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Site No. 14

Photo No. 17

Name: Administration Building

Historic Name: Administration Building

Address: 1820 East 8th Street

Date: 1914

Owner: Huston-Tillotson College
1820 East 8th Street
Austin, Texas

Legal: A portion of Lot 7, Division B,
Original City (Central portion
of the Huston-Tillotson College
Campus) as defined under "Legal
Description," cont. sheet "all, 24A."

Original Use: College Administration

Acreage: Less than one

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Austin East,
Texas, 1:24,000, 1966
Photorevised 1973

UTM Reference: 14/622920/3346660

Architectural Description:

Physical Condition: Fair

Date(s) of Alterations: Exterior not altered.

The Administration Building at Huston-Tillotson College is a raised, two-story, institutional structure over a full basement. The building was constructed of scored concrete block which was fabricated by industrial students at the college; the design is a modified Prairie Style. The siting of the structure on the side of a hill is dramatic, and the sense of verticality which is imparted by setting and design is reinforced by the presence of tall cedars placed near the two main entrances.

The main entrances to the building are located on the northeast and southeast corners where stairs rise to gabled entrance porches. On the northwest and southwest corners, shed-like porches overhang the two basement openings. Basement walls are constructed of cast-in-place cement which has been heavily stuccoed and which projects out from the face of the wall. Windows are double-hung, four-over-four sash with a transom awning window at the top of each opening. A horizontal concrete band runs around the perimeter of the building like a tie beam at the head of the windows on the first and second stories. A simple frieze is located under a projecting eave, and the hipped roof is covered with metal. Two tall chimneys which rise well above the roof line are located at the southwest and northwest corners.

The Administration Building has been unused for a number of years and has suffered interior vandalism as a result. Many noteworthy features, however, remain intact, including free-standing cast-iron columns and much pressed-tin decorative ceiling.

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Administration Building
Huston-Tillotson College

Legal Description

Beginning at a point at the northeast corner of the intersection of East 7th Street with Chalmers Street, thence along the east side of Chalmers Street 712 feet N22° 51'E, thence 220 feet east to the southeast corner of the Administration Building for a place of beginning. Thence around the perimeter of the Building with a line 10 feet parallel to and outside of the exterior walls so as to include the sidewalk which is located on the east-southeast facade of the Building. See also attached Topographic Map of Huston-Tillotson College East Campus, Austin, Texas, surveyed November 14, 1953, revised January 28, 1963, by Orin E. Metcalfe, Civil Engineer, Austin, Texas. (EXHIBIT A).

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Significance:

Period: 1900-

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Education, Industry

Huston-Tillotson College is a coeducational liberal-arts and sciences college which was formed by the merger of Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College in 1952. In 1914, when the Administration Building was constructed, the campus at 1820 East 8th Street was known simply as Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute.

While Tillotson College was created to provide Negroes with a strong liberal arts education, a large part of the pedagogical program emphasized industrial and technical training. A facility for teaching industrial classes had been constructed by 1887, and Evans Industrial Hall was largely completed by 1912.

Tillotson College made no secret of its interest in manual training and the Administration Building was a direct product of that interest. Constructed in 1914 by students trained on campus, the building was made of materials manufactured by students on the College grounds. The building derives its significance not only from the fact that it is a fine institutional example of modified Prairie style, but also because, with Evans Industrial Hall, it is a three-dimensional representation of the pragmatic philosophy of industrial arts which typified Negro education in the United States during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName East Austin Multiple Resource Area
State TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Haehnel Building

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melvin Byers 9/17/85

Attest

22. City Cemetery

Substantive Review

Keeper Linda McClelland 9/17/85

Attest

23. Polhemus, Joseph O.,
HouseEntered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melvin Byers 9/17/85

Attest

24. Rainey Street Historic
DistrictEntered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melvin Byers 9/17/85

Attest

25. Administration Building

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper Linda McClelland 9/17/85

Attest

26. Buratti Brothers

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper Linda McClelland 9/17/85

Attest

27. Industrial Structure
& Schulze House

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper Linda McClelland 9/17/85

Attest

28. Lindeman House

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper Linda McClelland 9/17/85

Attest

29. Schulze, Walter, House and
Industrial StructureEntered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melvin Byers 4/25/86Attest owner objection withdrawn

30. Newton House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melvin Byers 4/25/86

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Administration Building (East Austin MRA)
Travis County
TEXAS

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Substantive Review

Working No. AUG 14 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 9/28/85
Date Due: 9-17-85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Reviewer's comments:

Significant for architectural style and Swedish materials - cast in place cement, which was manufactured through school's predominant manufacturing arts program. Also significant for assoc. with school's early curriculum, industrial arts focus, and education for Blacks in Austin. Return for clarification of boundaries.

Recom./Criteria McClelland
Reviewer John A. [unclear]
Discipline Arch. history
Date 9/17/85
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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

☒ Verbal boundary description and justification

Please specify the portion of lot 7 being nominated.

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

Linda McClelland

Signed *Linda McClelland*

Date

9/17/85

Phone:

202-343-9536

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Travis County
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Substantive Review

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RETURN 9-1785
REJECT
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Recom. Criteria 22C(1)(ii)
Reviewer John A. [unclear]
Discipline Arch. history
Date 9/17/85
see continuation sheet

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☐ boundary selection

3-14-1986:
corrected by adding "as defined under 'Legal Description' cont. sheet 'all, 24A.'" to p. all 24; and by adding a new legal description of boundary as p. "all, 24A," herein.
Lee Johnson

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
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- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

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UTM References _____

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Linda McClelland

Signed

Linda McClelland

Date

9/17/85

Phone:

202-343-9536

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Administration Building (East Austin MRA)
Travis County
TEXAS

Working No. 8/14/85
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 5/12/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5-12-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Determined Eligible

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

Reviewer's comments:

Tech. corrections made

Recom./Criteria Eligible
Reviewer L. McClelland
Discipline Arch.
Date 5/12/86
_____ 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 |
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8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

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Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Administration Building
NAME:

MULTIPLE East Austin MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Travis

DATE RECEIVED: 9/24/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/05/93
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/21/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/08/93
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 86003845

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/21/93 DATE - *Do*

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*owner objection
with drawing*

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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Administration Building (East Austin MRA)

Travis County Texas

OWNER OBJECTION WITHDRAWN

APPROVED

10/21/93 *W. Byrnes*



Historic Resources of East Austin
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Site No. 14, Administration Bldg., Huston-Tillotson
College, 1820 East 8th Street
Photo by Joe Freeman, 1984, neg. with Texas
Historical Commission, Austin

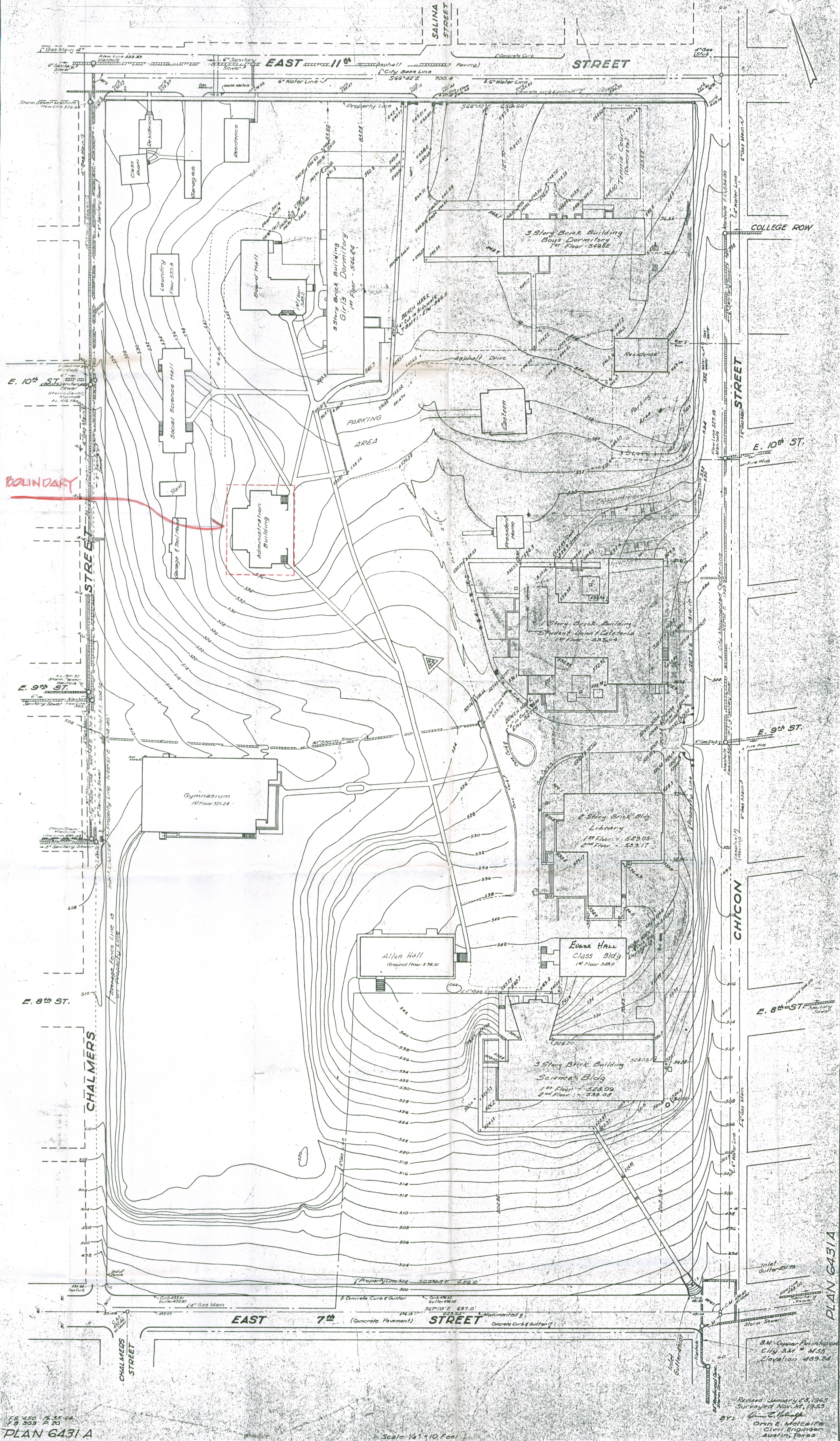
Southeast view
camera facing northwest

photo 17 of 60

EXHIBIT A:

LEGAL BOUNDARY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
EAST AUSTIN MRA
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

HUSTON-TILLOTSON COLLEGE
EAST CAMPUS
AUSTIN, TEXAS



PLAN 6431 A

Scale 1/4" = 10 Feet

Revised January 28, 1963
Surveyed Nov. 15, 1955
BY: *[Signature]*
Civil Engineer
Austin, Texas

PLAN 6431 A

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000840

Huston-Tillotson College

A UNITED METHODIST-UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AFFILIATED COLLEGE
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78702

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MAY 31 1985
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

May 30, 1985

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Peter Flagg Maxson
Chief Architectural Historian/Nominations
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711


Dear Mr. Maxson:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of May 7, 1985 regarding the possible listing of the Old Administration Building at Huston-Tillotson on the National Register of Historic Places. I appreciate your written response of my questions.

I have discussed this matter thoroughly with my Senior Administrators and we are in agreement that it will be in the best interest of Huston-Tillotson College to not have the Old Administration Building so listed. Therefore, this is an official letter of objection from Huston-Tillotson College, notarized in accordance with your instructions.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,


John Q. Taylor King
President

JQTK:d



AUG 14 1985

May 30, 1985

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF TRAVIS:

On this, the 30th day of May, 1985, personally appeared
Dr. John Q. Taylor King, President of Huston-Tillotson College, a
person well known to me, who signed the foregoing instrument register-
ing the official objection of Huston-Tillotson College to the listing of
the Old Administration Building, on the campus of Huston-Tillotson
College, on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lula B. Nelson Notary Public
in and for Travis County, Texas

My Commission expires Jan. 31, 1989.

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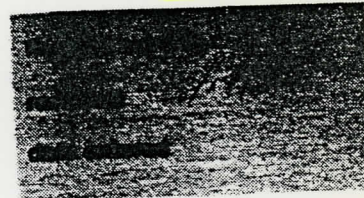


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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name East Austin Multiple Resource Area
State TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

21. Hachmel Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Date/Signature

Melona Byers 9/17/8

22. City Cemetery

Substantive Review

for Keeper
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Linda McCalland 1/17/

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*owner objection
withdrawn*

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Melona Byers 9/17/

Huston-Tillotson College



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September 10, 1993

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. James W. Steely
Director of National Register Programs
The Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Steely:

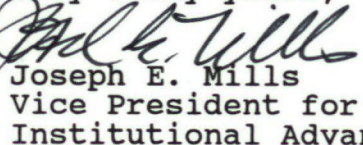
Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, hereby withdraws our owner objection, dated August, 1985, to have the Old Administration Building listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Old Administration Building on the Huston-Tillotson College campus in Austin, Texas, is now zoned historic by the City of Austin. In 1985, the Texas Historic Commission nominated this structure for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. At that time, the College requested that the Commission refrain from filing the nomination.

Under the leadership of Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., a trustee of the College and a Huston-Tillotson College alumnus, a special task force of the board has been convened to discuss the disposition of the Old Administration Building. Mr. Dick Ryan and Ms. Anice Reed of the Commission have offered their encouragement to the College to seek placement of the structure on the national register.

I appreciate the support and interest of the Texas Historical Commission in recognizing the special place this building occupies in the history of Austin, the State of Texas and the United States.

Very truly yours,


Joseph E. Mills
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement

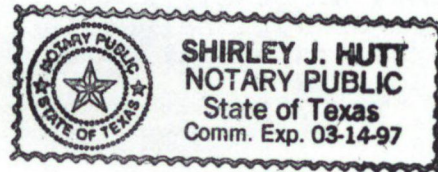
JEM:h

cc: Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.
President Joseph T. McMillan, Jr.

This is to acknowledge that the statement and signature of said instrument and person to be correct.

State of Texas
County of: Travis

Shirley J. Hutt
Notary Public





CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2276

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16 September 1993

Huston-Tillotson College
ATTN: Mr. Joseph E. Mills
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
900 Chicon Street
Austin, Texas 78702

Mr. Mills,

We are in receipt of your 10 September letter, withdrawing the 1985 owner objection to listing your Old Administration Building in the National Register of Historic Places.

It is a pleasure to inform you that upon our notification to the Keeper of the National Register, at the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., the Huston-Tillotson Old Administration Building should assume its rightful place in the National Register. We will inform you of the formal listing as soon as possible, and at that time prepare a press release, with your approval, of this important event.

As you know through discussions with other THC staff members, we are highly interested in the preservation of this building. Our architectural expertise is at your disposal to examine rehabilitation possibilities for the building. We hope to meet you at the campus for a site visit soon.

Our staff has been involved with examining the state's ethnic and broad socio-economic history for some time. One conclusion from our work is that research on and preservation of landmarks like your Old Administration Building is essential to African American history, for example, because written records are few and buildings tell quite a story when no other is available. The fact that the Administration Building and the Evans Industrial Building were constructed with student and faculty labor makes these two buildings of paramount importance to the history of your college and African American education in general.

We appreciate our renewed correspondence and confirmation of our common goal to preserve this historic landmark and a large part of the college's history. Please let us know when we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

James W. Steely, Director
National Register Programs

cc: Curtis Tunnell
Anice Read
Dick Ryan

Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.
President Joseph T. McMillan, Jr.



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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(RELAY TX) 1-800-735-2989 (TDD)

September 21, 1993

Ms. Carol Shull
Chief of Registration
National Park Service
National Register Division
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Carol:

As the designated authority under the National Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that the Old Administration Building of Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Travis County, Texas, meets National Register criteria and request that the property be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Curtis Tunnell
State Historic Preservation Officer
Texas Historical Commission

CT/mc
Enclosures