

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Robert Hall House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 214 S. Travis St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Seguin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23rd

STATE

Texas

CODE
048

COUNTY
Guadalupe

CODE
187

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
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Lynn & Leta Glenewinkel

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1325

CITY, TOWN

Seguin,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas 78155

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Guadalupe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Seguin

STATE
Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

5/12/77

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

Originally built c. 1838 the Robert Hall House began as a one-room log structure, measuring 16x18'. A second log room of equal proportions was soon added and joined to the first room by an open dog run. Two stone chimneys with much of the original mortar intact rise from each end of the south and north sides of the house.

In the early 1850's the house was enlarged to the rear by a frame portion, as well as a concrete basement level. Situated on a high bank overlooking Walnut Branch Creek, the original house was extended down the hill on the west (rear) facade to include two levels. The lower four rooms are constructed of an early concrete unique to Seguin at this time and support the rear walls of the original log portion. In addition, frame rooms enlarged the first floor and the whole upper portion was sheathed in clapboard siding. The dog run was enclosed and a full attached gallery extended across the main (east) facade.

The house is an unusual residential application of the concrete (also called limecrete and Parkscrete) discovered by the chemist, Dr. Robert Park, who lived in Seguin between 1840 and 1860. The concrete, used in a number of private residences, as well as some public and commercial buildings in Seguin during this mid-19th century period, consisted of gravel and lime found in an abundant natural aggregate form, deposited along the Guadalupe River in the city, and pulverized by adding burned lime and water to make a workable slurry. This mixture was then poured between form boards to harden and raised about a foot at a time. (For further details, see the Joseph F. Johnson House in Seguin, listed on the National Register.)

Details added to the house in the 1850's reflect the Greek Revival period. The symmetrical five-bay facade is sheltered by a gallery now supported on six square columns with molded caps. Enclosing the central hall are large double doors surrounded by four-light, rectangular sidelights and a large square-pane, four-light transom. Flanking the entrance are four, four-over-four light windows, crowned by a hood mold. A hipped roof shelters the entire structure. An early photograph indicates that the house had at one time a standing seam tin roof, which has now been replaced with composition shingles. In addition, the current square gallery columns replace earlier slender, Victorian turned posts with decorative brackets.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1838, c. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert Hall House is one of Seguin's most important historical landmarks. The original log portion of the house was built by one of the town's founders, Captain Robert Hall, an early Texas pioneer and patriot, and remains the oldest house built after the city was established. The town was founded by several shareholders, all members of Mathew Caldwell's company of Gonzales Rangers. The townsite, then known as Walnut Springs, was surveyed in 1838 by Ben McCulloch and the name changed to Seguin in 1839 to honor Juan N. Seguin, who fought with the Texas Army at the battle of San Jacinto. As one of the founders and original shareholders, Robert Hall built the first house, a 16x18' log cabin, as specified in the shareholders' agreement.

Born in South Carolina in 1814, Robert Hall later moved to Tennessee with his family. Hall apparently came to Texas in 1836 to enlist with the Texas Army during the Texas Revolution. He later joined the Texas Ranger company serving with Ben McCulloch. In 1838 Hall and three other Rangers secured the land and laid out the town of Seguin. Hall served for three years with the Confederacy and later as part of the 32nd cavalry.

The concrete used for the lower portion of the house has architectural significance as an excellent example of the early concrete building in Texas. The formula, developed by Dr. Richard Park, a chemist living in Seguin between 1840-1860, was developed from the readily available natural materials---gravel and lime---deposited in abundance along the Guadalupe River. Of as many as ninety concrete residences, commercial and public buildings built during this period in Seguin, only about 25 remain today.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Seguin, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

corner of Travis and Nolte St., Lot 22, Block 5, City of Seguin.

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

Marie D. Landon, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

DATE

July 29, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 12276, Capitol Station

TELEPHONE

512 475-3094

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

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

DATE

August 13, 1979

TITLE

Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

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

DATE

10-25-79

ATTEST:

Carol Skell
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/25/79

Beth Grosvenor
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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OK

Property Hall, Robert, House

State St. (Guadalupe) Working Number 8.21.79.2008

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

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OK 8.22.79

*See Kristin's comments - a good summary. Also an example of a
common, locally unique building material in the mid-19th c.*

HISTORIAN

accept
Grosvenor
10/25/79

*Very early house built by one of town's founders
and significant architecturally as an example
of early use of concrete. (This feature dates from
alteration + expansion by original owner, c. 1850)*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
K. O'Connell
10/10/79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

accept
B. Grosvenor
10/25/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 12.4.79

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Robert Hall House

214 S. Travis

Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas

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East Elevation

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Robert Hall House

214 S. Travis

Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas

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East Elevation

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Robert Hall House

214 S. Travis

Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas

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Northeast Oblique

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214 S. Travis

Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas

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South Elevation

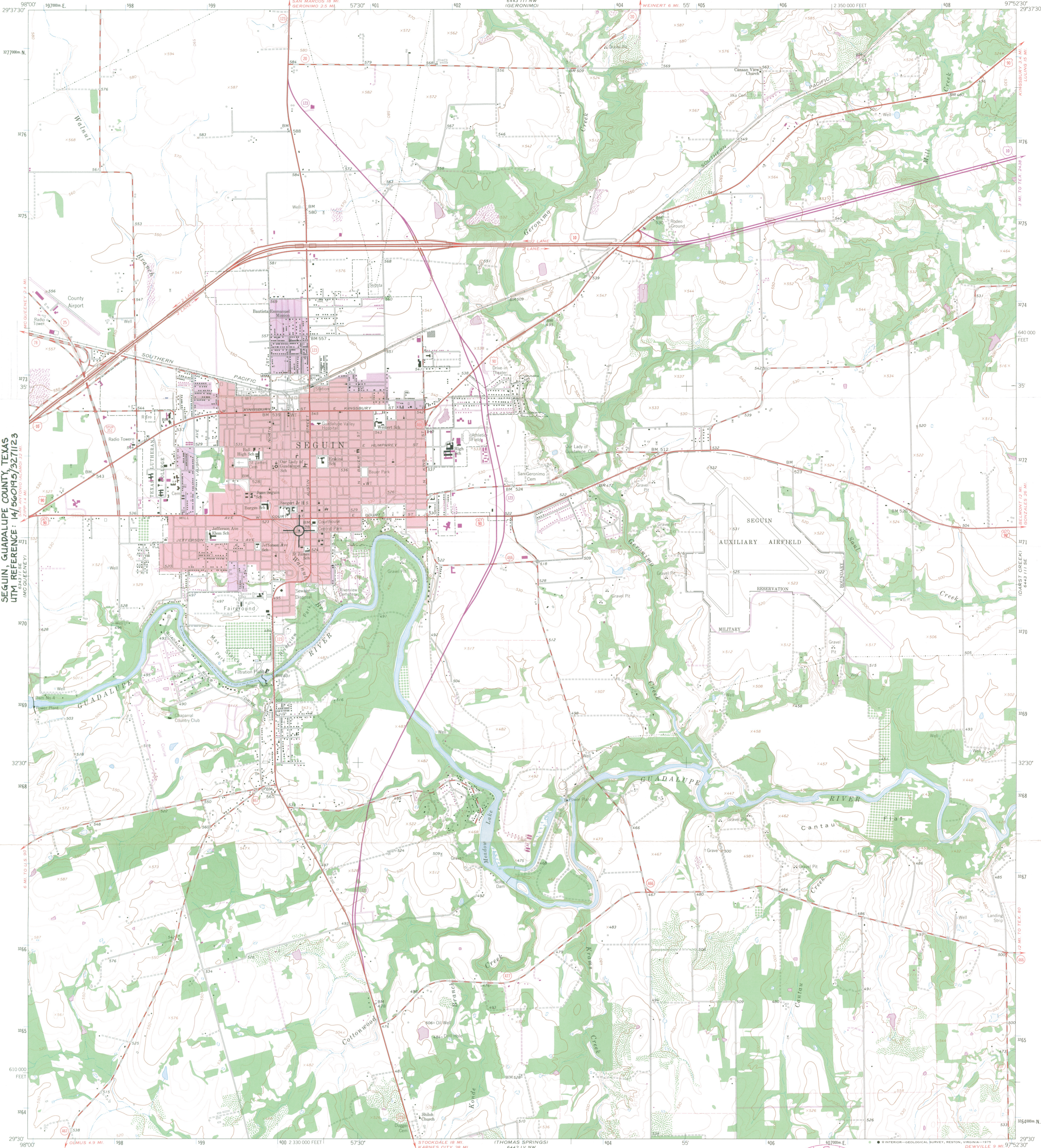
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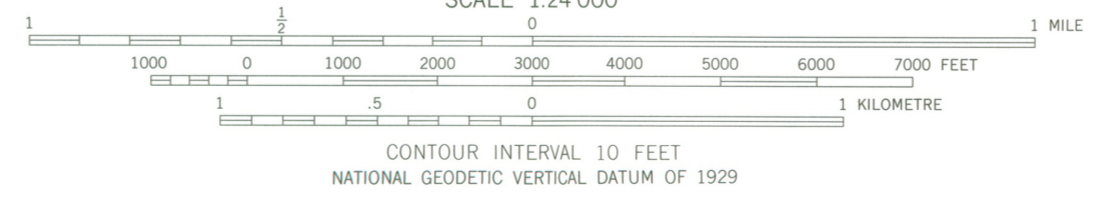
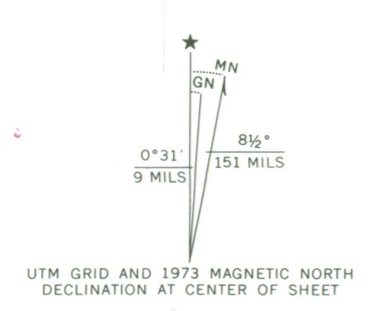
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2 1/4 S. TRAVIS
SEGUIN, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 14J560145/3271123



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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
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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STATE

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Name

Location

Bridges-Johnson House

Meridian vicinity
Bosque County

Hall, Robert, House

Seguin
Guadalupe County

Also Notified

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Honorable Abraham Kazan, Jr.

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