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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATE ENTERED **JUL 17 1978**

**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

*House*  
**E. B. Black Residence**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**508 West Third Street**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

**Hereford**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**19**

STATE

**Texas 79045**

CODE

**048**

COUNTY

**Deaf Smith**

CODE

**117**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

\_\_\_DISTRICT

PUBLIC

\_\_\_OCCUPIED

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

\_\_\_BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

STRUCTURE

\_\_\_BOTH

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_OBJECT

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_NO

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Courthouse**

CITY, TOWN

**Hereford**

VICINITY OF

STATE

**Texas 79045**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Deaf Smith County Courthouse**

STREET & NUMBER

**300 Sampson Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hereford**

STATE

**Texas 79045**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**Historic Sites Inventory**

DATE

**September, 1977**

\_\_\_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 E. B. Black House on the corner of Third and Bennett Streets is a late Victorian 1½ story frame structure with Colonial Revival influence and elements. It has one-over-one double-hung sash windows, dentilled cornice, wrap-around one-story gallery with squared, brick-based columns, second story central balcony, flared eaves and eave returns. There are fan lights above dormer doors and windows, with bar tracery on windows on the gallery. The original horizontal wood siding and brick skirting has been sheathed in stucco on all sides except the first floor gallery area. A metal crest and finials on the wood shingle roof, as well as two corbelled brick chimneys, have been removed. The original ionic columns on the gallery and two panelled columns on the balcony have been replaced. A white picket fence shown in a 1910 photo has also been removed.

The south (front) facade shows the gallery wrapping around to the east with a central entry and balcony above. The first floor and balcony doors are flanked by sidelights, with a fan light above the balcony door. The gallery is indented just east of the entry pavilion, following the wall outline of the house.

The west (Bennett St. side) elevation shows a central projecting pavilion and bay window with a large dormer centered above with three bar-traceried windows separated by muntins.

The north (back) elevation has simpler window and door treatments, but continues the dentil treatment on the cornice, eave returns and flared eaves that are found on the other three elevations. Entrance to the storm cellar is on this side. The central back porch has been enclosed.

The east (side) elevation shows continuation of the wrap-around gallery from the south. There is a fan light above the window in the gable end and an altered brick chimney is visible just north of the gable.

Originally the property included a windmill, well house, coal and wood storage bin, a fenced barn and pens for horses and chickens. All of these have since been removed.

Ceilings in the house are 10 feet high. There is yellow pine wainscoting in the diningroom, front and back halls, which is panelled, with a decorative egg and dart molding outlining each panel. The panels are topped by a bracketed architrave molding. Double sliding pocket doors open from the guest room to the front hall and between the parlor and diningroom. The opening between the front hall and aprlor is framed by two Ionic columns on pedestals. The two oak mantels are also framed by columns with classical capitals, and both contain beveled mirrors.

The four bedrooms and bath on the second floor have low ceilings due to the half story. The bath was originally a large storage room.

The present owners are planning to replace the original gallery columns, chimneys, ridge rows and finials and remove all the plaster. The house

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and grounds will be maintained as an adjunct to the Deaf Smith County  
Museum for teas, receptions and school meetings.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE     | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" 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 **1909**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT **Emmett Vanderburgh**

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The E. B. Black House, built in 1909 by Emmett Vanderburgh, is a good example of late Victorian architecture with the advent of the Colonial Revival influence, as interpreted in the Texas Panhandle. E. B. Black's residence at 508 W. 3rd St. was built only ten years after Hereford was named and four years after its incorporation. As one of the towns earliest civic and commercial leaders, Mr. Black was president of the Hereford Commercial Club (a forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce), and was mayor of Hereford from 1932 to 1934. He was instrumental in the creation of the Hereford Independent School District and the Central School, and sponsored construction of the first high school. He was also a leader in the First Methodist Church, where he was Superintendent of the Sunday School for thirty years. The Black home was planned to accomodate guests for church and community social gatherings. As one of the few large homes in Hereford, it was used frequently for these purposes.

While Deaf Smith County was created out of the Bexar Territory in 1876, settlement and growth didn't occur for another 20 years. When the Santa Fe Railroad crossed southeastern Deaf Smith County, residents of the county seat, La Plata, voted to move the townsite to the railroad. The new town was called Bluewater until it was learned that there was already a town by that name in the state. The name was then changed to Hereford after the cattle grazing the adjoining prairies.

E. B. Black, born in Russell County, Alabama in 1866, moved to Texas in 1882 and eventually settled in Cleburne. He moved to Hereford in 1901 and established his furniture store and undertaking business, E. B. Black Company. Mr. Black served on the school board as early as 1904. The first high school he sponsored in 1926 is now part of Stanton Jr. High School.

Following Mr. Black's death in 1945, the house and its furnishings remained in the family until 1976. At this time the house and furnishings were deeded to the Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court to be managed and maintained by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society, Inc.

The house will be used as an adjunct to the Deaf Smith County Museum after restoration has been completed. Receptions, club meetings, and teas will be held in the first floor rooms, and the house will be used by homemaking and building trades classes in the public schools. It will be open to the public on specified days for viewing.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Unpublished Historical Monograph by Mrs. Helen Rose, Secretary, Deaf Smith County Historical Society, Inc.  
 Johnson, Frank W., A HISTORY OF TEXAS AND TEXANS, Vols. II & IV, 1914, The American Historical Society, Chicago & New York.  
 Patterson, Bessie, A HISTORY OF DEAF SMITH COUNTY, 1964, Pioneer Publishers, Hereford.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Hereford, Tex.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1,3 | 7 | 3,7 | 4,6,0 | 3,8 | 5,5 | 3,4,5 |

B | | | | | | | | |

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

**Lots 7 & west 1/2 of 8, Block 71, Hereford, Texas, including the house and significant plantings on the grounds.**

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE **Joe Williams, Project Director**  
**Binnie McCreary, Research Assistant**

ORGANIZATION **Texas Historical Commission**

DATE **February 16, 1978**

STREET & NUMBER **1511 Colorado**

TELEPHONE **475-3094**

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 X

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

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 DATE **3-25-78**

TITLE **Texas Historic Preservation Officer**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>[Signature]</i> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <b>7-17-78</b>
ATTEST: <i>[Signature]</i> CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	DATE <b>6-29-78</b>

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THE HEREFORD BRAND, April 16, May 28, August 20, October 15, and November 26, 1909; January 14, 1910.  
Abstract of Title, Lot Seven and the west one-half of Lot Eight, Block 71, compiled by A. O. Thompson Abstract Company, Hereford, Texas.

Personal Interviews:

- Mrs. Richard P. Barnard (grand-daughter of E. B. Black), 212 Avenue B, Hereford, Texas, 79045, May, 1977.  
Mrs. C. E. Birkmeyer (daughter of E. B. Black), 609 Prospect, Amarillo, Texas, June, 1977.  
Mr. Herbert Brasher, Architect, 2118 34th St., Lubbock, Texas, June, 1977 and July, 1977.

Property *Black, E. B., Residence*

70002923

State *Ill.*

Working Number *3.29.78.2812*

*Deaf Smith*

**TECHNICAL**

Photos *3*  
Maps *1*

**CONTROL**

*OK pl 3.29.78*

**HISTORIAN**

*accept  
Franklin  
6.1.78*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*accept  
Barbaw  
5.8.78*

*Locally significant -  
restoration planned -*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*of local significance  
as vernacular structure/residence*

*Accept  
Leborich  
6/12/78*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

*2/12/74*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry *9.5.78*

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BLACK, E. B., HOUSE  
Leaf Smith County, Texas

Photograph | of 3

Property of the National Register

E. B. Black House  
508 West 3rd St.

South Elevation

Stan Klein

9/2/77

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Leaf Smith County, Texas

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Southeast Oblique

Stan Klein

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Photograph 3 of 3

Property of the National Register

E. B. Black House  
508 West 3rd St.

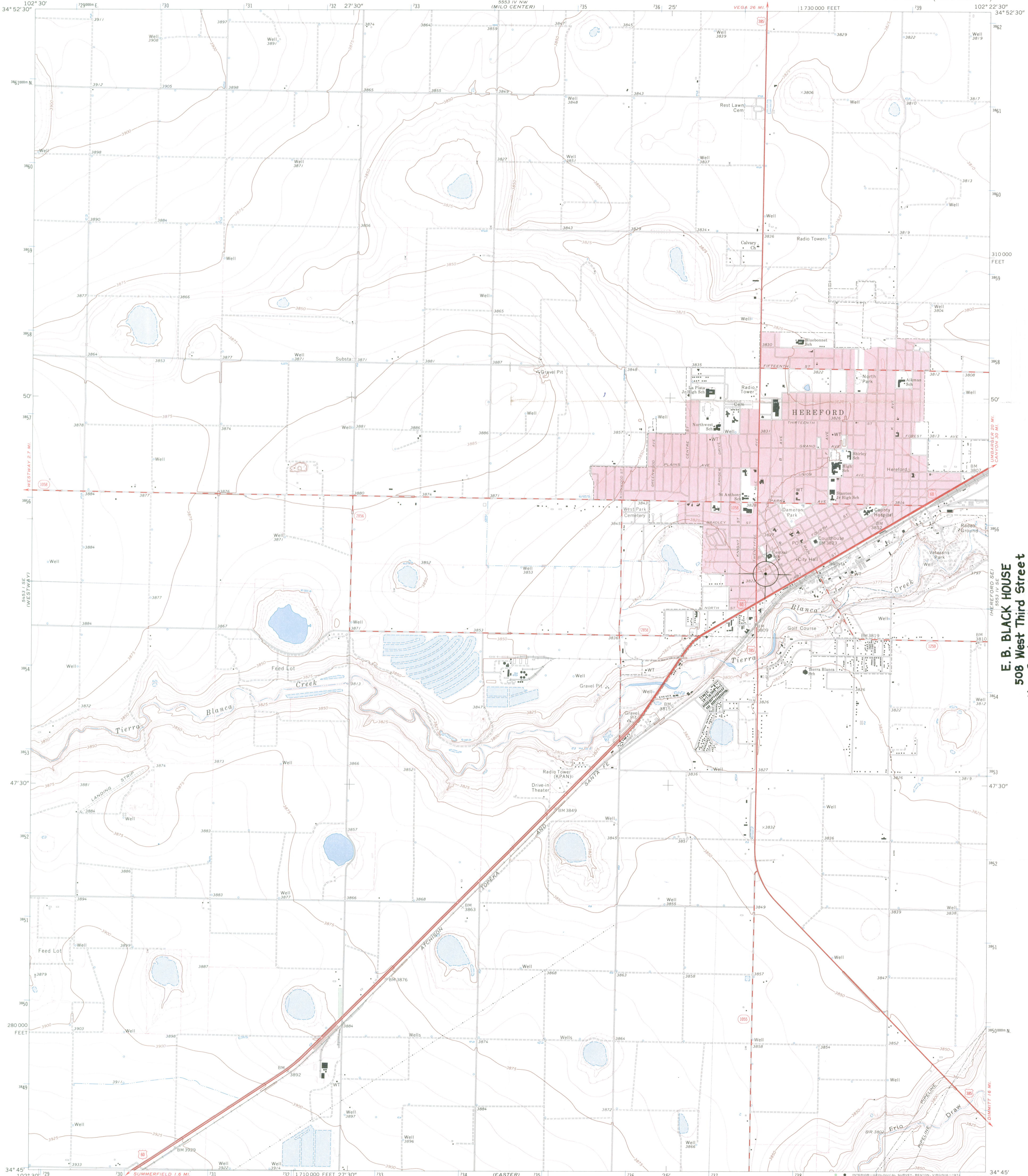
MAR 29 1978

Southwest Oblique

Stan Klein

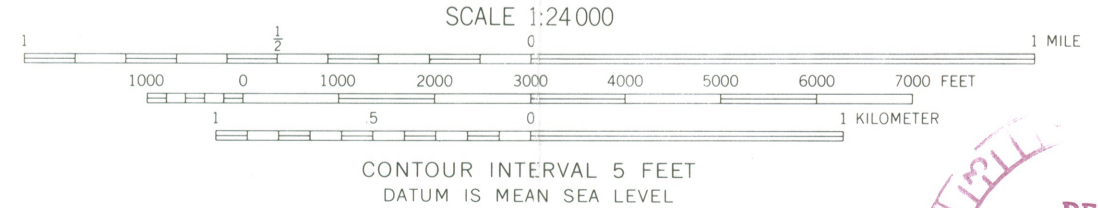
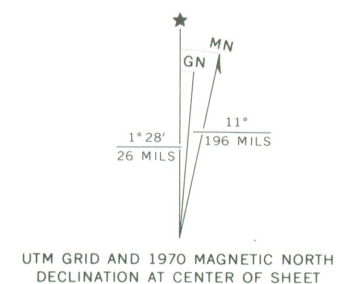
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970  
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Texas coordinate system, north zone (Lambert conformal conic)  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 13, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



HEREFORD, TEX.  
N3445-W10222.5/7.5

1970

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E. B. BLACK HOUSE  
508 West Third Street  
Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Tx.  
13/737460/3855345

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brewster County Courthouse and Jail	Alpine Brewster County
Black, E. B., House	Fereford Leaf Smith County
Mount Eliza	LaGrange Fayette County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen  
Honorable John G. Tower  
Honorable Robert C. Krueger  
Honorable George H. Mahon  
Honorable J. J. (Jake) Pickle

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: Black, E. B., House  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: JUL 17 1978  
 ④ county code: 117

⑤ LOCATION street & number 508 W. 3rd St. city / town Hereford vicinity of state TX county Deaf Smith  
 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 19th ⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME  NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME  NO ⑮ ACREAGE  
 if state, who prepared form? Texas Hist. Comm.  
 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  
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

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