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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

Aue Stagecoach Inn

AND/OR COMMON

Settlement Inn

2 LOCATION

Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10 ^{I-10}

STREET & NUMBER

Route 8, Box 561

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Leon Springs

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF San Antonio

21st

STATE

Texas

CODE

048

COUNTY

Bexar

CODE

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

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Steve Spence

STREET & NUMBER

Route 8, Box 561

CITY, TOWN

Leon Springs

VICINITY OF San Antonio,

STATE

Texas 78229

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Bexar County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Plaza

CITY, TOWN

San Antonio

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1968

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Aue Stagecoach Inn Complex is an outstanding historical site, representing a broad, evolutionary spectrum of architectural styles as well as the changing needs of the Max Aue family and the Leon Springs community. Constructed between the years 1850 and 1880, the group of buildings represent the simple immigrant-Germanic construction which was common to the area, as well as the more sophisticated and refined transitional Greek Revival/Victorian style.

The Max Aue House and Store, built around 1855, was the first to be constructed on the site. The structure consists of 1 1/2 stories with a high pitched roof and reflects the vernacular Germanic saltbox form. The house, which is constructed of 14" thick limestone rubble walls with lime mortar, consists of a cellar reached by now enclosed exterior stone steps, a ground floor composed of two rooms originally used as a dry goods store, and an attic loft used as living quarters reached by a small interior staircase. The interior walls are white-washed, with a soft lime plaster. This saltbox configuration features a three-bay porch defined beneath the high pitched gable roof, an exterior chimney, and wood framed doors and windows. In order to convert the structure to its present use, a restaurant, numerous wood frame structures were attached to the rear during the 1970's to facilitate a commercial kitchen, cold storage, and an indoor dining room.

Soon after construction of the House and Store, Max Aue married, and built a new structure. This second structure, also built around 1855, is a double pen dogtrot form and is a good prototype of provincial building practices of the 19th century frontier. The pens are constructed of unfashioned cedar logs, spliced at the corners with "V" notching and are sheltered beneath a gable roof which extends over the south facade to form a porch across the front of the building. An exterior chimney (now enclosed), was visible on the east facade of the building and a stone flue was built into the interior of the west wall to accommodate a stove. A shed addition was constructed on the north side of the building and reflects the double pen form. Although the structure is currently used for commercial purposes, it is in a good state of preservation and not only exemplifies the provincial dogtrot style, but also the evolution of the house as it was adapted to suit the changing needs of its owners.

Built for Max Aue in 1878 by builder B. Grossenbacher, the Aue House and Hotel was originally a two-story stone structure with a two-story wooden gallery on two facades. The ground floor served as the family residence while the second floor, reached by an exterior stairway, was rented as transient lodging. The walls are pierced with wooden doors and six-over-six double hung windows. The original gallery was trimmed with Victorian jigsaw detailing; this gallery has since been replaced with a sympathetic, though inaccurate reconstruction. The structure is topped with a hipped roof of standing seam metal. Through the years, the structure was expanded with a series of one-story additions which eventually connected this structure to the earlier log house. Despite the gallery reconstruction, the Hotel retains enough of the original historic fabric to be considered eligible for inclusion on the National Register.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1855, 1858, 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Max Aue
B. Grossenbacher

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Established in approximately 1855 on the San Antonio-Boerne Stage Road, the Aue Stagecoach Inn Complex represents a significant element in Texas history in the areas of architectural history, ethnic influence on architecture, and transportation. This three-structure complex is an excellent example of simple Germanic construction, common to this area, as well as a provincial interpretation of the transitional Greek Revival-Victorian style. The evolution of transportation in the west, from horse, to train to automobile, is mirrored in the evolution of the complex, from house/store/stagestop to hotel to 20th century automobile-related structures located nearby.

Max Aue came to Texas from Germany in the 1850's with the wave of immigrants who fled their native European lands due to economic depression and famine. Travelling inland to the hill country, Aue procured a tract of land from John O. Meuseback in 1852. This tract is located approximately one-fourth of a mile from Leon Springs, a part of the Salado Creek watershed that was formerly used by the Comanches as a camping ground. Also in the vicinity is the first stop on the famed Chisolm Trail, located on the nearby Maverick Ranch. Around 1855, Max Aue erected a structure utilizing locally available materials and a form identified as pioneer Germanic which reflects the vernacular German salt box house. Aue's building served as a store for the surrounding ranch community, a residence for himself, and provided the first stop on the San Antonio-Boerne Stage Road, which was the major route between San Antonio and the settlements in the eastern portion of the predominantly German Hill Country. The store, at that time, was one day's journey from San Antonio (south) and Boerne (north), and therefore enjoyed great popularity as a result of its strategic location.

The following year, Aue married and built a log house for his bride. The house, constructed of unfashioned cedar logs spliced at the corners with "v" notching, is a double-pen dog trot type, typical of vernacular structures of the 19th century frontier. The changing needs of the Aue family are reflected in the 19th century additions to the log structure, which exists today in relatively good condition, an outstanding and rare example of a once-common building type.

The continued settling of the frontier and the advent of the railroads in Texas initiated more travel throughout the state, and thus the need for lodging steadily increased. In 1878 Max Aue constructed the Aue Hotel on his property. The structure, a two-story stone edifice with a standing-seam metal hipped roof, reflected both the Greek Revival and Victorian stylistic developments with the two-story veranda enclosed in a simple balustrade and the Victorian cut-out trim. The Aue household occupied the ground floor while the second floor provided lodging for transients. Single-story additions eventually incorporated the two-story hotel

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

H.A.B.S. Survey 1968 Tex 3175, Tex 3202, Tex 3203, and Tex 3204.
 Interview with Mrs. Aue Dick, June 21, 1978, by Steve Tillotson.
 Photograph ca. 1900 provided by Mrs. Aue Dick (granddaughter of Max Aue).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.2 acres

Quadrangle Name: Van Raub

UTM REFERENCES

Quadrangle Scale: 1:24,000

A 14 53,59,50 328,15,20
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

County Block 4752, Parcel 7, Abstract 27. Triangular lot configuration bounded by Boerne Stage Road on the north, Interstate Highway 10 on the west, and the Old Fredricksburg Road on the east.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Steven Land Tillotson

and Linda Flory, Historian
 Texas Hist. Comm.

Box 12276
 Austin, TX 78711 (512) 475-3095

ORGANIZATION

Stubblefield-De Lara, Architects & Planners

DATE

July 27, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

120 Anastacia

TELEPHONE

(512) 735-5361

CITY OR TOWN

San Antonio

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

Steve Tillotson 5-29-79

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE May 28, 1979

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 2.1.79

ATTEST: *Carol Brooks*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7/31/79

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with the dog trot structure. The construction of the San Antonio-Aransas Pass Railroad brought an influx of travellers through the Leon Springs area. A depot (no longer standing) was located on a spur from the railroad line and stood approximately 50 yards from the inn complex.

The development of the automobile brought travelers and changes in the needs of the community. In 1925 Rudolph Aue, Max's son, built a gas station which became know as Rudy's Corner. In the 1930's the station was expanded to provide a bar. Gradually the need for the inn declined. Today the Inn Complex has been developed into a restaurant with both indoor and outdoor facilities. The original stone house has been enlarged to provide the mechanical facilities for the operation of the restaurant. The outdoor area between this house and the 1878 house/hotel has been converted to outdoor dining. The log house is currently used as a commercial retail space.

Property Que Stagecoach Inn

State Ill. (Beras) Working Number 6.6.79.1339

Ref. # 99002912

TECHNICAL

Photos 9

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 6.6.79

History of this complex closely parallels changes in transportation through latter half of 19th century and first half of 20th. Significant landmark to travelers because of location along major routes.

HISTORIAN

*Accept
7-30-79 Sheffield*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

Architecturally significant as a collection of mid-to-late 19th century resources that represent German ethnic influence as well as a provincial interpretation of the transitional Greek Revival-Victorian style. The complex (three buildings) symbolizes the evolution of facilities to meet family and then traveller's needs. Present use as a restaurant appears to be compatible with the original use; it has not adversely affected the character and integrity of the resources.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Cale Brooks
7/31/79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry _____

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

East facade of House and Store (blt. 1855)

Photo #1 *of 9*

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

North facade of Aue House and Store (blt. 1858)

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SETTLEMENT
TRADE COMPANY

Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

South elevation of dog trot building, showing
east pen and stone addition. Wood frame
building is old kitchen. West elevation of
Hotel (1878) visible above kitchen.

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

North facade of stone shed addition to dog
trot.

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

South elevation of west pen of dog trot bldg.

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

North elevation of old kitchen, dog trot
addition, and dog trot shed addition.

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

South elevation of dog trot building.

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

Photo by Steve Tillotson, 1978

Southeast oblique of Hotel (blt. 1878)

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Aue Stagecoach Inn
Intersection of Boerne Stage Road and IH 10
Leon Springs, Bexar County, Texas

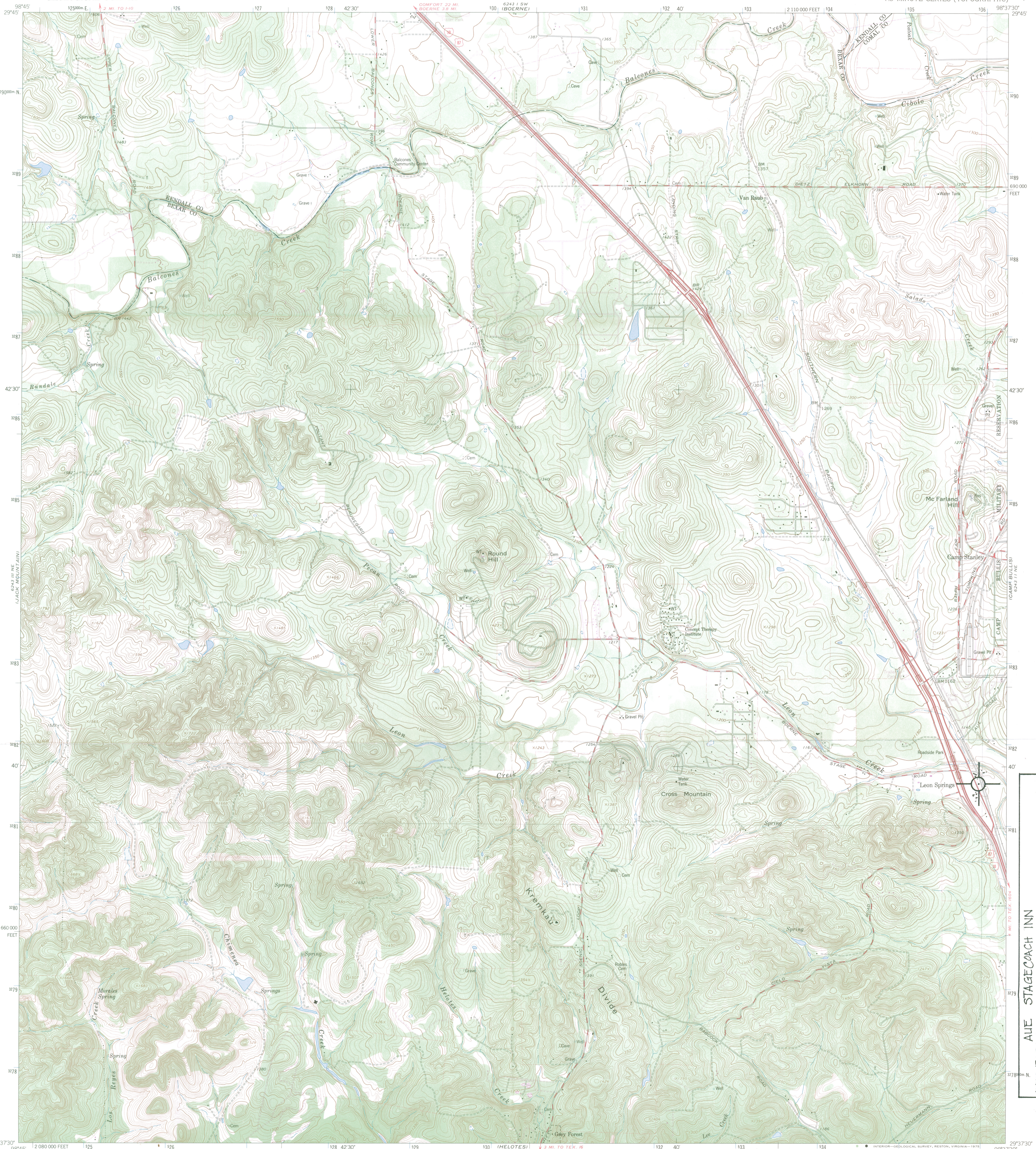
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North facade of Hotel (blt. ^{B/}1978)

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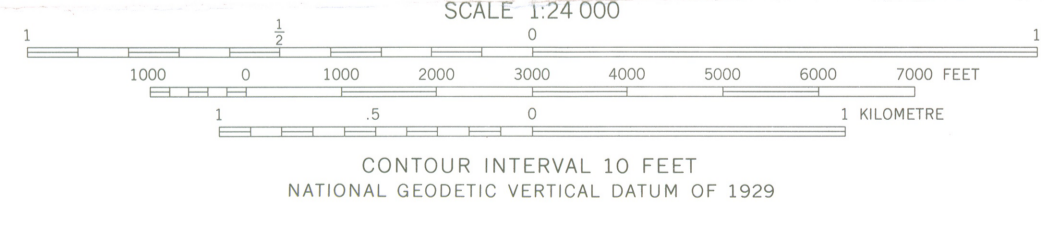
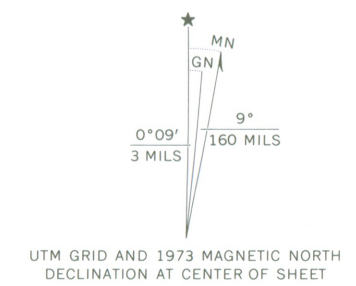
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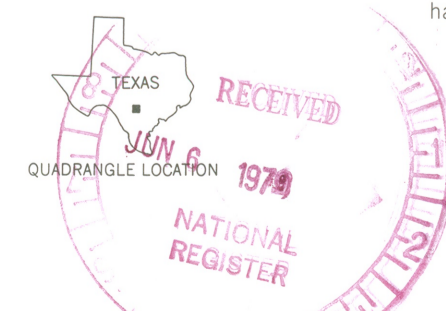
AUE STAGECOACH INN
INTERSECTION OF BOERNE STAGE RD. AND INTERSTATE HWY 10
LEON SPRINGS, BEAR COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 14/535950/3281520

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
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from aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967.
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
south central zone
1000 metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
aerial photographs taken 1973. This information is field checked



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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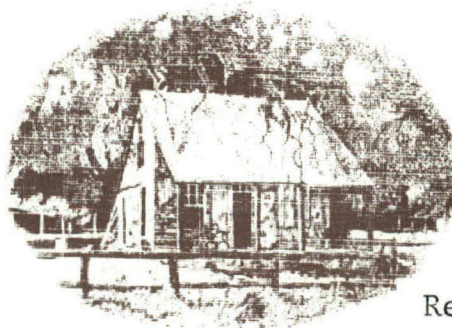
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AUE STAGECOACH INN

6/19/79

(TX)

THE LEON SPRINGS MERCANTILE COMPANY
ROUTE 8, BOX 561, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78229, (512) 698-1791

BEXAR COUNTY



July 18, 1979

Re: H32-NR

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Serv.
Pension Building
440G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20243

Dear Sir:

I am most anxious that the property known as the Aue Stagecoach Inn be included on the National Register. Both its German colonial architecture and its role as a trading post and stagecoach stop entitle it to a place on the National Register. Please let me know if anything in the nominating form needs clarification or amplification.

Sincerely,

Steve Spence

Stephen A. Spence
President, Leon Springs Mercantile Co.

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE DEC'D JUL 26 1979

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

e/s jr

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered AUG 1 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aue Stagecoach Inn	San Antonio vicinity Bexar County
Somervell County Courthouse	Glen Rose Somervell County
Wooldridge Park	Austin Travis County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen

Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Tom Loeffler
Honorable Marvin Leath
Honorable J. J. (Jake) Pickle

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas State Historical Commission
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NR Byers/bjr 8/6/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.