

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMPH0689058
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Jasper County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Jasper

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

CODE

048

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

COUNTY

Jasper

CODE

241

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

County of Jasper

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Jasper

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk, Jasper County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Jasper

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

☐ 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 1889, the present Jasper County Courthouse replaced an 1853 frame building. E.T. Heiner was the architect and Moody and Ellis were the contractors for the new temple of justice which was built in 1889-1890.

Plans were typical of the period with offices divided by corridors on the first floor, and large two-story courtroom and additional offices on the second floor.

Fine brickwork along with a mixture of Italianate and Second Empire details characterized the building. The Roman arches on the first and third stories along with the stilted arches on the second floor are noteworthy features. Pilasters on the corners of the center pavilion and on the corners of the main mass add to the character. Stringcourses at the levels of the window sills and at the levels of the springline of the arches were other noteworthy features. Archivolts and decorative brickwork have been removed from all arches except those in the center pavilions.

Changes were made in 1934. Wings were added on the east and west. Walls were covered with stucco and the Victorian window sashes were replaced.

Most of the decorative sheetmetal work remains on the cornices and pediments. However, a centrally positioned tower clad in sheetmetal with Mansardic roof and clocks was removed in 1957. Also removed were small gables centered over the pairs of arches.

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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1889-1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Eugene T. Heiner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jasper County Courthouse has both architectural and historical significance. While the spatial arrangement and details were typical of the 1880's, the rhythm of the openings is somewhat atypical. The building has been continuously the center of county activities and still serves as the seat of government, an election center, and a general meeting place.

Located in East Texas, Jasper County, one of 23 original counties, was created in 1836 and was organized the same year. East and west boundaries were the Sabine River and the Neches River. In 1824 John Bevil, was the first white settler to arrive at the site of the present county seat. He named the county and town he founded after William Jasper, a hero of the American Revolution. In 1846 the county was divided in half from north to south with the eastern section becoming Newton County.

The first courthouse for Jasper County was a two-room log cabin on the site of the present courthouse. In 1849 this shelter burned to the ground.

Three years later, a two-story frame courthouse was built. L.O. Mattingly was the architect and builder. This served until 1889, when work on the temple still in use was commenced.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY About 3 acres.

QUADRANGLE NAME Roganville, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 404530 3421125

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Situated on the public square and bounded on the east by N. Zavalla on the north by E. Lamar, on the west by N. Austin, and on the south by E. Houston

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Willard B. Robinson

ORGANIZATION

Texas Tech University

DATE

June, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 4499

TELEPHONE

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 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

DATE

10-25-78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: PLEASE FULLY DISCUSS THE PHYSICAL CHANGES
SUFFERED BY THE COURTHOUSE DURING THE 1934
MODIFICATION.

8 Statement of Significance: Please evaluate significance of the building
architecturally in the context of the building that now exists--with its later
modifications. The historical significance cited in the first paragraph is not
supported by the information that follows. What is the nature of the county for
the time period that this courthouse has served? Has this been the primary

9 Bibliography: meeting place? Etc.

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: COULD YOU PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING
THE BUILDING BEFORE THE 1934 MODIFICATION?

Map Coverage: _____

Other: see comment sheet

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Marcella Shorley
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Labovich
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 12/15/78

Property

State

Working Number

11.1.78.4440

TECHNICAL

Photos

Maps

3

1

CONTROL

OK 11.2.78

HISTORIAN

This courthouse has also undergone some major changes - so that significance has to overcome lack of integrity. As written #8 does not appear to adequately defend either historical or architectural value - no historical context for county after date of this building.

Sheffy

12-11-78

Return

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

NO STATEMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. WHAT WERE EXTENTS OF MODIFICATION?

RETURN

H. Smith
12/12/78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

Problems as described above. Sheffy 12-12-78

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Lacks explicit statements of architectural and arch. significance

Return
Leborich

Texas needs to address question of integrity.

12/12/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

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Federal Register Entry

Re-submit

1.8.80

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Changes were made in 1934. Wings were added on the east and west. Walls were covered with stucco and the Victorian window sashes were replaced. Although the floor plan remained essentially intact, the interior was redecorated and new light fixtures were installed. Reflecting the trends of the 1930s, during which times the taste of the times preferred rather severe forms, the additions were simple cubical masses. Nonetheless the designers attempted related the new and the old by repeating the semi-circular arches of the nineteenth-century work. It is significant that county commissioners decided to retain the 1889 building and continue to use it for county functions rather than razing it and building an entirely new structure, as so many others were doing at the same time in the Southwest.

On the 1889 section, most of the decorative sheetmetal work remains on the cornices and pediments. However, a centrally positioned tower clad in sheetmetal with Mansardic roof and clocks was removed in 1957. Also removed were small gables centered over the pairs of arches.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1889-1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Eugene T. Heiner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jasper County Courthouse has historical significance. While the spatial arrangement and details were typical of the 1880s, the rhythm of the openings is somewhat atypical. Although the nineteenth-century building has been remodeled inside and outside, it still retains enough of its original detailing to express the Victorian picturesqueness that was much admired. Even with its modifications, it is one of the finest Victorian structures remaining in the county and one that is revered by many residents.

Historically the building has been important for its association with the development of the county. Of course numerous decisions regarding public improvements were made in the building. In addition, throughout its history, the temple of justice has been a meeting place for county residents. It was used as civil defense shelter and it has been center for elections.

The nineteenth-century building along with its additions, in a sense, symbolize historical continuity and the growth of the county. It is significant that the changing needs of county government have been accommodated by adaptive use of the old building.

Located in East Texas, Jasper County, one of 23 original counties, was created in 1836 and was organized the same year. East and west boundaries were the Sabine River and the Neches River. In 1824 John Bevil, was the first white settler to arrive at the site of the present county seat. Six years later some thirty families had joined him. He named the county and town he founded after William Jasper, a hero of the American Revolution. In 1846 the county was divided in half from north to south with the eastern section becoming Newton County.

Residents of Jasper County played important roles in Texas history. In 1832 several men were lead by George W. Smyth to aid Texans imprisoned an Anahuac by Mexican authorities. Smyth and Stephen H. Everitt were signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The courthouse overlooks a memorial to the only known veteran of the American Revolution to be buried in Texas. This soldier, Stephen Williams, was a resident of Jasper County.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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The county developed during the nineteenth century as a result of agriculture. Farming and ranching, along with lumbering, became important industries. In the early years cotton was important but later truck farming became a key enterprise. Currently dairy farming is one of the most important industries.

The first courthouse for Jasper County was a two-room log cabin on the site of the present courthouse. In 1849 this shelter burned to the ground.

Three years later, a two-story frame courthouse was built. L. O. Mattingly was the architect and builder. This served until 1889, when work on the temple still in use was commenced.

The present building still continues to be a center of county activity.

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Jasper County Commissioners' Court Minutes, Office of the County Clerk, Jasper County Courthouse, Vols. A, B.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY About 3 acres.

QUADRANGLE NAME Roganville, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62,500

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 4045310 3421125

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

E

G

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D

F

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Situated on the public square and bounded on the east by N. Zavalla, on the north by E. Lamar, on the west by N. Austin, and on the south by E. Houston.

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

Willard B. Robinson

ORGANIZATION

Texas Tech University

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 4140

TELEPHONE

806-742-2789

CITY OR TOWN

Lubbock

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

DATE

12-6-79

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20243

IN REPLY REFER TO:

SEP 10 1980

Dear State Historic Preservation Officer:

The accompanying nomination is being returned to you for the reasons indicated on the return sheet.

Since this nomination was originally made under our former notification regulations which require notification of property owners by the National Register, it will not be necessary to renominate under new regulations. However, on the advice of the Department of the Interior's Solicitor's Office, and because of staffing problems which prevent our continuing to notify owners, we are phasing out use of old notification procedures. We urge you to resubmit this nomination within 45 days of the date of this letter. We have also set the date of December 31, 1980, as the deadline for processing nominations made under the former procedures. After that date, all nominations processed in this office will be done so in accordance with new procedures published in final on April 16, 1980. Nominations not made in accordance with new procedures will be returned to States.

If the changes to this nomination are substantive and would merit renotification of property owners by the State in accordance with new regulations 36 CFR 1202.12, this should be done in order to assure thorough and adequate notice. Section 1202.12 (g) specifies when renotification is appropriate. We are eager to resolve all questions concerning this and other nominations made in accordance with the old notification procedures. We request your cooperation in this effort.

If we can be of further assistance to you, or if you have questions concerning the processing of nominations, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Rogers
Acting Keeper of the
National Register

Enclosure

7 Description: *Please provide a more complete description of the addition.*

8 Statement of Significance:

9 Bibliography:

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage:

UTM Reference(s):

Verbal Boundary Description:

12 Certification:

Photographic Coverage:

Map Coverage: *A sketch map showing the date and relationship of the various portions of the building.*

Other:

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to *Beth Groover* on the National Register staff, telephone *202-343-6401*

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bruce M. Dwyer
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date:

9-10-80
September 2, 1980

Property

Jasper County Courthouse

2nd Control

State

TX Jasper

Working Number

11.1.78.4440

TECHNICAL

Photos

3

Maps

1

CONTROL

They have done a better job of enumerating alterations and discussing compatibility. But the 2 alterations in the photos don't look like they were done at the same time, and one appears to be to the rear, which is not mentioned in the nomination form. It is still hard to tell exactly how this building evolved, although the 19th C. courthouse is still in evidence.

HISTORIAN

Return

Grosvonts

8/29/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

REDA
MADON
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received JUL 26 1984

date entered SEP 6 1984

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections**1. Name**

historic Jasper County Courthouse

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Public Square

N/A not for publication

city, town Jasper

N/A vicinity of

state Texas

code 048

county Jasper

code 241

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name County of Jasper

street & number Public Square

city, town Jasper

N/A vicinity of

state Texas 75951

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk, Jasper County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Jasper

state Texas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Inventory

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1977

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository 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 N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Jasper County Courthouse is the product of three separate building campaigns which reflect the enlargement of the original masonry structure to meet increased demands for county office space. The original structure, which is Italianate in character, is flanked to the east and west by additions made in 1934, while a further addition was made to the east in 1960. The original structure was stuccoed in 1934, and its roof was simplified.

Located in the center of a heavily wooded square in the center of Jasper, the Jasper County Courthouse comprises four distinct building units. The central block, the original structure erected in 1889-90, is a two-story masonry building with a stucco exterior finish. The north and south elevations have not been encumbered by later additions, and are divided into five bays. The end bays and the central bay project out from the mass of the building slightly to form pavilions, with the second and fourth bays being slightly recessed. The main entrances to the original structure are framed by round-arch openings with heavy stucco moldings. The fenestration of the first floor consists of round-arch windows with double-hung wooden sashes. The second-floor openings are primarily of the round-arch type, with two segmentally arched openings appearing in the lower section of the end bays of the second floor. The large, round-arch opening centered above the main entrances features the same heavy stucco moldings noted below above the doorways. The original courthouse block is capped off with a simple bracketed cornice, and pediments are set above the central bays of both the north and south elevations.

In 1934, the courthouse was expanded to the east and west in the form of two matching additions. These additions are two stories high, five bays wide, and three bays deep. Their fenestration uses round-arch openings on the first floor and square-headed openings on the second. These sections are otherwise devoid of ornamentation. While these additions did cause the loss of much original fabric on the east and west sides of the original structure, the additions are low and left the original cornice of the 1889-90 structure undisturbed. In the building campaign which resulted in the construction of the two additions, the exterior of the original building was modified. The brick exterior walls were faced with stucco and the roof was simplified slightly. In 1957, the clock tower atop the main building was taken down for repairs and never reconstructed.

In 1960, a further addition was made to the east of the courthouse. This most recent addition, which is referred to as the Jasper County Building, is connected to the rest of the complex by a single-story hyphen. The structure itself is three stories high, and its first floor is cut into the slope of the land. The 1960 addition uses round-arch fenestration on the second floor, with square-headed openings on the first and third floors.

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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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While the photographs submitted with the nomination of this property were taken in 1977, it was confirmed in discussions with the office of the County Clerk that no significant alterations have been made since that date to the fabric of the courthouse. Thus the photos are still current. The courthouse is still occupied by various county offices, and the county courtroom is located on the second floor of the 1889-90 central block.

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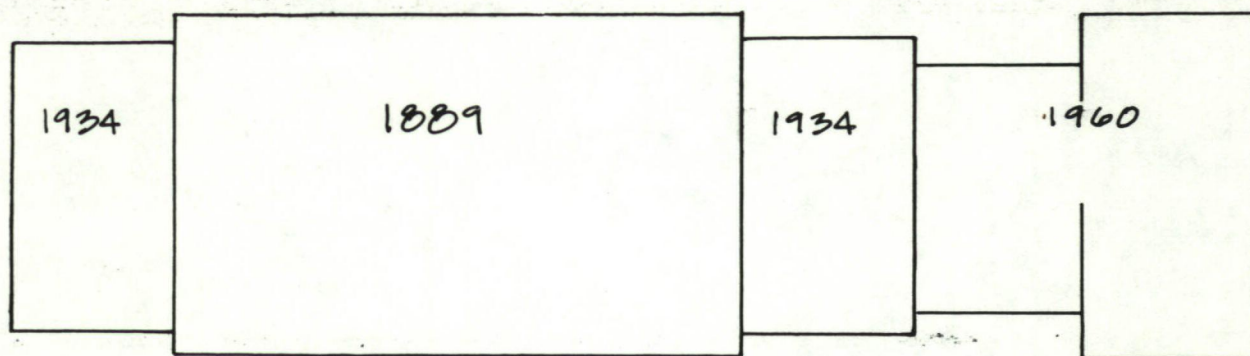
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JASPER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

SKETCH PLAN

not to scale

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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Specific dates 1889-90, 1934, 1960 **Builder/Architect** Eugene T. Heiner (1889-90)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

By virtue of its close associations since the late 19th century with the actions of the government of Jasper County, the Jasper County Courthouse is of great importance in the political history of the area. The continued growth and expansion of county services in the 20th century is reflected by the enlargement of the structure in the 1930s and, finally, in 1960.

Jasper County is one of the 23 original counties of the Republic of Texas, and was established in 1836. It is located in east Texas and bounded on the west by the Neches River. The original eastern boundary of the county was the Sabine River, but that boundary was shifted west by the creation of Newton County in 1846. The rich soil and ready access to river transport were major factors that contributed to the growth of agriculture as the chief economic activity of Jasper County. Sheep ranching was also important, and lumber interests made use of the Neches River to transport their materials to Beaumont for sale.

Jasper was selected as the county seat in 1838, and by 1857 it had a population of 400. The first courthouse, a two-room log cabin, was destroyed by fire in 1849 and replaced by a two-story frame structure designed and built by L.O. Mattingly. Forty years later, work began on the original section of the present courthouse, with the design being prepared by the architect E.T. Heiner.

When the functions of county government dictated the need for additional office space, the decision was made in 1934 simply to add more space to the existing structure, and not demolish the outdated building and start over with an entirely new edifice. Thus the political activities long associated with the structure designed by Heiner were allowed to continue in their original building. The county courtroom, located on the second floor of the 1889-90 building, is perhaps the building's most important space in terms of its political associations with past county judges.

With the additions that have been made to the fabric of the original courthouse structure, it is apparent that the Jasper County Courthouse will be able to meet the needs of county government for the foreseeable future.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Walter Prescott Webb (ed.), The Handbook of Texas (Austin: The Texas Historical Association, 1952), Vol. I, pp. 906-907.

Jasper County Commissioners' Court Minutes, Office of the County Clerk, Jasper County Courthouse, Vols. A, B.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property About 3 acres

Quadrangle name Roganville, Texas

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The boundary of the nominated property commences at the SE corner of Main and Lamar and proceeds 212 ft. S along Main; it then turns 90 degrees E and passes across the courthouse square to Austin Street; the boundary then turns 90 degrees N and proceeds 212 feet along (see continuation sheet)

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Willard B. Robinson (with John C. Ferguson, THC)

organization Texas Tech University

date 1979 (1984)

street & number Box 4140

telephone (806) 742-2789

city or town Lubbock

state Texas

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 national X state 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

Curtis J. Jernell

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 11 July 1984

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

Beth G. Owens
for

Keeper of the National Register

date 9/6/89

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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that street to the SW corner of Lamar and Austin; it then turns W 90 degrees and travels along Lamar Street to the SE corner of Lamar and Main, the point of beginning.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

3rd Control

Jasper County Courthouse
Jasper County
TEXAS

Substantive Review

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Working No. JUL 26 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 9/9/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-6-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Recom./Criteria Pl. Acqot-A
Reviewer Givens
Discipline Historic
Date 9/6/84
_____ 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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair		
<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated		
<input type="checkbox"/> ruins		
<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 _____ 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Jasper County Courthouse
Public Square, Jasper, Jasper County, Texas
Photo 1977 by Stanley Klein; negative on file with
Texas Historical Commission, Austin
View of north (front) elevation, looking south
Photo 1 of 4



Jasper County Courthouse
Public Square, Jasper, Jasper County, Texas
Photo 1977 by Stanley Klein; negative on file with
Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Oblique view of south elevation, looking northwest
Photo 2 of 4



Jasper County Courthouse
Public Square, Jasper, Jasper County, Texas
Photo 1977 by Stanley Klein; negative on file with
Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Oblique view of 1960s addition, looking northwest
from Austin Street
Photo 3 of 4



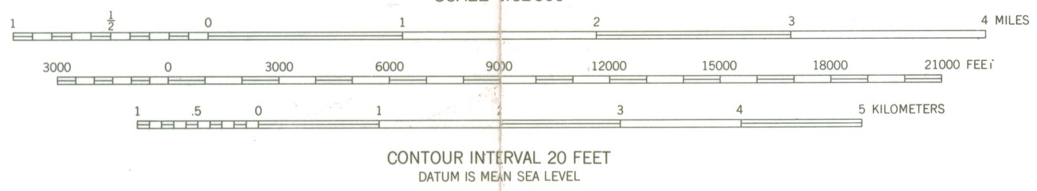
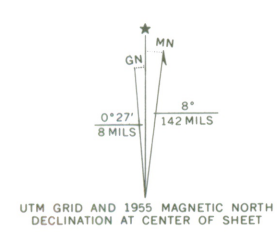
Jasper County Courthouse
Public Square, Jasper, Jasper County, Texas
Photo 1977 by Stanley Klein; negative on file with
Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Oblique view of 1934 addition, looking southeast
from Main Street
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JASPER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JASPER SQUARE
PUBLIC SQUARE
JASPER, JASPER COUNTY TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 15/404530/3421125

ROGANVILLE QUADRANGLE
TEXAS
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by multiplex methods
Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1955
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
central zone
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———



ROGANVILLE, TEX.
N3045-W9345/15
1955
AMS 7245 IV-SERIES V782

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Jasper County Courthouse				② OTHER NAMES:				③ date of entry:		④ county code: 241	
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㉛ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉜ interior decorator:		㉝ artist:		㉞ artisan:		㉟ builder/contractor:			
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㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP											