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SITE NO. 50

NAME O.C. Fisher Federal Building  
ADDRESS 33 East Twohig

COUNTY  
CITY  
UTM

Tom Green  
San Angelo  
14/363740/3481440

US TREASURY DEPT. ARCHITECT: James Knox Taylor  
GOV'T SUPERVISING ARCHITECT: W.H. Pratt  
CONTRACTOR: Grumwalt and Thomas (Muskogee, OK)

BLOCK/LOT 1/lots 13,16,17  
San Angelo Addn

OWNER General Services Admin.  
819 Taylor  
Fort Worth, Tx 76102

DATE: 1909-10, 1930s  
STYLE: Italian Renaissance  
Revival

DESCRIPTION

A high-style, Italian Renaissance Revival institutional building built in two stages with three floors and a raised basement. The three-part composition features first floor rusticated buff brick topped by the heavy stone string course, upper levels with smooth brick, and building cornice with full entablature. The basement and foundation is smooth cut stone.

The main facade is symmetrical with the central portion emphasized with monumental steps leading to the double-doored entry within 3 Roman arches with prominent keystones. Above, two-story flat pilasters and three windows with full triangular pediments give emphasis to this facade. Characteristically, window treatment is ordered with 2nd floor most ornamented with full entablatures and cornice, while the 3rd-floor openings are smaller and more simply detailed.

The main entry opened into the ornamental lobby of the U.S. Post Office located on the first floor. Stairs to the upper floors with offices and courtrooms were accessed through the single arched side entry detailed similarly to the main door.

The building was doubled in size with a rear addition in the 1930s, but the style, materials, and craftsmanship matches exactly that of the original structure.

Physical condition good Site: original ☒  
Alterations 1930s major addition moved\_\_\_date

SIGNIFICANCE

One of the most imposing, architecturally significant buildings in San Angelo. It was named for San Angelo lawyer O.C. Fisher who served



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the community as county attorney, state legislator and U.S. Congressman for 32 years beginning in 1942. Construction of the federal building was a significant acquisition and it represented a long and coordinated effort by locals to get recognition of San Angelo's needs as a growing city. Initial cost in 1909-10 was \$120,000. The second phase, in which the building was doubled in size, was a federal public works project.

Area of Significance **architecture** Level of Significance **local**

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS **in downtown district**

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION **Less than one acre**

BIBLIOGRAPHY **Historic Inventory of San Angelo, Texas Tech University**

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName San Angelo MRA  
State Tom Green County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Develin House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 11/25/88

Attest

12. Eckert House

Entered in the  
National Register

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Melona Byers 11/25/88

Attest

13. Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Andrus 11/25/88

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14. First Presbyterian Church

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 11/25/88

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15. Fisher, O.C., Federal Building

Substantive Review

for Keeper

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16. Greater St. Paul AME Church

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National Register

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17. Hagelstein Commercial Building

Substantive Review

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18. Henderson, S.L., House

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19. Hall, R.A., House

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20. Holcomb--Blanton Print Shop

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Fisher, O. C., Federal Building  
NAME:

MULTIPLE San Angelo MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Tom Green

DATE RECEIVED: 10/11/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/25/88  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/10/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/25/88  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88002592

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: Y SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 11/25/88 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Architecturally significant as an "imposing" example  
of the Italian Renaissance Revival design style.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept - C  
REVIEWER Noble  
DISCIPLINE Historian  
DATE 11/21/88

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

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CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

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DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification  
☐ materials  
☐ descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description  
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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Roll 11 O.C. Fisher Federal Building

# 3 33 East Twohig

Photographer: Don Abbe

Date: March 1985

View: southeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000852



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# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

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September 4, 1986

General Services Administration  
Attn: Howard Cappell 7-PEP  
819 Taylor  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Re: O.C. Fisher Federal Building, 33 East Twohig  
San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas

Dear Mr. Cappell:

We are pleased to inform you that the above-mentioned property will be considered by the State Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at their meeting on October 11, 1986, at 9:00 A.M. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1510 Congress, Austin, Texas. The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage.

Listing in the National Register results in the following for historic properties:

1. Consideration in planning for Federal, Federally licensed, and Federally assisted projects. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to have an opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the National Register. For further information please refer to 36 CFR 800.
2. Eligibility for Federal tax provisions. If a property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1984 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, and the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, which provide for a 25 percent investment tax credit for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings instead of a 15 or 20 percent credit available for rehabilitation of non-historic buildings more than 30 years old. This can be combined with an 18-year cost recovery period for the adjusted basis of the building. Certified structures with certified rehabilitations receive additional tax savings because owners are allowed to reduce the basis by one half the amount of the credit. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a

*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*



buildings instead of a 15 or 20 percent credit available for rehabilitation of non-historic buildings more than 30 years old. This can be combined with an 18-year cost recovery period for the adjusted basis of the building. Certified structures with certified rehabilitations receive additional tax savings because owners are allowed to reduce the basis by one half the amount of the credit. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. For further information please refer to 36 CFR 67.

3. Consideration in issuing a surface coal mining permit. In accordance with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 30 CFR 700 et seq.

4. Qualification for Federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available. Presently, funding is unavailable.

National Register listing does not:

1. require the owner to provide public access,
2. obligate the owner to maintain the property,
3. require notification of changes in ownership, or
4. impose restrictive covenants of any kind, unless grant assistance is accepted.

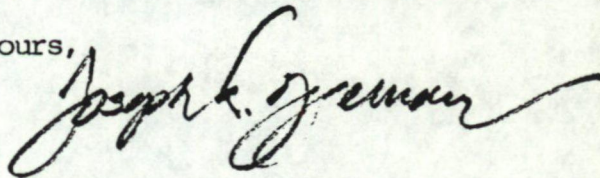
Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places have an opportunity to concur with or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of the portion of the property that the party owns. If a majority of private property owners object, a property will not be listed. However, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of the eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If you choose to object to the listing of your property, the notarized objection must be submitted to Curtis Tunnell, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas, 78711 by October 10, 1986.

If you wish to comment on the nomination of the property to the National Register, please send your comments to the above address before the State Board of Review considers this nomination on October 11, 1986.



A copy of the nomination and information on the National Register and the Federal tax provisions are available from the above address upon request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph K. Oppermann". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Joseph K. Oppermann, Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer