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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Sterling Myer House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 4 Courtlandt Place

CITY, TOWN

Houston

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

18

STATE

Texas

CODE

048

COUNTY

Harris

201

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

Glenn C. Smith

STREET & NUMBER

4 Courtlandt Place

CITY, TOWN

Houston

VICINITY OF

STATE
Texas**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harris County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Houston

STATE
Texas**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE
Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sterling Myer House, built on Courtlandt Place in 1910, is one of 18 prominent residences facing an avenue which still retains the ambience of its early 20th century origins. Established as an exclusive neighborhood in 1906, Courtlandt Place, a tree-lined, divided boulevard, has maintained its residential integrity despite surrounding commercialism in adjacent blocks. Six restrictive covenants, established in perpetuity and enforced by a Board of Trustees of owner-residents, form the basis for the neighborhood's continued survival.

Designed by Sanguinet & Staats in 1910 the Sterling Myer House reflects the Tudor Revival style. The two-and-a-half story house contains a main block with a steep double pitched roof and two steep gables facing the street (south) facade. To the east is a two-story wing and to the west a porte cochere.

The south elevation of the main block displays a brick first floor and half-timbered second floor. A flat roofed wooden gallery, slightly projecting at the central bay extends across this facade. Gallery supports include square wooden columns on brick piers, joined by a stick wooden balustrade. The balustrade extends uncovered to the east to form a porch in front of the east wing. The entrance is centrally located with wide sidelights. The two flanking first floor windows have 12/1 lights.

Distinguishing the facade is the half-timbered sheathing on the second floor and the two steeply pitched, half-timbered gables. A small double hung sash window with diamond-shaped lights pierces each gable. The gable outline flairs out at the eaves and the peaks rise above the ridge of the roof. The wood shingled roof also contains a dormer on the east side, another large gable on the west, and a tall brick chimney with corbelled cap on the west.

On the east is the original first floor sunroom, but a room has been added on the second floor in recent years. The porte cochere on the west has a flat roof, supported by square wooden posts on brick piers, identical to those on the front gallery.

A two-story frame garage with half-timbered second floor is located to the rear of the house.

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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Sanguinet & Staats

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sterling Myer House is an excellent example in Houston of the Tudor Revival style and reflects the elegance and architectural quality common along Courtlandt Place, one of Houston's earliest and most exclusive subdivisions. Sanguinet and Staats, who designed the first four houses built in the new subdivision, as well as several subsequent designs, revealed their eclectic tendency and proficiency in each of their designs. The Myer House, the second house built in the neighborhood, is the only house on the avenue showing the influence and adaptation of the medieval building form. The residence is further important as the home of one of the founders of Courtlandt Place, Sterling Myer.

The firm of Sanguinet and Staats originated in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. They designed a number of significant buildings in these two cities, including the 1902 Wilson Building in Dallas, the first eight-story building in Texas. A. E. Barnes, an architect and civil engineer from Dallas, joined the firm in 1902 and later opened up the firm's Houston office. Alfred C. Finn served with the firm in Houston from 1913-15. The firm later became known as Sanguinet, Staats and Gottlieb (1921-25) and then Hedrick & Gottlieb (1925-28). The current successor to the old firm is known as Wyatt C. Hedrick & Associates. Among the many buildings designed by the firm in Houston, some notable ones include the T. P. Lee House (1910), the Old Houston Country Club (1908), the First Methodist Church (1910), Medical Arts Building (1926), the old Houston National Bank (1926--listed on the National Register), and a number of private residences. Those on Courtlandt Place include the C. L. Neuhaus House (1910), James Autrey, Sr. House (1912), A. S. Cleveland House (1911), Sterling Myer House (1910) and the Dorrance House (1913-14).

An attorney with the firm of Hunt, Myer and Teagle and later Campbell, Myer and Freeman, Sterling Myer was one of the founders of the Courtlandt Improvement Company. This group incorporated in 1906 to buy 15.474 acres of newly annexed Houston land and to develop an exclusive subdivision. His house was the second residence on the street. Myer served as the first president of the Courtlandt Improvement Company.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Schlumberger, P. M., Information compiled from Title Abstract, Deed Records, Survey Map, Courtlandt Improvement Company's Incorporation Charter, architectural plans and city histories.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Bellaire, TX

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 26,9 6,3,0 3,2 9,2 5,8,0

B

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Vol. 232, Pg. 295, Harris Co. Deed Records
W 3/4 of Lot 2 and E 1/2 of Lot 3 (125' x 170')

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marie D. Landon, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

DATE

February 25, 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:

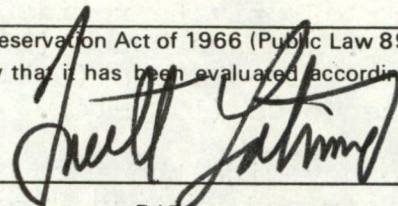
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL 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



TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE March 30, 1979

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: Charles Adams
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 6-14-79

DATE 6/11/79

79002964

Property Myer, Sterling House

State Ill. (Harris) Working Number 4.9.79. 790

TECHNICAL

Photos
Maps

CONTROL

OK 4.10.79

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Consent/Accept
6/11/79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

7-3-79

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STERLING MYER HOUSE (#4)

South facade (front)

April, 1976

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Sterling Myer House
4 Courtlandt Place
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Photo by Woodallen Photographers,
Houston, 1976
Southeast oblique of south (front) facade.
Photo #1

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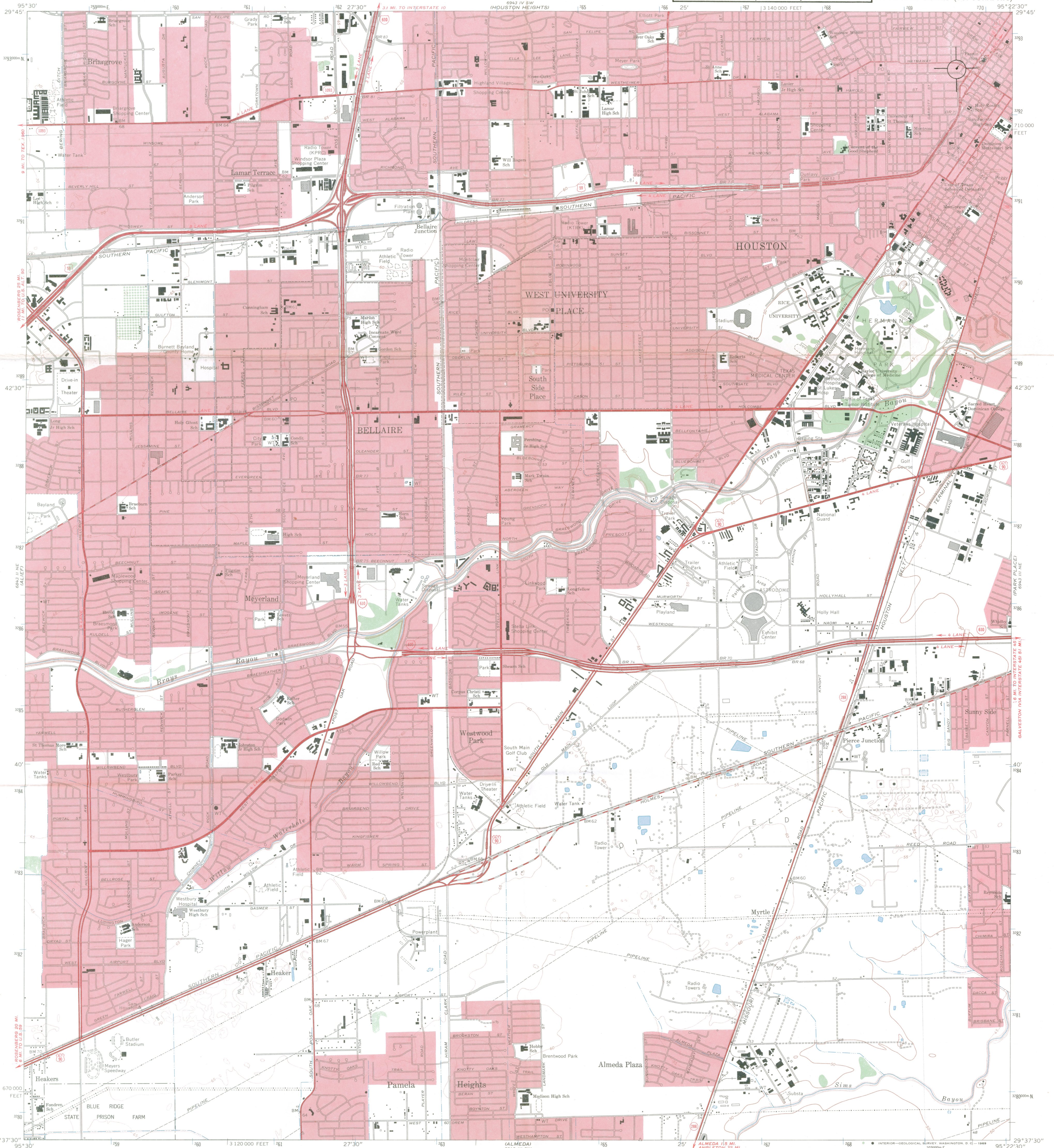
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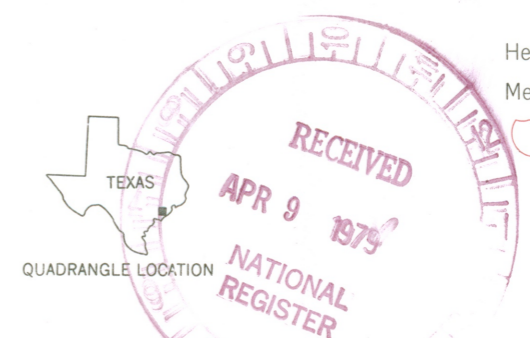
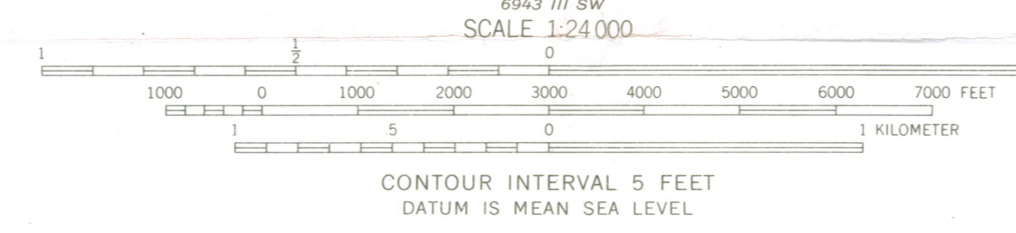
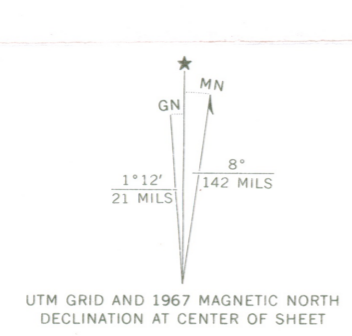
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taken 1966. Topography enlarged from 1:31 680-scale AMS map
of Bellaire quadrangle. Original map by planetable surveys 1943
Field checked 1967
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
south central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



BELLAIRE, TEX.
N2937.5-W9522.5/7.5
1967

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

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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STATE

Date Entered JUN 14 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
First Presbyterian Church	Mineral Wells Palo Pinto County
Parker, John W., House	Houston Harris County
Myer, Sterling, House	Houston Harris County
Autry, James L., House	Houston Harris County
Neuhaus, C. L., House	Houston Harris County
Cleveland, A. S., House	Houston Harris County

Also Notified