each end extends through the building in an east-west direction. Originally, however, it appears that a corridor also extended into the building in the north-south direction. On the south side of the corridor are located the county auditor and tax collector. The Treasurers' Office on this side is accessible from a stair landing. On the north are other offices including the county clerk.

One stair furnished access to the second-floor courtroom, which is located on the west side, and other offices, including the district clerk. A third story is used for storage.

A unique feature in Texas is the octagonal turret projecting from the northwest corner of the building. Medieval in character, it contrasts with other design features that are Classical, and it contains offices with the district judge located on the second floor.

The massing of the courthouse is otherwise typical. Center pavilions surmounted with triangular pediments accented with Roman arches project from the east, west and north facades, relieving on otherwise cubical form. The center mass of the structure is covered by a hipped roof with a galvanized iron cresting.

The exterior of the building is relieved by several detail features. Corner pilasters with rectangular indentations and a stringcourse with graceful profile accent the brick walls and the level of the second floor. A second stringcourse at the level of the third floor further relieves the plainness of the walls. A simple cornice terminates the composition.

The courthouse interior was designed to be durable and beautiful. The corridors were floored with concrete placed over a fill of sand and finished with a one-inch layer of mixture of Portland cement and sand--an early use of this material in the Red River vicinity. Although oak had originally been specified for the woodwork, a change in the contract called for heart pine to be used for "panel to beaded work" still resulting in an attractive finish.

Although the original exterior features remain largely intact several additions have been made to the courthouse. In the 1930's the building was remodeled. Additional office space was added in two separate masses on the south. In 1951 the north single-story addition was designed by Reinheimer and Cox, architects, and built by the Atlas Construction Company.

The interior of the courthouse still retains much original detail. The stairs and much of the woodwork date from the nineteenth century. Alterations included a terrazzo floor on the first-story corridor.

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Throughout acoustical tile has been installed below the original ceilings and walls have been replastered. Some new wainscoting also has been added.

Located on the southeast corner of the public square, the jail is a two-story structure with a cubical form. Positioned close to the intersection of Prairie Street and Brooks Street, the plan is rectangular with the main entrance facing east and a small one-story hip-roofed section has been added in recent years. A parapet extends above the roof lines, thus visually emphasizing the cubical form.

The interior arrangement is typical of jails throughout the state. On the ground floor is located the sheriff's quarters, including the kitchen where prisoners' meals were prepared. On the second floor are the cellblocks.

The exterior is enhanced by simple details. Corner buttresses, angled with walls, a water table, and stringcourse in strong profile are noteworthy details. Openings are spanned by simple segmental arches. Windows are double hung with two narrow lights in each sash. On the second floor, bars installed outside the sashes serve to further secure the building as well as an ever-present reminder of the function of the building.

Today both the courthouse and jail continue to serve their original function and are important landmarks to the people of Bowie County.

# 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"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE                     | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES: courthouse & jail-1891-1892  
 BUILDER/ARCHITECT: Courthouse and Jail  
 Sonnefield, Emmins & Albright

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Due to their association with community development in northeast Texas and their architectural character, the Bowie County Courthouse and Jail are significant locally. Serving as the center of county governmental activities for over three-quarters of a century, the buildings were designed and built at the same time--unique within the state. In addition, the massing of the courthouse is unusual.

The first town of Boston, Texas--now known as Old Boston--evidently was established in 1830's. Following the organization of the county in 1841 it was found that this settlement was not sufficiently close to the center of the area and a new town, also named Boston, was established north of the first community. Although the new town did not thrive, it has remained the county seat; today it has a population of only about 200 but serves a county which includes the city of Texarkana with a population of about 34,000 (on the Texas side of the line). In 1869 the Texas and Pacific Railroad passed north of Boston, attracting commercial interests which resulted in the establishment of New Boston--all three Boston communities are within a distance of several miles. With the shift in activity, the present setting of the Bowie county courthouse is serene with dwellings mostly surrounding it.

Late in 1890 the commissioners' court ordered that a contract be let for the construction of a courthouse "in the geographical center of the county." It was specified that a "Box House" 34 by 60 feet with "16 feet boxing" be erected to house the court. Beside this, separated by a ten-foot-wide corridor was to be an "addition" 40 by 34 feet with six county offices." At the same time, a contract was to be let to build a "jailhouse of two rooms 10 x 10 feet of square oak pieces. . . floored and ceiled overhead with 2 x 4 oak pieces and jailers office between the two cells 10 x 14 feet."

Although there was a petition requesting that no building be erected, less than a year later as a result of their low bid, Sonnefield and Emmins were selected as the contractors for a new courthouse and jail of permanent construction. As was often the case, the contractors were also the designers of the buildings. The bid on the temple of justice was \$33,900 and the calaboose \$10,000. Before the work was completed a third partner, Albright evidently joined the contractors.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bowie County Commissioners' Court Minutes, Vol, I.  
 Walter Prescott Webb (ed), The Handbook of Texas, Vol. I. Austin:  
 The Texas State Historical Association, 1952.  
Fort Worth Daily Gazette, August 16, 1891, p. 16.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |         |          |     |      |         |   |  |  |          |
|---|------|---------|----------|-----|------|---------|---|--|--|----------|
| A | 1,5  | 36,7    | 8,8,0    | 3,7 | 0,1  | 0,2,5   | B |  |  |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |     | ZONE | EASTING |   |  |  | NORTHING |
| C |      |         |          |     |      |         | D |  |  |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The public square on which the courthouse and jail are located is bounded on the north and south respectively by Runnels and Prairie Streets; and on the east and west by Brooks and Merrell Streets.

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

Willard B. Robinson-Professor of Architecture 9/22/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Division of Architecture-Texas Tech University

806-742-2464

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P.O. Box 4499

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Lubbock

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Walter Johnson*  
SHPO

TITLE

DATE

3/23/77

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

*Robert B. Rettig*

DATE

11/16/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles [Signature]*

DATE

11/11/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The cells in the jail were supplied by the Pauley Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of Saint Louis Missouri.

The courthouse and jail were both accepted by the county on August 8, 1892. Shortly thereafter, an additional tax was levied to create a fund to purchase furnishings.

Plans have been drawn for a new courthouse to be built in the near future at New Boston, immediately adjacent to the city of Boston.

Property Bowie County Courthouse and Jail

Bowie  
77001429

State Id.

Working Number 3.28.77.499

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 4  
Maps 1

~~#12 needs panel~~

S. Klein 9.23. CONTROL

OK - pl 3.30.77

No info to substantiate political/govt. But  
for architecture

**HISTORIAN**

Accept  
Franklin  
7.11.77

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Perhaps I have read too many Tx courthouses and  
jails. I am not impressed by the architectural significance  
which has been diminished by one story additions. But  
details + mass visible + probably of historical  
significance.

(reluctant) accept  
Lebowitz  
5.17.77

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

The complex has obvious local  
historical significance despite  
additions.

Accept  
Cole  
9-19-77

**BRANCH CHIEF**

One could not deny local historical  
significance - architectural intrusions  
are unfortunate, but they are viscerally separable and  
small. Very small town.

7/11/77  
11.11.77

**KEEPER**

Rettig for Murtagh  
11/16/77

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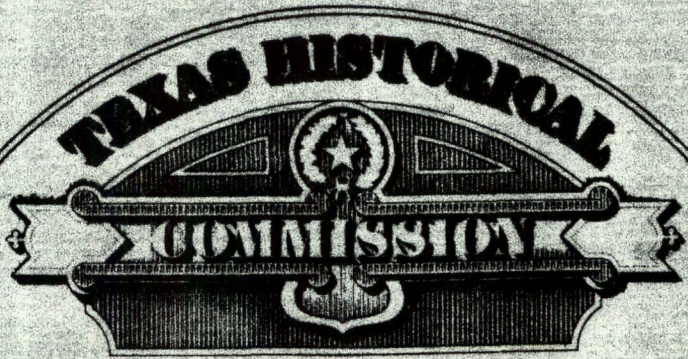
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TRUETT LATIMER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 12276  
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

June 11, 1981

Carol Ebright, Joy Bush  
HCRS  
National Register Department  
Pension Building  
440 G Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Carol, Joy,

As mentioned on the phone to Carol this week, another list of Item 10 corrections for previous NR listings from Texas has been compiled. A copy is enclosed for your records. In each case the readings were off slightly on the original forms or the maps have been changed slightly by the USGS revisions.

Thank you for the call on Ft. Anahuac, the local committee will be very pleased when everything is finalized. We have pretty much gone through all of the files, so I don't think there will be too many more corrections. Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Ulrich Kleinschmidt  
National Register Archeologist  
Texas Historical Commission.

JUN 21 1981

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Item #10 corrections for:

Walker Ranch - Bexar County (2/24/75)

USGS Castle Hills has UTM listed, although old form has only latitude/longitude. The UTM's have incorrect listing for Point (D), which should read: Z14/E548062/N326950 to conform to the mapped rectangle.

Lake Theo Folsom Site Complex - Briscoe County (4/28/75)

Map correct as originally shown. UTM's listed incorrectly. Should be:

- A) 14/ 3 08 425 / 38 10 640
- B) 14/ 3 12 360 / 38 10 580
- C) 14/ 3 12 360 / 38 09 440
- D) 14/ 3 08 415 / 38 09 540

Bridges-Johnson House - Meridian vicinity, Bosque County (10/25/79)

USGS map has changed and UTM location is now: Z 14/ 6 26 260 / 35 30 660

Bowie County Courthouse and Jail - New Boston, Bowie County (11/16/77)

UTM should read: 15/ 3 67 850 / 37 01 025

Saenger Theater - Texarkana, Bowie County (7/12/78)

UTM should read: 15/4 02 880 / 36 98 300

First National Bank Building - Meridian, Bosque County (11/7/79)

USGS 7.5 map lines for UTM's have changed with 1979 photo revision. Therefore 1981 location by UTM coordinates reads: 14/ 6 27 000 / 35 32 440

Varner-Hogg Plantation - West Columbia vicinity, Brazoria County (4/9/80)

- A) 15/ 2 42 890 / 32 29 030
- B) 15/ 2 43 260 / 32 29 230
- C) 15/ 2 43 610 / 32 28 610
- D) 15/ 2 43 380 / 32 28 200

Bryan Carnegie Library - Bryan, Brazos County (10/27/76)

A) 14/ 7 51 660 / 33 96 180

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Corrections continued -

Santa Fe Railroad Station - Brownwood, Brown County (1/2/76)

UTM never listed, it is: A) 14/ 5 01 920 / 35 08 765

St. John's Episcopal Church - Brownwood, Brown County (9/4/79)

A) 14/ 5 01 420 / 35 09 100

Bishop Site - Salt Gap vicinity, Concho County (6/17/77)

Typo: should be 14/ 4 41 300 / 34 63 000



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Bowie County Courthouse  
Bostin, Texas

Texas Historical Commission, Nov. 1976  
THC

West elevation of courthouse  
Photo #1 74

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Bowie County Courthouse  
Boston, Texas

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East elevation of courthouse  
Photo #2 *34*

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Boston, Texas

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Northeast oblique of courthouse  
and annex

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Boston, Texas

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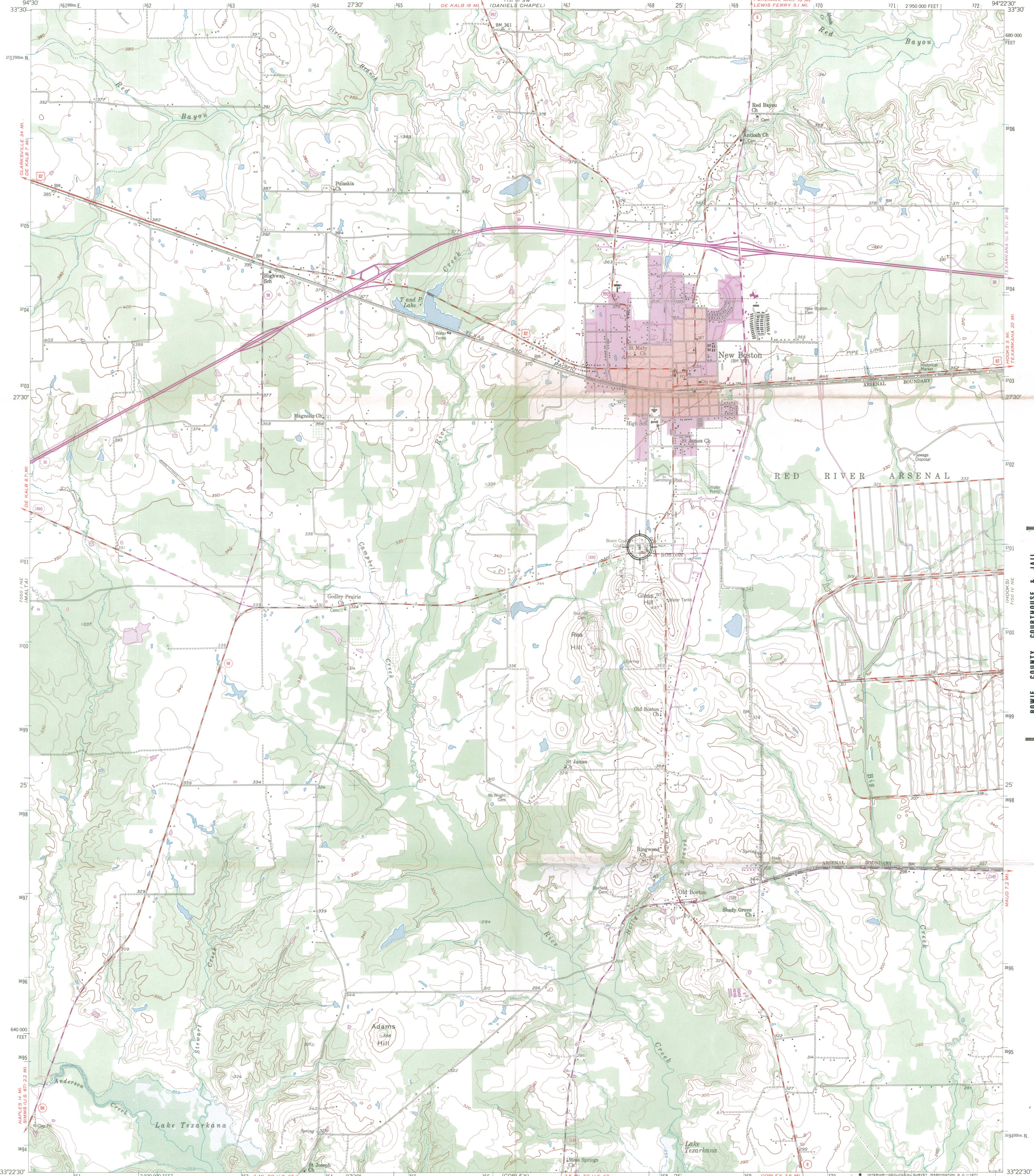
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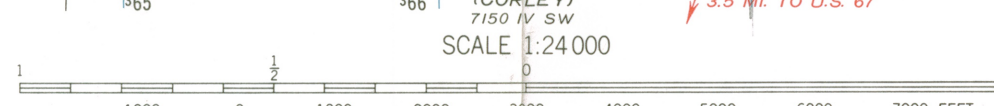
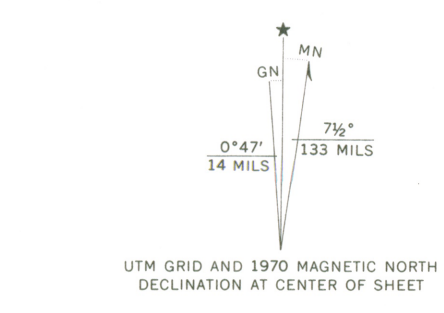
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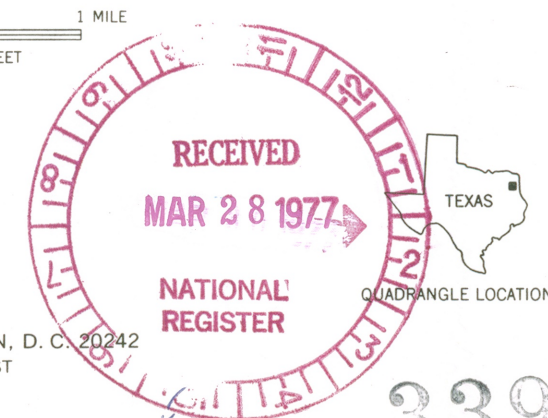


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Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1954  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, north central zone  
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject  
to controlled inundation  
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1970. This information not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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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 |
| Interstate Route | U. S. Route     |
|                  | State Route     |

NEW BOSTON, TEX.  
NW/4 NEW BOSTON 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3322.5-W9422.5/7.5

1954  
PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 7150 IV NW-SERIES V882

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BOWIE COUNTY COURTHOUSE & JAIL  
PUBLIC SQUARE  
BOSTON, TEXAS  
UTM REFERENCES: 15/367860/3701025

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      **TEXAS**

Date Entered      **NOV 16 1977**

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| <b>Bowie County Courthouse and Jail</b> | <b>Boston<br/>Bowie County</b> |

Also Notified

Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen

Hon. John G. Tower

Hon. Sam B. Hall, Jr.

Regional Director, Southwest Region

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State Historic Preservation Officer

Mr. Truett Latimer

Executive Director

Texas Historical Commission

P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station

Austin, Texas 78711

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Bowie County Courthouse and Jail** 2 OTHER NAMES: 3 date of entry: **NOV 16 1977** 4 county code: **37**

5 LOCATION street & number **Public Square** city / town **Boston** vicinity of state **TX** county **Bowie** 6 NPS REGION: **SW**

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 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL if state who prepared form?

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES. NAME  NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES. NAME  NO 15 ACREAGE **2**  LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

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

22 CLAIMS: explain 'first'  'oldest'  'only'

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **Government** CURRENTLY: 24 dates of initial construction: **1870** major alterations: **1936 remodeln g** historic events: **1951 north addition** 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

26 architectural style(s): 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 **locally significant County Courthouse**