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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

Clay County Courthouse and Jail

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Jail: on Ikard Street, one block west of courthouse
(jailhouse); (courthouse)

Courthouse: public square 100 North Bridge Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Henrietta

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

13

STATE

Texas

CODE

048

COUNTY

Clay

CODE

077

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

County of Clay

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square, 100 North Bridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Henrietta

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk, Clay County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

100 North Bridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Henrietta

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The plan of the Clay County Courthouse is in the form of a Greek cross with narrow arms projecting to the north and south and wide arms projecting to the east and west. Corridors extending through both arms of the cross provided access from all four sides of the building which was positioned in center of the public square. On the ground level, the wide arms of the cross contained offices and the narrow arms contained the stairways providing access to the courtroom which originally occupied most of the second floor.

The form and details of the courthouse are Classical. The most noteworthy features of the exterior are the sandstone columns on tall pedestals projecting from each of the eight corners, expressing the second floor as a piano nobile. The walls of locally-manufactured red brick are accented by sandstone stringcourses. During construction an iron cornice was substituted for the stone cornice that was originally specified. Originally the roof was hipped on a low pitch, creating a stronger horizontality than the new gable roof provides. A tall tower with four clock faces surmounted by a cupola and finished with sheet metal details was replaced early in the twentieth century by a low dome of frame construction. Late in the century, an iron fence and concrete sidewalks were installed--these, of course, have been removed and replaced. In 1891 a fireproof record room was added and in 1893 twenty four incandescent lights were installed (an early use in West Texas of artificial lighting).

On the interior the offices remain essentially in their original configuration. However wall surfaces have been refinished with pecan paneling and lower ceilings have been installed. In recent years, along with interior alterations, many window openings have been partially or wholly filled.

Typical of many of those in West Texas, the Clay County Jail was a two-story masonry work with stuccoed walls. Roman arches with emphasized imposts were employed on the front section, which was emphasized by an asymmetrically placed gable; elsewhere segmental arches were used. Wall decoration consists of stringcourses, an ornamental brick cornice and some relief on the Roman arches. Other decorative features include corner finials and a small cupola, the latter of which was also functional.

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Jail 1890
CH- 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Jail (1890) Pauley Jail Building
CH-W.H. Wilson-Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Clay County Courthouse and Jail have architectural and governmental significance. The Courthouse is distinguished by its stone details and cross-shaped plan, which was relatively unusual in Texas. Both the courthouse and jail have been the focus of government and law enforcement activities for nearly a century. In addition, during the early years of its use, the Courthouse was the location of numerous social activities of the county.

Clay County was organized in 1857 but Indian raids later forced abandonment. In 1872 the county was reorganized and the following year the county commissioners ordered the construction of the first courthouse, a rectangular stone building.

Named, according to legend, for the wife of Henry Clay of Kentucky, Henrietta was originally laid out in 1860. After abandonment during Indian problems the town was reoccupied in 1865 but was once again vacated as a result of pressures from the Indians. It was finally occupied permanently in 1873 and it was incorporated in 1882, the year it became the permanent county seat. Located on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad and the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad, it became a commercial center for the surrounding region.

Late in 1883 the commissioners' court ordered T.J. Craig, County Judge, to advertise for plans and specifications for a new courthouse to be erected on the public square. After examining those submitted, the plans of W.H. Wilson of Dallas were accepted. Later, another architect, (first name unknown) Tozer, became associated with the project. On January 29, 1884, after consideration of the bids submitted, contractors D.W. Strain, Ward Risley and A. Swinburn of Fort Worth were selected to build the temple of justice for \$34,800 and on June 24 the cornerstone was levelled by Henrietta Lodge No. 454, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

As occasionally was the case in the nineteenth century, various rooms in the courthouse served functions outside government. In 1884 the grand jury room was rented to the Knights of Honor for use as a lodge room. A room on the third floor was rented as a law office and in 1886 another room was rented to the Henrietta Silver Cornet Band for \$4.00 per month. Later, however, orders were issued forbidding the use of the courthouse for balls and dances. Then, in 1905 the court issued an order forbidding the use of the courthouse for ice cream parties because

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clay County Commissioners' Court Minutes, Vols. I-V.
 Frank J. Douthitt, "Clay County Courthouse," Texas Bar Journal, 34 (October 22, 1971). pp. 865-866.
Fort Worth Daily Gazette, February 2, 1884, p. 6; May 1, 1884, p. 6.
 Walter Prescott Webb (ed), The Handbook of Texas, Vol. I, Austin: The Texas State Historical Association, 1952.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres *- courthouse*

UTM REFERENCES

Resubmit for jail (Bureau 2.9.78)

A	14	574	200	37	41	279	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The courthouse is bounded Ikard and Gilbert Streets on the north and south, and be Bridge and Main Streets on the east and west. The jail is located one block west of the courthouse on Ikard Street.

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 10-14-76

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

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 10/24/77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: William Lebovich

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 10/3/78
 DATE 9/29/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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"the continued waste of salt and salt water on floors have damaged same to a considerable extent, as well as the sleepers under the floor. . ."

Today the courthouse continues to serve solely the functions of county government.

In 1874 a sixteen-foot-square jail was built with six-inch wooden walls. Built of solid oak the plan consisted of a central hall with three cells on either side. This work is preserved in Henrietta.

However, this early calaboose obviously proved unsatisfactory. In less than three years after its acceptance in 1875, notices were published inviting contractors to submit proposals for the construction of a new sandstone jail. On August 12, 1878 the commissioners' court ordered that the contract for the erection of a county jail be let to J.L. Thomas of Fort Worth. For \$7,000 the contractor, who developed his own plans, was to build a jail with exterior walls of pitch-faced ashlar sandstone.

However, this jail was not built. Finally in 1890 the Pauley Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of Saint Louis was awarded a contract for the construction of a new jail for \$24,000. The jail was completed and accepted that same year.

Property Clay County Courthouse and Jail

Clay

State Texas

Working Number 10.31.77.1735

78002904

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

~~11.1.77?~~ S. Klein will send map

CONTROL
OK- pl
11.1.77

HISTORIAN

After info rec'd accept
Franklin
2.2.78

Non-sympatetic window changes -
is small jail mentioned located on
either property. What is acreage of jail -
will accept after call. - Small jail has been
moved away.
earlier jail

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept
Brannan
12.17.77 2.10.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

Standard nomination for Texas
courthouse and jail
Courthouse is architecturally significant
for unusual plan + detail. Both bldgs
are historically significant as foci of quad.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Leborich
2/14/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Comment
10/2/78

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 11-7-78

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Clay County Courthouse and Jail
Ikard Street
Henrietta, Clay County, Texas

Mike Yancey 1977
THC file
West facade of Jail

DOE
OCT 3 1978

Clay County Jail

OCT 31 1977

West facade

1084

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Clay County Courthouse and Jail
Public Square 100 North Bridge Street
Henrietta, Clay County, Texas

Mike Yancey 1977
Texas Historical Commission
South Elevation of Courthouse

OCT 31 1977

2014

DOE
OCT 3 1978

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Clay County Courthouse and Jail
Public Square 100 North Bridge Street
Henrietta, Clay County, Texas

Mike Yancey 1977
THC file
East Facade of Courthouse

OCT 31 1977

3 of 4

^{DOE}
OCT 3 1978

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Clay County Courthouse and Jail
Public Square 100 North Bridge Street
Henrietta, Clay County, Texas

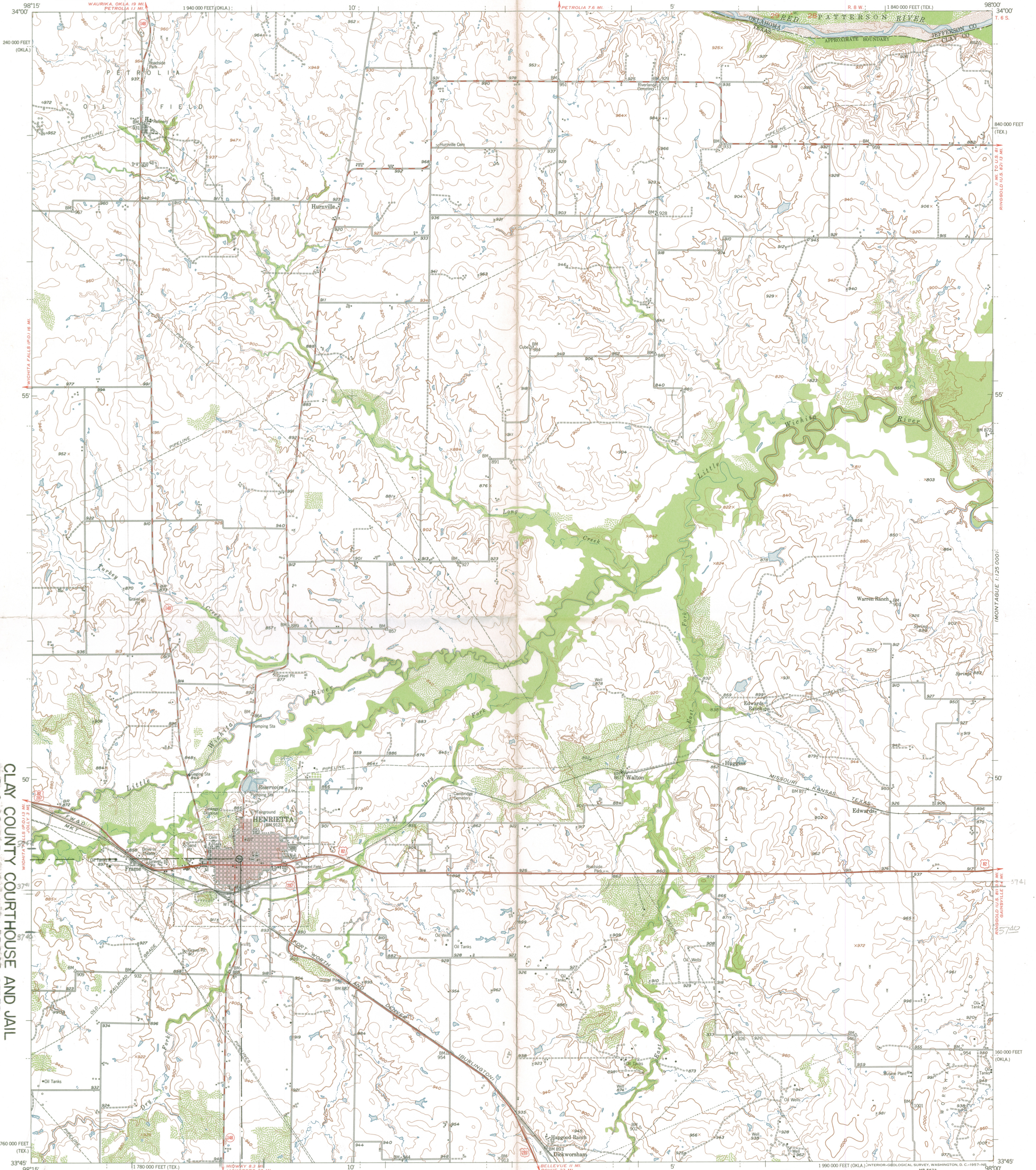
Mike Yancey 1977
Texas Historical Commission
Northwest Oblique of Courthouse

OCT 31 1977

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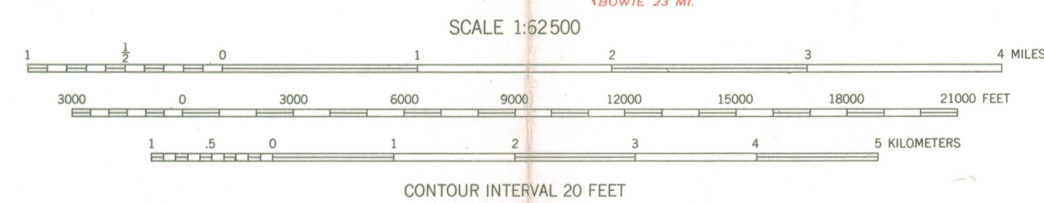
DOE
OCT 3 1978

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



CLAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JAIL
PUBLIC SQUARE 100 NORTH BRIDGE STREET
HENRIETTA, CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS 7700
UTM REFERENCE: 14/574200/3741279

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1956
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
north central zone and Oklahoma coordinate system,
south zone
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



HENRIETTA, TEX.-OKLA.
N3345-W9800/15
1956

3398-440

JUL 22 1968

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER 2, COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

DATE 9.29.78

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL 9:25 AM PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Stanley Klein

24. SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Need USGS map for Clay
County Courthouse + jail. (blue sticks
for utm)
[Have called several times]
will send if have

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL	TITLE	OFFICE
P. Lemon	clerk	Control

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered OCT 3 1978

Name

Location

Clay County Courthouse and Jail

Henrietta
Clay County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Jack E. Hightower

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

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Clay County Courthouse and Jail
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: OCT 3 1978
 ④ county code: 77

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 100 N. Bridge St., Ikard St.
 city / town: Henrietta
 vicinity of:
 state: TX
 county: Clay
 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: 13th
 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
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION
 excellent
 good
 fair
 deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed
 unexcavated
 altered
 unaltered
 reconstructed
 excavated
 original site
 moved
 unknown
 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
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

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

㉔ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):
 ㉘ architect:
 ㉙ master builder:
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉜ interior decorator:
 ㉝ artist:
 ㉞ artisan:
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP