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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
Dallas Hall
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Campus, Southern Methodist University *campus* NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Dallas VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
3

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Texas 048 Dallas 113 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Southern Methodist University ✓
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Dallas VICINITY OF STATE
Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Dallas County Court House

STREET & NUMBER
600 Commerce Street

CITY, TOWN
Dallas STATE
Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
none

DATE
____ FEDERAL ____ STATE ____ COUNTY ____ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN
STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (exterior)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Dallas Hall, located on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, is a four-story, red brick Neo-Georgian structure. Constructed between 1912 and 1915, the building existed for fifty-five years in its original state.¹ A major renovation in 1970-71 altered the interior to accommodate current needs, while leaving the exterior structurally unchanged. The following description refers to the original and present appearance of Dallas Hall, except where note is taken of interior remodeling.

Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, the Chicago branch of a Boston architectural firm, designed Dallas Hall in the tradition of Roman Classic Architecture as mediated by the Georgian Period.² A central rotunda, inspired by the Roman Pantheon (ca. 120 A.D.), is flanked by east and west wings that terminate in semi-circular porticoes of the Roman Doric order. The building faces south with a frontage of 225 feet and a depth of 111 feet.³

The rotunda, magnificent in both scale and design, rises three stories from the main floor.⁴ Its copper dome rests on a brick drum, supported in turn by a brick octagon. Palladian windows ornament four corners of the octagon, and stone balustrades enclose these corners.⁵ Contrary to their external appearance, the windows provide no light for the interior of the rotunda; rather, they open into rounded corridors fourteen feet wide which serve as the building's attic.

The top of the copper dome encases a stained glass skylight wreathed in acanthus leaves. From this source come shifting patterns of light that enhance the Adamesque ornamentation on the dome's plastered interior. The molded plaster was added at the time of refurbishing, the original interior dome having been done in gold leaf. At the same time, electric lights were installed near the base of the plaster. The lights had been included in the original design and indentations made for them in 1915; but the con-

¹The Fred A. Jones Co. functioned as general contractor in the building of Dallas Hall. The building cost \$265,000, an amount exceeding the net contract price by \$52,123. Robert S. Hyer to Shepley, Rutan & Collidge, 19 June 1912; SMU Today 2, no. 1 (Winter 1969-70):7.

²Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, "Reports on Dallas Hall" (30 January 1914), pp. 1-2.

³Interview with Charles Dawson, Director of Physical Plant, 7 October 1977

⁴The ground floor underneath the main (or first) floor is technically a basement, although it is built entirely above ground.

⁵James F. White, Architecture at SMU; 50 Years and 50 Buildings (Dallas, Texas: Southern Methodist University Press, 1966), p. 4,

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tractor, Fred A. Jones, declared bankruptcy in 1915 and left this detail unfinished.⁶

From the marble floor beneath the dome, coupled Corinthian pilasters extend through two floors. The second and third floor walkways which they support give access to upper levels of the east and west wings. Four coffered vaults open off the third floor walkway. On the main floor four oval rooms flank the rotunda.⁷

A tall, shallow portico leading directly into the rotunda serves as the front entrance to Dallas Hall. Six fluted columns, thirty-six feet high and four feet in diameter, support the portico.⁸ The concrete columns are capped by Corinthian capitals, hand-carved from Bedford limestone.⁹ The concrete stairs adjacent to the portico had become weathered and worn by 1970. Renovators solved the problem by turning them upside down.¹⁰

The east and west wings of Dallas Hall are covered by a roof of hard-veined, unfading green slate. Their exterior walls, like those of the rotunda, are constructed of red Kansas brick from the first through the third floors. The exterior walls of the exposed basement are built of Bedford limestone. The building's foundation rests on a rock strata at a depth of four feet.¹¹

The east and west wing interiors underwent major changes in the 1970-71 renovation.¹² Originally, these areas housed all parts of the univer-

⁶Interview, Dawson. Two other additions were made to the rotunda in 1971: (1) air conditioning grills, installed in the bays, and (2) the University seal, placed in the center of the marble floor. Except for these changes, the rotunda appears the same today as it did in 1915,

⁷White, Architecture, p. 4.

⁸Dallas Morning News, 29 November 1912,

⁹Shepley, Ruton & Coolidge, "Specifications for Dallas Hall for Southern Methodist University" (30 April 1912), p. 13.

¹⁰Interview, Dawson,

¹¹Shepley, et al., "Specifications," p. 9.

¹²The Pierce, Lacey Partnership of Dallas provided plans for the renovation of Dallas Hall. SMU served as general contractor, thereby saving an estimated \$180,000 on the total cost of \$2 million. Program, Formal Opening of Dallas Hall (29 October 1971), p. 4.

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sity: classrooms and laboratories, faculty and administrative offices, library, chapel, post office, and barber shop. Obsolete floor plans gave way to a complete restructuring as renovators modernized two floors for classroom use and two floors for office space. A spacious, 196-seat auditorium with extensive television equipment replaced the third floor, east wing Arden Playhouse (earlier used as the chapel). At the northern entrance to the building one of the matching stairways was removed to provide space for restrooms on each floor and an elevator.¹³ Presently, Dallas Hall contains the classrooms and offices of the University's largest academic division, the School of Humanities and Science,

One change resulting from the renovation of Dallas Hall warrants special note. Restoration of the president's office, the southwest oval room off the rotunda, represents a significant recreation of the building's original design. Partitions in the twenty-foot room were dismantled and the oval, oak conference table first used in the room in 1915 was returned.¹⁴ Called the Robert S. Hyer Seminar Room in honor of SMU's first president, this place best symbolizes the historic cycle of change through which Dallas Hall has come.

Dallas Hall, as it presently stands, rates highly when measured by general building standards. The building is Type I fire resistive, its basic materials, reinforced concrete and structural steel, make it structurally sound. Because of its heavy masonry walls, the building could become energy efficient with only slight modifications. In like manner, the building's heavy mass would make noise suppression possible with some minor modifications. And finally, the building is extremely weather tight. Its masonry walls and slate roof have allowed scant air and water infiltration during the past sixty-two years.¹⁵

¹³Dallas Times Herald, 29 October 1971; Dallas Morning News, 9 September 1971.

¹⁴Dallas Morning News, 9 September 1971.

¹⁵Interview with Ray Marsh, University Architect, 11 November 1977.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1912-1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For sixty-two years Dallas Hall has been the focal point of Southern Methodist University. From its hilltop position on the 150-acre campus, the building has functioned as the center of intellectual activity for four generations of students, all the while providing the unifying feature of SMU for the Dallas Community. Because of its physical, historical, and symbolic significance, Dallas Hall merits consideration as a landmark worthy of preservation.

In 1911 the Texas Educational Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church South determined to establish a new university commensurate with Methodism's rising standards of higher education. The Commission elected Robert S. Hyer as president of the proposed school and chose Dallas as the site. Dallas' strategic location as a southwestern urban center (1915 population, 100,000) led Wallace Buttrick, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Education of New York, to advise Hyer in 1911 that Dallas was the best unoccupied territory in the South for a university. Dallas citizens indicated their interest in securing the new university by pledging 622½ acres of land and \$300,000 in cash.¹ Their gift of cash financed the construction of

(See attached for continuation)

¹Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University, 30 June 1913. The establishment of the Regional Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas in 1913 coincided with the founding years of SMU. This proved to be a fortuitous coincidence since the Bank fostered Dallas' growth as a financial center and thereby enhanced future possibilities for SMU's economic support.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See attached)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A	14	707340	3636100
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Southern Methodist University Campus; capping the northern terminus of Bishop Blvd.

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

Dr. Jody Potts

November 18, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Southern Methodist University

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

University at Hillcrest

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dallas

STATE

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

7-28-78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

11-17-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

11-16-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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SMU's first building, named Dallas Hall in appreciation of the city's generosity.

The imposing facade of Dallas Hall derived from Hyer's vision of SMU as a great university built on a grand design. Hyer planned in terms of a monumental building facing a long boulevard which would eventually be lined with some thirty additional buildings, all harmoniously related with the red brick and white columns of Georgian architecture.

Hyer's plan, executed in later years much as he envisioned it, reflects the Beaux-Arts tradition made popular by the 1893 Chicago Exposition. While Dallas Hall itself is Neo-Georgian, its hilltop setting overlooking Bishop Boulevard fits the Beaux-Arts pattern of situating a monumental building at the end of a broad avenue, thus providing a dynamic axis with long vistas.

Hyer's selection of a mall design for SMU is significant in that it differed from the traditional quadrangle pattern found on most college campuses in 1915. Moreover, his choice of Neo-Georgian architecture was a vanguard decision, for this style did not reach its prominence in Dallas until the early 1920's.

Equipped with his own detailed sketch of Dallas Hall, Hyer went to Chicago in 1911 to secure the architectural services of Shepley, Ruton & Coolidge. This firm, whose work he had long admired, was later chosen by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to direct the restoration of Williamsburg. Hyer's selection of a nationally prominent architectural firm to design Dallas Hall is particularly significant since all other buildings at SMU have been designed by local architects.

For the first decade of SMU's existence, Dallas Hall served as the only classroom facility. Thereafter, it remained the center of liberal arts studies, thus claiming all students for at least part of their college careers. Few SMU alumni have not been influenced by the intellectual activities housed within its corridors.

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Property Dallas Hall

State Tx.

Working Number 8.1.78.3728

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

CONTROL

pl
OK 8.3.78

HISTORIAN

Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge - neo-Georgian design - interiors rehaved in 1970 - Excellent nomination.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Brigham
11.6.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Well-justified for architectural design itself and its relationship to architectural development in area, association with major, ~~a~~ deliberately sought architectural firm, and for association/impact on ~~SMU~~ SMU campus community.

Shepley for
11-16-78
accept

Property submitted is obviously just discreet bldg.

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Approved
11/17/78

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-6-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Dallas Hall
Southern Methodist University Campus
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Mike Yancey August 1975
Texas Historical Commission

South Elevation

Photo #1

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Dallas Hall
Southern Methodist University Campus
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

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Texas Historical Commission

North Elevation

Photo #2

AUG 1 1978

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Dallas Hall
Southern Methodist University Campus
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

South elevation
Photographer unknown ca. 1915

reproduction filed at Texas Historical
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Photo #3

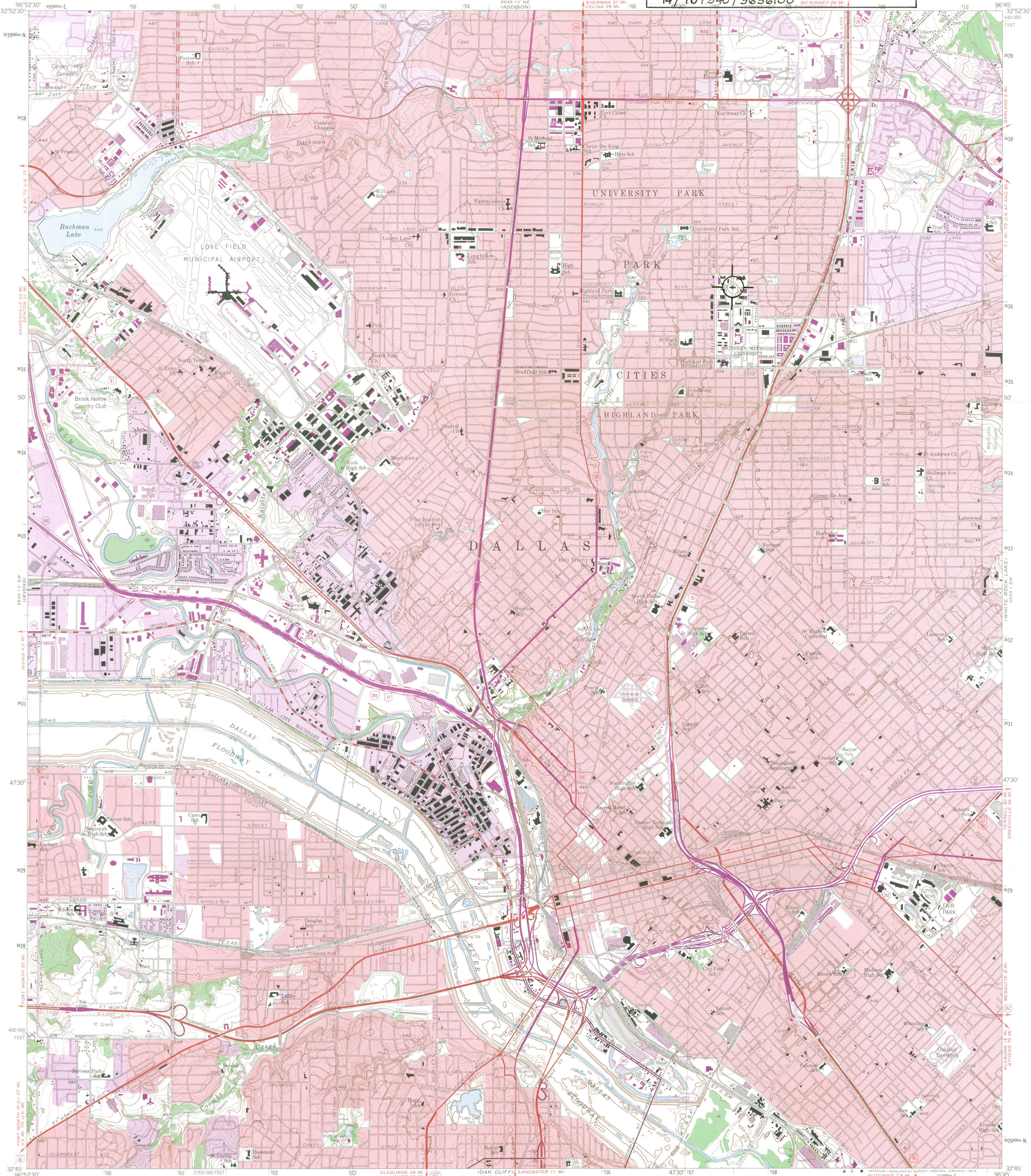
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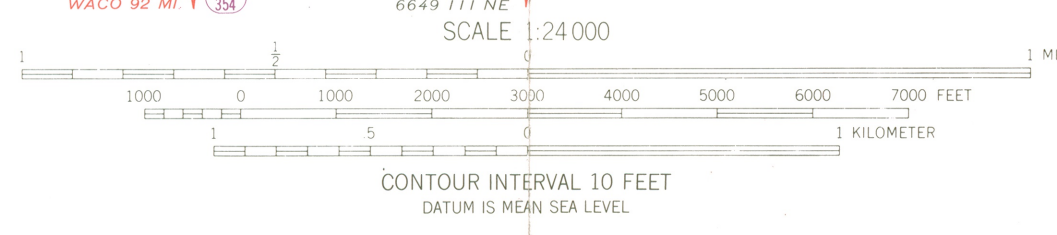
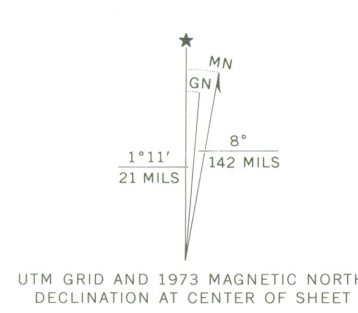
DALLAS HALL
 CAMPUS, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
 DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
 UTM REFERENCE:
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DALLAS QUADRANGLE
 TEXAS-DALLAS CO.
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 SE/4 CARROLLTON 15 QUADRANGLE



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS and USC&GS
 Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs
 taken 1952 and 1956. Topography from city of Dallas surveys
 1954 and by planetable surveys 1958
 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
 Red tint indicates areas in which only
 landmark buildings are shown
 Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
 taken 1968 and 1973. This information not field checked
 Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225 OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 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

DALLAS, TEX.
 SE/4 CARROLLTON 15 QUADRANGLE
 N3245-W9645/7.5

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 PHOTOREVISED 1968 AND 1973
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Southern Pacific Railroad Passenger Depot	Brownsville Cameron County
Dallas Hall	Dallas Dallas County
Fourth Ward School	San Antonio Bexar County
Bonham, James Butler, Elementary School	San Antonio Bexar County
Rawlins, Capt. R.A., House	Lancaster Dallas County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable E. de la Garza
Honorable James M. Collins
Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez
Honorable Olin E. Teague

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: Dallas Hall
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: NOV 17 1978
 ④ county code: 113

⑤ LOCATION street & number city / town vicinity of state county
 Southern Methodist University campus Dallas TX Dallas
 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 3 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 deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 ⑰ features: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
 NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4 UNKNOWN-5 UNKNOWN-6
 NOT APPLICABLE-7 NOT APPLICABLE-8 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 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 TRANSPORTATION-25
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:
 ㉔ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:
 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

reviewers initials _____ date _____ IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE

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MAY 20 1980

COUNTY BLOCK Dal 3296-331
CITY QUAD LOT Dal

NAME: Dallas Hall COUNTY: Dallas
ADDRESS: Northside of Inner Campus Quadrangle CITY: Dallas
SMU Campus Dallas, Tx. 75275 UTM: 14/707340/3636100
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Shepley, Rutan, Coolidge DATE: 1915 PERIOD:
OWNER: SMU STYLE: Georgian Revival
Dallas, Texas 75275 THEME: Classical

DESCRIPTION: Four story Georgian Revival structure that features a central rotunda with wings flanking east and west. Column-supported projecting pedimented portico marks entrance at rotunda, while rounded projecting porticoes mark east and west entrances.

BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: brick, wood, stone roof: slate
PHYSICAL CONDITION: good SITE: original or moved date

ALTERATIONS: interior reorganization 1970-71

SIGNIFICANCE: excellent example of Georgian Revival architecture; focal point of SMU campus

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture/education LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: state

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER:

ORIGINAL USE: academic-administration/class PRESENT USE: same

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: terminates major N/S axis of campus

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: see below

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA:

SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES:

RECORDED BY: Dr. Jody Potts INFORMANT:

DATE: 11/18/77 PHOTO DATA: Texas Historical Commission
(rev. 6-79)

Acreage - less than one approximately 5 (see 8/13 continuation sheet)

Structure with apron described as follows:
Beginning at a point approximately 75' east of eastern curb of Boaz Lane and approximately 180' south of southern curb of Boaz Lane north of structure; proceed east approximately 280', then north approximately 170', then west approximately 280', then south approximately 170' to point of origin.

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Acreage: Approximately 4.5

Structure and quadrangle south of structure which serves as a terminus for Bishop Boulevard, described as follows:

Begin at point where walkway oriented N-S and approximately 80' east of and parallel to central axis from Bishop Boulevard to Dallas Hall intersects north curb of Dyer Street. Proceed north approximately 185' along eastern edge of walkway, then east approximately 135' along southern edge of walkway oriented E-W to western curb of Hilltop Lane. Proceed north along curb approximately 500', then following curve around east side of Dallas Hall and west along curb approximately 300'. Follow curb as it curves south around western side of Dallas Hall, then south approximately 500', then east approximately 140' along southern edge of sidewalk oriented E-W, then south approximately 185' along western edge of sidewalk oriented N-S, and approximately 80' west of and parallel to central axis from Bishop Boulevard to Dallas Hall, then east along north curb of Dyer as it curves north approximately 50', then east approximately 100', then south approximately 50' to accommodate a traffic turnaround, then east to point of origin.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Thomas, Mary M., Southern Methodist University, Founding and Early Years, 1924, Historical and Architectural monographs excerpted from above reference; supplied by SMU and on file at THC
White, James F., Architecture at SMU, SMU Press, Dallas, 1966, p. 3-11

10. Geographical Data

ITEM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property individually, less than one
Quadrangle name Dallas, Texas Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References See individual data sheets

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See individual data sheets.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Linda C. Flory, Historian

organization Texas Historical Commission date May 11, 1980

street & number P.O. Box 12276 telephone 512-475-3095

city or town Austin, state 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5-14-80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

date 9/27/80

Attest: [Signature]

date 9/22/80

Chief of Registration



GEORGIAN REVIVAL BUILDINGS OF SOUTHERN METHODIST
UNIVERSITY *Thematic Resources*
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SMU Campus

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PHOTO: Historic, Ca. 1915, Photographer unknown
Courtesy Bennett Miller

VIEW: South Elevation, Camera Facing North

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VIEW: Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest

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