

Form 10-300
 (July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Texas	
COUNTY: Bowie	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71-248,0009	DATE 2/25/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Offenhauser Insurance Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Line Avenue and 3rd Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Texarkana

STATE Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Bowie	CODE 037
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	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	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Offenhauser and Company; to be presented to the City of ^{city elect} Texarkana

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 240

CITY OR TOWN: Texarkana 75501	STATE: Texas	CODE 048
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Texas	CODE 048
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Texas State Historical Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1965** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Texas State Historical Survey Committee

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 12276, Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Austin, 78711	STATE: Texas	CODE 048
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COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Offenhauser Insurance Building is a three story brick structure with inset, arcaded walkways on the north and west sides of the structure. The structure, which is bounded on the east by Stateline Avenue, on the west by Pine Street, by Third Street on the north and Fourth Street on the south. The principal facade, or south elevation faces a triangular shaped space known as Offenhauser 'square' and now used for parking.

This structure, which is a 1901 building, incorporates an earlier late 1870s two-story brick structure into its fabric. This earlier 1870s bank structure occupied the central three bays of the south facade and the rhythm of the earlier fenestration was carried over into the 1901 rebuilding.

The first floor arch piers and east facade wall is of concrete, scored in alternating wide and narrow horizontal bands. From the spring line of the arcade to the molded tin entablature and cornice, the fabric of the building is yellow brick. Windows on the second and third floors have segmental brick arches and concrete lintels. A small round turret projects from the structure at the southwest corner. The turret begins at the sill level of the second floor windows and extends beyond the cornice and parapet of the main block, terminating in a conical standing seam tin roof above a pressed-tin cornice.

The east facade, which has no inset arcade on the first floor level, originally had an inset two-arch wide gallery on the second floor which was accessible by a stairway opening on the south facade. The gallery was used as an official reviewing stand for parades and other civic functions.

The east facade is the most unusual of the four elevations of the Offenhauser Insurance Building. A one-bay section on the north end is perpendicular to the north facade and a two-bay section on the south end of the facade is perpendicular to the south facade of the building. The north and south portions of the east elevation are parallel, but they are not in the same plane. Consequently, these two sections are joined by the oblique and angled wall which contains the reviewing stand.

While architecturally not an innovative structure, the Offenhauser Insurance Building is a visually pleasing small commercial structure, important to the history and development of Texarkana, and a pleasing contrast to its neighboring commercial structures. The building, once bounded by a public square to the north and to the south, is visually and actually, in the center of the downtown commercial district with the Insurance Building occupying an island-site surrounded by streets.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1901

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The site of the Offenhauser Building was first occupied by the First National Bank of Texarkana, Texas. This structure, an early two-story brick building was constructed in the late 1870s. The bank, however, failed a few years later and in 1894 the building was sold by the Board of Directors to Fredrick Wilhelm Offenhauser.

F.W.Offenhauser, the son of German immigrants, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was employed as a dry goods clerk with the C.E.Haydon & Company in Shelbyville, Illinois. When Hayden and Company opened a branch store in Texarkana, Offenhauser moved to the new store. Offenhauser held a second job at this time with the firm of Best & Beard Insurance Agency. In the pre-typewriter days, Offenhauser was employed to write their fire insurance policies because of his clear legible hand.

W.A.Kelsey, who was cashier of the short-lived First National Bank, formed a partnership with Offenhauser with Kelsey providing the financial backing. The new formed company began operating successfully on the second floor of the former First National Bank building. In 1888 Offenhauser bought out Kelsey's interest and for a short time John T. Owsley was a partner. However, from approximately 1890 onward the firm has operated under the name of F.W.Offenhauser and Company.

In 1901, permission was granted by the City Council of Texarkana for a third floor to be added and extended out over the sidewalk on Pine and Third Streets. In actual fact, the building was completely re-constructed at that time, with little more than the walls of the earlier Bank building remaining. Stylistically, the Offenhauser Insurance Building is an early twentieth century commercial structure.

The Offenhauser Insurance Building is located on a unique pie-shaped lot in the center of the Texarkana business district. This pivotal structure of the downtown area is bounded by State-line Avenue on the east, Pine Street on the west, and between Third and Fourth Streets. Consequently the building is not attached to any other structure and has four street facades.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Texas State Historical Survey Committee Files

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.20

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wayne Bell, Project Director
Gary Hume, Architectural Historian (RW)

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 1-7-71

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 West 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 048

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 Walter Salinas

Title State Liaison Officer

Date _____

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 25 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of The National Register

FEB 25 1971

Date _____

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Because of the central location of the structure, the building is a vital part of the downtown city-scape and is visible from numerous vantage points. The Offenhauser Insurance Building, which is among the oldest structures of Texarkana, has been a city landmark closely connected with the history and development of the city.

Offenhauser and Company are in the process of presenting The Offenhauser Insurance Building to the city of Texarkana to be restored and used as a museum.

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Bowie

RECEIPT PROPERTY Offenhauser Insurance STATE TEX
Building REGISTER NUMBER 71,248,0009 2/25/71

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DATE OF RECEIPT	YES	NO	NUMBER
1/15/71	✓		4
DATA PAGE	✓		
PHOTO (S)	✓		
INDEX DESCRIPTION (S)	✓		
MAP (S)	✓		1
MAP DESCRIPTION (S)	✓		
LOGGED	✓		
ACKNOWLEDGE	✓		
RESUBMIT			

1/15/71

REVIEW

OK. 57 Main
2/25/71

HISTORIAN

OK Levy 2/25/71

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECT

OK Chambers
2-25-71

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

OK 2/25/71

ENTRY

CHIEF, OASB

OK 2-25-71

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Federal Register Entry 4/6/71

Annual Edition Entry

Logged
Card

2/25/71
2/25/71

WORKING NUMBER 1,15,71.3

COMMENTS:



NPS Number 71-2-48-0009

Title: Oppenheimer Building

Loc. Bowie Co., Texas
Northwest Corner

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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CITY OR TOWN: Texarkana			
STATE: Texas	CODE 048	COUNTY: Bowie	CODE 037
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Texas State Historical Survey Committee			
DATE OF PHOTO: December, 1970			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Texas State Historical Survey Committee			
4. IDENTIFICATION 108 W. 15th St., Austin, Texas 78711			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Northwest corner of the Offenhauser Building			



OFFENHAUSER & CO. INSURANCE

OFFENHAUSER

INSURANCE

EST. 1882

OFFENHAUSER & CO.
OLDEST - LARGEST - BEST

NPS Number 71-2-48-0009

Title: Oppenheimer Building

Loc. Bowie Co., Texas

From the southeast

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108 West 15th St., Austin, Texas 78711

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The Offenhauser Building from the Southeast

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NPS Number 71-3-48-0009

Title: Oppenheimer Building

Loc: Bowie Co, Texas
East elevation

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East elevation of Offenhauser Building



OFFENHAUSER & CO. INSURANCE

OFFENHAUSER
INSURANCE
CO. INC.
EST. 1883

NPS Number 71-2-48-0009

Title: Oppenheimer Building

Loc. Bowie Co., Texas

From the southwest

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Texarkana

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Texas

CODE

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COUNTY:

Bowie

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PHOTO CREDIT:

Texas State Historical Survey Committee

DATE OF PHOTO:

December 1, 1970

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Texas State Historical Survey Committee
108 W. 15th Street, Austin, Texas, 78711

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View of Offenhauser Building from the southwest

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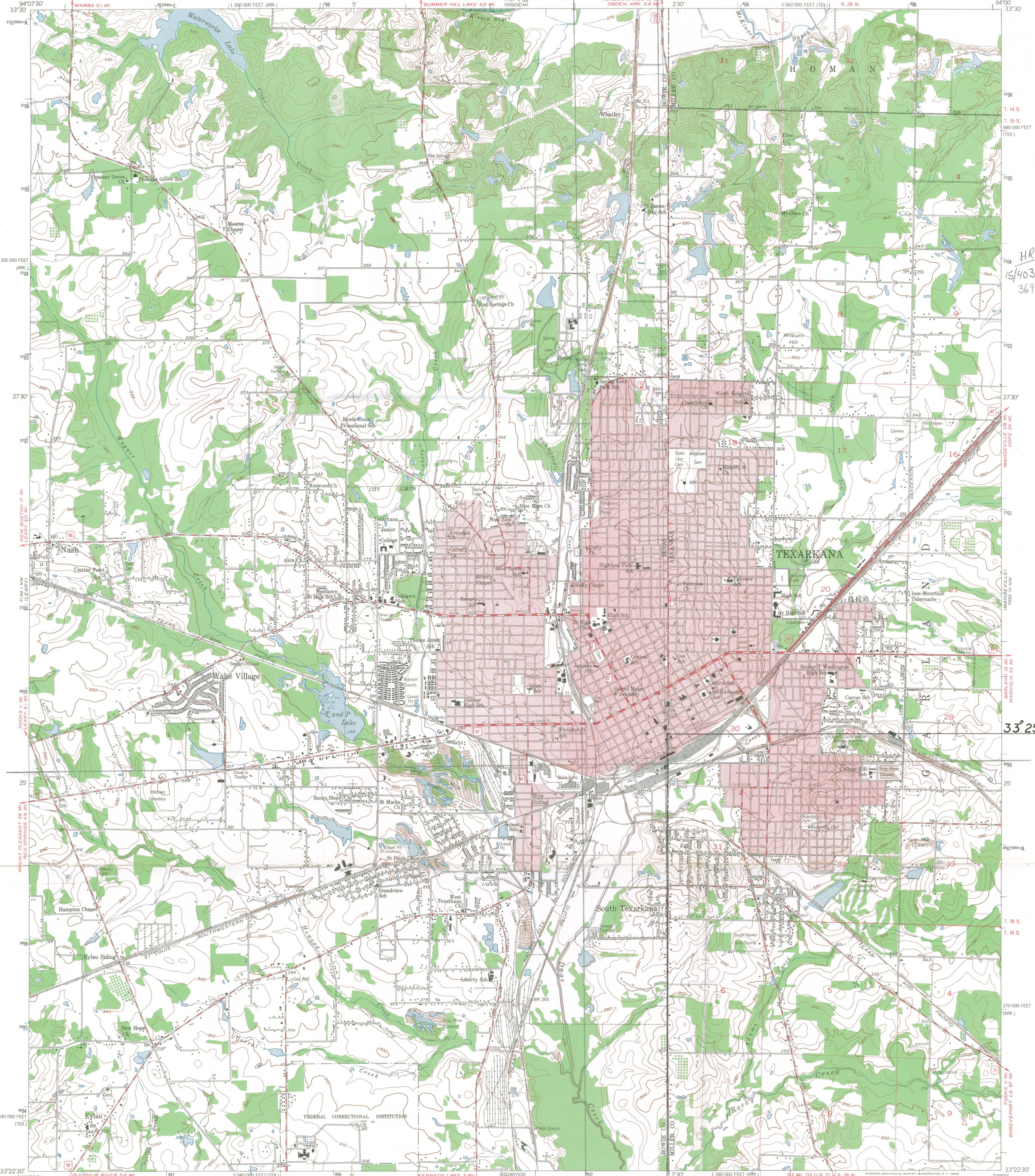
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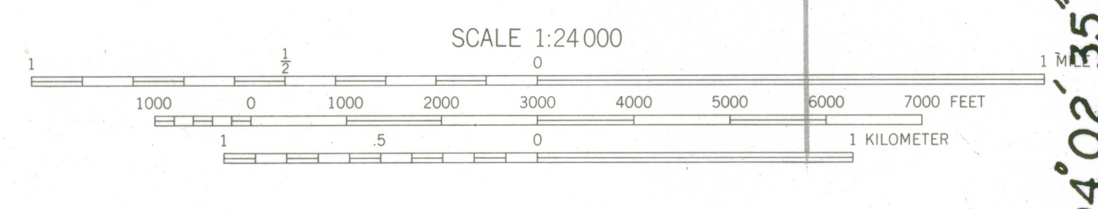
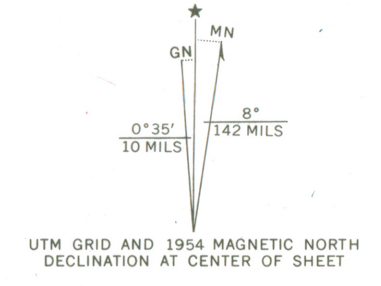
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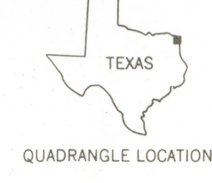
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Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1954
Polyconic projection 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
north central zone and Arkansas coordinate system, south zone
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



TEXARKANA, TEX.-ARK.
NE/4 TEXARKANA 15 QUADRANGLE
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WRIGHT PATMAN
FIRST DISTRICT
STATE OF TEXAS

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
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20515

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P.O. BOX 1868, TEXARKANA, TEXAS
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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November 11, 1970

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Confirming telephone conversations with you and more recently with Dr. Bradford, in your absence, I will deeply appreciate your assistance and advice for the Texarkana Historical Society in connection with the Offenhauser Building in downtown Texarkana, which I understand will be recommended by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, as a fitting entry in the National Register of Historic Places. The Society is recently organized and has generated a tremendous amount of enthusiasm locally for this project. However, there are a number of procedural and technical questions for which your guidance at this time will be tremendously helpful.

Assuming that it would be most convenient for you to travel directly from Santa Fe to Dallas on the evening of December 4, or the morning of the 5th, it would be possible for you to arrive in Texarkana on Saturday, December 5, to stay the entire weekend if possible, or for whatever length of time is convenient and desirable. In this connection, Mr. Josh Morriss, Sr. has offered to pick you up in Dallas in the Offenhauser Company's private plane, which would take you to Texarkana in about 55 minutes flying time. The connections between Dallas and Texarkana are not always convenient and this would of course save your valuable time. I am also writing to Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee at Austin.

Mrs. Alex Sanderson, President of the Texarkana Historical Society, is of course writing direct to you, extending the invitation on behalf of the Society. Needless to say I deeply appreciate your fine cooperation and assistance, and I am at this time setting down the telephone numbers of Mrs. Sanderson in Texarkana and of Mr. Latimer in Austin, for your ready reference.

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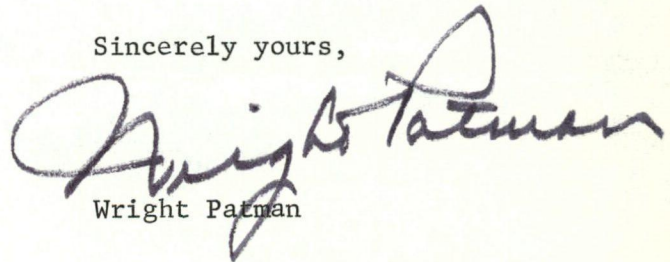
Dr. William J. Murtagh
November 11, 1970
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Mrs. Sanderson - 501/774-6552
Mr. Latimer - 512/475-3092

Mrs. Sanderson would of course be very happy to make definite arrangements with Mr. Josh Morriss for the use of his plane if this is agreeable with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wright Patman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wright Patman



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

801 19TH STREET NW.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

IN REPLY REFER TO:

H34-HR

November 19, 1970

To: Assistant Director, Legislation
Through: Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation *etc 11-24*
From: Keeper of the National Register
Subject: Offenhauser Building; Texarkana, *arkansas* Texas

Congressman Wright Patman has had two telephone conversations with me and Dr. Bradford, Assistant Keeper, about the subject building. Mr. Patman has subsequently requested in writing a visit from the Keeper to advise the local group, as part of the prior travel commitment to participate in the National Trust's Santa Fe conference. A letter has been drafted for the Director's signature, indicating this can be done December 2, the date most convenient with State and local persons involved.

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William J. Murtagh (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh

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Nov 25, 1970

Hon. Wright Patman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Patman:

Thank you for your recent letter to Dr. Murtagh requesting his personal assistance and advice in Texarkana for the Texarkana Historical Society in connection with the Offenhausser Building in downtown Texarkana.

Dr. Murtagh is committed to represent the National Park Service at a meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 3 and 4. He will be able to meet with the Texarkana group on December 2, having flown to Dallas the evening before, and will be available at the convenience of Mr. Josh Morris, to devote the day to the Historical Society's problem, until flight departure from Dallas to Santa Fe at 4:55 p.m. He will contact Mrs. Sanderson, President of the Society, as you suggested, for details and will coordinate his visit with the State Liaison Officer in Austin, Mr. Truett Latimer.

Thank you very much for your personal interest in this preservation project and for calling upon the National Park Service to assist

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Joe Holt
Asst Director

cc:

Mrs. Alex C. Sanderson, President, Texarkana Historical Society
2220 Forrest Road, Texarkana, Texas 75501 → Arkansas

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

Director, Southwest Region

LL - Mr. Melvin

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WJMurtagh:kl

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February 18, 1971

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20006

*Need:
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1:55 P.
TW
Dictated
to Mrs Laird
2/24- 1:55 P.
TW
2/24*

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

With further reference to my letter of January 23, I will deeply appreciate any information you can give me at this time concerning the status of the Offenhauser Building application. I expect a delegation from Texarkana to visit my office next week, during their visit here to receive a national trophy for the City in this year's National Clean Up Contest, and it would be most helpful to have this information available if at all possible.

With many thanks, and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wright Patman
Wright Patman

Feb 24

Dr Murtagh - Terry Wood gave me this letter over the phone
Suggested you give him a call 180-3035 since it requires
action.

Feb 18

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most helpful to have this information available if at all possible.

With ^{many} ~~my~~ thanks and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours

Wright Patman

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

Dear Mr. Latimer:

We are pleased to inform you that the Offenhauser Insurance Building in Bowie County, Texas, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John G. Tower and Representative Wright Patman are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for the property owner. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)

Director

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Hon. Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Bentsen:

We are pleased to inform you that the Offenhauser Insurance Building in Bowie County, Texas, has been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Texas and has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator John G. Tower and Representative Wright Patman 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, Austin, Texas 78711, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosure

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

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

Hon. Wright Patman
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

cc: Director, Southwest Region

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2220 Forrest Road
Texarkana, Arkansas
March 5, 1971

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

How delighted we in Texarkana are to learn that the Offen-
hauser Building has been accepted for listing in the National
Register.

We are proceeding with plans for the Museum -- committees
are being formed to start collecting items to be displayed
which relate to the history in our area. A financial campaign
is also under way to raise the necessary money for the
operation of the Museum.

I hope that since you are the keeper of the records where our
building is registered, it means a return trip to Texarkana
for some reason. A cordial welcome is always extended.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Anne Sanderson

Mrs. Alex G. Sanderson
President, Texarkana Historical
Society and Museum

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WRIGHT PATMAN
FIRST DISTRICT
STATE OF TEXAS

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
2328 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
20515

HOME ADDRESS:
P.O. BOX 1868, TEXARKANA, TEXAS
75501

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COMMITTEES:
BANKING AND CURRENCY, CHAIRMAN
JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE PRODUCTION,
CHAIRMAN
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,
VICE CHAIRMAN
SMALL BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 20, 1971

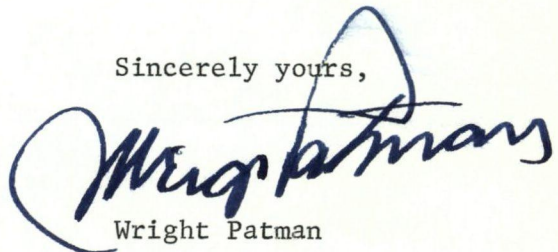
Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As you know, the Offenhauser Building at Texarkana has been included through your kind efforts in the National Register of Historic Places. I will greatly appreciate further information at this time regarding any grant or loan programs that might be helpful in refurbishing this building.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Wright Patman

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Hon. Wright Patman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Patman:

We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry of April 20
concerning the Offenhauser Building at Texarkana, Texas.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide
you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.,

Director

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Hon. Wright Patman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Patman:

We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry of April 20 concerning the Offenhauser Building at Tarkenton, Texas.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 915), as amended, authorizes matching grants-in-aid to the States and to the National Trust for Historic Preservation of \$7 million in fiscal 1971, \$10 million in fiscal 1972, and \$15 million in fiscal 1973.

The fiscal year 1971 appropriation for the grants-in-aid program is \$5,980,000. In October 1970 the Secretary of the Interior apportioned \$2,185,631.75 to 41 States for historical survey and planning and \$1,042,023 to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Texas received \$19,560.00. On March 11 an apportionment of \$2,323,762.22 was made to 40 States for acquisition and development projects. Texas received \$111,902.31.

The grants-in-aid program is administered in each State through the cooperation of a State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor. In Texas this officer is Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

The State Liaison Officer submits applications for matching Federal assistance for historic properties, in accordance with an approved State historic preservation plan. Texas' plan was approved on December 31, 1970. Also, to be eligible for assistance a property has to be included in the National Register of Historic Places. The State Liaison Officer makes nominations for the National Register. As you know, the Offenhauser Building was entered on the National Register on February 25, 1971. We suggest that further inquiry be directed to Mr. Latimer.

The enclosed folder entitled "The National Register of Historic Places" describes the grants program on the marked page.

Your interest in the National Park Service and its programs is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Flynn, Jr.

Deputy Director

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas State Historical
Survey Committee
Post Office Box 12276
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711)w/c of inc.

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PROPERTY Offenhauser Insurance Building, Texarkana, Tex. Date: 9/23/74

National Register property descriptions are being rewritten for entry in the cumulative 1976 National Register publication. In order to make certain that write-ups are correct, please provide the information indicated below within 10 days.* The material should be forwarded directly to the Branch of Publications, National Register. ATTN: N. Rowland

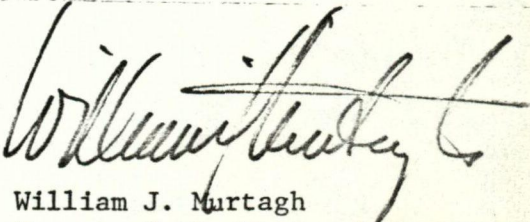
* Please let us know if additional time is needed.

1. Name _____
2. Location _____
- X 3. Ownership Is building still privately owned? city owned
weekdays: 10 am - 4 pm
- X 4. Accessible to the public Yes: Sat. 10 am - 2 pm, Sun. 12 n- 3pm
- X 5. Present use Is it being used as a museum? yes
6. Description (remodeled, restored?) _____
The museum displays items of historical interest as
well as exhibits on the archaeology and prehistory of
the area.

7. Photo _____

8. Other _____

Thank you.


William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register