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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 ******
Joe E. Turner House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
~~FM #934~~ 3 mi. E of Itasca on SR 934 NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN
Itasca VICINITY OF CODE 6
STATE COUNTY CODE
Texas 048 Hill 217

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 type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crouch
STREET & NUMBER
Route 1 Box 42
CITY, TOWN
Itasca VICINITY OF STATE
Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hill County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Hillsboro STATE
Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic American Building Survey (Texas 136)
DATE
1961 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
Washington, D.C. STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input 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 Joe E. Turner House is a one story frame structure typical of a Texas mid-nineteenth century "double house." Two large rooms, one on either side of an open central hall form the basic unit. A continuous porch extends along the south facade. Two shed rooms and a continuation of the hall extend across the north facade. All rooms open into the hall. The two principal rooms also have doorways that open to the porch on the south. The foundations consist of limestone piers. Hand hewn, mortised and pegged oak members provide the structural frame of the house. Except for the flush, horizontal cypress boarding shielded by the porch on the south, all other exterior walls are faced with cypress weatherboarding (clapboards). Two native limestone chimneys are centered on the east and west ends of the main rooms. Wood shingles cover the roof.

The flooring is six inch pine lumber. Walls are finished with flush boarding which varies between ten and one half to eight and one half inches wide. Windows are pegged, double hung sash with twelve lights. Trim is plain wood, painted.

During the 1880s, the hall was enclosed by two, four paneled doors with glazed sidelights. Also during this period, a kitchen addition replaced the northwest shed room. These additions have now been removed and the house is being restored by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crouch of Itasca, Texas.

There are evidences of enclosing fences. A cistern is located off the southeast corner. Evidences of foundations of a summer kitchen exist near the northwest corner. Barns, smokehouse, and other buildings existed north of the house. Capt. John Stubblefield's grave lies to the southeast.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" 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 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Turner House is an excellent example of mid-nineteenth century rural Texas domestic architecture. This house is one of the earliest structures still existing in the Hill County area, dating from the 1850s. It is remarkable that the house remained relatively unchanged following modifications during the 1880s.

The typical characteristics of an early Texas house are evident in the plan, construction, orientation, and siting of the house. The plan is a "double house" with a room on either side of the open central hall or "run," with enclosed shed rooms along the north facade and an open porch extending along the south. Large hand hewn, mortised and pegged oak members provide the structural framework of the house. Except for the flush, horizontal cypress boarding shielded by the porch on the south, all other exterior walls are faced with cypress weatherboarding (clapboards). The window sash are pegged. The house is oriented with the porch toward the south providing protection against the summer sun. The site is on a rise on the "mountain", located near a natural spring on the headwaters of Richland Creek.

The house is located on land granted to the heirs of a Texas soldier, Orlando Wheeler, who was killed fighting for Texas Independence at Goliad. One third of the original grant, or 1573 acres, was allocated to Wm. L. Mitchell as "locative interest" for locating the grant. Mitchell, originally from Tennessee, gained title to the land in 1856, probably moved there shortly thereafter and built the house.

In 1867, William and Mary Mitchell sold their property to Capt. John Stubblefield of Walker County, Texas for \$1400 and moved to Ellis County. John Stubblefield was born November 4, 1804. Sources list him being from any one of three places: Virginia, North Carolina, or Kentucky. He lived in southeastern Texas as early as 1840. The Census of 1860 lists him as a cotton planter in Walker County worth \$13,000 in real estate and \$47,789 in personal property (including twenty-six slaves.)

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Cattle owned by John Stubblefield ranged along the Richland and Pecan Creeks in Hill County early in the 1850's. According to the records surveyed, Stubblefield established the earliest ranching operation in Hill County. At the peak of these ranching activities, Stubblefield owned 1700 cattle and 120 horses. During the early 1860's, Stubblefield purchased 800 acres in the southern part of Hill County, but he did not move to the county until 1867, after the Civil War. This was when he bought the Mitchell property. Two years later he purchased additional land, including a gristmill and sawmill in Johnson County. This last site developed into a community named for Stubblefield.

John Stubblefield died April 3, 1877. Three years after his death, Joe E. Turner bought the place from Jacob Stubblefield, adopted son and heir of John Stubblefield. The Joe E. Turner family modified the house, presumably during the 1880's. At this time the hall was enclosed and kitchen addition replaced the northwest shed room. Joseph Turner's son, Reuben, lived in the house until 1950. Following Reuben Turner's occupancy, the house was abandoned for living purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crouch of Itasca, Texas, now own the house and are in the process of restoring it to its earlier appearance.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Co., 1892.

Bailey, Ellis. A History of Hill County, Texas 1838-1965. Waco: Texian Press, 1966.

Kirkpatrick, A.Y. Early Settler's Life in Texas and Organization of Hill Co. Hillsboro, 1909.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than an acre

UTM REFERENCES Lat. 32° 10' 22" Long. 97° 05' 31"

A 14 679940 3560990

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

B

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Katherine Livingston

ORGANIZATION

Eugene George, AIA

STREET & NUMBER

1224 American Bank Tower

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

DATE

August 5, 1976

TELEPHONE

(512) 472-1201

STATE

Texas 78701

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

SIGNATURE

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 11/19/76

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

CHIEF, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/13/77

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3/25/77

77601452
Hill

Property Turner, Joseph E., House

State Texas Working Number 11.29.76.4658

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{pl} 12.1.76

Less than 1 acre would exclude the grave and the outbuilding sites, which perhaps should be included.

HISTORIAN

CALL - ACCEPT
J. W. [unclear]
6 D 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Good example of mid 19th c. frame farmhouse.

ACCEPT
Hugan
3/21/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
3-21-77
Pett

BRANCH CHIEF

Hung
3-25-77

KEEPER

Wm
3/25/77

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 5-3-77

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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JOE E. TURNER HOUSE
ITASCA, TEXAS
HILL COUNTY
DURING RESTORATION 1976

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Joe E. Turner House
Itasca, Hill County, Texas

Richard Ryan, Summer 1976
Eugene George, AIA Architect, Austin, TX

South elevation during restoration
Photo #1 *of 4*

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JOE E. TURNER HOUSE

ITASCA, TEXAS

HILL COUNTY, 1961

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Joe E. turner House
Itasca, Hill County, Texas

Eugene George, 1961 (HABS)
Eugene George, AIA, Austin, Texas

South elevation

Photo #2 *of 4*

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Joe E. Turner House
Itasca, Hill County, Texas

Eugene George, 1961 (HABS)
Eugene George, AIA, Austin, Texas

Southeast oblique
Photo #3 *of 4*

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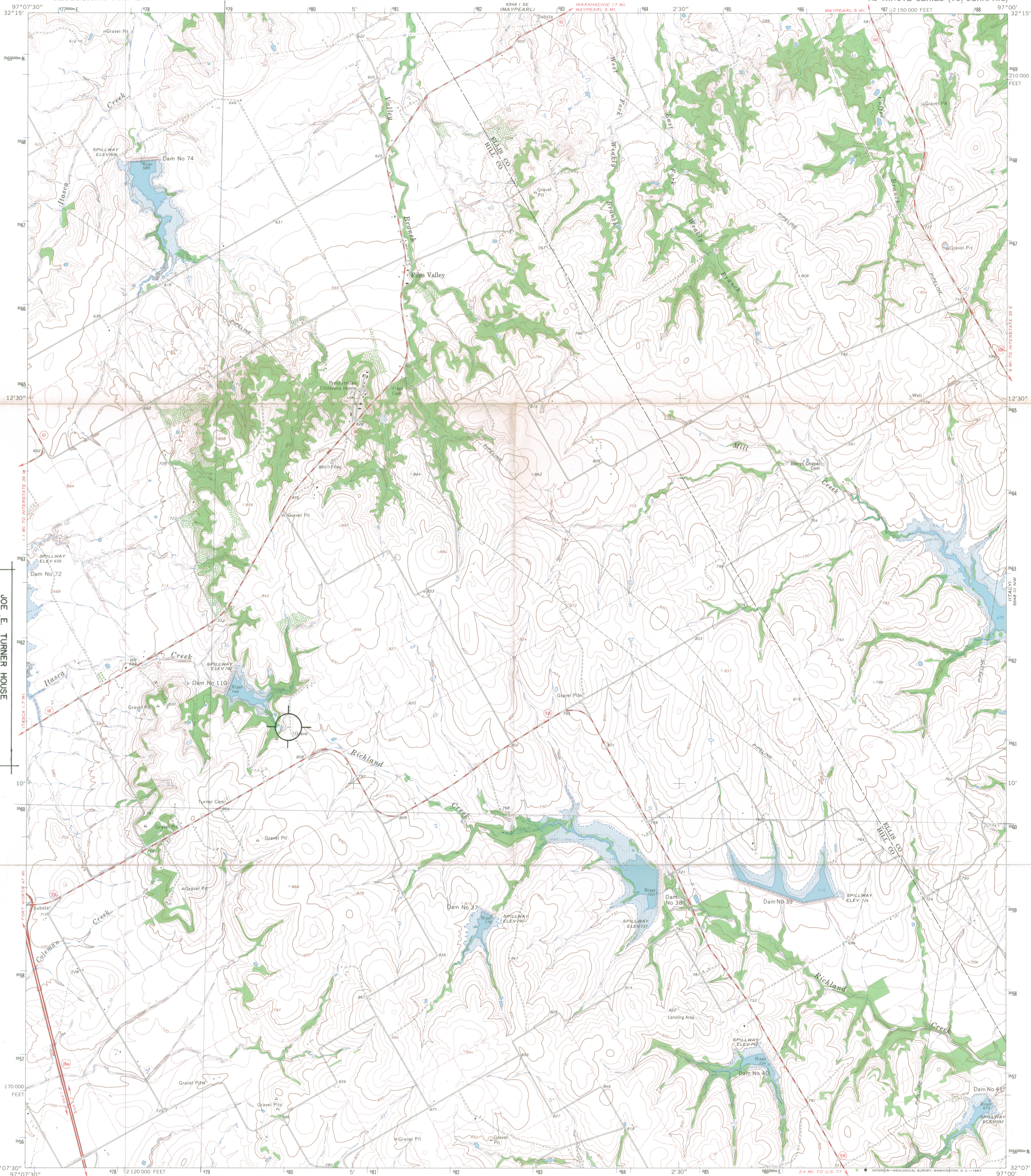
Joe E. Turner House
Itasca, Hill County, Texas

Eugene George, 1961 (HABS)
Eugene George, AIA, Austin, Texas

Northeast oblique
Photo #4 *of 4*

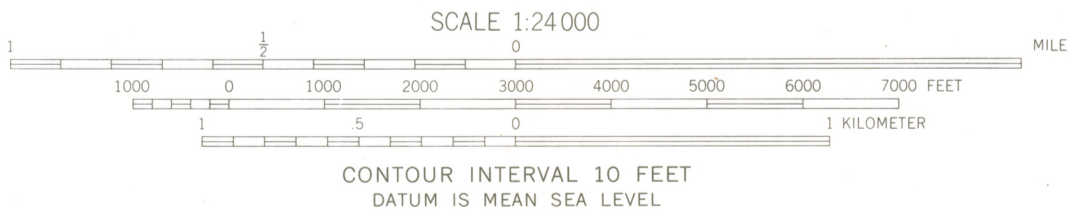
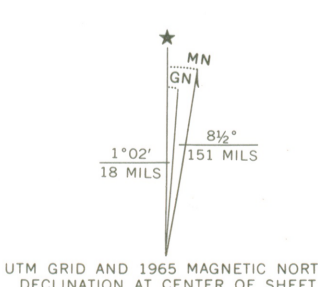
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JOE E. TURNER HOUSE
FM # 934
3.7 miles NW. of ITASCA, TEXAS
UTM reference:
14/679940 / 3560990

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1965
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, north central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject
to controlled inundation



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Heavy-duty | Light-duty |
| Medium-duty | Unimproved dirt |
| Interstate Route | State Route |

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

FILES VALLEY, TEX.
N3207.5—W9700/7.5

1965

AMS 6548 II NE—SERIES V882

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

TEXAS

STATE

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| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Howle Site | Quitman vicinity Wood County |
| Yandell Site | Emory vicinity Rains County |
| Gilbert Site | Emory vicinity Rains County |
| Bosque County Courthouse | Meridian Bosque County |
| Hart, Meredith, House | Rio Vista vicinity Johnson County |
| Turner, Joe E. House | Itasca vicinity Hill County |
| Sadler Site | Alba vicinity Wood County |
| Koons Site | Emory vicinity Rains County |

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. Sam B. Hall, Jr.
Hon. Ray Roberts
Hon. W. R. Poage
Hon. Olin E. Teague

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

880 Mott 4/19/77

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 6 D 76
Reviewer: [Signature] INITIALS: [Signature]
NR DOE
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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Turner, Joe E., House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 3 mi. E of Itasca on SR 934

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th

STATE Texas 48

VICINITY OF Itasca

COUNTY code
Hill 217

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-1 - Substantially intact-2 - Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 unknown -5 unknown -6
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- HOUSE

now- same

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
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Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor: William L. Mitchell

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal

William L. Mitchell
John Stubblefield
Joe F. Turner

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

1856-1867

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1880-1890

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

less than 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

one story wooden frame structure with gable roof. "Double house" plan with 2 large rooms on either side of an open central hall. Continuous porch along south facade. Walls faced with cypress clapboards.

HABS

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

This house is one of the earliest extant structures in the area, remarkably preserved. It is typical of mid-19th century architecture in the area.