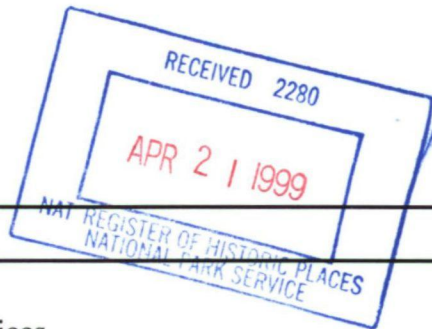


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**



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**1. NAME OF PROPERTY**

**HISTORIC NAME:** Annie Laurie Evans Hall

**OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER:** Center for Student Services

**2. LOCATION**

**STREET & NUMBER:** L.W. Minor Street, building #0544

**CITY OR TOWN:** Prairie View

**STATE:** Texas

**CODE:** TX

**COUNTY:** Waller

**NOT FOR PUBLICATION:** N/A

**VICINITY:** N/A

**CODE:** 473

**ZIP CODE:** 77446-0519

**3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this   x   nomination        request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property   x   meets        does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant        nationally        statewide   x   locally. (       See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property        meets        does not meet the National Register criteria.  
(       See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

       See continuation sheet.

       determined eligible for the National Register

       See continuation sheet.

       determined not eligible for the National Register

       removed from the National Register

       other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6/3/99

**5. CLASSIFICATION**

**OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY:** Public-State

**CATEGORY OF PROPERTY:** Building

<b>NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTING</b>	<b>NONCONTRIBUTING</b>
	1	0 BUILDINGS
	0	0 SITES
	0	0 STRUCTURES
	0	0 OBJECTS
	1	0 TOTAL

**NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER:** 0

**NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING:** Historic and Architectural Resources of Prairie View A&M University, Waller County, Texas

**6. FUNCTION OR USE**

**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS:** EDUCATION/education-related

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS:** EDUCATION/education-related

**7. DESCRIPTION**

**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION:** LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Late Gothic Revival

<b>MATERIALS:</b>	<b>FOUNDATION</b>	<b>CONCRETE</b>
	<b>WALLS</b>	<b>BRICK</b>
	<b>ROOF</b>	<b>ASPHALT</b>
	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>GLASS; STONE</b>

**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION** (see continuation sheets 7-5 through 7-9).



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### DESCRIPTION

Evans Hall (bldg. 0544) is located on L.W. Minor Street at the center of campus activity. **(see 7-11)** It was built in 1928 as a residence hall for 228 women, and is one of two surviving works on campus by architect and educator Louis Fry. The building retains sufficient integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association to remain recognizable to the period of significance.

This 3-story brick building reflects the modest influence of the Collegiate Gothic style. **(see 7-6 through 7-10)** Cast stone detailing focused at the entries and gabled parapets provide the hallmarks of the style. Entrance and exit from the building are found in the center and on opposite ends of the building. The original building incorporated a total living environment which included the Dean's office, formal sitting parlor, Dean's private room and separate guest room with each an adjoining bath, single occupancy room and interior closets. Within the view of the front entrance was a grand staircase leading to the second floor and continuing to the third.

The exterior of Evans Hall features the use of stone masonry, brick mortar and brick walls. The bricks around the windows were ground to a radius to form stone sills. The front view of the building shows the low-pitched roof hidden by the finial of stone and brick. Details on the top reveal a 10" stone coping that adds definition and continuity to the appearance of the facade. The repetition of the stone masonry of 20" between the 1st floor and 2nd floor leads to the broad base of the stone foundation. The detailing of the stone lettering around EVANS HALL was ground downward to give the beveled or sunken appearance leaving the letter flush with original stone, then the stone was ground, which gives it a rough sandblast finish.

The Renovation and Rehabilitation Project of 1975-76 reorganized and completely changed the interior to accommodate offices for university business. The renovations were mechanical, plumbing and electrical. The original multi-paned windows were removed and replaced with metal framed glass. The renovations also included the cleaning of paint from the stone work, grading the landscape to slope away from the building and the removal of the wooden louvers. Most of the hardware such as light fixtures were removed and replaced by more efficient lighting. The interior of the building began with the demolition of all plumbing fixture accessories, removal of all existing radiators, reinforcement of joist and designated walls to change bedrooms into office spaces. The original marble toilet stalls are all that remain from the period of significance. During the upgrading and rehabilitation of the building an elevator was added and the building made to meet ADA requirements. The renovation costs of the 24,270 square feet building totaled nearly \$1 million.

After the renovations, this once grand housing landmark was changed into a Center for Student Services. Housed in Evans Hall presently on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is the Registrar's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor the Financial Aid Office and Student Employment Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and Student Housing.

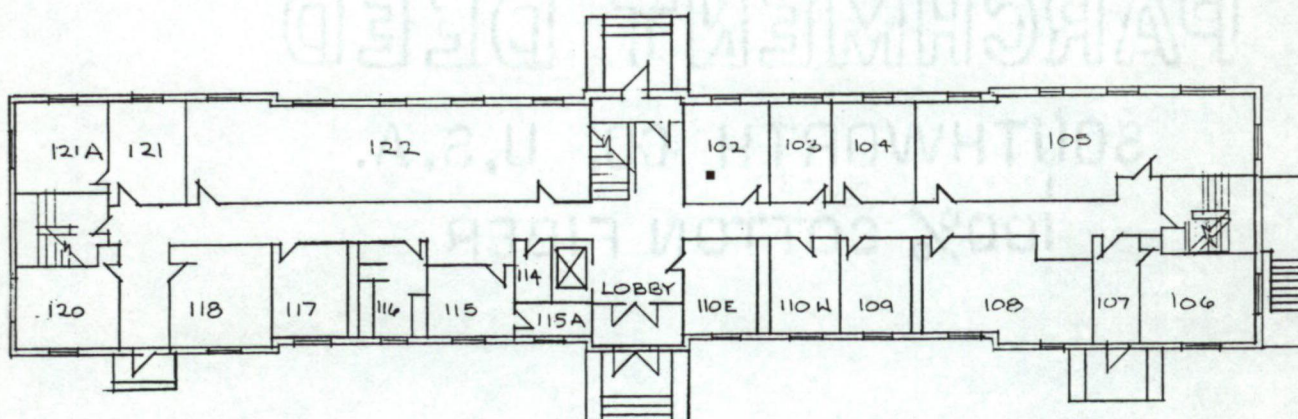


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EVANS HALL  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN NOT TO SCALE



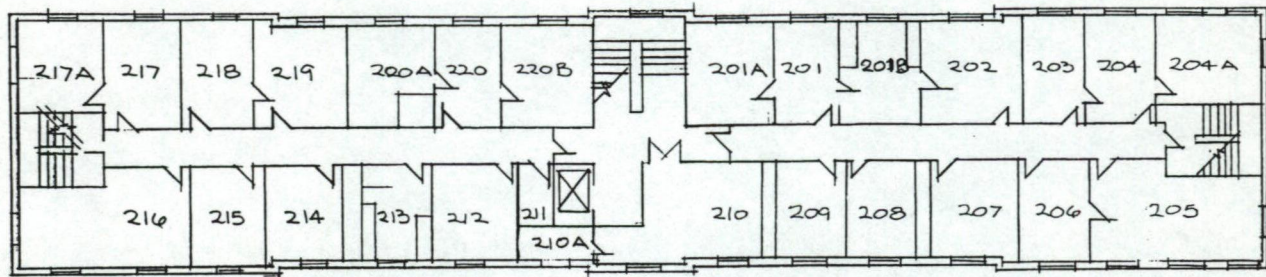


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EVANS HALL

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

NOT TO SCALE



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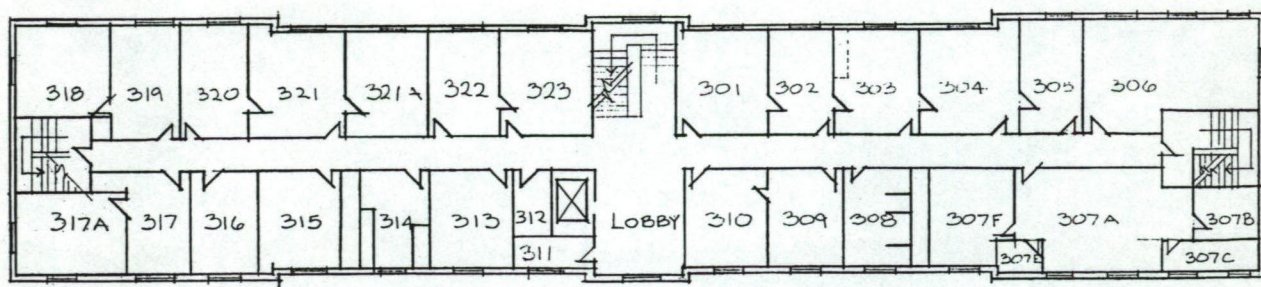


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EVANS HALL  
THIRD FLOOR PLAN NOT TO SCALE



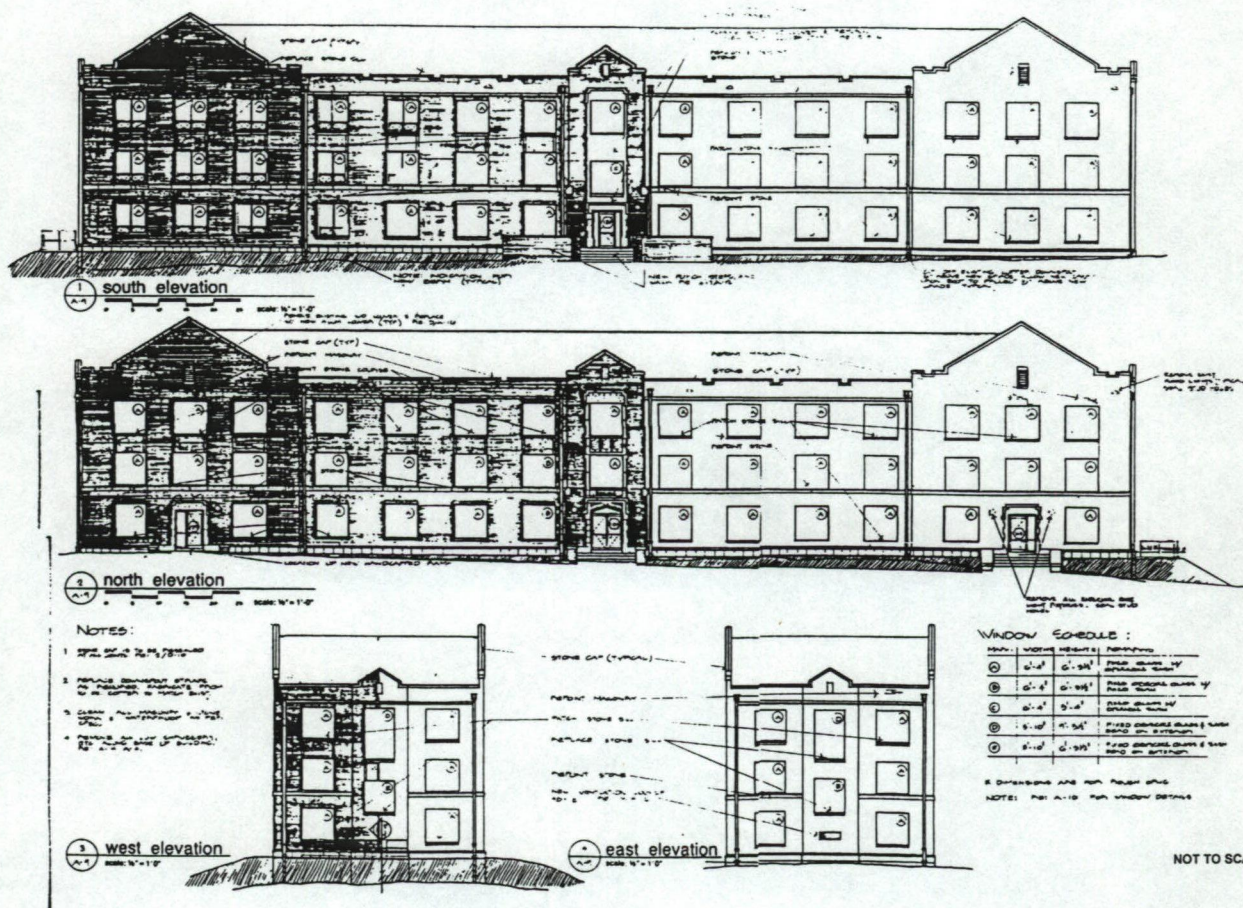


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**8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA**

☒ **A** PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH EVENTS THAT HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE BROAD PATTERNS OF OUR HISTORY.

☒ **B** PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIVES OF PERSONS SIGNIFICANT IN OUR PAST.

☒ **C** PROPERTY EMBODIES THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OR REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER, OR POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUE, OR REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT AND DISTINGUISHABLE ENTITY WHOSE COMPONENTS LACK INDIVIDUAL DISTINCTION.

☐ **D** PROPERTY HAS YIELDED, OR IS LIKELY TO YIELD, INFORMATION IMPORTANT IN PREHISTORY OR HISTORY.

**CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS:** N/A

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:** Education; Ethnic Heritage/Black

**PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:** 1928 - 1948

**SIGNIFICANT DATES:** 1928

**SIGNIFICANT PERSON:** N/A

**CULTURAL AFFILIATION:** N/A

**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Fry, Louis E. (architect)

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (see continuation sheets 8-10 through 8-11).

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES**

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** See bibliographic references for the associated historic context, *Historic and Architectural Resources of Prairie View A&M University, Waller County, Texas*.

**PREVIOUS DOCUMENTATION ON FILE (NPS):** N/A

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

**PRIMARY LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL DATA:**

- ☒ State historic preservation office (*Texas Historical Commission*)
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository:



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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Noted African American architect Louis Fry designed this building in 1928 to serve as a women's dormitory (see **photos 1 through 2**). Construction of the Collegiate Gothic style building was funded with federal monies and a grant from the Rockefeller-funded General Education Board. Named in honor of an earlier Dean of Women, Annie Laurie Evans, the building represents the expansion of the student body and physical plant wrought during the late 1920s and early 1930s. It also represents the role that white governmental and philanthropic agencies played in the administration of the African American campus. The history of Evans Hall relates to the historic context, *Development of Prairie View A&M University, 1876-1998*. The dormitory is therefore nominated under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Ethnic Heritage and Criterion B for its association with Annie Laurie Evans and under Criterion C for Architecture at a state level of significance.

Annie Laurie Evans Hall is one of three women's residence halls built with federal funds and a grant from the General Education Board on the Prairie View campus. Louis E. Fry designed this building to offer the female student comfort and luxury. Since this was to be Mr. Fry's first effort, he envisioned space that "would allow a girl to have her bed on one side of the room, with her closet, her roommate to occupy the other side of the room with corresponding closet." Included in the original drawings was a small kitchen and dining room which were later deleted from the plans. Mr. Fry states, "I believed I could simplify the style enough to make it look like it belonged at P.V."

### Evans Hall and the General Education Board

The funding of Evans Hall and other buildings on the campus of Prairie View were aided in part by the General Education Board (GEB). This board was established through the philanthropy of Mr. John D. Rockefeller in 1903. The mission purpose of the board was "the promotion of education within the United States of America, without distinction of race, sex, or creed." (Leavell 66) When the observation was made in 1914 that there was a great need for well trained teachers, principals, and supervisors to work in the primary and secondary black schools, the GEB initiated a program to offer substantial aid to institutions of higher learning capable of training such individuals. (99). From 1923 to 1929, the GEB supported four types of work, one of which was aid to state colleges. A total of \$179,500 was given to aid the work of state colleges in Texas between the years 1924 to 1929. (180) [Please see the historic context for a fuller discussion of the involvement of government and philanthropic organization in the development of Prairie View,]

### ANNIE LAURIE EVANS

Life on the campus of the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College during the early 1900s was tough but productive. Instruction for the young people attending the college was not limited to only learning but incorporated life skills, religious training, vocational training and discipline. Among the faculty was Annie Laurie Evans of San Antonio, Texas. Miss Evans attended Oberlin College, in Oberlin, Ohio from 1889 to 1891. She enrolled in preparatory art, coming by way of Austin, Texas. The earliest mention of Miss Evans appears in 1902 in the Prairie View Normal and Industrial College Faculty meeting ledger. She taught English, held positions on the Discipline Committee of Female Students, and the Committee on Classifications.



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Miss Evans was teaching at time in history when most black women were involved in manual labor. In 1910, the principal occupation of black females was as farm laborers. Over 900,000, a little less than half of the total population of black women in the United States worked in such capacities. Only 1.1% of black women were teachers. (Department of the Interior Bureau of Education, Bulletin, 1916, NO. 38) At a relatively young age, Annie was placed in a position of great responsibility. But as women of her era made strides in other areas of life it was to be her task to be the model and example for the young ladies in her charge. Miss. Evans held the position of the first Dean of women. As a member of the Discipline Committee, it was her duty to report any and all infractions of the rules. Meetings of the committee were held weekly to record infractions and to access punishment. These punishments ranged from demerits, which meant a loss of privileges to demerits plus extra work (outdoor field work to chores in and around the dormitory). The more severe punishments involved temporary suspension or complete expulsion.

The opportunity to learn was taken very seriously and the penalties for violation of the rules reflected this. All teaching personnel were examples to the young men and women and most were held in high esteem. Although Dean Evans was a strict disciplinarian her lessons were accepted. She would have no student act out in defiance, use vulgarity, doing things without permission (i.e. leaving campus without permission), boys loitering on the sidewalks as the young ladies passed. However, no physical punishments were recorded. The demerit and work system seemed to work effectively.

By all indications, the task of supervision of the students was enormous. The teachers had full charge of the students for twelve months of the year. The students were not allowed to leave the premise unless signed out or accompanied by the parents or a guardian. This monumental task placed their own lives, many young single beginning teachers, under harsh scrutiny. This made their task even more difficult to accomplish.

A student publication in 1917 was dedicated to the lifetime contributions of Annie Laurie Evans to the university campus. Likewise, the 1917 Prairie, the college yearbook, paid special tribute to Miss Evans, describing her as a "polished woman with finished tastes and rare judgement." In the dormitory named for Dean Evans, a club was formed to maintain the standard of conduct and to pay homage to a great lady, teacher and disciplinarian.

### Summary

Annie Laurie Evans Hall is one of several buildings that remain on the Prairie View A&M University campus that is associated with the University's early years. It represents the involvement of state government and Northern philanthropy in the development of the black college. The history of the building in the development of the University is related to the historic context, *Development of Prairie View University, 1896-1998*. The building retains sufficient integrity of location, feeling, design, workmanship, and association to its time of significance, 1928 to 1948. It is nominated under Criteria A in the areas of Education and Ethnic Heritage, Criteria B for its association with Annie Laurie Evans and Criteria C for Architecture at a state level of significance.



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### Bibliography

(See bibliographic references in the associated historic context, *Historic and Architectural Resources of Prairie View A&M University*, Waller County, Texas.)

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**ACREAGE OF PROPERTY:** less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES	Zone	Easting	Northing
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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION** (see continuation sheet 10-13)

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION** (see continuation sheet 10-13)

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY** (with assistance from Karen Riles, THC Historian)

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**NAME/TITLE:** Karen Charleston, Staff Assistant

**ORGANIZATION:** Prairie View A&M University

**DATE:** 8 May 1998

**STREET & NUMBER:** P.O. Box 519

**TELEPHONE:** 409/857-3200

**CITY OR TOWN:** Prairie View

**STATE:** TX

**ZIP CODE:** 77446-0519

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION**

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**CONTINUATION SHEETS**

**MAPS** (see continuation sheet Map 14)

**PHOTOGRAPHS** (see continuation sheet Photo-15)

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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**PROPERTY OWNER**

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**NAME:** Prairie View A&M University

**STREET & NUMBER:** P.O. Box 519

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The property is a rectangular parcel of land measuring 79.4 feet x 232.3 feet, whose northwest corner is 28.3 feet in a northwesterly direction from the northwest foundation corner of the Evans Hall and whose southeast corner is 28.3 feet in a southeasterly direction from the southeast foundation corner of the Evans Hall.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundaries include resources associated with the 1928 college building that retain their historic and architectural integrity.

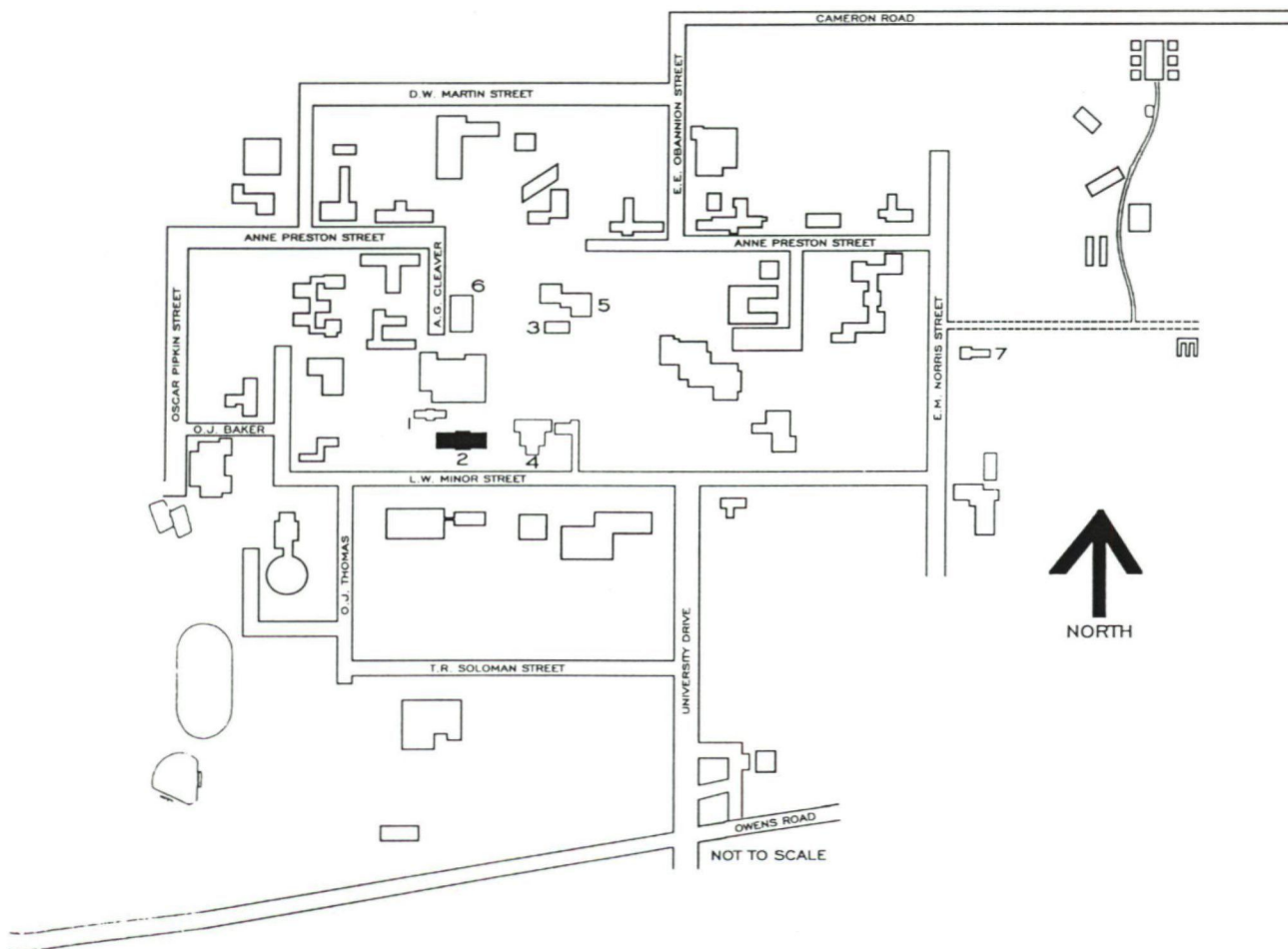


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## BUILDING KEY

1. L.C. ANDERSON HALL-#0541
- 2. ANNIE LAURIE EVANS HALL-#0544
3. G.R. WOOLFOLK SOCIAL & POLITICAL SCIENCE BUILDING-#0503
4. W.R. BANKS LIBRARY -#0508
5. FRY-THOMAS POWER PLANT-#0529
6. HILLIARD HALL -#0537
7. VETERINARY HOSPITAL-#0517



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**PHOTO LOG**

(Photos taken in 1997 by Charles Peveto, staff member of the Texas Historical Commission)

- 1) Front façade  
Camera facing north
- 2) Oblique of west and front facades  
Camera facing northeast



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Evans, Annie Laurie, Hall  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Praire View A&M University MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Waller

DATE RECEIVED: 4/21/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/03/99  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/19/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/05/99  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/3/99 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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







ANNIE LAURIE EVANS HALL  
L.W. MINOR STREET, BUILDING #0544  
PRAIRIE VIEW, WALLER CO., TEXAS  
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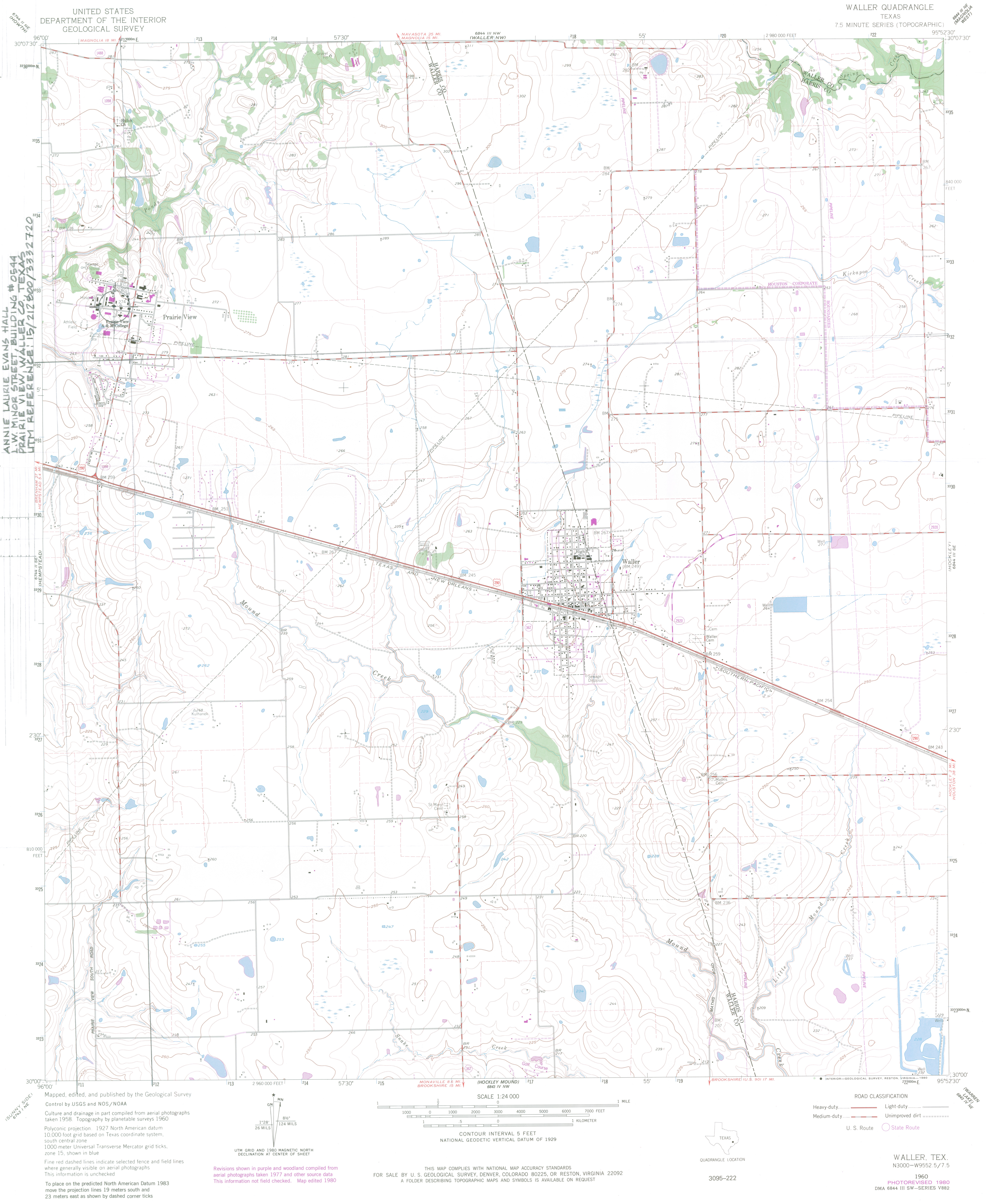


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ANNIE LAURIE EVANS HALL  
L.W. MINOR STREET, BUILDING #0544  
PRAIRIE VIEW, WALLER CO, TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 2 of 2





ANNIE LAURIE EVANS HALL  
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PRAIRIE VIEW, WALLER CO., TEXAS  
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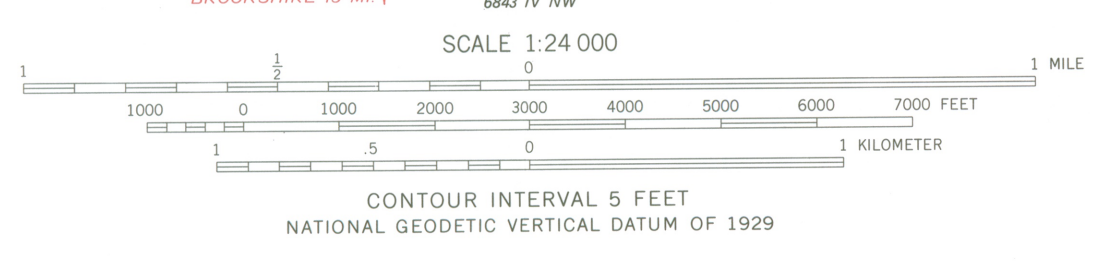
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