

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FOR NPS USE ONLY
RECEIVED
MAY 16 1979 JUL 19 1979
DATE ENTERED

**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
Clark Hotel
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
112 Broadway St.
CITY, TOWN
Van Horn
STATE
Texas
VICINITY OF
CODE
048
COUNTY
Culberson
CODE
109
NOT FOR PUBLICATION 16
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Van Horn Historical Society
STREET & NUMBER
c/o M.J. Mitchell Box 721
CITY, TOWN
Van Horn
STATE
Texas
VICINITY OF
79855

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Culberson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Van Horn
STATE
Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic Sites Inventory
DATE
1978
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Texas Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN
Austin
STATE
Texas
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Simple in plan and detailing, the Clark Hotel stands today as the oldest existing structure in Van Horn. While the hotel does not stand out as being architecturally significant, its malleability of function, which continues today, has made it a cornerstone in the historical foundations of Van Horn.

Built on the site of a previous commercial structure, erected in 1889 and razed in the late 1890's, the present hotel was constructed in stages between the years 1901 and 1929. A portion of the structure was built in 1901 as a commercial building for the newly organized township. In 1905 this structure was expanded into a larger commercial structure which housed a wide variety of unrelated activities. In 1918 a new owner converted the building to a hotel. The construction of a major thoroughfare through Van Horn which passed directly behind the hotel prompted the owner to reverse the "front and back" facades. In 1929 the building was once again extended to house a cafe. The structure continued to function as a hotel until 1968.

The building is constructed of concrete blocks, made on the site at the time of construction. The structure is massed in a two-story, rectangular unit with a single-story addition projecting from what is now the front of the building. This facade is intermittently textured with a rough, stone-like appearance and pierced with a variety of window and door openings, which reflect the different dates of construction. All window and door units are composed of wooden components while the upper corners of the single-story openings are angled and the rectangular openings of the main unit are accentuated with lintels. The facade of the two-story mass is pierced with gutter spouts at the parapet level. The otherwise austere roofline is broken at regular intervals with stylized merlons, topped with urns, and a central representation of a broken scroll pediment.

The rear elevation (previous front facade) consists of a vertically emphasized facade constructed of concrete blocks which produce a subtle scored effect at the joints. The facade is broken into twelve bays, divided by pilasters. The bays on the street level are spanned with storefront windows and doors. On the second level, the bays are spanned with concrete blocks, pierced with lintel-accented door and window openings. The six central bays are recessed to form a balcony which is enclosed in a simple wooden balustrade. Records indicate that the balcony originally extended farther over the walkway, and was supported by slender columns. The larger balcony was removed about 1945. Records also indicate that the second story was originally accessible by two exterior staircases which no longer exist. Accessibility is now available through an interior staircase.

The interior of the structure is constructed of wood joists to which tongue and groove planks are attached. The high ceilings are textured in a beaded board pattern with a simple cornice molding. The former saloon and later lobby of the hotel contains a mahogany bar, imported from France in 1876. This bar and mirror set are carved with elaborate floral and classical details. The second story of the hotel contains a variety of room sizes, some with private baths and others that have access to a common bath. The structure is still equipped with usable electrical, plumbing and heating systems. A cellar of unknown size exists under a portion of the structure.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

MAY 16 1979

DATE ENTERED

JUL 19 1979

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER

7

PAGE

1

The hotel, currently owned by the Van Horn Historical Society, is in fair condition, with deterioration occurring primarily in the roof and second floor areas.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

County Records, Culberson County
Marker File, Texas Historical Commission
Handbook of Texas
Monograph submitted by Culberson County Historical Commission on file at THC

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one
UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 5,1,6,1,1,0 3,4,3,3,8,6,4
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 5, lots 6, 7, 8, 9 in Van Horn.

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

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

DATE

4-11-79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 12276

TELEPHONE

(512) 475-3095

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas 78711

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

[Handwritten Signature]
DATE May 10, 1979

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

[Handwritten Signature]

DATE

July 19, 1979

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *[Handwritten Signature]*

DATE

7/18/79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED MAY 16 1979

JUL 19 1979

DATE ENTERED

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 1

lobby by the Culberson County Historical Commission. The Van Horn Historical Society plans to continue the established diversity of usage as well as community service by converting the space to a museum.

79002929

Property Clark Hotel

State Id. (Culberson) Working Number 5.16.79.1157

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
5.16.79

Outstanding local significance. A commercial, social, and judicial center of town and county during early 20th century development.

HISTORIAN

Accept
Sheffield 7-17-79

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

Architecture was not checked as significant, but the building has local vernacular character. It is an example of a building that has been adapted and enlarged through time, and thus reflects the growth, development and changing needs of the community. The building still retains its integrity of location, ~~and~~ ~~the~~ materials, workmanship, feeling and local historical association.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Call Brooks
7/18/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 8-7-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

Entered JUL 19 1979



Clark Hotel

JUL 19 1979
DCE

Van Horn, Culberson County, Texas

Photo: Texas Historical Commission, 1978

South Elevation

Photo # 1 of 3

MAY 16 1979



JUL 19 1979
DCE

Clark Hotel

Van Horn, Culberson County, Texas

Photo: Texas Historical Commission, 1978

North Elevation

Photo # 2 of 3

MAY 16 1979



JUL 19 1979
DxG

Clark Hotel

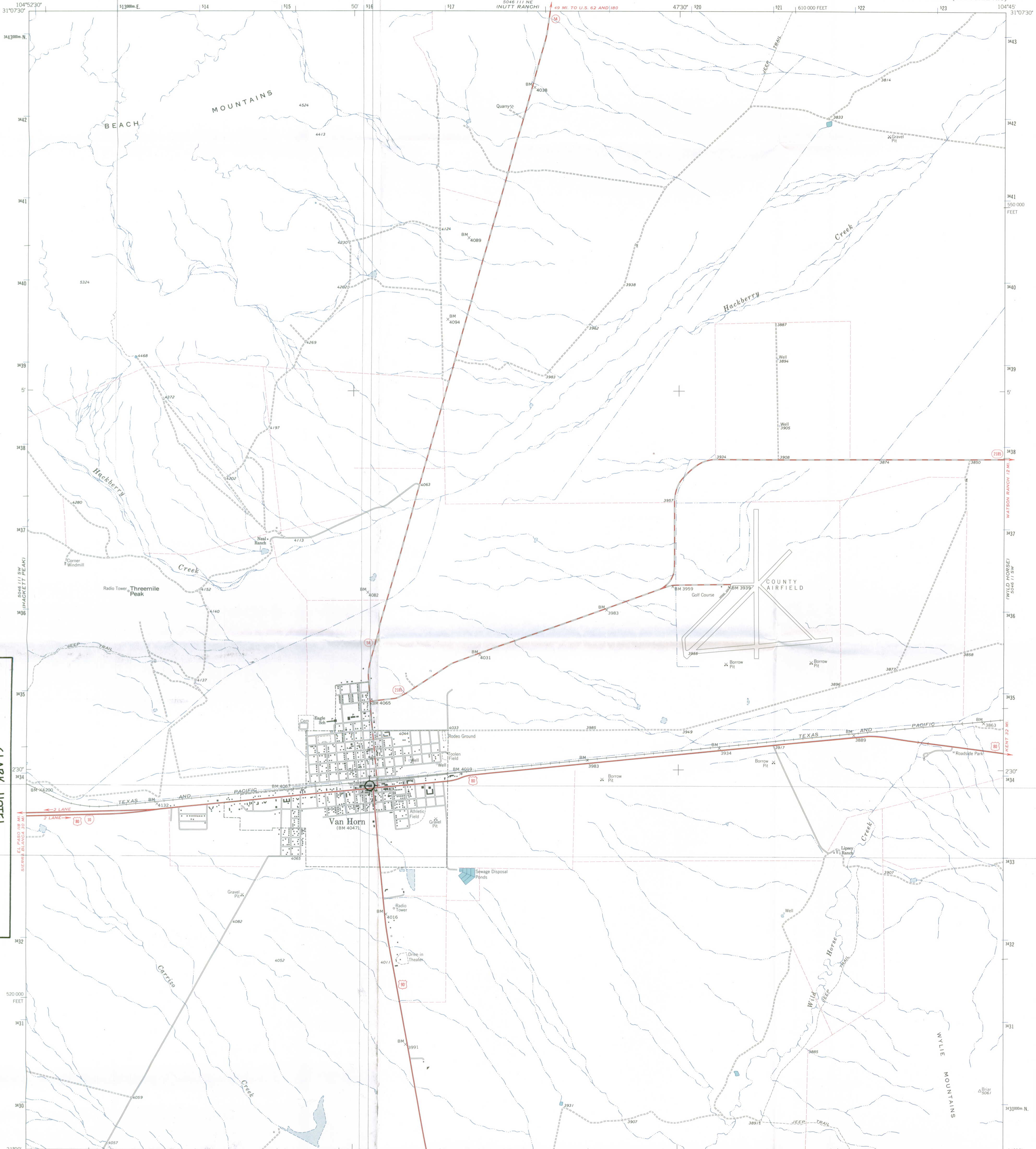
Van Horn, Culberson County, Texas

Photo: Texas Historical Commission, 1978

Interior; Bar

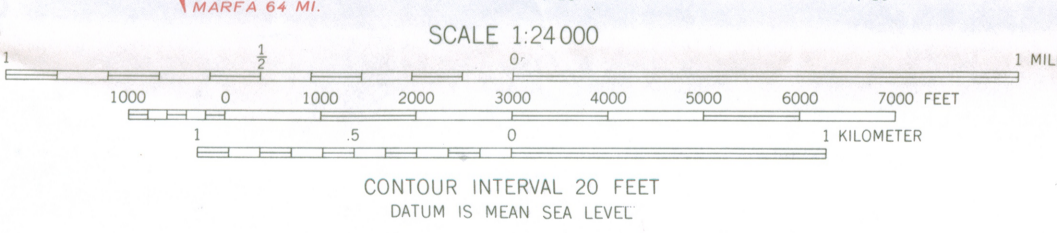
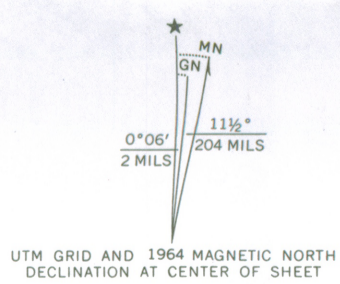
Photo # 3 of 3

MAY 16 1979



VAN HORN, CLARK HOTEL
CULBERSON COUNTY TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 19/516110/3433864

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 13, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



AUG 8 1967

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

VAN HORN, TEX. 6261 61 TM
N3100-W10445/7.5
1964
3104 221
AMS 5064 LLS SERIES 1964

SPECIAL PRINTING
Contours and woodland symbols omitted

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **TEXAS**

Date Entered JUL 19 1979

Name

Location

Newton County Courthouse

Newton
Newton County

Clark Hotel

Van Horn
Culberson County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen

Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Charles Wilson
Honorable Richard C. White

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

NR Byers/bjr 7/25/79

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