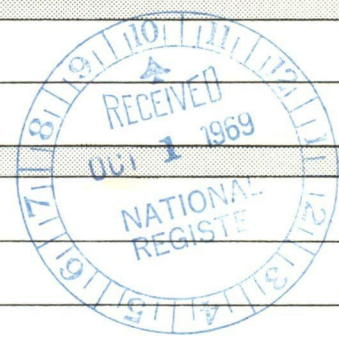


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Marion	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS



1. NAME

COMMON:
Epperson-McNutt House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
House of the Seasons

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
409 South Alley Street *Blk + Lot #5 MA P J 7,89*

CITY OR TOWN:
Jefferson

STATE: **Texas** CODE: **42** COUNTY: **Marion** CODE: **315**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. McNutt

STREET AND NUMBER:
409 South Alley Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Jefferson** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **42**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Marion County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
224 Austin Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Jefferson** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **42**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **.517 acre**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1966** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington, D. C.

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington, D. C.** STATE: CODE: **08**

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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see service wing

This two story frame Italian Villa is one of the few houses of its type in the region. It is an excellent example of the transitory period between the Greek Revival and the Victorian styles. The main house is approximately fifty-and-a-half feet by twenty-seven-and-a-half feet. The servants' quarters wing is approximately seventeen feet by twenty-seven-and-a-half feet and is connected to the main block at the right of the rear facade. The main (east) facade has a five bay composition. The main entrance has a segmental-arched opening, double doors, an elaborate transom, and sidelights. The four flanking windows on the main facade have nine-over-nine lights and extend to the floor. A one-story porch extends across the width of the building. All windows on the second floor have round-arched openings and decorative muntons. A five-sided bay extends on the south side of the structure with three windows on each level. The cupola which surmounts the nearly flat, standing seam, tin roof has three round-headed windows on each side, a balistraded widow's walk, and a fine bracked cornice. The cupola is surmounted by a wooden finial. The three windows on each of the four sides of the cupola have different colored glass which give the house its name. The blue glass represents winter, the green glass depicts spring, the yellow glass is for summer, and the red glass denotes fall. The open hall well rises from the ground floor to the top of the cupola giving a rotunda and dome-like appearance.

The floor plan of the house has a central hall with two rooms on each side. The drawing room and opening in the floor below the cupola feature some fine frescos. There are four Italian marble mantels on the fireplaces.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Benjamin H. Epperson was born in Mississippi in 1826. He attended Princeton University for a while, then studied law in Clarksville, Texas, and was admitted to the bar. After serving as a state legislator he was defeated as the Whig candidate for governor. As was true of many southern Whigs, Epperson supported the Union cause until the war began and then turned his loyalty to Texas after all possibility of keeping the state from secession had failed.

After the Civil War Epperson was the state's legal and financial representative in a case which resulted in one of the most important Supreme Court decisions of our history--Texas vs. White. While the facts of the case concerned some bonds that the state had conferred to White during the Civil War, the implications were much larger. The decision of the Court was that the Federal Union was not dissolvable and, therefore, a state did not have the right of secession; thus, legally making the Civil War an act of rebellion on the part of the Confederate states.

Epperson's part in the drama of Reconstruction did not end here. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1867 but was refused his seat by the Republican Congress. The following year he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in New York City, often called the Arm-in-Arm Convention.

In 1871 Epperson moved to Jefferson to practice law. In addition to his legal practice he was a state representative and promoter and early president of the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific Railroad (later the Texas and Pacific).

His second wife and five children survived him after his death in 1878. In 1965 the Epperson-McNutt house was designated a historic landmark by the Texas State Historical

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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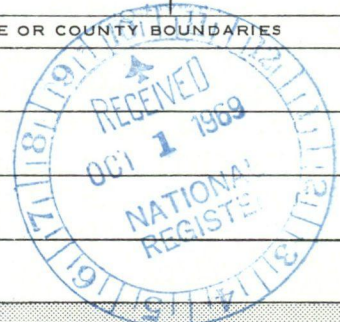
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Wayne Bell, Project Director (GH,JF,DC,JM)

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 8-18-69

STREET AND NUMBER:
 108 West 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Smelt Latimer

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: September 25, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: OCT 28 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Smutsky
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 28 1969

11/18/69

CONTROL SHEET
National Register
Inventory-Nomination Forms

Marion
69000207
Epperson - N. Pitt House
State: Tex.
NPS Number: 69-10-42-5007

RECEIPT

SIGN OFF

Date of Receipt	Yes	No	Number
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REVIEW

Historian	Comments
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Architect	Comments
<i>OK</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> / Chief Architect <input type="checkbox"/> / Chief Archeologist <input type="checkbox"/> / Chief Historian	
Keeper	Comments
<i>OK</i>	

B.L. 10/7/69

Chambers 10/10/69

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ENTRY

Chief, OAHP	Comments		
Date of Entry			
Registry Clerk	Yes	No	Date
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OK
10-27-69

EDITORIAL PROCESSING

Editor	Date
Federal Register Entry	<u>11-4-69</u>
Annual Edition Entry	

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WORKING NO.

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NATIONAL REGISTER PROPERTY - TEXAS 048

Epperson-McNutt House, Marion County - 315

Geographical data, Item 10, Form 10-300 is given as:

Latitude $94^{\circ} 21' 06''$

Longitude $32^{\circ} 45' 27''$

Please CHANGE this to correctly read:

Latitude $32^{\circ} 45' 27''$

Longitude $94^{\circ} 21' 06''$

A new, correctly marked map is being enclosed. Please DESTROY the old map and replace it with this one. Thank you.





NPS Number 69-10-42-0004

Title: Epperson - M. G. Nutt House
front facade - east elevation

Loc. 409 South Alley Street
Jefferson, Texas

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER?

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	TEXAS	
COUNTY	Marion	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
69-10-42-0004	10/28/69	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Epperson-McNutt House (House of the Seasons)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 409 South Alley Street

CITY OR TOWN: Jefferson

STATE: Texas	CODE: 048	COUNTY: Marion	CODE: 315
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey

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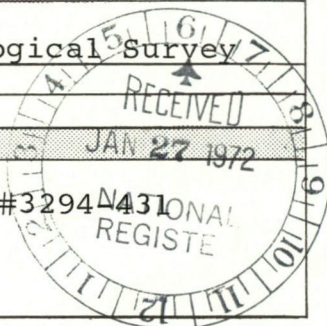
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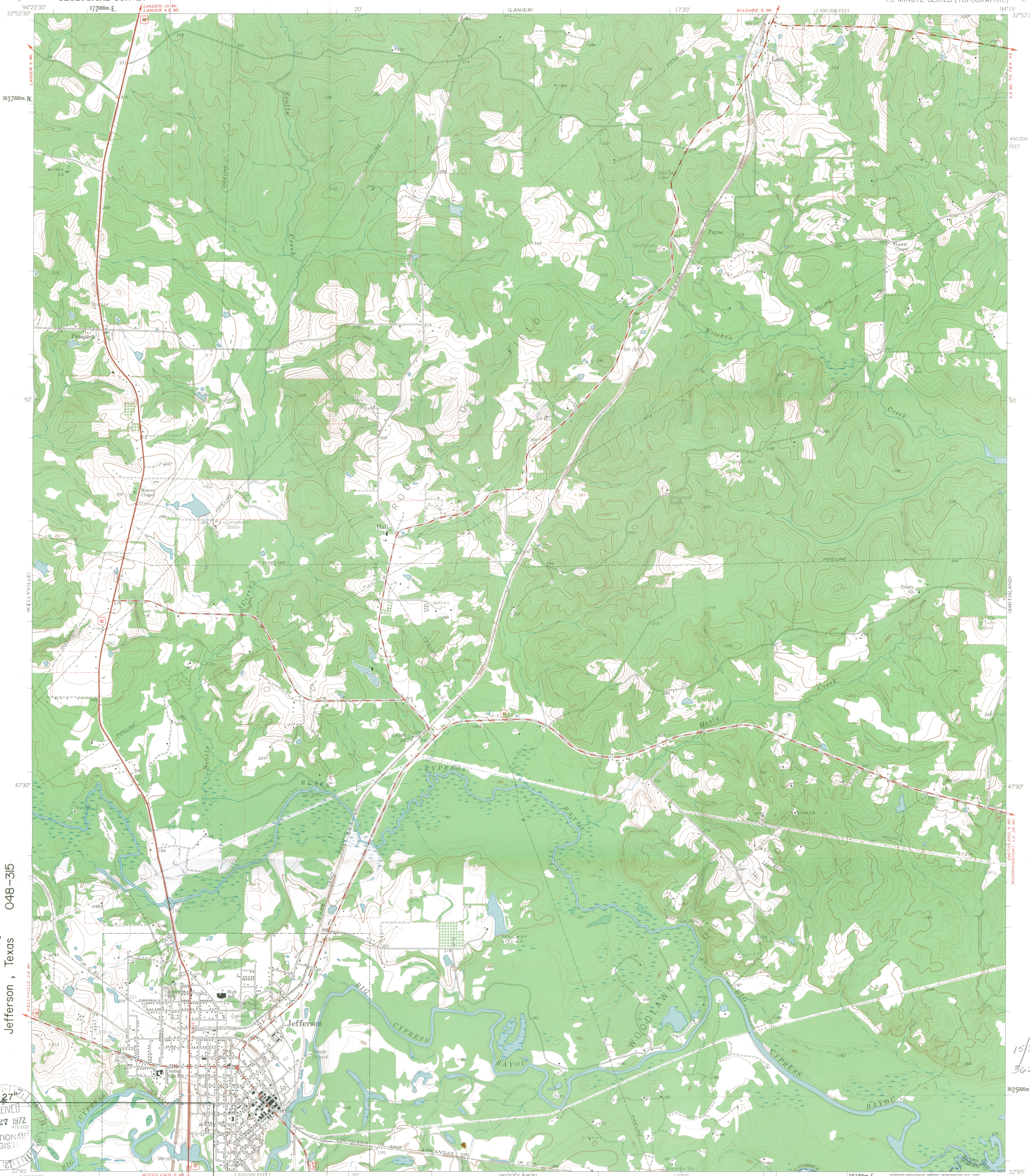
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

Texas Map Reference #3294431
Jefferson, Texas





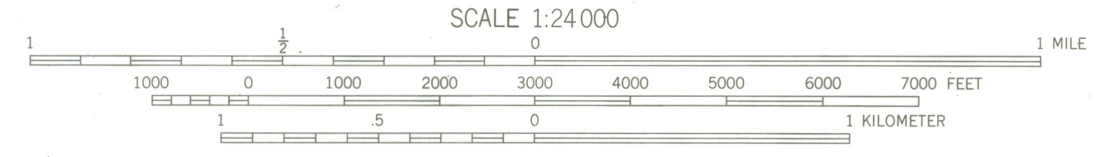
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(House of the Seasons)
409 South Alley Street
Jefferson, Texas 048-315

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Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines

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H30-HR

Hon. Ralph Webster Yarborough
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Yarborough:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure has^u been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Texas and has^u been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places." Senator John Tower and Representatives Wright Patman and Jack Brooks have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connolly
Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

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10/27/69

RGamble:mb

Enclosures

cc:
Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, 108 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Duplicate copies sent to:

Hon. John Tower Hon. Wright Patman Hon. Jack Brooks
United States Senate House of Representatives House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C.

Regional Director, Southwest Region

cc: Mr. Steen
T-Butterfield
DAL-Mr. Melvin

HR



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
801 19TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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OCT 28 1968

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

- Alley-Carlson House (Marion County)
- ✓ Epperson-McNutt House (Marion County)
- Jefferson Playhouse (Marion County)
- Old United States Post Office and Courts Building (Marion County)
- Excelsior Hotel (Marion County)
- The Presbyterian Manse (Marion County)
- George Sealy House (Galveston County)
- Old Red (Galveston County)
- El Mina Shrine Temple (Galveston County)



Texas State Historical Survey Committee

Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711

Truett Latimer
Executive Director

January 4, 1972

Dr. Robert J. Mullen
Chief, Bureau of Registration
National Register
801 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Bob:

Under separate cover we are forwarding corrections for the National Register submissions which were rechecked here in our office and found to be in error. I trust that this means of correction will not confuse the issue.

There may possibly still be errors but to date these are the only ones we have discovered. If you will notify us of any errors of which you are aware we will be glad to treat the submissions similarly.

Sincerely,

Truett Latimer
State Liaison Officer

By:


M. Wayne Bell, AIA
Project Director

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