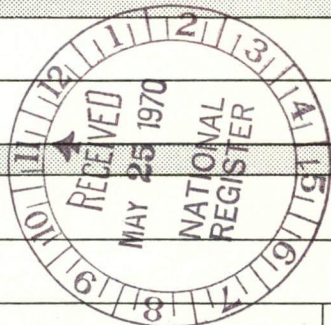


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Travis	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Carrington-Covert House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1511 Colorado

CITY OR TOWN:
Austin

STATE: **Texas** CODE: **042** COUNTY: **Travis** CODE: **453**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Texas

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Austin** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **042**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Austin** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **042**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Texas State Historical Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Texas State Historical Survey Committee

STREET AND NUMBER:
108 W. 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Austin** STATE: **Texas** CODE: **042**

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STATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
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	(Check One)			(Check One)	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A two story limestone residence constructed in the decade before the Civil War. The facade is symmetrical and there is a paneled double door with fanlight and round arched opening with radiating and stepped voussoirs. The very low pitched hip roof has wide eaves with brackets about 12" on center. The outstanding feature of this house is the excellent stone work seen particularly in the quoins, flat arches and sills. The original fireplaces and staircase were removed about 1900 when the original rear ell was filled in with a frames addition. The house will be restored and used for state offices, and the 1900 wooden addition will be removed. The downstairs will be used as museum rooms and the upstairs as offices.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

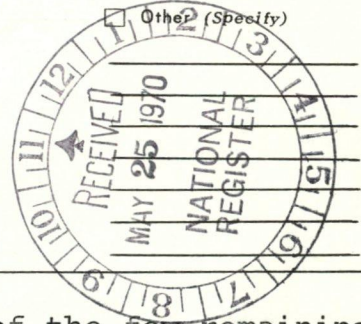
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c. 1853-1857**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Carrington-Covert House is one of the few remaining houses on State property which date back to the 1850s. It is notable for its exceptionally fine stonework. The Texas State Historical Survey Committee has made plans to restore the exterior and to use the building as its new headquarters by 1972, with the downstairs as museum rooms and the upstairs as offices.

In 1852, Leonidas Davis Carrington, a successful merchant from Columbus, Mississippi, arrived in Austin. He opened a merchandise store on Congress Avenue, and began to buy pieces of land in and around Austin. His most successful business ventures centered around land speculation, and for many years he bought property north and west of Austin, frequently for less than 1¢ per acre.

Within a few years, Carrington had become a very wealthy man, and in 1853, he began to make plans for an elegant house. On September 15th, he purchased a lot north of the Capitol for \$1,000 from Captain James M.W. Hall. Records from his store show that he purchased building materials from 1853 to 1857. The date of completion is not known, but it must have been some time during those four years. Carrington built his home of white limestone which may have been quarried from Comal Bluff. The house was two stories high and had walls twenty inches thick. It included twelve principal rooms and two large halls, and the flooring in all the rooms appears to have been of wide pine boards.

On the fifth of May, 1870, Carrington sold the house and land to M.L. Hemphill of Bastrop. Later Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Covert of Austin bought the house from Hemphill. The Coverts did considerable remodelling and by the early 1900s they had removed the fireplaces and staircase and made some frame additions to the rest of the house.

On September 17, 1944, Covert sold the house for \$18,500. Then, in 1968, a state agency bought the property and decided to demolish the house to make room for a modern building.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Austin and Travis County Collection. Austin Public Library

 Parmelee, Deolece. The Carrington-Covert House in 19th Century Austin, monograph, Austin, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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OR

30 ° 16 ' 38 " 97 ° 44 ' 19 "
 40 " 24 "

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .29 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

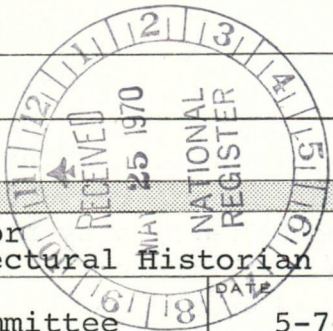
11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wayne Bell, Project Director (MD)
 Roxanne Williamson, Architectural Historian (SB)

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 5-7-70

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 042



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 *W. J. Saline*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 5-27-70

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

 Albert Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

AUG 25 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

 William J. Saline
 Keeper of The National Register

JUN 23 1970

Date _____

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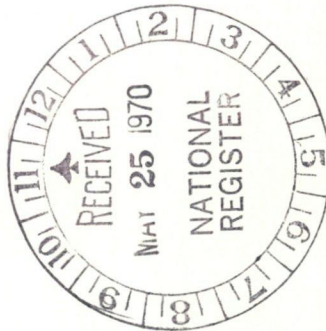
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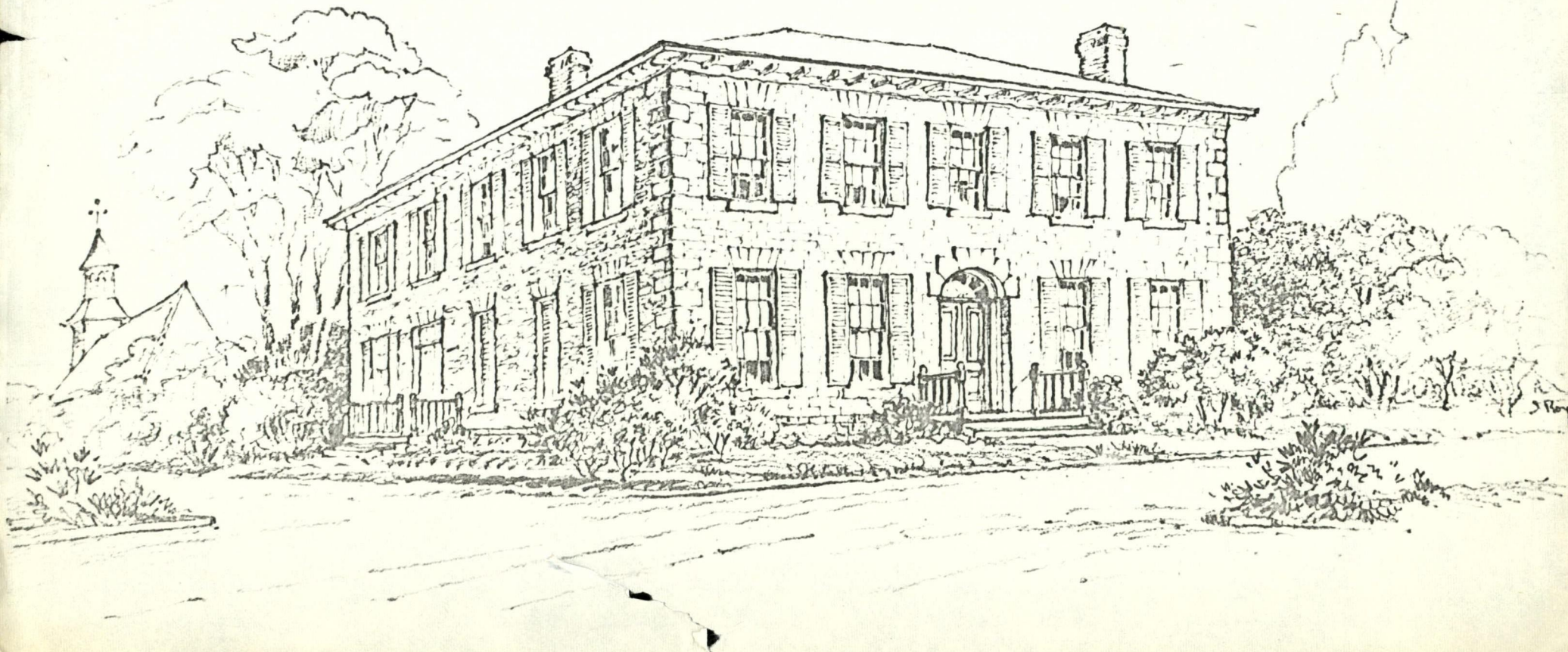
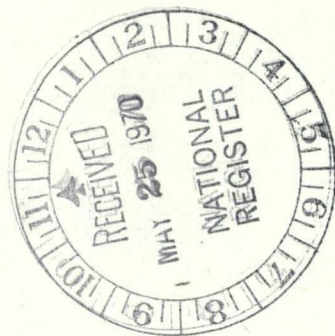
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Protests and telegrams halted demolition until the Texas Legislature could pass a bill protecting the property.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark- 1969.





RECEIPT 9/3/70 PROPERTY Carrington - Covert House Travis Texas SIGN-OFF
 REGISTER NUMBER 70-8-42.0014 8/25
 Ref. # 70000765

DATE OF RECEIPT	YES	NO	NUMBER
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ACKNOWLEDGE <u>6/18/70</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

MB 6/18/70 OK

REVIEW

HISTORIAN OK, Good architectural specimen if well-restored Gamble 6/16/70

HISTORIAN I believe the state will be asking for funds on this building, while I support the nomination as acceptable I hope it does not receive top priority for preservation funds. It would be a shame B. Levy 6/11/70
OK

ARCHITECT OK Chambers 6/10/70

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER OK Wm 6/23/70

ENTRY

CHIEF, OAHP OK 8-25-70

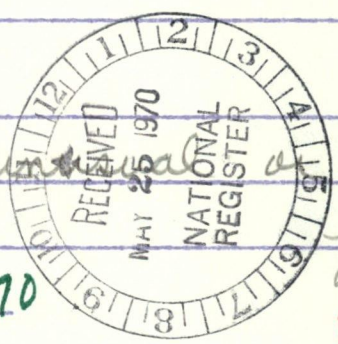
EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR really unusual of a vanished style, ok. 6/11/70

Federal Register Entry 10/6/70

Annual Edition Entry

LOGGED CARD 9/1/70
9/4/70

WORKING NUMBER 5-25-70-2



If the architecture is a good example otherwise does it merit inclusion because of age alone? Think it is a good example of the period in Austin and represents the economic circumstances of it built. B.C.

COMMENTS:



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:

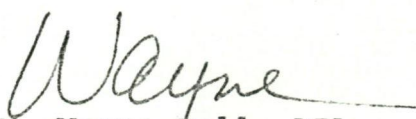
Under separate cover we are forwarding corrections for the National Register submissions which were rechecked here in our office and found to be in error. I trust that this means of correction will not confuse the issue.

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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NATIONAL REGISTER PROPERTY - TEXAS 048

Carrington-Covert House, Travis County, 453

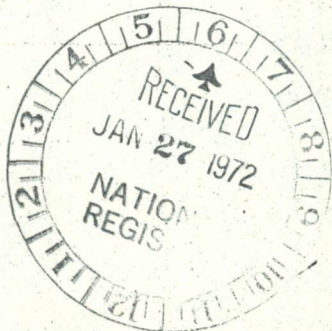
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Please CHANGE this to correctly read:

Latitude 30° 16' 40" Longitude 97° 44' 24"

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



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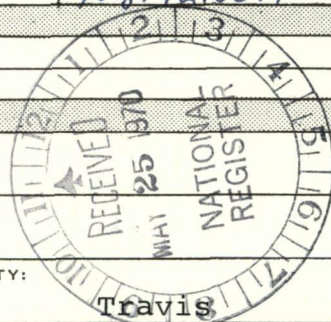
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(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE TEXAS	
COUNTY Travis	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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COMMON:		Carrington-Covert House	
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1511 Colorado			
CITY OR TOWN: Austin			
STATE: Texas	CODE 042	COUNTY: Travis	CODE 453
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DATE OF PHOTO:		March, 1970	
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Front elevation, from the west.			



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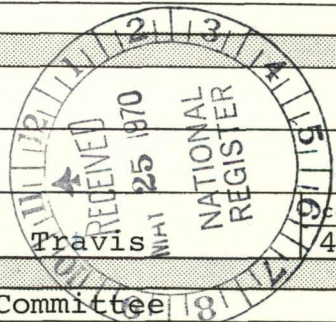
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AND/OR HISTORIC:

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CITY OR TOWN: Austin
STATE: Texas CODE 042 COUNTY: Travis CODE 453



3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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108 W. 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78711

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Front and side elevations, from the northwest

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County, State

Travis County,
Texas

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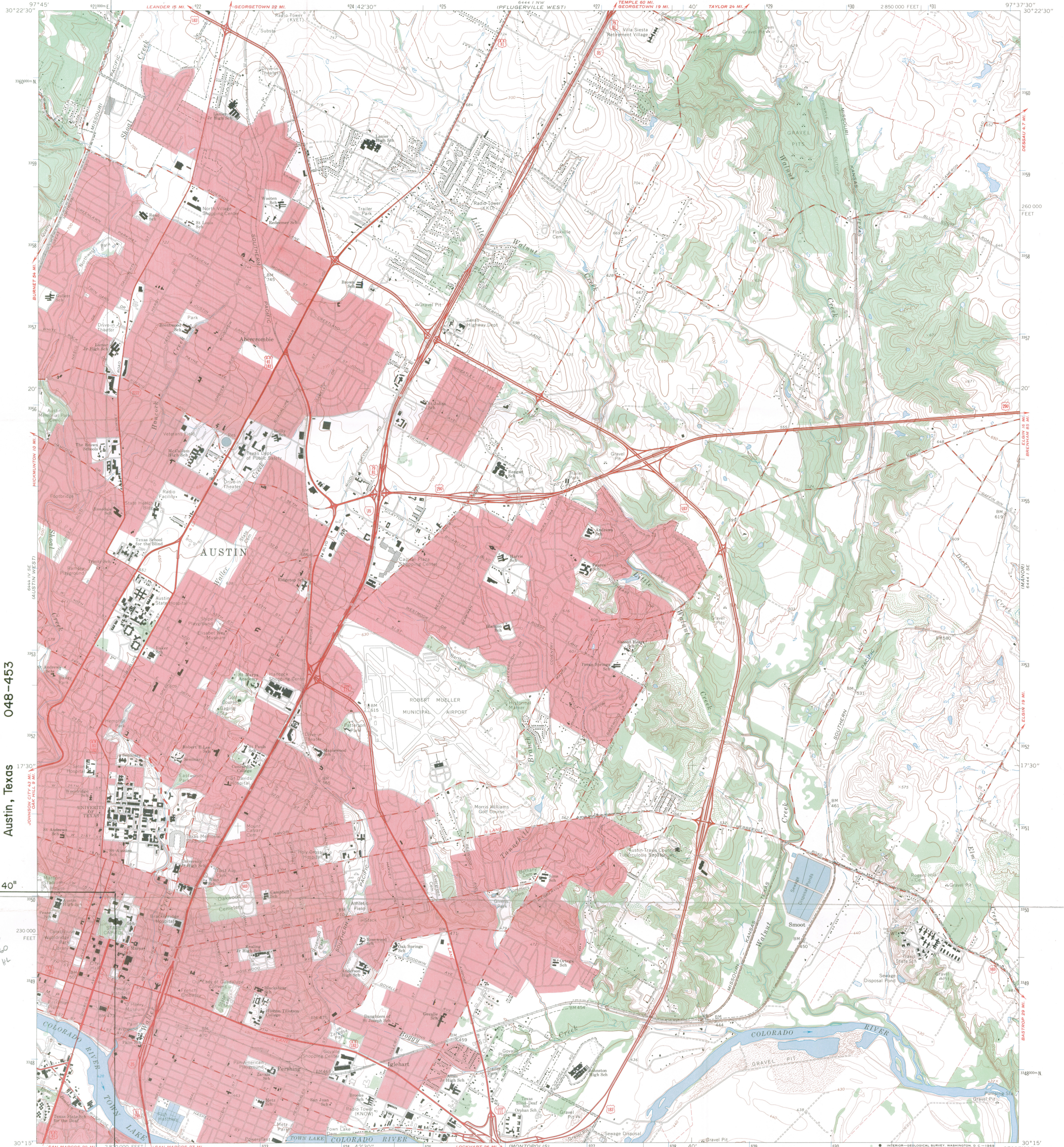
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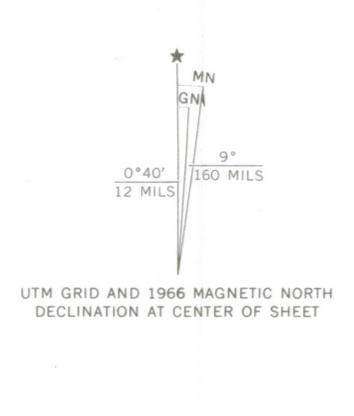
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Carrington - Covert House
1511 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 048-453

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Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



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AUG 25 1970

Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas State Historical Survey Committee
Post Office Box 12276
Capitol Station
108 West 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Latimer:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Ralph W. Yarborough and John G. Tower and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

AUG 25 1970

Entered in the National Register _____

cc:
HR

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8/13/70

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

Bishop's Palace	Galveston, Texas
Old Land Office Building	Austin, Texas
Barker History Center	Austin, Texas
Neill-Cochran House	Austin, Texas
Old Post Office and Federal Building	Austin, Texas
Woodlawn	Austin, Texas
The Governor's Mansion	Austin, Texas
Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Austin, Texas
Hollamon House (Erskine House #1	Seguin, Texas
Carrington-Covert House	Austin, Texas
Klein (Stephen) House	New Braunfels, Texas
Schubert House	Giddings, Texas
Tinnen House	Georgetown, Texas
Sedberry House	Jefferson, Texas
Sebastopol (Zorn House)	Seguin, Texas
Littlefield House	Austin, Texas
Old Galveston Custom House	Galveston, Texas
Captain Singleton House	Jefferson, Texas
Lindheimer Home	New Braunfels, Texas
Captain William Perry House	Jefferson, Texas
Beard House	Jefferson, Texas

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SEP 16 1970

Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pickle:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison 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. Senators Ralph W. Yarborough and John G. Tower have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, 105 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

AUG 25 1970

cc:

Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee,
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station, 105 W. 15th St., Austin, Texas 78701

Director, Southwest Region

BASIC FILE REMAINED IN HR

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cc: LL-Mr. Melvin
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HR
RGamble:mm

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

Schubert House	Giddings, Texas
Finnen House	Georgetown, Texas
Littlefield House	Austin, Texas
Old Land Office Building	Austin, Texas
Barker History Center	Austin, Texas
Neill-Cochran House	Austin, Texas
Old Post Office and Federal Building	Austin, Texas
Woodlawn	Austin, Texas
The Governor's Mansion	Austin, Texas
Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Austin, Texas
<u>Carrington-Covert House</u>	Austin, Texas

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SEP 16 1970

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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cc:

Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station, 108 W. 15th St., Austin, Texas 78701

Duplicate letter sent to:

Hon. John G. Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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CARRINGTON-COVERT HOUSE (48-71-00005-00). *Austin, Travis Co.* State ownership. A two-story limestone house built in the 1850's located on the State Capitol grounds. Development of restoration plan; repairs, stabilization, and removal of additions. \$58,000.00.