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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Colonel Elijah Sterling COUNTY Bell QUAD 3097-344, Salado BLOCK 7.5 BEL SL

NAME: Clack Robertson Plantation COUNTY: Bell

ADDRESS: west of IH 35 approximately 1/4 CITY: Salado  
mile southwest of town center UTM: see map

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Col. E.S.C. Robertson DATE: ca. 1852-56 PERIOD: LSS

OWNER: Mrs. Sterling Robertson, Rt. 1 STYLE: Greek Revival  
Salado, Texas, 76571 THEME: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: 2-story frame Greek Revival hse., 5-bay facade w/ central proj. ped. portico &  
proj. ped. end pavilions, 6/6 dbl.-hung windows, dbl. doors w/ transom and sidelights  
single-story stone kitchen/dining/laundry, now attached, single-story stone servants'  
quarters, stone and wood-frame barn and family cemetery included.

BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: cypress, stone roof: standing seam metal, corrugated metal

PHYSICAL CONDITION: good SITE: original X or moved \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERATIONS: kitchen attached to house in 1880's addition

SIGNIFICANCE: perhaps best example of Texas plantation complex remaining today, built by  
early Texas pioneer and founder of Salado and Salado College, outstanding example  
of Greek Revival architecture showing rare Palladian influence

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: architectural/historical LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: state

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL USE: residence PRESENT USE: residence

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: complex of structures/sites on large tract of land

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: see map

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA: see Major Bibliographic References

SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: Salado file at Texas Historical Commission

RECORDED BY: J. Freeman, L.C. Flory INFORMANT: Mrs. Sterling Robertson

DATE: 7/70, 5/81 PHOTO DATA: B & W; color slides

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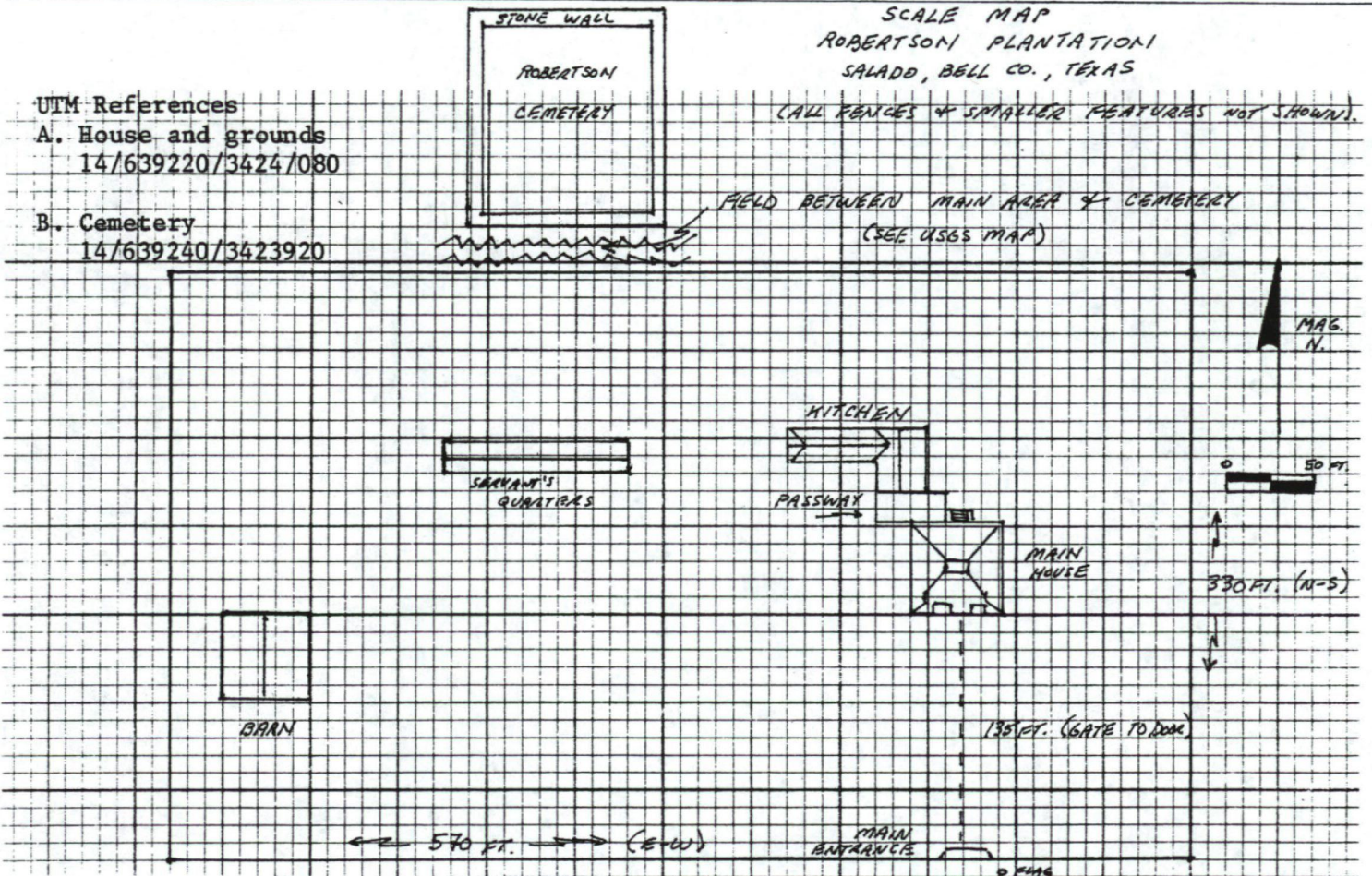
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Acreeage of nominated property approximately 4.3

Verbal boundary description and justification

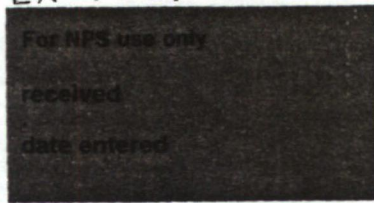
Beginning at a point approximately 135' south of front door of house, proceed west along fence line approximately 428'; then proceed north approximately 330'; then proceed east approximately 570'; then proceed south along fence line approximately 330'; then proceed west approximately 142' to point of origin.

Nominated property includes plot of land which encompasses house, servants quarters, and barn.



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Salado Multiple Resource Area  
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |     |   |                                     |            |                                  |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Stagecoach Inn  | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvyn Byers</u> 4/5/83       |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 2.  | Barbee-Berry Mercantile Building                            | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <u>Bob Grosvenor</u> 8/22/84     |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 3.  | Baines, George Washington, House                            | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>4/5/83 Melvyn Byers</u>       |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 4.  | Robertson, Col. Elijah Sterling<br>Clack, Plantation        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>4/5/83 Melvyn Byers</u>       |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 5.  | Rose House  | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <u>Return</u>                    |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 6.  | White-Aiken House   | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>4/5/83 Melvyn Byers</u>       |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 7.  | Armstrong-Adams House                                       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>4/5/83 Melvyn Byers</u>       |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 8.  | Davis House   | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>4/5/83 Melvyn Byers</u>       |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 9.  | Pace Memorial Park<br>Archeological Site/Davis<br>Mill Site | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <u>Return</u>                    |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |
| 10. | Salado College Archeological<br>Site                        | Substantive Review                  | for Keeper | <u>3/1/85 Suzanne B. Stewart</u> |
|     |   |                                     | Attest     | _____                            |

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Robertson, Col. Elijah Sterling Clack,  
Plantation (Salado MRA)  
Bell County  
TEXAS

Working No. FEB 23 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 3/24/83 - 4/4/83

Action:  ACCEPT 4/5/83

Entered in the  RETURN

National Register  REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

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

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

Average of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT Reference \_\_\_\_\_

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



Colonel Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson Plantation,

Main House

South IH 35

Salado, Bell County, Texas

Photo: THC Staff, 1970, (note, subsequent survey  
revealed that appearance of house has not  
changed since photo was taken)

Negative on file at THC

South elevation, camera facing North

Photo # 4 of 44





Colonel Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson Plantation,  
Main House  
South I H 35  
Salado, Bell County, Texas  
Photo: THC Staff, 1970  
Negative on file at THC  
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast  
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ROBERTSON PLANTATION



ROBERTSON PLANTATION

Colonel Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson Plantation,  
Main House

I H 35 South

Salado, Bell County, Texas

Photo: THC Staff, 1970

Negative on file at THC

Southwest oblique, camera facing Northeast

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Colonel Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson Plantation,  
rear addition to Main House

South I H 35

Salado, Bell County, Texas

Photo: THC Staff, 1970

Negative on file at THC

Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest

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Colonel Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson Plantation,  
Servants' Quarters

South I H 35

Salado, Bell County, Texas

Photo: THC Staff, 1970

Negative on file at THC

Southeast oblique, camera facing Northwest

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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000851