

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Marion	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-42-0012	DATE 11/25/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Freeman Plantation House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
.8 miles west of Jefferson on Highway 49, south side

CITY OR TOWN:
Jefferson vicinity

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"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <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:
Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Haworth

STREET AND NUMBER:
Freeman Plantation

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:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1966 Federal State County Local

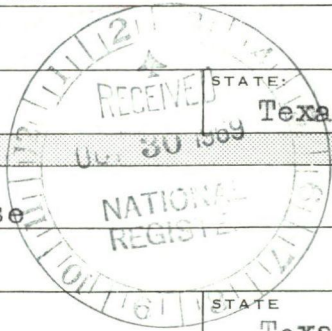
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington, D. C.

STATE: CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Freeman Plantation House is an excellent Greek Revival raised cottage, showing evidence of a very strong Louisiana influence. This structure has been cited by the United States Congress for historical and architectural interest. Built around 1850, this plantation house has a brick basement that is a full story above the ground. The principal chambers are contained, in piano nobile fashion, in the one-story wooden level above the basement. The original house has a central hall plan with four large chambers on each floor. In the basement the hall was originally open to the exterior on both the north and south elevations. In recent years the lower hall has been enclosed. Woodwork and interior detailing in this lower, service area is very simple. The large, hand-hewn (4 inch-by-14 inch) timbers supporting the principal floor are exposed. There is a fireplace in each chamber on both floors. A single-string stair rises on east wall of the central hall. The central hall in the upper level is divided into a front and rear hall by a finely carved, segmental-arched wood screen. The chambers to the east and west of the front hall are separated from the hall by paneled, folding doors. These doors with their precisely mitered frames represent some of the finest nineteenth century wood craftsmanship in Texas. The doorframes throughout the upper level are a Greek Revival design with a shallow pedimented head, dog-ear details at the meeting of the jambs and head, and wide fascia boards (covering the jambs) with a finely molded edge and a gradual flair at the base of the doorway. The woodwork throughout the four chambers; mantels, cornices, window and door frames, chair rails, maintain this level of excellence in wood craftsmanship. The main entrance has a Greek Revival doorway with solid, paneled double doors, five-light sidewindows, and a five-light transom. A fine, deeply carved molding, similar to the interior doorway described above, also enhances this doorway. The rear entrance has a very similar composition. The principal, or north, elevation has a broad flight of stairs rising to the tetra-style portico which is supported by two-story, circular brick columns. The overly massive columns are stucco covered, without capitals, and are crudely tapered at the top. The portico is flanked by small, strange, shed-roofed balconies. The north elevation's four, six-over-six light, windows with operable wooden panels below open onto the portico and balconies. The exterior wall finish on all elevations is clapboarding above the brick basement. There are corner pilasters with capitals. The structure is topped with a fine entablature including box cornice, crown and bed molds, and a division between the architrave and frieze. The house and portico are covered with a shallow hipped-roof. A two-story wing has been added to the rear of the structure. This wing contains bathrooms, dressing rooms, and additional chambers. The structure is in an excellent state of repair.

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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)

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| Aboriginal | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Agriculture | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Art | Landscape | | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Commerce | Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | | _____ | |
| Communications | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Conservation | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |

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

William M. Freeman bought the land and began building his plantation home in 1850. His slaves cut the timber, shaped the lumber, and molded and baked the brick on the plantation. The wooden beams which extend the full length of the building to support the structure are fourteen by fourteen inches square.

Freeman was engaged in several business ventures. He was one of the founders of the East Texas Manufacturing Company, which manufactured cotton and woolen goods, spinning thread, and other fabric goods. Besides his cotton plantation he also owned several warehouses on the waterfront and one freight boat.

The Freeman's entertained extensively in their plantation home. Jenny Lind once gave a concert and Jesse James is rumored to have sought refuge there. During the Civil War many Louisiana friends visited for weeks at a time to escape the battle zones near their homes. Recent owners have worked diligently to restore the house in the same style it was originally done, retaining many of the original pieces of furniture.

In 1965 it was designated a historic landmark by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bracken, Dorothy and Maurine Redway. Early Texas Homes.
 Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press, 1956.

Dean, Winnie Mims. Jefferson: Queen of the Cypress.
 Dallas: Mathis, Van Nort & Co., 1953.

Historic American Buildings Survey, Jefferson Project. 1966.

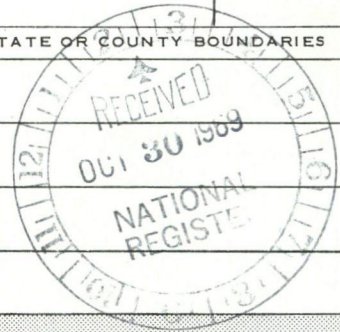
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Wayne Bell, Project Director; Larry J. Kennedy, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 10/28/'69

STREET AND NUMBER:
 108 West 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 J. Jones

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: October 28, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Cunnally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 25 1969

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William J. Mustang
 Keeper of The National Register

NOV 7 1969

Date: _____

CONTROL SHEET
National Register
Inventory-Nomination Forms

09000209 Marion
Fullman Plantation

Tex
NPS Number
69-1142-0012

12/4/69

RECEIPT

SIGN OFF

Date of Receipt	Yes	No	Number
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10/30/69

Acreage not given? O.K.

RB 4/3/69

REVIEW

Historian	Comments
ok	
Architect	Comments
OK	

Chief Architect Chief Archeologist Chief Historian

B.L. 11/5/69
Chambers
11/3/69

If checked
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Clerk

Keeper	Comments
OK	

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ENTRY

Chief, CAHP	Comments		
Date of Entry			
Registry Clerk	Yes	No	Date
Assign NPS No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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11-24-69

EDITORIAL PROCESSING

Editor	Date
Federal Register Entry	12/2/69
Annual Edition Entry	

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NATIONAL REGISTER PROPERTY - TEXAS 048

Freeman Plantation House, Marion County - 315

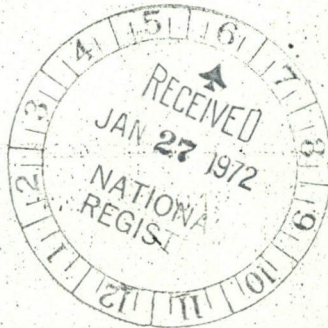
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Latitude 94° 22' 11" Longitude 32° 45' 49"

Please CHANGE this to correctly read:

Latitude 32° 45' 49" Longitude 94° 22' 11"

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



Missing Core Documentation

Property Name	County, State	Reference Number
Freeman Plantation House	Marion, Texas	69000209

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

Nomination Form

Photographs

USGS Map

Photo out to

Publications

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

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

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CITY OR TOWN:
Jefferson

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Texas	048	Marion	315

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey

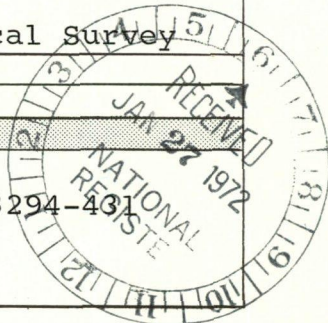
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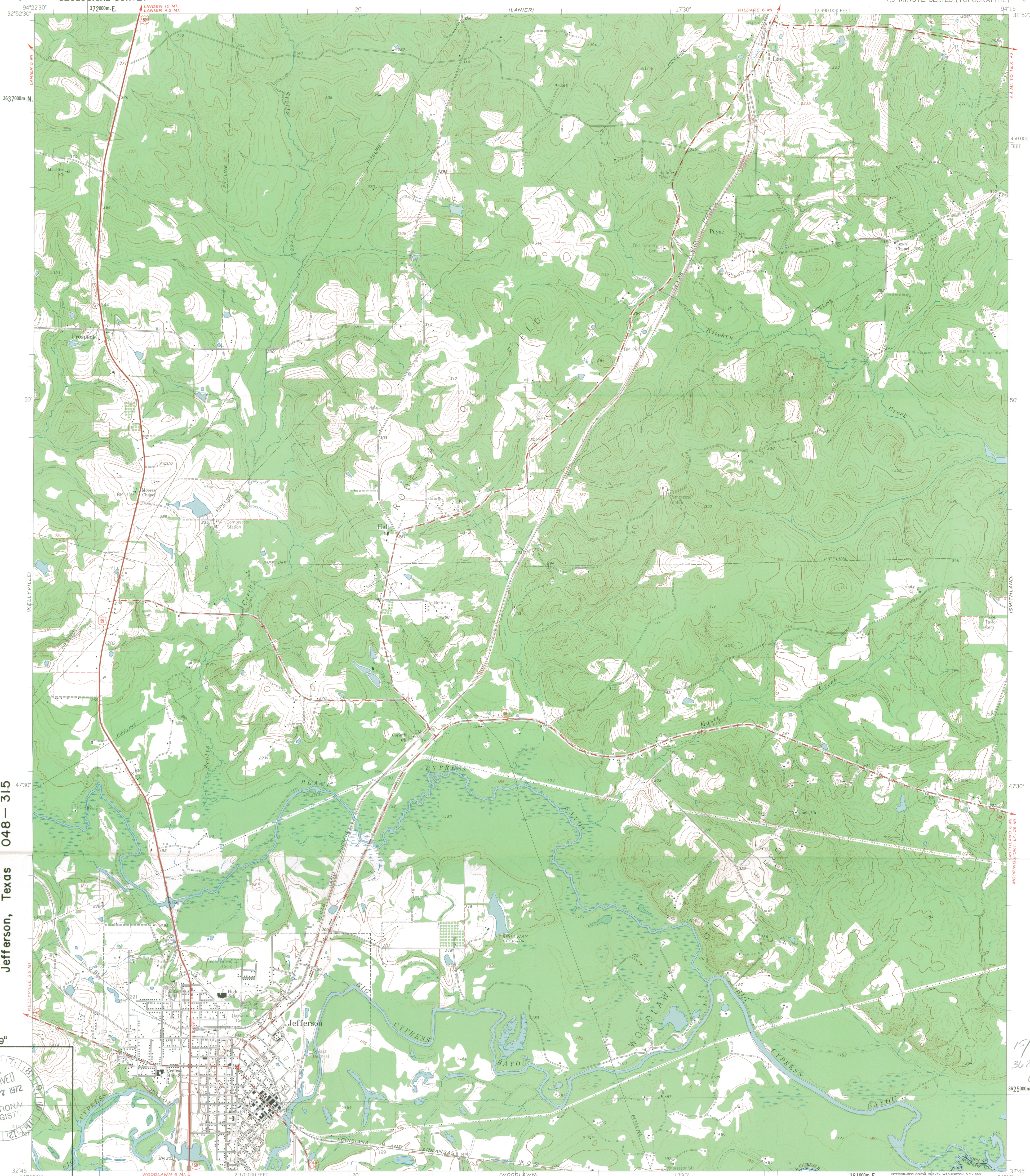
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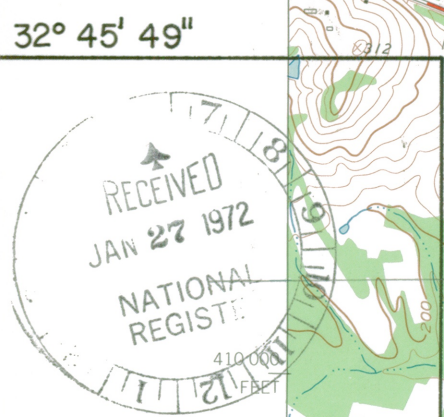
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2. North arrow.	Jefferson , Texas
3. Latitude and longitude reference.	





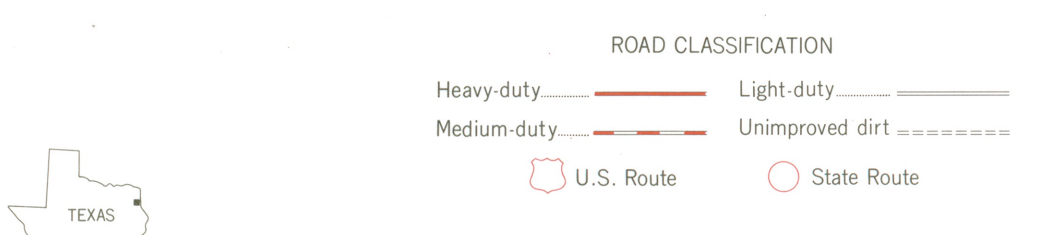
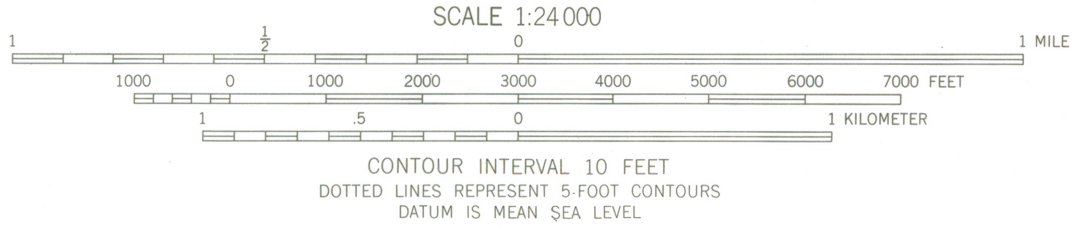
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Jefferson, Texas 048 — 315



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1957. Field checked 1962.
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum, 10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, north central zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue.
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines.

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1962



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER 25, COLORADO OR WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Entered in National Register

BASIC FILE REMAINED IN HR

HSA-22

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

Dear Senator Yarborough:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Texas and have been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places."

11/18/69

Senator John G. Tower and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

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Enclosure

cc:
Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, 103 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Duplicate letters sent to:

- Hon. John G. Tower
- Hon. Wright Patman
- Hon. J. Jake Pickle
- Hon. Henry B. Gonzalez

Regional Director, Southwest Region
T-Mr. Butterfield
DAL-Mr. Melvin
Mr. Steen

cc:



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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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

← Freeman Plantation (Marion County)
French Legation (Travis County)
Driskill Hotel (Travis County)
Ursuline Academy (Bexar County)