

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Evans Industrial Building

and/or common Evans Hall

2. Location

street & number Huston-Tillotson College Campus, 1820 E. 8th N/A not for publication

city, town Austin N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~ N/A

state Texas code 048 county Travis code 453

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 type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | N/A in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Huston-Tillotson College

street & number 1820 East 8th Street

city, town Austin N/A vicinity of state Texas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Travis County Courthouse

street & number 11th and Gaudalupe Street

city, town Austin state Texas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Inventory, Historic
Landmark of Austinhas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date August 1980; July 1979

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Texas Historical Commission; City of Austin

city, town Austin state Texas

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Evans Industrial Building is a two and a half story masonry structure in the southeast portion of the Huston-Tillotson College campus, one mile east of Austin's central business district. The rectangular plan building is a vernacular institutional classroom structure typical of its genre. Constructed of load bearing, quarry-faced, cast concrete walls and an interior support system of heavy wooden piers and beams, the structure rests on a concrete foundation and slab. A hip roof punctuated by hip dormers on each elevation covers the building. Most elements of each elevation are arranged symmetrically and are broken only by fire escapes and the two level, main entrance located on the west elevation. The orderliness of the exterior more accurately reflects the original interior scheme which, through changes of use, has been partitioned or opened to varying size spaces.

Built in 1911, Evans Hall is a straightforward expression of functional architecture with little attempt at expressing a particular style or mode. The approximately forty feet x sixty-four feet plan is oriented east-west with five bays on both south and north elevations and three bays on the east and west. The mock-stone block walls are laid in a running bond with beaded mortar joints. A continuous, smooth, stone course separates the two stories, and similarly detailed stone sills and lintels define the window and door openings. The centered, double level, main entrance porch on the west has a ballustrade and piers constructed of the same "man-made stone" and is accessed by T-shaped stairs descending west, then south and north.

The hip roof dormers that protrude symmetrically on each elevation are sheathed in pressed tin shingles that were used as molds for the construction blocks. Originally, the north and south elevations had two dormers each, but the dormers were joined with an addition which created one large dormer on each side. Above, exposed rafters project to a wide eave as they do on the main roof, all of which is covered with pressed tin shingles.

Paired windows aligned from first to second floors distinguish the five and three bay elevations. Double hung, six-over-six light wood sash windows fill the openings which vary in height from first floor to dormer level. The only variation in the symmetry is a four-over-four light window placed between the third and fourth bay on the north elevation ground floor. Windows in the dormers are grouped in threes on the east and west and a four-three-four group on the three bay side dormers. Entrances are in the center bay of the east and west elevations. The double level west portico has entrances on both ground and second levels. Above the entrance in raised letters on the beam supporting the porch roof "EVANS INDUSTRIAL BUILDING" is inscribed. Originally, a short parapet wall topped the entrance porch. An original, ground level, double door on the east has been partially filled, leaving an unbalanced elevation with single door, though the lintel above remains.

Interior alterations include the addition of partition walls and changes of surface finishes. The original plan has been changed considerably, and the original wood ceilings and plaster and lath walls are covered in many areas with fiberboard or gypsum board. Wood floors and concrete ground floor are covered with asphalt tile. Many of the original exposed timber columns remain, though some have been replaced by steel pipe columns. A minor fire damaged the interior in 1942, and more recently, damage has occurred due to moisture.

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The building is scheduled to be restored following the preparation of an historic structure report and preservation plan.

Evans Hall stands near the southeastern corner of the campus of Huston-Tillotson College. A two story, brick, library building is located about fifty feet to the north of Evans Hall, and a three story, brick science building is situated about sixty feet to the south. Both structures were erected circa 1960. An inner campus driveway/parking lot bounds Evans Hall to the west, and land to the east slopes sharply downward to the eastern border of the campus (along Chicon Drive.)

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"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | | | ethnic history |

Specific dates 1911

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The oldest structure remaining on the campus of Huston-Tillotson College is the Evans Industrial Building, a rectangular plan, two and a half story, concrete block, institutional structure which was erected in 1911. Simply detailed and void of stylistic ornament, the building was the first constructed during a period of expansion and transition of the school. The addition of Evans Hall to the campus countered the proponents of a strictly classical education for blacks, naturally satisfying those who endorsed a "practical" training - a controversy common to black educational institutions of the period. Responsible for the major funding and backing of the Evans Industrial Building and the expansion of the college was a civic and political leader in Austin and the State of Texas, Major Ira Hobart Evans, thirty-nine years a member of the Tillotson College Board of Trustees (1881-1920) and eleven years as its president (1911-1920).

Major Evans, a New Hampshire native, was a civil war veteran and continued to serve his country, stationed on the Rio Grande River until his discharge in 1867. He settled in Southwest Texas and entered in to public service for the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue. He became a State Representative for one of three West Texas districts in 1869 and then was elected Speaker of the Texas House at age twenty-five in 1870 (the youngest Speaker elected). Although a member of their party, Evans' fellow Republicans removed him from office because of his lack of sympathy for "carpetbagging practices." Evans' successful business career included general manager of the Texas Land Company, secretary of the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company and of the Consolidated International-Great Northern Railroad Company, and president of the New York and Texas Land Company. Following his move to Austin in 1885, he helped organize the Austin National Bank, was receiver for the Austin Rapid Transit Railway Company, and served on the board of trustees of Tillotson College.

Now known as the Huston-Tillotson College, the parent institution, Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute (TCNI), was chartered in 1877 and opened in 1881. It was indirectly an outgrowth of the benevolent efforts of the Freedman's Bureau and directly attributed to Reverend George Jeffrey Tillotson, who established the school through the American Missionary Association. The purpose of TCNI was to provide a general academic and industrial education to black students. In an effort to accommodate both educational ideologies for black education, Tillotson College president from 1905 to 1918, Isaac M. Agard, launched an expansion program to balance the industrial and liberal arts training.

The construction of Evans Hall realized this commitment and brought enthusiastic support from the Austin community, both black and white. Attesting to this is an excerpt from the school's 1911-12 catalogue which states, "A leading feature of the school's development is the growing interest in its industrial departments."

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As the direction of black education continued to change and the struggle to establish quality liberal arts training programs was won, the industrial arts curriculum carried out in Tillotson's Evans Hall was de-emphasized. Contributing to the eventual elimination of the program were factors such as the selection of the school's first black president, J.T. Hodges in 1924, the change in status to a class "A" Junior College in 1925, and then another change to a four year women's college in 1926, the earliest such institution west of the Mississippi. Science laboratories and a notable home economics department took the place of the technical classes formerly held in Evans Hall. The building has continued as classroom space through the College's resumption of coeducational offerings in 1935 and the granting of an "A" rating by the Southern Association of Colleges in 1943, which it maintains. Today, Evans Hall is still used for classroom purposes, but plans are underway to renovate the structure.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Austin East, Texas

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 1 4 6 2 3 9 6 0 3 3 4 8 5 0 0
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is in the Southeast portion of the Huston-Tillotson College campus located in outlot 7, Division B, Original City. It includes the building which is 62 feet from the southeast boundary of outlot 7, Div. B, which is E. 7th Street.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Suzanne Smith Saulniers Edited by Daniel B. Hardy

organization Huston-Tillotson College date May 30, 1980

street & number 1820 East 8th Street telephone 476-7421

city or town Austin state Texas

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 13 April 1982

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 6/17/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Ref # 82004525

Property: Evans Industrial Building
State, County: TX, Travis
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 5/18/82-1449
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 6/17/82 - 7/2/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/17/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
photos ☒
maps ☒

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| | | | |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| | Public Acquisition | Accessible | |

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Condition | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> moved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
| | | date _____ |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Evans Industrial Building
1820 E. 8th St.
Huston-Tillotson College Campus
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Linda Flory August 1980
Negatives filed at the Texas Historical
Commission; Austin, Texas

Southwest Oblique
Photo # 1 of 4



Evans Industrial Building
1820 E. 8th St.
Huston-Tillotson College Campus
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Linda Flory August 1980
Negatives filed at the Texas Historical
Commission; Austin, Texas

Southeast Oblique

Photo # 2 of 4



Evans Industrial Building
1820 E. 8th St.
Huston-Tillotson College Campus

Linda Flory August 1980
Negatives filed at the Texas Historical
Commission; Austin, Texas

Northwest Oblique
Photo # 3 of 4

NW



EVANS INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

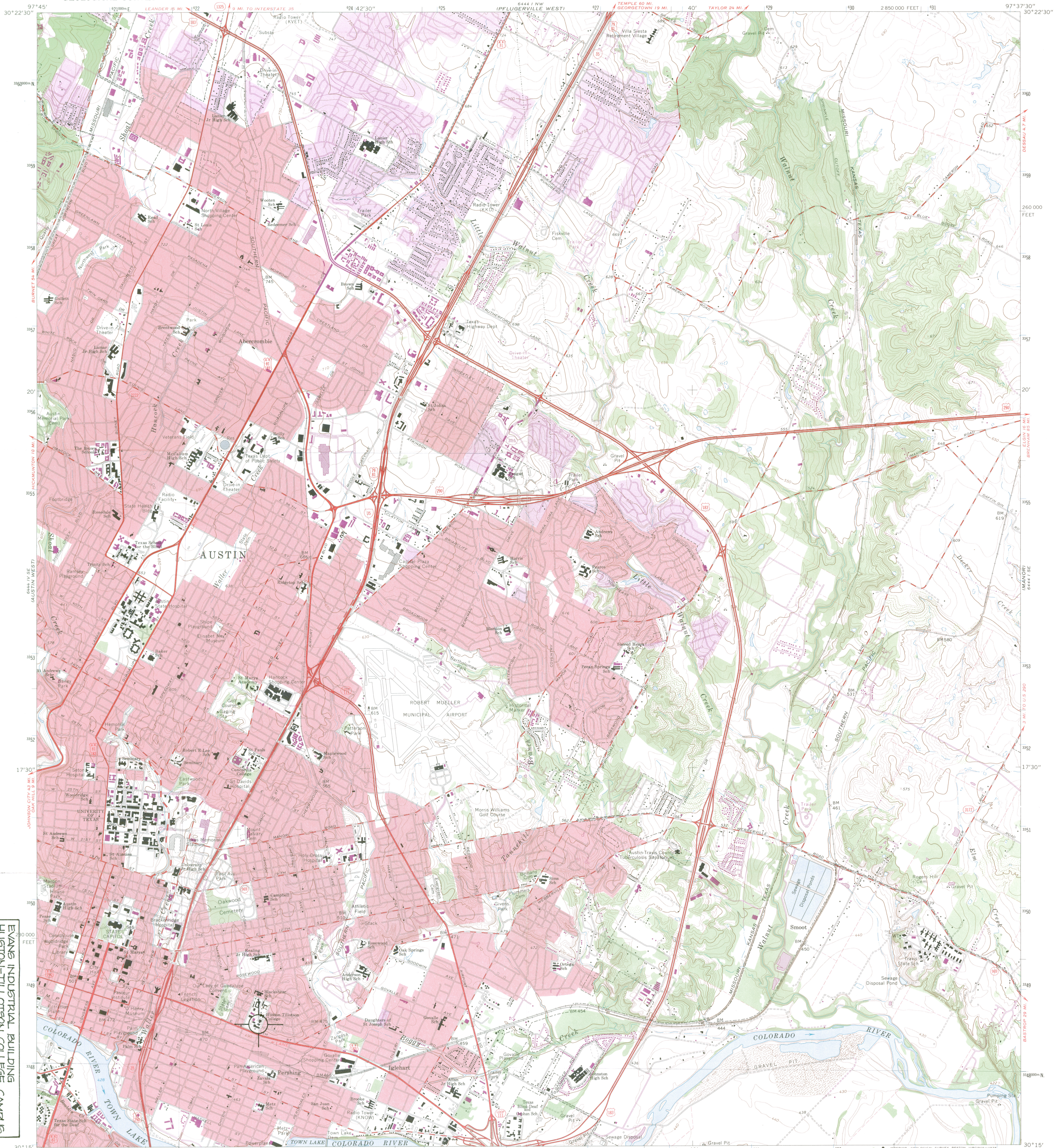
Our beautiful Industrial Building is the beginning. In humble confidence, believing that it has a larger mission, the College is obedient to the larger vision.

Evans Industrial Building
1820 E. 8th St.
Huston-Tillotson College Campus
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Photographer Unknown; circa 1912
From Tillotson College Catalogue, 1915.
Negative of photo filed at the Texas
Historical Commission; Austin, Texas

Southwest Oblique
Photo # 4 of 4

EVANS INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
HUGSTON-TILLOTSON COLLEGE CAMPUS
AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO., TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE:
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aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1966

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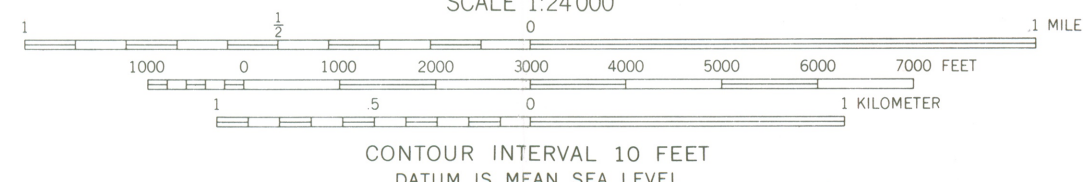
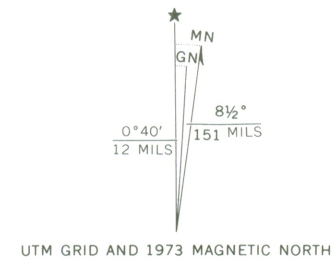
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Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



| 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 |

AUSTIN EAST, TEX.
SW/4 AUSTIN 15' QUADRANGLE
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