

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Scott-Majors House

AND/OR COMMON Heritage House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 425 Chestnut St.

CITY, TOWN Colorado City

STATE Texas

VICINITY OF CODE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

17th
COUNTY Mitchell CODE 335

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 Memory Preservation, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER 341 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN Colorado City

VICINITY OF

STATE Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Mitchell County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Colorado City

STATE Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Austin, Texas

STATE

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

Erected in 1883 of local brick, the Scott Majors House originally featured Eastlake details. Stylistic ornamentation included thin post columns with brackets, an encircling veranda, wood shutters and galvanized iron roof cresting.

The house has a projecting off center mass to the east which is a focal point. Two first-story, double hung, four-light windows and a smaller double-hung, two-pane window on the southeast are accented with stilted arches; the other windows, including the one under the gable, are spanned with simple segmental arches. The modest entrance carried out the wood stylistic forms in the treatment of the fanlight, the two long round arched glass window and the rectangular panel below. The roof is shingled.

The plan has twelve rooms and one bath situated around a central entrance hall in a rambling pattern. Double antique fireplaces enhanced with cast iron ornamental features highlight the parlor and dining room. The parlor fireplace utilizes the round arch keystone by a round finial directly below the mantle; the dining room fireplace is larger with a marble mantle. Ornamentation on this rectangular fireplace is divided into decorative multi-colored panels. The interior also has beautiful hardwood floors.

Several features have been added on the grounds of the dwelling. A concrete-lined storm cellar is located nearby. Other features include two masonry lined cisterns, a new patio and steps, a two-space carport and an eight-foot by twelve-foot storage building. Nineteenth-century red brick sidewalks edged with upright bricks still exist and concrete walks have been added.

The house has been remodeled on the exterior. The veranda has been modified to form two covered concrete porches adjacent to the front wing. The spindle work has been replaced with rectangular supports. The shutters and roof cresting also have been removed. A colored glass fanlight pane has been replaced with a wood panel.

Much repair is needed to return the brick work to its original appearance. The mortar needs repointing, especially on the ground level and directly under the window sills. The two-row brick band on the front, located several feet above the ground level, appears in good condition. The chimneys, noteworthy for their ornamental patterns, are in good condition. A wood storage building also needs repair.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Scott-Majors House was the first brick structure built in the then booming community of Colorado City. It is an example of vernacular Victorian architecture, remains as the sole representative of an important period in the town's history, and was the home of an individual important to the development of north and west Texas.

Colorado City was originally developed and built as a terminal city for the Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1881. When the railroad finally progressed to this area on the banks of the Colorado River, the town developed into the principal freighting point in western Texas and eastern New Mexico. Often compared to Dodge City by its nineteenth-century residents, the town was a rambunctious mixture of cattlemen, settlers going west, land speculators and railroad workers.

The home located on Chestnut Street was built with locally manufactured bricks and is reminiscent of Colorado City's heyday. By the time it was built, electricity had been in limited operation for a year and plans for telephone installation had been completed.

The one-story red brick structure was originally built by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hodgson, the son-in-law and daughter of General Tom Green for whom Tom Green County was named. The home was sold six months later to F.M. Pool on October 31, 1884. Winfield Scott, a well known cattleman of the area, bought the home in April of 1884.

Winfield Scott is best known in Texas as a prosperous Fort Worth banker; however, he was also partners with Sug Robertson in the HAT spread which covered areas in New Mexico and Mitchell County. After he purchased the house, he was reported to have spent over \$10,000 redecorating it. Scott, a big moustached man, was often involved in some architectural work. He had extensive investments in Fort Worth real estate and comparatively modern office and hotel buildings. Among the most well known is the Worth Hotel. He also owned the largest amount of stock in the Mutual Oil Company in Fort Worth, was president of East St. Louis Cotton Oil Company and founded the Fort Worth State Bank. Scott sold the house in 1889.

The house changed hands various times before 1898 when it became the property of J.P. Majors and his family. Majors was a jeweler who moved to Colorado City from Fort Payne, Alabama. By the turn of the century, Colorado City had declined to a great degree. Trunk railroad lines had progressed throughout West Texas and other more centrally located freight

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centers had been established. The home remained under the ownership of the Majors family until 1966 when it was purchased by Mr. Bob Tammen. In 1977, a non-profit organization, Memory Preservation, Inc., purchased the property with the intent to restore and preserve the house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Leland R. Croft, Appraiser, Appraisal report submitted to Mr. Bob Tammen, August 30, 1977.
The Book of Fort Worth. The Fort Worth Record, 1913.
Mitchell County History.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Colorado City, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

~~XXXX REFERENCE~~ Lat: 32° 23' 27", Long. 100° 51' 52"

A				B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

S 10' of E 100' of Lots 2, all of Lots 3 & 4 and W 40' of N 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 16, Colorado (City).

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Roxanne Merritt/Research Associate
Willard B. Robinson/Professor of Architecture

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____

STREET & NUMBER Box 4499 TELEPHONE 806-742-2464
CITY OR TOWN Lubbock 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 [Signature] DATE December 7, 1978

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>[Signature]</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>2-5-79</u>
ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	DATE <u>2-5-78</u>

Property Scott - Majors House

State Id

Working Number 12.12.78.4762

TECHNICAL

Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL

pl
OK- 12.12.78

House described as significant in both architectural and historical contexts. The only historical association that seems important in Reigster context is that with Winfield Scott; but form does not even make clear why he had this house, whether he lived here for most of the time, etc. Call? - defer to architect on value as building type.

HISTORIAN

Sheffy
1-26-79
? call/accept

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

The house is the first brick structure built in the town and is the sole representative of the period in the town. The alterations consist of removal of the original porch (in some places replaced with new porches, in others, the space is now enclosed. The brickwork is original and much interior detail survives. The present owner indicates a

desire to restore the house but SHPO was unable to relate the extent of the planned restoration. *accept Beggien 1/31/79*

ARCHEOLOGIST

I WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY ACCEPTING IT SOLELY FOR ITS ARCHITECTURAL VALUES WITHOUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTEXT IN WHICH IT EXISTS LOCALLY. THE 20TH CENTURY MODIFICATIONS DIMINISH ITS INTEGRITY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ITS TYPE. SINCE IT HAS ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANCE IN CONNECTION WITH WINFIELD SCOTT THE CASE FOR ITS ELIGIBILITY IS CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED. UNLESS HISTORIAN FINDS IT NECESSARY TO VERIFY FURTHER THE CONNECTION WITH SCOTT, I WOULD ACCEPT AS IS.

OTHER

accept
Mc Dougal
2/2/79

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Not a strong property, but acceptable. Significant as early in community, associated with a major community/area figure (who obviously took some interest in house). Form evidences community perception of this as an importance structure.

Sheffy
2-5-79
accept

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 3-6-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Scott-Majors House
425 Chesnut St.
Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas

Photo courtesy of Lee Jones, Jr.
Photo taken c.1890

East facade
Photo #1

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East facade
Photo #2

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Photo by Danny Hardy, Texas Historical Commission, 1978

South facade
Photo #3

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Southwest oblique
Photo #4

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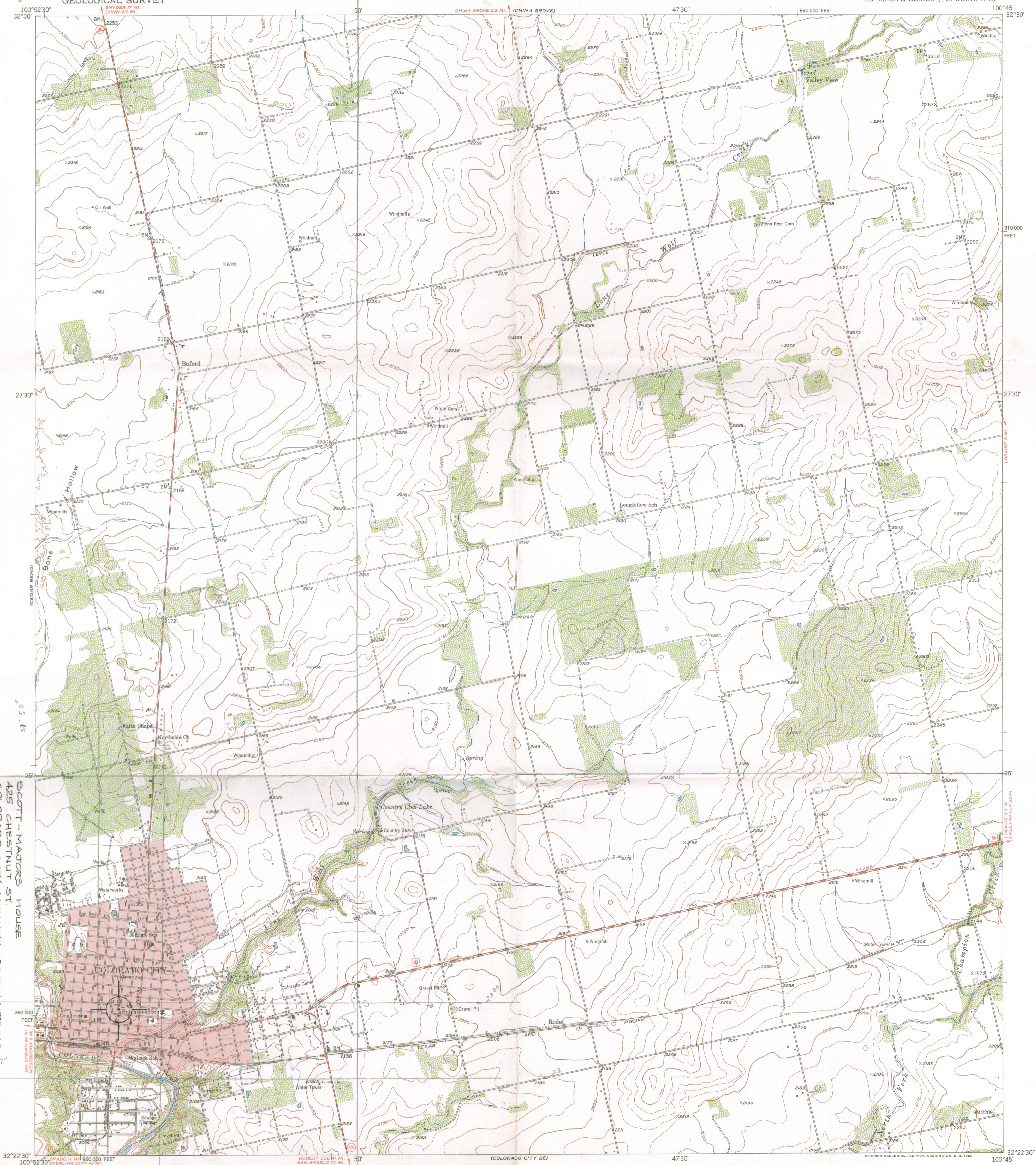
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Northwest oblique
Photo #5

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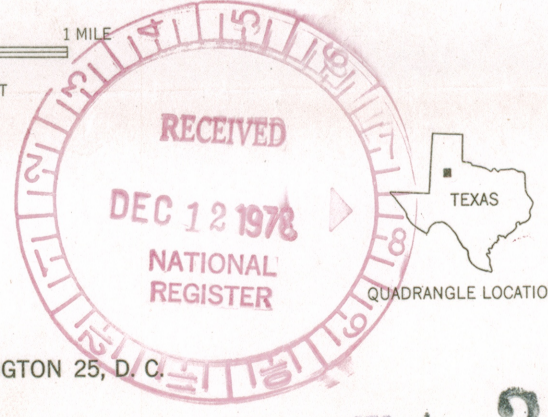
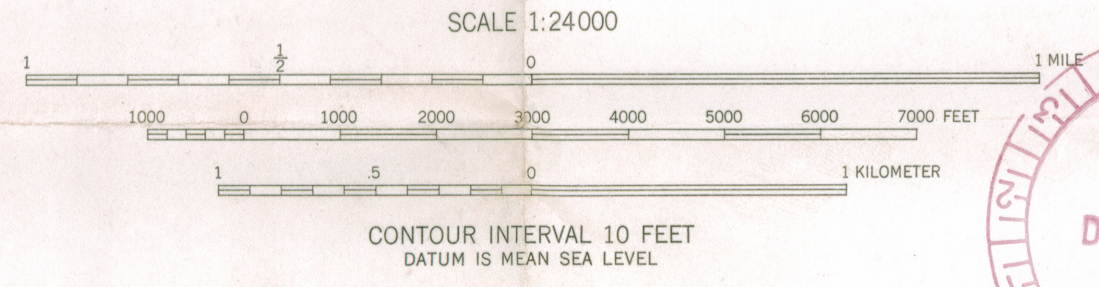
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SCOTT - MATORS HOUSE
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COLORADO CITY, MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS
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LONG: 100° 51' 52"

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1948. Field check 1952
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
north central zone
Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1952



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Light-duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route		Slate Route

COLORADO CITY, TEX.
N3222.5-W10045.7.5

1952

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, FEDERAL CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Scott-Majors House

TO/FROM: Lissa Anderson

DATE: 1/31/79

ADDRESS: Texas SHPO's Office

PHONE: 512-475-3094

STAFF MEMBER: Brian Buggren

DIVISION: NR

REPORT:

Called re: whether this was residence or speculative property + whether some elements (ie porch supports) are intended to represent reconstruction.

Lissa stated that their office has only sketchy info on this property. To the best of her knowledge, it was W. Scott's residence but Thistle Hill in Ft Worth is more closely identified with Scott.

She is completely uninformed as to the extent of the planned restoration.

The porch supports are fairly recent but whether they are inaccurate restorations she simply does not know.

Rec'd impression that State was not too thrilled about this nomination

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

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Name

Location

Scott-Majors House

Colorado City
Mitchell County

South Boulevard-Park Row Historic District

Dallas
Dallas County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen

Honorable John G. Tower

Honorable Charles W. Stenholm

Honorable James A. Mattox

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 2/13/79

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

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Scott-Majors House
 ② OTHER NAMES: Heritage House
 ③ date of entry: FEB 5 1979
 ④ county code: 335

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 425 Chestnut St.
 city / town: Colorado City
 vicinity of: _____
 state: TX
 county: Mitchell
 ⑥ NPS REGION: S Central

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: 17
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form? _____

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME _____ NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME _____ NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE: _____
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION
 excellent good fair
 deteriorated ruins unexposed unexcavated
 altered unaltered reconstructed excavated
 original site moved unknown
 ⑰ features:
 INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO
 ⑳ SAVED? YES
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1
 AGRICULTURE-3
 ARCHITECTURE-4
 ART-5
 ENGINEERING-11
 ENTERTAINMENT-26
 EXPLORATION-12
 HEALTH-27
 INDUSTRY-13
 INVENTION-14
 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15
 LAW-16
 LITERATURE-17
 MILITARY-18
 MUSIC-19
 PHILOSOPHY-20
 POLITICS/GOVT.-21
 RELIGION-22
 SCIENCE-23
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24
 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
 TRANSPORTATION-25
 RECREATION-28
 SETTLEMENT-29
 URBAN PLANNING-31
 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉔ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉕ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s):
 ㉘ architect:
 ㉙ master builder:
 ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉜ interior decorator:
 ㉝ artist:
 ㉞ artisan:
 ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP