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WILLIAMSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT EXTENSION

Site No.	Address	Category*	Owner's Name and Mailing Address
105	114 E. 8th	C	Longhorn Title Co., P.O. Box 769 Georgetown, Texas 78626
106	116 E. 8th	N	Bill Edminston, 800 Booty Rd. Georgetown, Texas 78626
107	118 E. 8th	N	Bill Edminston - see above
108	120 E. 8th	C	Timothy G. Maresh, P.O. Box 116 Georgetown, Texas 78626
109	122 E. 8th	N	Presbyterian Children's Home P.O. Box 100, Itasca, Texas 76055
110	124 E. 8th	C	Stanton W. Meeks, 3805 Tanarack Tr. Austin, Texas 78759
74	113 E. 8th	C	U.S. Postal Service, c/o Forrest McLemore, G.S.A. Region 7 7PEP, 819 Taylor St., Ft. Worth Tx. 76102

* Definition of Categories

"N" Noncontributing. Structures in this category are ones that do not add to the historic character of the district. These are properties that are not yet 50 years old and therefore lack historic significance, or properties that were built before 1935 but have been so severely altered that their historic integrity has been severely compromised.

"C" Contributing. Structures that are at least 50 years old and add to the historic character of the district.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The extension to the Williamson County Courthouse Historic District includes property that adjoins the east boundary of the existing district. The extension includes the southeast quarter of block 40 of the original

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townsite and the northern half of the northeastern quarter of block 52 of the original townsite.

JUSTIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES

When the Williamson County Courthouse Historic District was originally submitted in 1974, it included an extremely high concentration of historic properties that centered around the courthouse square. Since that time, several historic properties that had been severely altered and which stood immediately outside the district's boundaries have been restored or rehabilitated. Also, the U.S. Post Office which was built in 1931 has since become eligible for listing since the original nomination was submitted. In addition, a determination-of-eligibility ruling by the National Park Service in 1984 concluded that the Post Office was eligible for listing in the National Register. This extension to the existing district now includes virtually all of Georgetown's historic commercial center.

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Substantive Review

Williamson County Courthouse Historic District
(Boundary Increase (Georgetown MRA))
Williamson County
TEXAS

Working No. DEC 2 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 1/3/86 - 1/16/86

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 1-14-86

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Several add'l commercial properties, including a 1930 post office, make up proposed euhene gro. Although I see no problem with their integrity, additional ~~pro~~ info. concerning dates, recent changes (related to each specific property), and

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer L. McClelland

Discipline Arch Hist

Date 1/13/86

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

significance is needed. acreage & UTM's (if changed) are also needed. #105 was included in 1977-nominated district.

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category

Ownership

Public Acquisition

Status

Accessible

Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

Note; NR records indicate that the Georgetown P.O. has not been determined eligible - add'l documentation was requested in 1982.

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

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

Please date and briefly describe the buildings being added to the district. Identify historic uses and activities carried on in these properties. Explain nature of rehabilitation or restoration, if any. Note #105 was described in 1977 nomination. Note: Concerning 50-year crit. in classification of cent. and noncont. buildings the original nom. for district gives a period of significance ending in 1920.

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

Please provide a brief statement explaining how the added buildings contribute to the significance of the district as listed in 1977.

The district's period of significance does not extend beyond 1920; therefore please provide a statement of significance showing the post office individually eligible in the context of public architecture locally or the role of the postal service locally since 1930, or 2) extending the period of significance to the 1930s.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

X Acreage of nominated property _____ Please provide acreage

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References Has UTM's changed?

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

Has U.S. Postal Service Fed. Rep. had a chance to comment on listing?

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to LINDA McCLELLAND

Signed Linda McClelland Date 1/14/86 Phone: 202-343-9544

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AMENDMENTS - FEBRUARY 1986

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

The U.S. Post Office (Site No. 74) at 113 E. 8th was submitted to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination-of-eligibility ruling in 1982. The application was returned to the State Historic Preservation Office (Texas Historical Commission) because of insufficient data. The application for the Georgetown Post Office has not been resubmitted, as of February 1986. It is, however, included within the proposed extension to the Williamson County Courthouse Historic District and is classified as a contributing member of the proposed extension.

DESCRIPTION

All buildings included in the proposed extension face onto the 100 block of E. 8th Street and stand one block southeast of the Williamson County Courthouse. With one exception, these structures were built for commercial and retail purposes. The U.S. Post Office, the only institutional building in the proposed extension, has continued to provide postal services for the community since the facility was erected in 1931. Two of the commercial buildings in this stretch of E. 8th Street have recently been converted into professional office space and thus are no longer used in their original capacity.

When the Williamson County Courthouse Historic District was originally submitted in 1977, most of the buildings in the proposed extension were in a relatively poor state-of-repair. However, recent revitalization efforts of buildings around the public square have encouraged similar activities along the 100 block of E. 8th Street. Since 1977, three of the seven buildings in the proposed extension have been restored or rehabilitated.

Inventory of Structures

Site No. Address. Category (See Definition of Categories on page 86 of this submission). Original Date of Construction. Brief Description.

Site No. 105. 114 E. 8th Street. Contributing. 1901. Two-story ashlar limestone commercial building with round-arch ground level openings; double-door entry in central bay; wood-sash, double-hung windows with with one-over-one lights pierce second floor; small parapet with raised pressed-tin letters; original 1977 submission included this building, but the verbal boundary description, as stated in the nomination, inadvertently excludes the eastern portion of the building; the proposed extension would ensure that the entire structure is listed in the National Register.

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Inventory of Structures, continued

Site No. 106. 116 E. 8th Street. Noncontributing. c.1925. One-story brick commercial building with pressed-metal storefront; single-door entry on west and large plate-glass window on east side of facade.

Site No. 107. 118 E. 8th Street. Noncontributing. Date unknown, probably c.1925. One-story brick commercial building; present storefront completed c.1980.

Site No. 108. 120 E. 8th Street. Contributing. c.1880. Two-story commercial building of rubble limestone construction; three-bay, ground level; two-bay second floor; smooth stone window and door surrounds; pointed-arch dentils in stone entablature; rehabilitated in 1980; one of Georgetown's oldest commercial buildings.

Site No. 109. 122 E. 8th Street. Noncontributing. c.1925. One-story brick commercial building with ABA facade; central bay with double-door entry; outer bays with large plate-glass display windows.

Site No. 110. 124 E. 8th Street. Contributing. c.1905. One-story brick commercial building with ABBA facade; each inner bay with double-door entry; each outer bay with plate-glass display windows; rehabilitated in 1984; "Sanitary Bakery" painted on east exterior wall.

Site No. 74. 113 E. 8th Street. Contributing. 1931. One-and-a-half-story brick institutional building with Georgian Revival detailing; truncated hip roof with gabled dormers; raised brick parapet alternates with cast-stone balustrade; seven-bay facade with central entry that is capped with broken pediment; outer bays with flat arch within a semi-circular archway in brickwork; inner bays with semi-circular transoms and arches; in continuous operation as the city's post office.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The proposed extension of the Williamson County Courthouse Historic District includes the remaining portion of the town's historic central business district that is not yet listed in the National Register. Most of the buildings in the extension, which extends along the 100 block of E. 8th Street, were constructed in the late 1920s and early 1930s and thus were ineligible for such designation when the district was originally submitted in 1977. Also, these structures were generally in such poor condition that their inclusion in the original nomination could not be justified.

At present, however, all of the structures meet the 50-year age requirement for listing in the National Register, and recent revitalization efforts have enhanced the architectural significance of not only several of the individual buildings, but also of the downtown's overall historic character. The buildings in the proposed extension show a later but nonetheless important step in the architectural evolution of the downtown. The lack of modern (post-1935) structures also adds to extension's overall significance. The buildings along the 100 block of E. 8th Street illustrate how revitalization efforts within an existing National Register historic district can spread to adjacent areas.

The Post Office (Site No. 74) is the most significant building within the proposed extension. The structure is the city's most outstanding example of Georgian Revival architecture, a style rarely found in the town. Since its construction in 1931, the facility has served as an important social magnet to the downtown. It remains as the city's only post office.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage: 1.33 acres

UTM References: A. 14-626860/3389920
B. 14-626920/3389920
C. 14-626860/3389840
D. 14-626920/3389840

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Georgetown MRA
State Williamson County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Wesley Chapel AME Church

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for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/14/86

Attest

52. Wilcox, D.K. & Inez, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/29/86

Attest

53. Wilcox-Graves House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McCallum 4/29/86

Attest

54. Williamson County Courthouse
Historic District
(Boundary Increase)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McCallum 4/29/86

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Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
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☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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☐ appeal

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

Reviewer's comments:

Description, signifi-
cance, & v. bd. info
has been augmented.
Boundary increase to
pickup 3 strong contributing

Recom./Criteria Accept ATC
Reviewer L. M. Chelland
Discipline Arch. Hist.
Date 4/29/86
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☐ substantive reasons discussed below

buildings, including
Ch. Geo. Rev. P.O. (1931)
is justified

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 date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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☐ completeness
☐ clarity
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☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

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- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



"Historic Resources of Georgetown, Texas" Multiple-
Resource Nomination; city limits and extraterritorial
jurisdiction of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.
Photo: David Moore, 1984; neg. with Texas Historical
Commission, Austin.

Site No. 108, Commercial Building, 120 E. 8th,
extension the Williamson County Courthouse
National Register Historic District, camera
looking south.

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Resource Nomination; city limits and extraterritorial
jurisdiction of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.
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Commission, Austin.

Site No. 110, Commercial Building 124 E. 8th,
Extension to the Williamson County Courthouse
National Register Historic District, camera
looking south.

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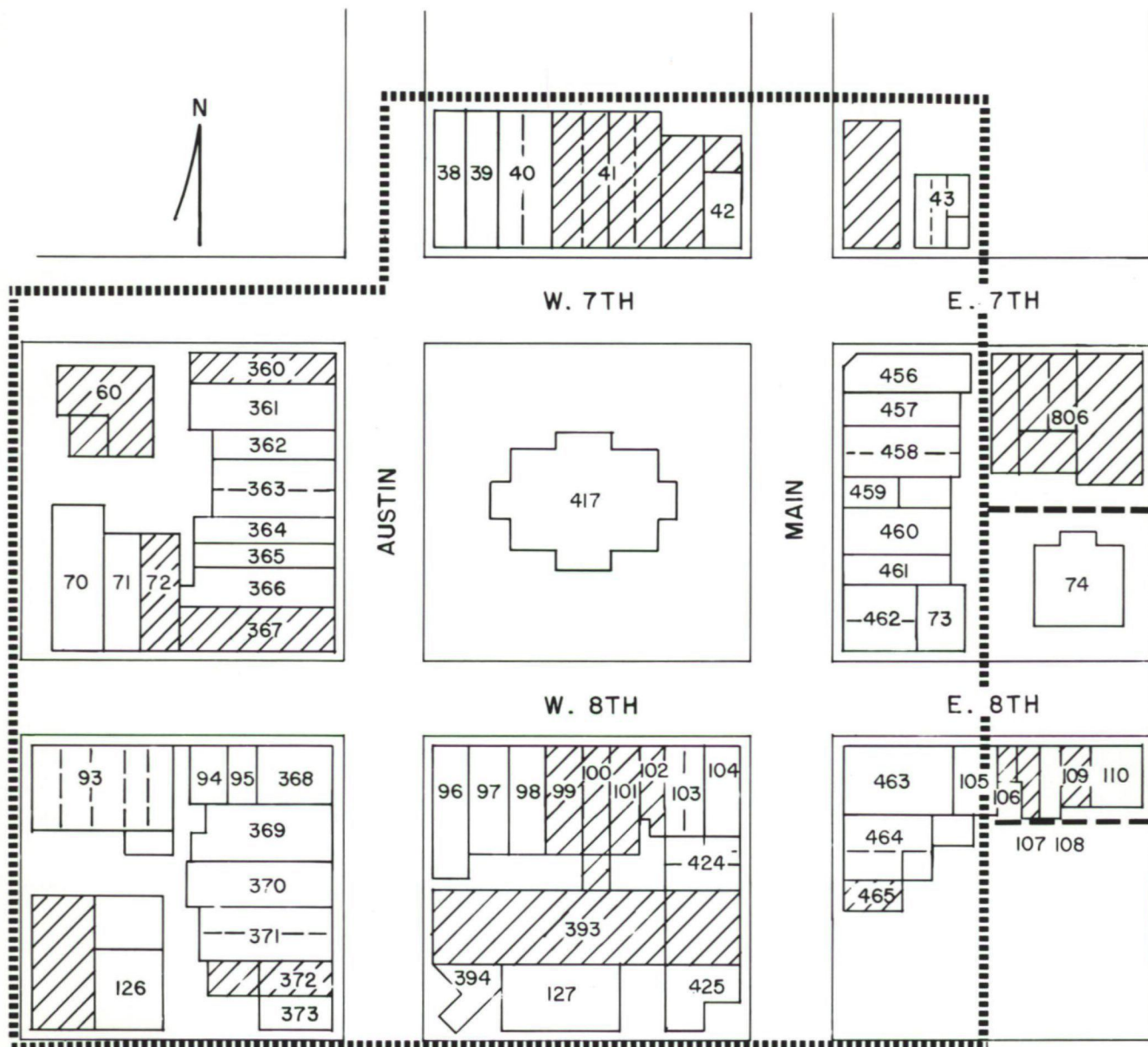


"Historic Resources of Georgetown, Texas" Multiple-
Resource Nomination; city limits and extraterritorial
jurisdiction of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas.
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Commission, Austin.

Site No. 74, Georgetown Post Office, 113 E. 8th,
Extension to the Williamson County Courthouse
National Register Historic District, camera
looking north.

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CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES



EXISTING BOUNDARY



NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES



BOUNDARY EXTENSION



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