

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

# DATA SHEET

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### \* 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old McCulloch County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

Heart of Texas Historical Museum

### 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

117 North High

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Brady

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11

STATE

Texas

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

McCulloch

CODE

307

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

#### PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Heart of Texas Historical Museum

STREET &amp; NUMBER

117 North High

CITY, TOWN

Brady

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

McCulloch County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Brady

STATE

Texas

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Texas State Historical Survey

DATE

1974

\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

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

Located at the northwest corner of the Courthouse Square is the three-story, red brick, Romanesque Revival building, which served as McCulloch County's jail from 1910 through 1974. A picturesque landmark for the city, the jail's medieval style symbolized the concept of strength and stability for the community.

The first and third floor openings are ornamented by round arches containing semi-circular transoms, while the second floor contains rectangular openings. At each level brick stringcourses divide the structure horizontally. Under the stringcourse above the first floor is a brick corbel table, graduating to a larger scale under the stringcourse above the third floor. The stringcourses, corbeling and arches are emphasized against the red brick structure by a contrasting color.

Twin towers flank the east or main facade. Each tower is square with a crenellated parapet and an arched opening centered in each parapet wall. Typical of Romanesque Revival construction the tower on the northeast corner is slightly taller than the southeast tower and contains additional ornamentation in the brick detail. This tower contains the interior stairway. Two small battlements, one of which contains a chimney, rise from each corner of the roof on the west or rear facade. Between each of the four corner battlements are stepped parapets containing an arched opening in the center. The simple cornice detail crowning the roof and battlements are emphasized by the contrasting color of the brick.

The first floor of the interior contained the jailer's quarters and the second and third floors included the prison facilities. On the first floor a wide hallway ran from east to west, dividing that floor into two sections. The principal entrance was on the east, where an arch divided the hallway, creating a vestibule inside the front entrance. Only a small portion of the first floor was not dedicated to jailer living quarters. That exception encompassed an area of about 8 by 12 feet in the northeast corner of the building. This area enclosed the stairwell and steel stairway leading to prisoner quarters, the two upper floors of the three story building. The first floor living quarters was protected from the prison area and stairwell by a locked steel door, and an outside entry to the prison was provided through a second steel door to the stairwell from the north.

(see continuation sheet #1)

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Beside the second floor landing were hangman's facilities, a two-part steel trap door, hinged east and west, and a trip lever. Above the trap door, secured to the underside of the third floor, was a ring for the hanging rope. After years of inactivity, the trap doors were eventually welded together to prevent accidental tripping. Except for the stairwell and hangmen's corner, the entire second floor was used for cage space, the cells themselves providing support for the third floor. The upper floor may not at first have been fully equipped, since on 13 January 1930 an additional cage was ordered for the third floor.

In the original construction steam heat was provided, the boiler being located in a pit beneath the floor on the southwest corner of the structure. However, the plant was never entirely satisfactory and was considered both inefficient and dangerous. After natural gas became available, the heating plant was abandoned completely. The pit was filled with sand in 1974 by trustees of the Heart of Texas Historical Museum, when a loose beam supporting the kitchen floor above the steam plant pit was repaired.

From 1910 until the old McCulloch County Jail was abandoned in 1974, no major alterations were made. The building remains structurally sound and will soon house the new Heart of Texas Museum.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES      1909-1910                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1909-1910, the old McCulloch County Jail served as the second jail for the county and continued in its original capacity as space for prisoner confinement and jailer's quarters until 1974 when the county built a new law enforcement building. Besides its historical significance to the county, the jail's unique architectural style became a picturesque landmark for the city. Then the county decided to abandon the jail in 1974, local citizens organized the Heart of Texas Museum and bought the structure to house their historical museum.

McCulloch County is in the geographical center of Texas on the northern border of the Edwards Plateau. The first attempt at settlement in the area was made by John O. Neusenbach, who crossed the Llano River in 1847 to negotiate with the Comanches and explore the land along the San Saba River. Indian troubles and frontier hazards, however, prevented permanent settlement. The county was created from Bexar County in 1856 and named for Ben McCulloch. McCulloch served in the Battle of San Jacinto, the first Congress of the Republic of Texas, and the Mexican War. In addition, he was appointed a U.S. Marshall in 1853, a peace commissioner to settle the Mormon trouble in Utah in 1857, and was finally killed during the Civil War while serving as a brigadier general in the Confederate Army at the battle of Elk Horn. The county remained buffalo country until the 1870's and did not organize until 1876. Brady City, named for Peter Brady, one of the first surveyors of McCulloch County, became the county seat.

John McDonald of Austin, Texas, built the first jail and courthouse for McCulloch County in 1878. Both structures were apparently poorly constructed, for the need for new buildings arose within a few years after their construction. The courthouse had barely passed its 21st year when the Commissioner's Court ordered that it be destroyed and replaced. Within four months after the jail's completion, the Court ordered (though it later rescinded its decision) that wrought iron bars be placed between the upper and lower floors for additional support. By 1885 prisoners were being transferred for "safe-keeping" because of "unhealthful conditions" to jails in neighboring Mason and San Saba, until the court

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ordered an addition constructed in 1886. Finally by 1908 the need for a new jail became so pressing that the Commissioner's Court began plans to construct a new building. Following the sale of McCulloch County's inadequate 32-year old jail, a contract for construction of a new one was awarded to Southern Structural Steel Company of San Antonio, Texas. The new site was located on the northeast corner of block 21, due west of the Courthouse Square. On September 30, 1909, the Commissioner's Court appointed J. L. Jordan, a local building contractor, as the construction inspector. The jail was completed in 1910 at a cost of \$14,418.75 and final settlement was made with Southern Structural Steel Company on April 9th of that year.

The greater portion of the first floor was used as living quarters for the jailer, the person responsible for the care and feeding of the prisoners. This responsibility was carried out either by the sheriff or one of his deputies. Mr. O. D. Waddill, who served as sheriff from 1922 through 1925, appears to have been the first elected sheriff to live in the jail. He was succeeded by Mr. Love Kimbrough, who also lived in the jailer's quarters for most of his years as sheriff. Sheriff Kimbrough and his family moved out permanently some months after the 1938 Brady Creek flood. Twice during the Kimbrough's occupancy, before flood-control measures were finally instituted, the sheriff's family was forced out by the encroaching waters of flooding Brady Creek. In mid-September of 1936, the creek broke from its banks and flooded Sheriff Kimbrough's living quarters with over a foot of water. The same thing occurred again in late July of 1938 when floodwaters rose to a depth of between three and four feet in the sheriff's living quarters.

Apparently Deputy Henry Sharpe moved into the jail when Mr. Kimbrough and his family left. All other elected county sheriffs, beginning with Mr. A. B. Willborn, who took office in January 1949, have lived in the jail. The current county sheriff, Mr. Luke Vogel, was the last to live in the jail, moving to the new Law Enforcement Building in October, 1974.

The trustees of the Heart of Texas Historical Museum took immediate charge of the old jail, with plans to preserve the structure as an historical museum. The deed from McCulloch County to the Heart of Texas Historical Museum for a high bid of \$5.00 was dated 9 December 1974, and was for Lots 7, 8 and 9, plus two feet of Lot 6 of Block #21.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Spiller, Wayne, McCulloch County's Second Jail. Unpublished monograph taken from county deed records, Commissioner's Court minutes and personal interviews. Heart of Texas Historical Museum, Brady, 1974.  
 Webb, Walter Prescott, ed., The Handbook of Texas. Texas State Historical Association, Austin, 1952.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one *UTM OK CD*

UTM REFERENCES

A	14	468000	344460	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Marie D. Landon, Historian Joe R. Williams, Project Director	DATE	3-3-75
ORGANIZATION	Texas Historical Commission	TELEPHONE	512/475-3094
STREET & NUMBER	P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station	CITY OR TOWN	Austin
CITY OR TOWN	Austin	STATE	Texas

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

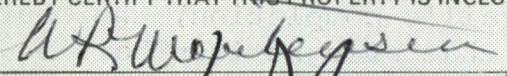

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National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

 SIGNATURE

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 3-4-75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST:  KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/3/75  
 DATE APR 2 1975

75002073

Property Old McCulloch County Jail

State Texas

Working Number 3, 10, 75, 353

McCulloch

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 3  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK 3.11.75  
*cm*

**HISTORIAN**

Accept  
E. Smith  
3-13-75

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

AN EXAMPLE OF SYMBOLIC ARCHITECTURE,

ACCEPT  
LEBOVICH  
3-12-75

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
4-1-75

**BRANCH CHIEF**

accept  
Hungo  
7.1.75

**KEEPER**

Wm  
**APR 2 1975**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 6-3-75

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY, TOWN Brady \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF COUNTY McCulloch STATE Texas

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Texas Historical Commission

DATE OF PHOTO October 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT Texas Historical Commission

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

Northeast oblique

PHOTO NO

2

#1003

#1003

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**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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PHOTO NO

Southeast oblique

1

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\_\_\_\_VICINITY OF

COUNTY McCulloch

STATE Texas

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PHOTO CREDIT Texas Historical Commission

DATE OF PHOTO October, 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Texas Historical Commission

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO

Northeast oblique of east or main facade

3

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AND/OR COMMON

Heart of Texas Historical Museum

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Brady

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

McCulloch

STATE

Texas

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

U. S. Geological Survey

SCALE

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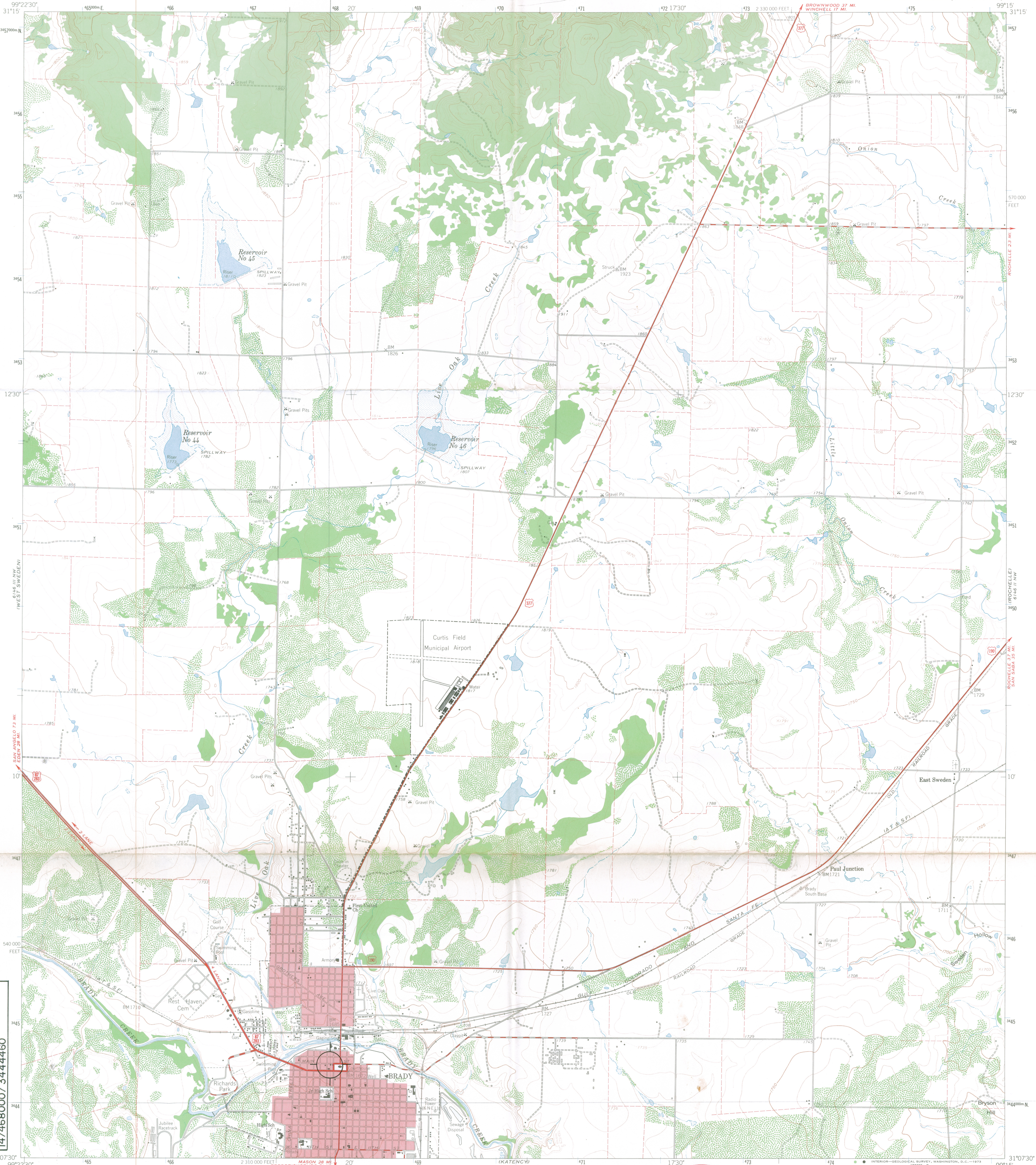
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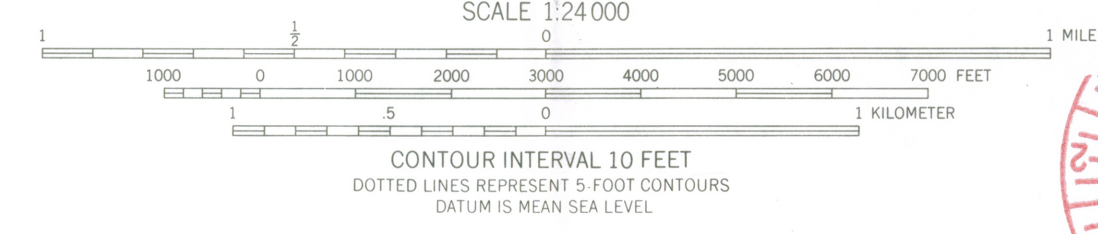
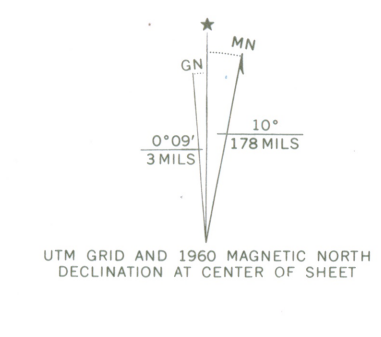
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



OLD MCULLOCH COUNTY JAIL  
117 N. HIGH ST., BRADY, TEXAS  
UTM REFERENCE:  
147468000/3444460

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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1958. Field check 1960  
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,  
central zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 14, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines  
where generally visible on aerial photographs  
This information is unchecked  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Areas covered by dashed light blue pattern are subject  
to controlled inundation.



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS.  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BRADY NORTH, TEX.  
N3107.5-W9915/7.5  
1960  
AMS 6146 III NE-SERIES V882

MAR 19 1973

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      TEXAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Grace Episcopal Church	Galveston Galveston County
Old McCulloch County Jail	Brady McCulloch County
Wooten, Goodall, House	Austin Travis County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower  
 Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen  
 Hon. Jack Brooks  
 Hon. W. R. Poage  
 Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle  
 Regional Director, Southwest  
 Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Mr. Truett Latimer  
 Executive Director  
 Texas State Historical Survey Committee  
 Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station  
 Austin, Texas 78711

PR      MMott/row      4/8/75



# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 10-28-76  
Reviewer INITIALS: Nesbitt  
NR DOE 4/3/75

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: <sup>10</sup> OLD MCCULLOCH COUNTY JAIL

OTHER NAMES: Heart of Texas Historical Museum - secondary

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: 117 North High St.  
CITY, TOWN: Brady  
STATE: TX  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 11  
COUNTY: McCulloch

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline):  
FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):  
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST  
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

INTERIOR:  Substantially intact-1  
EXTERIOR:  Substantially intact-2  
ENVIRONS:  Substantially intact-3

CONDITION -  EXCELLENT  DETERIORATED  UNALTERED  ORIGINAL SITE  
 GOOD  RUINS  ALTERED  MOVED  
 FAIR  UNEXPOSED  RECONSTRUCTED  UNKNOWN  
 UNEXCAVATED  EXCAVATED

ACCESS - Yes-restricted  Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES  NO  
WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES  NO  
IF YES, NAME:  
WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES  NO  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE:  YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)  
then- Jail  
now- Museum

## SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE -4
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY) **LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

## Claims

"first"? YES NO "oldest"? YES NO "only"? YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Romanesque Revival elements

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor: Southern Structural Steel Co. of San Antonio

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1909-1910

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

*one acre*

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here) Brick, 3 stories, modified rectangle, exterior chimneys; square crenellated towers flank E facade, corbeled belt course at 2nd story sill line, corbeled parapet at roof line, 1st and 3rd story windows have arched brick headers; stairhall in NE tower, jailer living quarters on 1st story; converted to museum 1974, Romanesque revival elements.

*Brick, 3 stories, modified rectangle, decorative exterior end chimneys, center entrance with flanking crenellated towers with open 4th story, blind stepped side parapeted sections with open center arches; corbeled cornice along 3rd story, simpler similar cornice along 1st story; round-arched windows; 1st-story jailer's quarters; converted to museum, 1974. Romanesque Revival elements*

SIGNIFICANCE:

(maximum two sentences)

A good example of a building designed to give a visual impression of strength and impregnability.

*IMPROVEMENT*