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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL 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

Boardman-Webb-Bugg House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

602 West 9th Street

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

VICINITY OF
CODE

048

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10th

COUNTY

Travis

CODE

453

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

Mildred Alice Webb (Bugg) (Mrs. Wm. Bradford Bugg)

STREET & NUMBER

602 West 9th Street, Austin, Texas, 78701

CITY, TOWN

Austin

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas, 78701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE, Travis County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

1000 Guadalupe

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas, 78701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

10-78

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

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

Built in the early 1880's, the Boardman-Webb-Bugg House is a two story wooden frame, Victorian house. The main section of the house is a rectangular configuration facing south, featuring an asymmetrical facade dominated by a double, three bay wide veranda on the right and, on the left, on the first floor, a five-sided projecting bay containing three four over four windows. As the earliest house in the vicinity, it stands on a original city lot and the property still includes the original carriage barn and cistern.

The building is mounted on stone and mortar piers and is constructed of wood framing with hand-picked cypress siding over diagonal sheeting. There is a small single story extension mounted on cedar posts at the rear housing the kitchen and dining room, which possibly predates the main part of the building. This extension is capped by a standing seam metal gabled roof with one chimney; the principle building has a standing seam metal hipped roof with two chimneys.

On the main facade, the upper porch has been screened for sleeping since 1909. Both the upper and lower porches have turned balusters and square support columns with simple decorative bracketing at the capitals. The lower porch also shows some sawn wood ornament detailing. The main entrance is a single door with transom and a shallow pediment - the pediment being repeated on the two four over four windows on the porch. The two windows facing south on the lower porch have recently had dark green painted shutters placed on them. These are non-functional and have been installed to replace shutters originally on the building.

The bay features a restrained use of chamfered rectilinear molding, decorative bracketing, and a simple cornice. Symmetrically above the bay are two four over four windows set closely together under a single pediment.

The side facades (east and west) are virtually identical. On each story are three regularly spaced, four over four windows, each surmounted by a simple slightly molded pediment.

The rear extension has an open porch along the entire east side. It also has square columns with slightly different capitals and decorative bracketing. The windows on the extension are six over six with simple pedimented frames.

The asymmetrical main facade disguises what is basically a symmetrical floor plan in this building. The front door opens into a central hallway flanked on each side by two rooms. The front rooms are larger than the rear ones, and each front room has a fireplace with a simple walnut mantle. At the rear of the hallway is the entrance to the dining and kitchen extension. Access to the second story is by a stairway located in the central hall on the left side. The floor plan on the second story is very similar to that of the first -- the two larger front rooms have fireplaces that correspond to those on the first floor. The original bathroom is located on the second floor on the right, rear

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Austin Heritage Foundation Historic Architecture
Evaluation Inventory, May 16, 1972.
Planning Department, City of Austin

19th Century Austin Survey
Travis County Collection
Austin Public Library

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side.

The ceilings in the main building measure twelve feet high -- those in the rear extension measure ten feet. The floors throughout are hardwood. The original plaster and lath walls have been replaced with textured sheetrock in all rooms except the middle upstairs front room, which is used as a library. Decorative plaster medallions have been added to the ceilings in each room and the front hallway. Painted wooden ceiling moldings have been added to the two rear rooms on both floors.

The outbuildings on the property are located to the north (rear) side and include the original board and batten carriage barn and a cistern.

During the 1920's the house had been rented and made into light housekeeping rooms. Since 1934 it has been a one family dwelling, with the present owner occasionally taking in a roomer. There have been no major alterations to the house. On the first floor in 1930 some minor alterations were made to the interior extending the right rear wall of the hallway and installing double french doors at the end of the hallway. In 1925 the pantry in the kitchen extension was converted into a bathroom and in 1930 a small bathroom was added to the right rear bedroom on the first floor.

The house is quite sturdy and sound for one that is nearly 100 years old. All structural elements appear to be in good condition and the present owners are continuing a program of restoration designed to maintain and upgrade the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☒ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built around 1880, the Boardman-Webb-Bugg House embodies a dual importance to the Austin community, both as a solid example of a Victorian residence and as the home of the prominent, internationally known historian, Walter Prescott Webb. The house stands on an original city lot and was probably the first one in the vicinity. It is an enduring statement of the period and as a landmark, helps delineate the development and growth of the central Austin district.

The house was constructed on land that was part of the original city plat of Austin. Lots 3 and 4, block 106, were purchased on May 1, 1853, by John Bremond, a well-known merchant and subsequently were sold to Dr. George T. Boardman on January 5, 1855. Dr. Boardman was a dentist who achieved some notability for developing a new process to fill teeth and for helping incorporate the American Dental College. He commissioned Carl Drake, co-owner of Drake Brothers Lumber Company, to build this two story residence. After Dr. Boardman's death in 1884, the house changed ownership three times before being purchased on April 20, 1925, by Walter Prescott Webb.

Walter Prescott Webb was born in Panola County, Texas, on April 3, 1888, the son of a farmer and schoolteacher, C.P. Webb. In 1893 the family relocated to west Texas, and by his own admission, the semi-arid, agrarian environment germinated his concept of The Great Plains (1931), the highly esteemed book which brought him renown as a historian. The book won the Loubat Prize given by Columbia University every five years to the book making the greatest contribution to the social sciences, and established him as one of the nation's leading historians.

Webb began his college studies at the University of Texas in 1909, alternately pursuing his studies and teaching in the public schools. In 1918 he joined the faculty of the history department at the University of Texas, where he served for the next forty-five years, though occasionally accepting visiting professorships at other universities.

Although The Great Plains remains his most classic work, Webb authored several other significant books, among them, The Texas Rangers, Divided We Stand, and The Great Frontier, as well as many public school textbooks and numerous articles for national magazines.

Webb's pursuit of intellectual innovation and excellence brought him many honors during his lifetime, among these were honorary degrees from Southern Methodist University, The University of Chicago, and Oxford University in England, where he

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was Harmsworth Professor of American History. He also served as Harkness Lecturer of American History at the University of London. He was a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association, a Fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters, and a member of the Texas Philosophical Society. He served as president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and was the first southwesterner to serve as president of the American Historical Association.

From 1939 to 1946, Webb served as director of the Texas State Historical Association and through this involvement produced two of his most important contributions to the state -- the Junior Historian program and the Handbook of Texas. The Junior Historian program, with chapters in the public schools, encourages students toward a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the history of Texas, and has served as a model organization for other states. The Handbook of Texas, compiled under the editorship of Webb, contains over 16,000 articles dealing with every aspect of the development of the state from prehistoric times to the present, and has received much acclaim as an invaluable and exemplary reference work.

Webb's long and productive life was ended on March 8, 1963, when he was killed in an automobile wreck south of Austin. He is one of two non-office holding citizens to be buried by order of the governor in the state cemetery.

The Boardman-Webb-Bugg House is currently owned by Webb's daughter, Mildred (Mrs. William Bradford Bugg), and she and her husband have embarked upon a program of restoring the structure to its former beauty. Architecturally it is a dignified statement of a type of Victorian residence built by prosperous families in early Austin. The occupancy of the house by Walter Prescott Webb for over a third of a century enhances the historical significance of this site, and this dual importance makes the Boardman-Webb-Bugg House a valuable historical link with Austin's past.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Austin East, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 6 2 0 4 8 0 3 3 4 9 4 4 8

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 3 and 4, Block 106

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

Linda J. McCreight

10-17-79

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3424 A Willowrun

TELEPHONE

512/442-4796

CITY OR TOWN

Austin, Texas

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE November 19, 1979

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

Attest: Sally G. Gledhill
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
Kristin D. Connell
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 1/8/80

DATE 1/2/80

Property Boardman-Webb-Bugg House

State Tx - Travis

Working Number 11-28-79 2841

Ref.# 80004152

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 4

Maps 1

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
O'Connell
1/2/80

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

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Boardman-Webb-Bugg House
602 West 9th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
Photo by Danny Hardy, Texas Historical
Commission, 1978
South (front) facade

Photo #1

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Boardman-Webb-Bugg House
602 West 9th Street
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Southeast oblique

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Boardman-Webb-Bugg House
602 West 9th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
Photo by Danny Hardy, Texas Historical
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Carriage barn -- located north of
residence

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Photo #3

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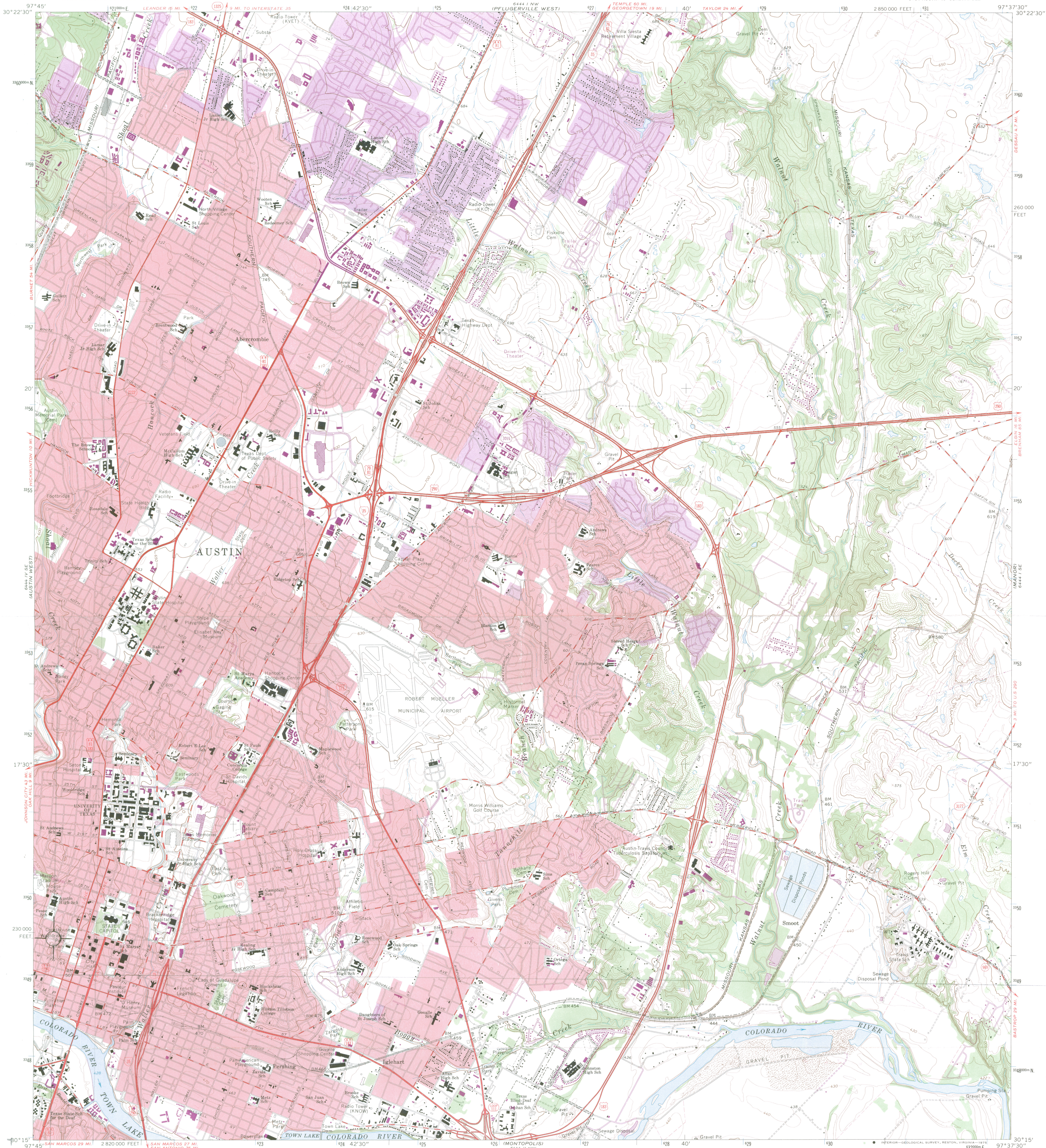


Boardman-Webb-Bugg House
602 West 9th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
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cistern -- located to northeast side
of residence

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Photo #4

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aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1966

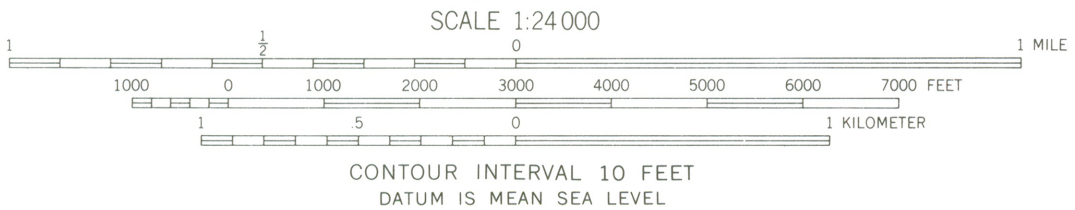
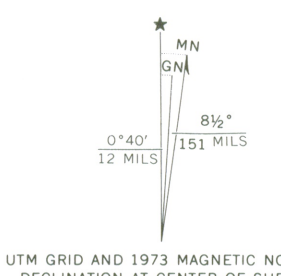
Polycenic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1973. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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

AUSTIN EAST, TEX.
SW/4 AUSTIN 15' QUADRANGLE
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
White-Pool House	Odessa Ector County
San Antonio Casino Club Building	San Antonio Bexar County
Haden House	Ladonia Fannin County
Roper Hotel	Marble Falls Burnet County
Beardman-Webb-Bugg House	Austin Travis County

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