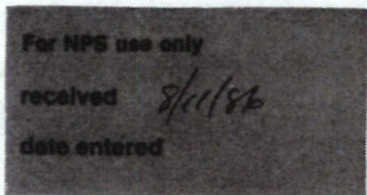


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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM — TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev.8-82)

1. County Ellis ELL  
WX 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-234 Site No. 1756  
 City/Rural Waxahachie UTM Sector 702-3584 PHOTO NO. 27
2. Name Waxahachie Lumber Co. 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1885/1930  
 Address 123 KAUFMAN 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
3. Owner Johnston Development Co. 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 106 Amanda Lane, 75165 9. Original Use lumber yard
4. Block/Lot Town Addn/Blk 42A/Lot 1 Present Use vacant
10. Description One-story frame commercial building w/ 117/121 siding; hip roof w/ wood shingles & exposed rafter ends w/ stick brackets; wood sash double-hung windows w/ multi-pane sash over single sash; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; one-bay porch w/ gable roof across entry bay only w/ brick piers. This is
11. Present Condition fair
12. Significance COMMERCE: This is an unusual example of the bungalow form & details adapted for commercial use. Site of city's oldest lumber company founded about 1880. Originally a branch of the M. T. Jones Lumber Co., based in Houston.
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) located S. of railroad tracks in a mostly residential area just E. of the CBD
14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
City Directories 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore/MEH Date July, 1985

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

- TNRIS No. \_\_\_\_\_ Old THC Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 RTHL  HABS (no.) TEX \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR:  Individual  Historic District  
 Thematic  Multiple-Resource  
 NR File Name \_\_\_\_\_

B&W 4x5s \_\_\_\_\_ Slides 4  
 35mm Negs

YEAR		DRWR	ROLL	FRME		ROLL	FRME
			3	28	to	3	30
			98	5	to	98	9
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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM — TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev.8-82)

1. County Ellis ELL  
WX 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-234 Site No. 1756  
 City/Rural Waxahachie UTM Pt. 14/702860/3585060  
 2. Name Waxahachie Lumber Co. Acreage about one acre

Description, continued: an unusual example of the bungalow form & details-- wide overhanging eaves, triangular braces & brick piers which extend from gable to ground--adopted for commercial use. Imbricated shingles serve to denote a "foundation."

Significance, continued: Later known as William F. Lewis Lumberyard during 1890s. Later it became the Waxahachie Lumber Co. and operated under that name until the late 1920s. Then it was known as the Rockwell Lumber Co., which operated at that location until the 1970s.

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM—TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev.8-82)

1. County Ellis ELL  
WX City/Rural Waxahachie

2. Name Waxahachie Lumber Co. Address 123 KAUFMAN

3. Owner Johnston Development Co. Address 106 Amanda Lane, 75165

4. Block/Lot Town Addn/Blk 42A/Lot 1

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-234 Site No. 1756  
UTM Sector 702-3584 PHOTO NO. 27

6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1885/1930

7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_

9. Original Use lumber yard  
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15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_

16. Recorder Hardy-Hack-Moore/MEH Date July, 1985

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

TNRIS No. \_\_\_\_\_ Old THC Code \_\_\_\_\_

RTHL  HABS (no.) TEX \_\_\_\_\_

NR:  Individual  Historic District

Thematic  Multiple-Resource

NR File Name \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

B&W 4x5s \_\_\_\_\_ Slides 4

35mm Negs

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME		ROLL	FRME
		3	28	to	3	30
		98	5	to	98	9
				to		

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM—TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev.8-82)

1. County Ellis ELL  
WX City/Rural Waxahachie

2. Name Waxahachie Lumber Co.

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-234 Site No. 1756  
UTM Pt. 14/702860/3585060  
Acreage about one acre

Description, continued: an unusual example of the bungalow form & details-- wide overhanging eaves, triangular braces & brick piers which extend from gable to ground--adopted for commercial use. Imbricated shingles serve to denote a "foundation." **Four additional buildings are considered contributing.**

Significance, continued: Later known as William F. Lewis' Lumberyard during 1890s. Later it became the Waxahachie Lumber Co. and operated under that name until the late 1920s. Then it was known as the Rockwell Lumber Co., which operated at that location until the 1970s.

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*Substantive Review*

Waxahachie Lumber Company  
(Waxahachie MRA)  
Ellis County  
TEXAS

AUG 11 1986

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 9/1/86 - 9/25/86

Action:  ACCEPT

RETURN 9-24-86

REJECT

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

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*see reverse.*

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Savage

Discipline Architectural History

Date 9/24/86

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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

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

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

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 clearly defined period of significance applicable to this property within the context of the appropriate area of significance.

Please clarify under which criteria this property is being nominated. The justification for Commerce seems to be aimed at the architectural significance of a commercial bldg. Being the site of the city's oldest lumber yard is inconsequential if this bldg is not associated with that company. Does the extant structure convey associations w/ that company?

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 Bob Surge (202) 343-9050

Signed Patrick Arduis Date 9/24/86 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Waxahachie Lumber Co. (Site No. 1756) - 123 Kaufman

The Waxahachie Lumber Co. includes a complex of five structures. A site plan, attached separately, has been provided to help understand the physical relationships of the buildings to each other and also to serve as a guide in a discussion of each building's age, present appearance and classification.

Building A. This one-story structure was built about 1914 and was the company office until the lumber yard's closing in the 1970s. A detailed description of its appearance was included in the original submission. The structure stands on the same site as a two-story office building that was erected between 1885 and 1890. Because few alterations detract from its integrity, this building is classified as contributing.

Building B. This structure appears on an 1885 Sanborn map, the earliest such map made of Waxahachie. The building is one-and-a-half stories in height and has a side-gabled roof. It stands parallel to the railroad and features board-and-batten construction. Originally serving as the office, Building B has been used as a warehouse since 1890. It remains virtually unaltered and is classified as contributing.

Building C. This structure is a lumber shed and was built about 1900. It is open on both the north and south sides, thus allowing easy access to stored lumber materials. A gable roof caps the structure, which stands parallel to the railroad and is attached on the Building B. Few alterations detract from the historic integrity of Building C; therefore, it is classified as contributing.

Building D. This lumber shed was built by 1885. Unlike the other shed in the complex, this structure is open on only the north elevation. It has a gable roof and a two-tiered system of storage bins. It remains virtually unaltered and is classified as contributing.

Building E. This one-story store was built between 1885 and 1890 and is one of the oldest frame commercial buildings in the city. The "boomtown" parapet partially obscures its gable roof. Since its construction, this building has housed the lumber company's molding goods, paints and hardware merchandise. Although asbestos siding has been applied to its exterior, the building still retains the basic form of a late nineteenth-century, frame, commercial building and is therefore classified as contributing.

Acreage: approximately one acre

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Areas of significance: Architecture, commerce

Period of significance: 1885 - c. 1930

The Waxahachie Lumber Company complex is a very unusual survival. While the majority of lumberyards in Waxahachie and elsewhere in the state have been remodelled or rebuilt with a degree of regularity, four of the five buildings of the Waxahachie Lumber Company retain their essential 19th century appearance. The fifth and youngest building in the complex (Building A) itself is over seventy years old and of architectural significance. It represents a remarkable adaptation of the Bungaloid style for commercial purposes, and its overscaled, bracketed overhangs are of particular note.

The lumberyard provided materials for the construction of many significant buildings during Waxahachie's historically most prosperous period from the arrival of the Texas Brazos Valley Railroad in 1887 until the World War I era, when the city's population stabilized. The lumberyard was a Waxahachie institution for almost a century.

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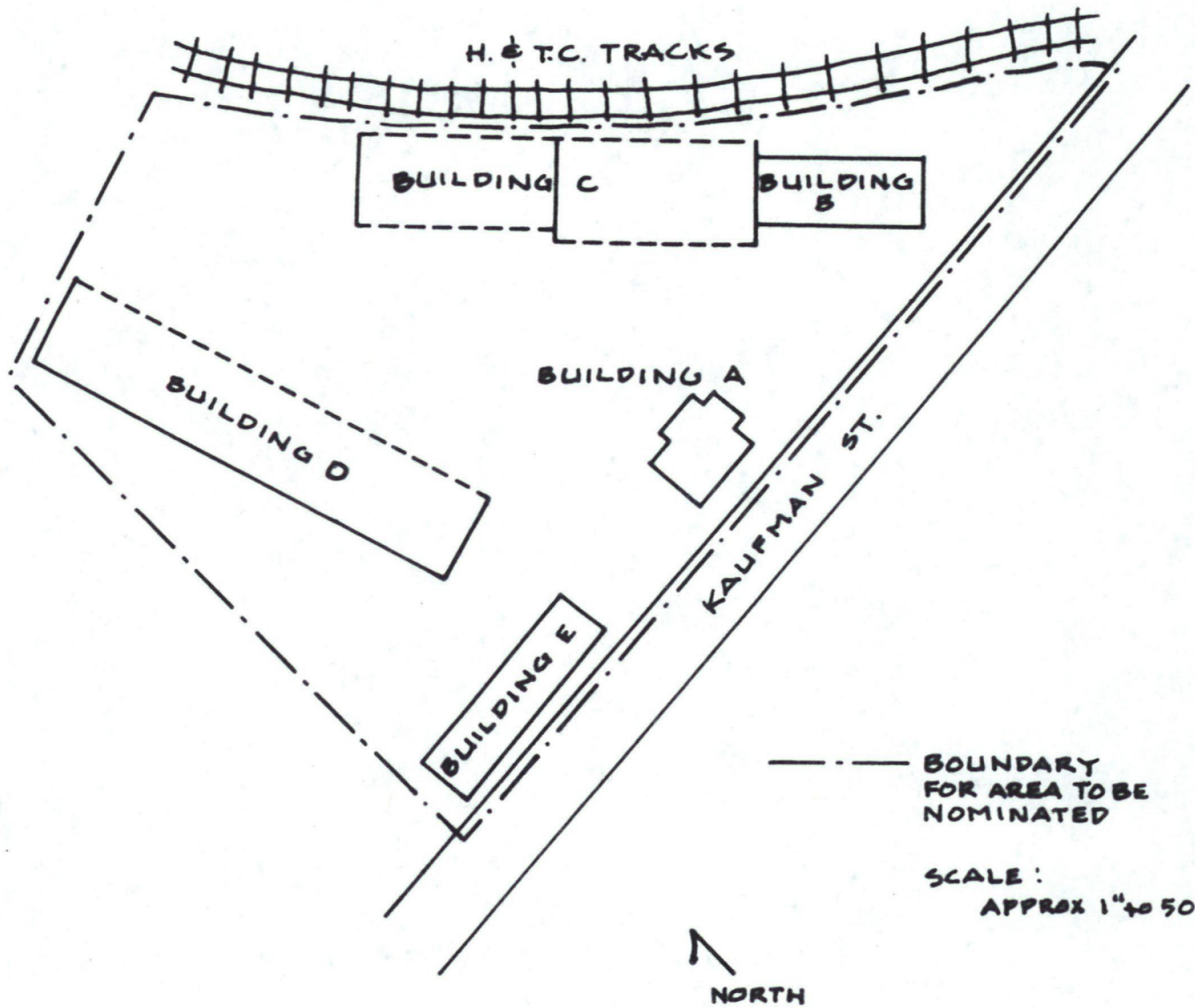
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Maxahachie Lumber Company (Site 1756)  
123 Kaufman, Maxahachie, Ellis County, Texas



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Waxahachie Multiple Resource Area  
State Ellis County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Second Trinity University  
Campus

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/11/87 S

Attest

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/4/87

62. Sims, O.B., House

Entered in the  
National Register Keeper

Melous Byers 9/24/86

Attest

63. Solon, John, House

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/11/87

Attest

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/4/87

64. St. Paul's Episcopal  
Church

Entered in the  
National Register Keeper

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Attest

65. Templeton, Judge M.B.,  
House

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Patrick Andrus 9/24/86

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Betty Savage 9/24/86

66. Thompson, D.H., House

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Attest

67. Trippet--Shive House

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/24/86

Attest

Betty Savage 9/24/86

68. Vickery, Richard, House

Entered in the  
National Register Keeper

Melous Byers 9/25/86

Attest

69. Waxahachie Lumber Company

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Patrick Andrus 9/11/87 S

Attest

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/4/87

70. West End Historic District

Entered in the  
National Register Keeper

Melous Byers 9/24/86

Attest

Noting  
date  
9/29/86



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Waxahachie Lumber Company  
(Waxahachie MRA)  
Ellis County  
TEXAS

*Substantive Review*

Working No. 8/11/86  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 9/13/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 9-11-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *This nomination consists of a complex of five buildings, all of which are considered contributing. One structure, Building A, is architecturally significant as a unique example of a Bungalow style building adapted for commercial purposes. Remaining buildings are commercially significant because of their association with this prominent lumber yard which supplied much of the lumber used for building in Waxahachie*

Recom./Criteria Accept - A & C  
Reviewer Noble  
Discipline Historian  
Date 9/11/87  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below *during its period of greatest prosperity. Individual form does not do a great job of explaining why the period closed in 1930 but the cover form explains that this date marks the onset of the decline of the cotton industry which brought to an end a period of great local prosperity. Photo 27B does not provide a clear view of buildings B & C. Photo appears to show more of building C than B.*

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  
 excellent  deteriorated  unaltered  original site  
 good  ruins  altered  moved date \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair  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**

Acreeage 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Multiple-Resource Nomination;  
Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas  
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Negative filed at the Texas Historical  
Commission, Austin, Texas  
Subject: Waxahachie Lumber Co. - Site No. 1756  
123 Kaufman  
Camera looking: north  
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Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas

Waxahachie Lumber Company, 123 Kaufman  
Site 1756, Buildings B/C

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at Texas Historical Commission, Austin  
Camera looking northeast

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Historic Resources of Waxahachie, Texas  
Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas

Waxahachie Lumber Company, 123 Kaufman  
Site 1756, Building D

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at Texas Historical Commission, Austin  
Camera looking northwest

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Historic Resources of Waxahachie, Texas  
Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas

Waxahachie Lumber Company, 123 Kaufman  
Site 1756, Building E

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Camera looking west

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000856