

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:	Gillespie
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.3.48.0015	3/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON: Fredericksburg Memorial Library *Det*

AND/OR HISTORIC: Gillespie County Courthouse *(Mc Dermatt Building)*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: Fredericksburg

STATE: Texas CODE: 78624 COUNTY: Gillespie CODE: 171

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>library</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Gillespie County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fredericksburg STATE: Texas CODE: 048

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fredericksburg STATE: Texas CODE: 048

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Texas State Historical Survey

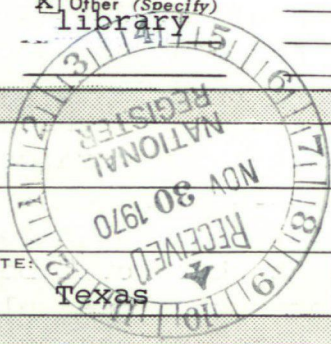
DATE OF SURVEY: 1967  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Texas State Historical Survey Committee

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 048

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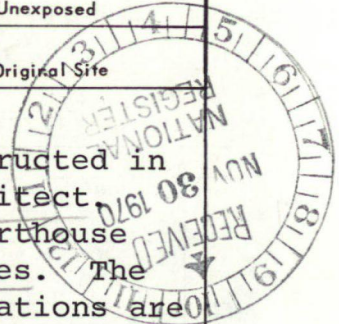
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE



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The second Gillespie County Courthouse was constructed in 1881-1882 by Alfred Giles, a notable San Antonio architect. The two-story limestone structure situated in the courthouse square has an H-plan with entrances on all four facades. The north and south elevations and the east and west elevations are identical. The building, of native limestone, is constructed in a rough-faced ashlar stone with quoins, the belt course and lintels of smooth-faced ashlar. The old courthouse has a gabled roof with gable-ends surmounting the projecting, pavilion-like sections of the building. The elaborate and generously proportioned cornice has a cavetto mold, very large scroll-shaped modillions, a corona, a fillet and a crown mold composed of a cyma recta and a fillet. The roof, sheathed with standing-seam tin, has ornamental ironwork along the ridge poles and acreteria-like wooden decoration at the peak of each gable-end. Small, round-headed dormers are located on each side of the central pavilion on the east and west facades and on each side of the round-headed gable on the north and south elevations.

The north elevation which faces Main Street, is a three-part composition with end pavilions and a one-story porch across the central block. The porch which joins the two end pavilions is supported by pairs of columns on plinth blocks with capitals and three raised panels on the columns themselves. The porch has a cornice with modillions and a delicate cast-iron balustrade above. The doorway has double, solid doors with six raised panels in each door, and a transom above. The belt course at what would be the spring-line of the doorway's lintel arch forms the lower element of the smooth-faced hood-like lintel with projecting keystone. A single, two-over-two, double hung sash window, the type of fenestration used throughout the building, is on each side of the entrance. The second floor central section of the old courthouse building is divided by five windows. The central window of the composition has a smooth-faced, hood-like shouldered-arch, while the pairs of windows flanking the central aperture have segmental, hood-like lintels with keystones. All windows on both floors are joined by a belt course at the spring-line of the window arches. Above the central window is a round-headed gable with a roundal aperture with an iron grill and a star medallion. The pavilion ends of the north and south elevations have two segmental arch windows on the first floor, and a double window with fan light above on the second floor. Quatrefoil roundals with round lintels and keystones are in the gables.

The east and west elevations have a central pavilion with a one-story porch, repeating the column arrangement and design

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of the north and south facade porches. The double entrance with transom repeats the design of the north and south entrances also. Two shouldered-arch windows are above the central doorway. The walls flanking the central pavilion section have two segmental, hood-arch windows on the first and second floor. A single chimney is located to the right of the central pavilion on the west facade and chimneys are located on each side of the central pavilion of the east facade. The chimney stacks, of smooth-faced ashlar-cut limestone, have a cornice cap and the shaft is divided by a molding comprised of a cyma recta and a fillet.



**6. 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) **1881-1882**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first Gillespie County Courthouse, completed in 1855, was a two-story limestone building with a gallery in front, two rooms downstairs, and a courtroom upstairs.

In 1881, the county commissioners decided that a new courthouse was necessary. A competition was held with a fifty dollar prize for the best plan for a two-story courthouse. Requirements of the courthouse as listed by the commissioners were: six rooms and two vaults downstairs and a large courtroom and two offices upstairs. Provisions for heating and ventilation were requested. Two architects submitted plans but County Judge William Wahrmond and the Gillespie County Commissioners chose those of Alfred Giles of San Antonio and commissioned him on November 28, 1881.

Mr. Giles received a fee of one thousand dollars. The construction contract went to John Heinen and James Courtney for twenty-three thousand dollars. To finance the new building, seventeen thousand acres of school land in West Texas were sold.

Mr. Giles requested that the best of materials be used throughout the building. Limestone for the foundation and walls came from Dietz Quarries two and a half miles northwest of town. John Dechert Quarries near Luckenbach supplied the white limestone for the trim. Heavy double doors with raised panels set in molding were made for the four entrances and the upstairs courtroom. Copper was used for distinctive locks and doorknobs, the latter showing a interesting hummingbird design. The handsome building completed in 1882 set in a city square with grass and trees, displays an excellence in design and craftsmanship.

In 1939 the present courthouse was constructed and the old courthouse was, for twenty-seven years, used as offices and storage for numerous organizations. In 1967 the structure was restored and now houses the Pioneer Memorial Library with a community meeting hall on the upper floor. The old Gillespie County Courthouse was restored through the generosity of Mr. &

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Mrs. Eugene McDermott. Milton M. Moseley was the restoration architect.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Mueller, Esther L. Dedication: Gillespie County Courthouse.  
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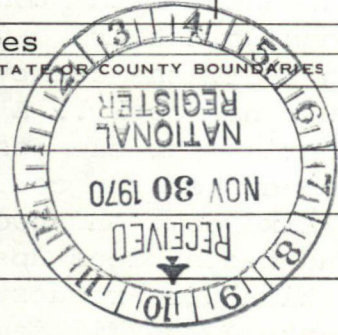
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5 acres

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

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee DATE: 11-5-70

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 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: Esther L. Mueller  
Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 11-16-70

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

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

MAR 11 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William J. Montague  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: FEB 22 1971

~~McDermott Building~~ ~~McDermott Building~~ ~~Fredericksburg Memorial Library~~ ~~STATE~~

Gillespie  
Tex.

RECEIPT

2/30/71

PROPERTY

REGISTER NUMBER

DATE OF RECEIPT 11/30/70 YES  
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MAP (S)   
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Levy  
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HISTORIAN

ARCHITECT

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Chamber  
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ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

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Wm  
2/22/71

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Date

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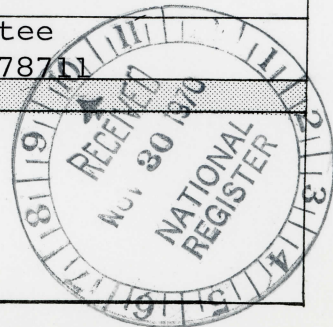
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AND/OR HISTORIC:		Gillespie County Courthouse	
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Courthouse Square			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
North and west elevations of courthouse.			





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Title: Fredericksburg Memorial  
Library

Loc. Gillespie Co., Texas  
Detail of north entrance  
doors

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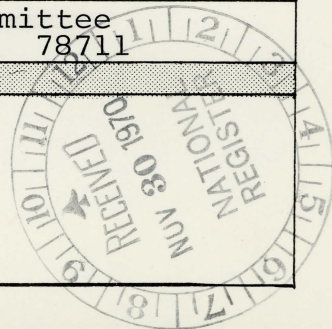
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Detail of north entrance doors			





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Title: Fredericksburg Memorial  
Library

Loc. Gillespie Co, Texas

East facade

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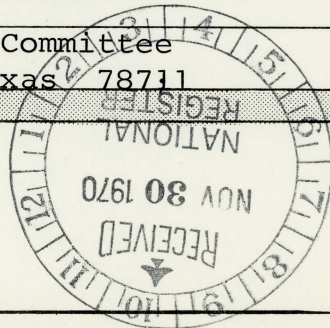
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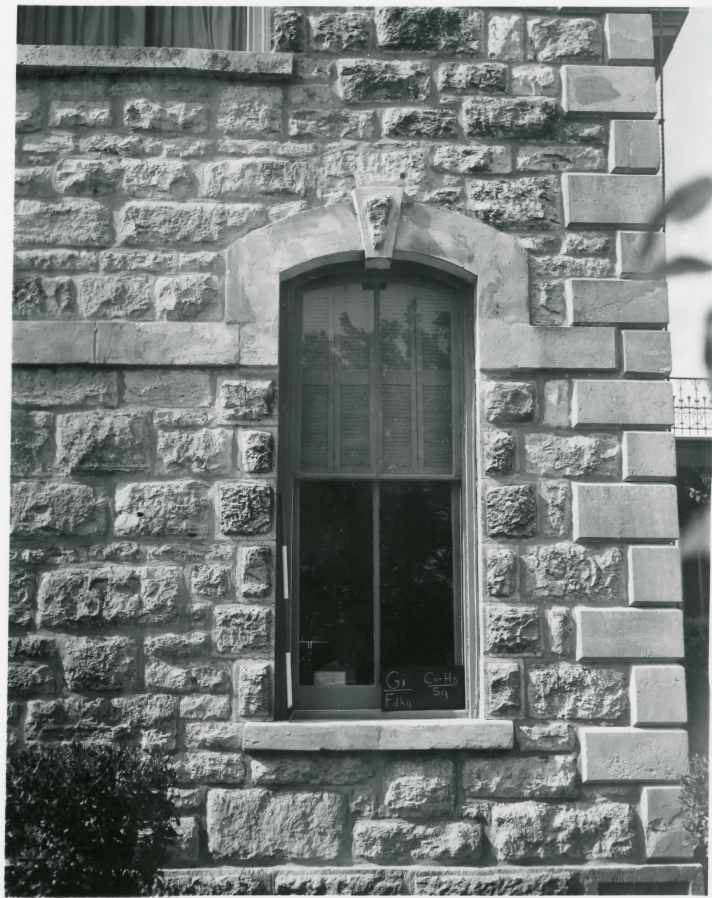
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East facade			







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Loc. Gillespie Co., Texas  
Detail of window lintel  
belt course & quoins

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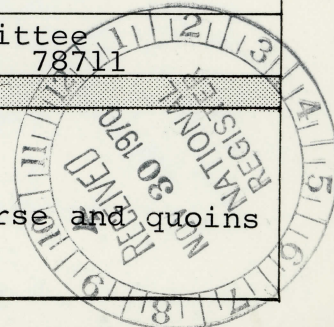
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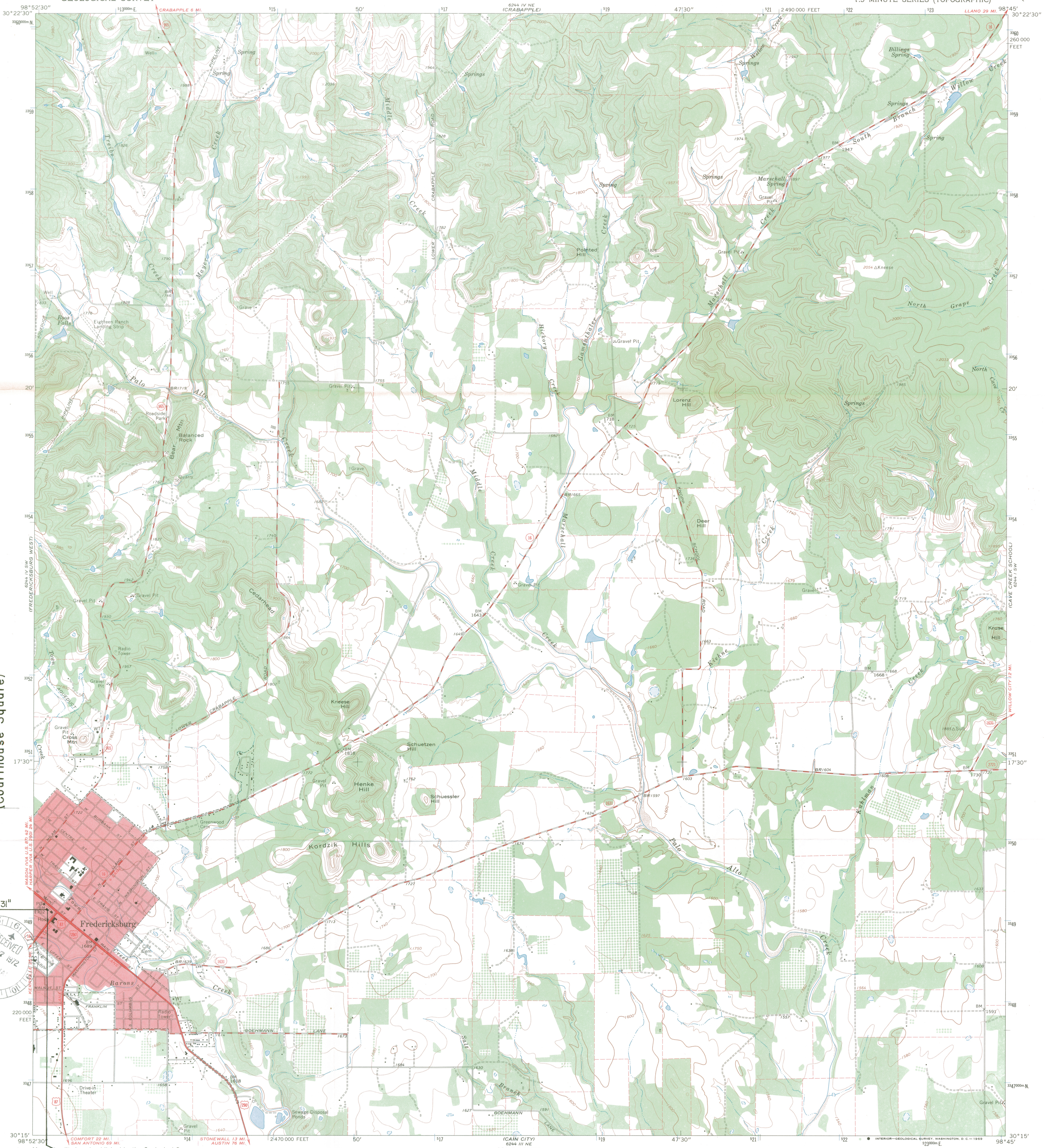
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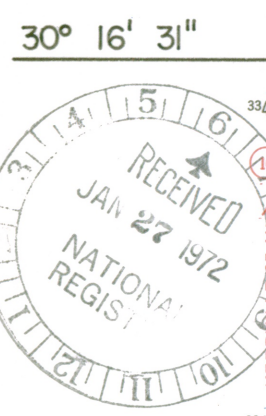
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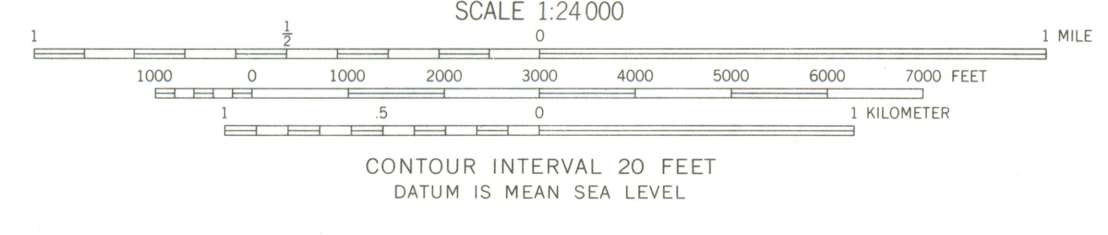
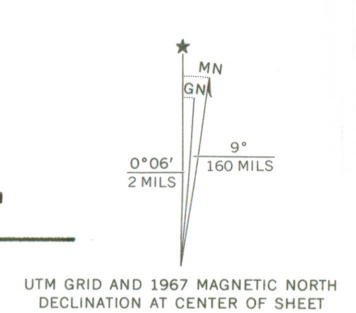




Old Gillespie County Courthouse  
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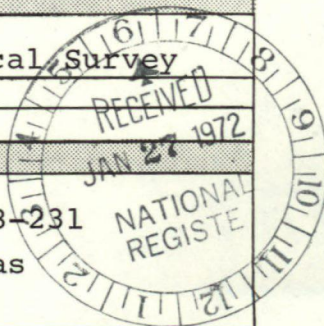
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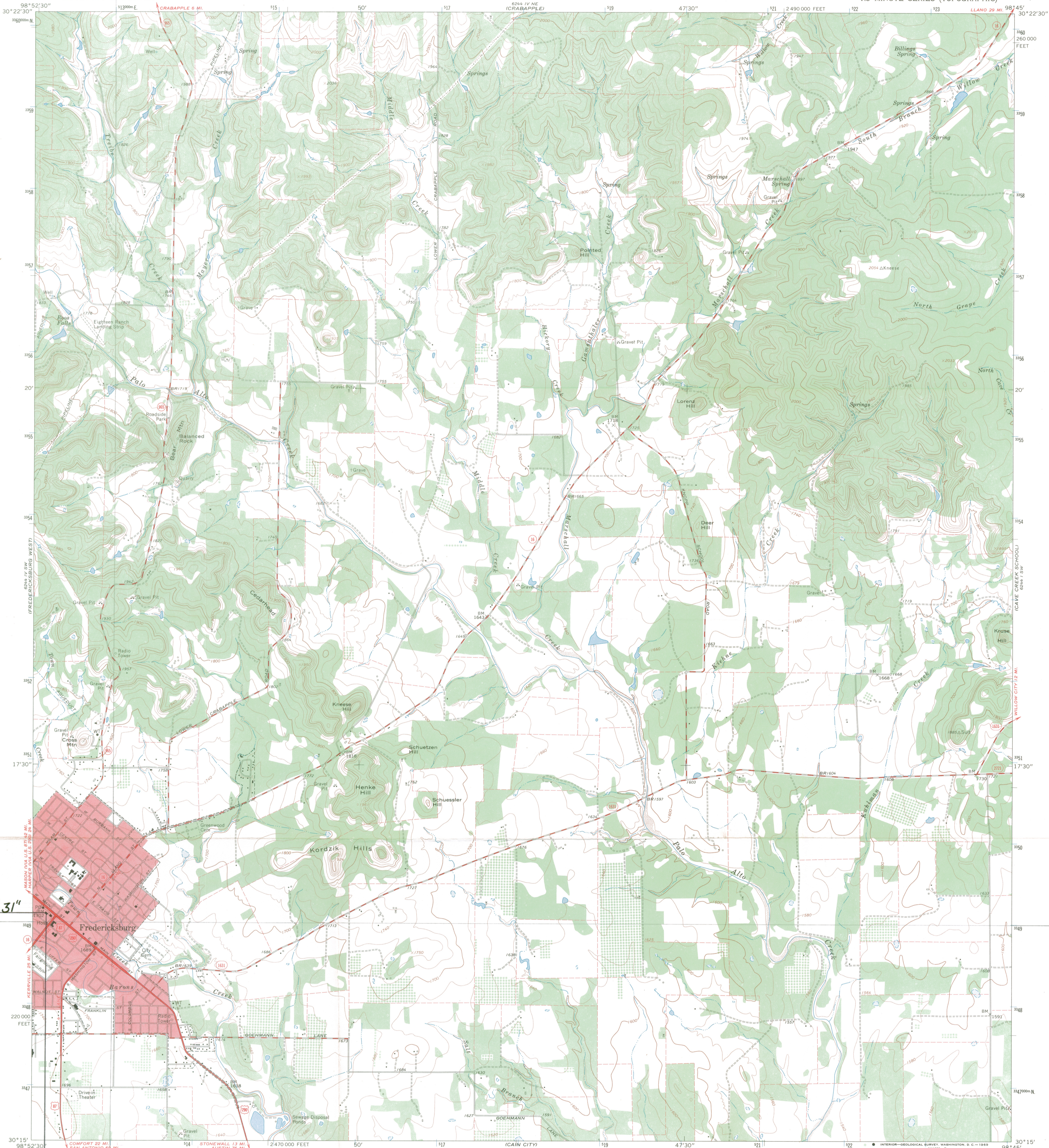
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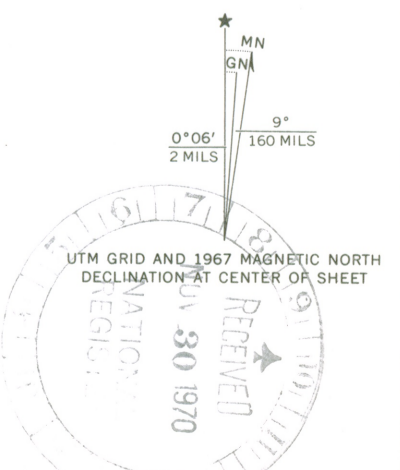
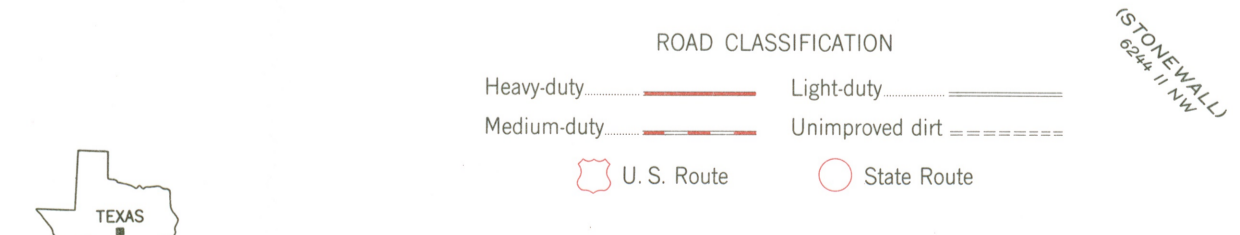
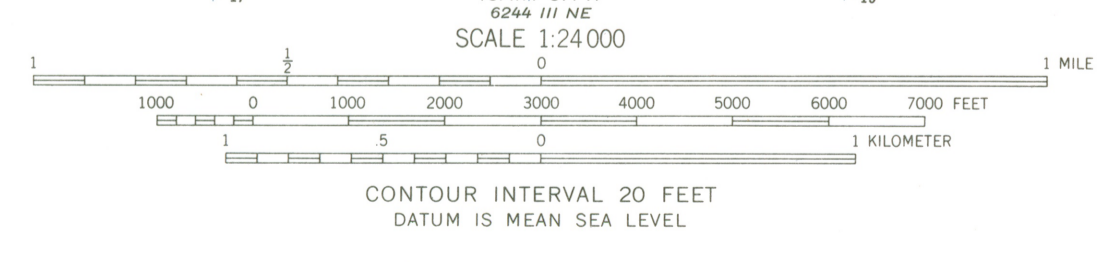


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COURTHOUSE SQUARE  
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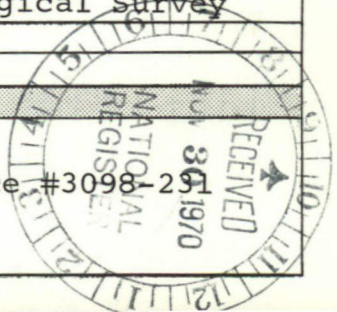
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

Texas Map Reference #3098-251





**Texas State Historical Survey Committee**

Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711

*Truett Latimer*

*Executive Director*

December 7, 1970

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
801 19th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

On the National Register submission for the Old Gillespie County Courthouse, the common name was incorrectly listed as the "McDermott Building." It is requested that this entry be changed to the "Fredericksburg Memorial Library."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Hume".

Gary L. Hume  
Architectural Historian

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

Dear Senator Bentsen:

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. Senator John G. Tower and the appropriate Representatives 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

Enclosures

MAR 11 1971

Entered in the National Register

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

Also notified: United States Senate	House of Representatives
Hon. John G. Tower	Hon. O. C. Fisher
	Hon. Abraham Kazen, Jr.
	Hon. W. R. Poage
	Hon. J. J. Pickle
	Hon. Graham Purcell

cc: Director, Southwest Region  
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House of Representatives  
Hon. Omar Burleson  
Hon. Wright Patman

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Port Lancaster                 | Crockett County, Texas    |
| Lavaca County Courthouse       | Lavaca County, Texas      |
| Arthur-Anderson-Binward House  | McLennan County, Texas    |
| Merrill Wiley Hill House       | Bastrop County, Texas     |
| Podar Baptist College          | Wise County, Texas        |
| Frederickburg Memorial Library | Gillespie County, Texas   |
| Dry Steadman Site              | Fisher County, Texas      |
| Andrews House                  | Gonzales County, Texas    |
| Fort Griffin                   | Shackelford County, Texas |
| Blenders Bank Building         | Marion County, Texas      |

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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 historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John G. Tower and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. 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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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

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Fort Lancaster  
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 Braches Home  
 Fort Griffin  
 Planters Bank Building

Crockett County, Texas  
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 Bastrop County, Texas  
 Wise County, Texas  
 Gillespie County, Texas  
 Fisher County, Texas  
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 Marion County, Texas

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JUN 15 1971

P. O'B. Montgomery, Jr., M.D.  
Special Assistant to the Chancellor  
The University of Texas System  
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Dr. Montgomery:

This letter is in response to your request of May 17, that the courthouse in Fredericksburg be recorded as the McDermott Building.

The National Register Inventory-Nomination form was submitted to our office with the accompanying request that the property be listed under its present name, the Fredericksburg Memorial Library. Any modifications to a listing in the National Register must first meet the approval of the preservation officer in the State. After receiving your letter, we contacted the State Liaison Officer in Texas, Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, and informed him of your request. He could see no reason why the courthouse, presently listed as the Fredericksburg Memorial Library, could not also include the restored name of the McDermott Building; therefore, we shall officially list the building as the Fredericksburg Memorial Library (McDermott Building).

We appreciate your interest in this property and trust that this listing is agreeable with you.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National  
Register

cc:  
Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical  
Survey Committee, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station,  
Austin, Texas 78711 w-cy/inc.  
Director, Southwest Region w-cy/inc.

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

May 17, 1971

Dr. E. Allen Connally  
Department of Archeology  
Research  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Interior Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Connally:

It has been brought to my attention that there is a possibility of the recently restored courthouse in Fredericksburg, Texas being officially recorded as the Pioneer Courthouse and/or Building. It was my pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Board to restore this fine building. The minutes of the Board and the action of the Commissioners' Court of Gillespie County recognized and approved the design of the Building as the McDermott Building. In addition, this recognition has been repeatedly and appropriately recognized by the press of Fredericksburg and the State of Texas.

I hope that in your official capacity you will be able to assure me that the building will be recorded with its proper name--McDermott Building.

Sincerely yours,

*P. O'B. Montgomery, Jr.*

P. O'B. Montgomery, Jr., M.D.  
Special Assistant to the  
Chancellor  
The University of Texas System



**Texas State Historical Survey Committee**

Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711

Truett Latimer

Executive Director

June 22, 1971

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
801 19th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Bill:

Further investigation into the naming of the restored courthouse building in Fredericksburg, Texas, has revealed several matters worthy of consideration. The renaming of the building to Fredericksburg Memorial Library (McDermott Building) should be followed by historic name revision of Gillespie County Courthouse (1882) as there is also a newer county courthouse.

As revised the listing should read:

Fredericksburg Memorial Library (McDermott Building)  
Gillespie County Courthouse (1882)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Truett", written over a horizontal line.

Truett Latimer  
State Liaison Officer

TL:sbd

cc: P. O'B. Montgomery, Jr., M.D.  
Special Assistant to the  
Chancellor  
The University of Texas System  
Austin, Texas 78712

County Judge  
Gillespie County Courthouse  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

July 2, 1971

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

Dear Truett:

I apologize for writing to you again concerning the restored Fredericksburg Courthouse. The correct designation of the building is The McDermott Building. This name was officially given to the building by the Board which restored the building through the generosity of the McDermotts. The name was then approved by the Commissioners' Court of Gillespie County.

On the first floor of the building is the Pioneer Memorial Library. This is the only public library in Gillespie County. To my knowledge, there is no Fredericksburg Memorial Library as indicated in your letter of June 22. The second floor is officially designated as Milam Hall in honor of Mrs. McDermott's mother.

I would very much appreciate it if you and Mr. Murtagh could agree with the Board for Restoration of the Courthouse and with the Commissioners' Court of Gillespie County in registering the building by its official name, i.e., The McDermott Building.

Very truly yours,

*Phil*

P. O'B. Montgomery, Jr., M.D.  
Special Assistant to the  
Chancellor  
The University of Texas System

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cc: Dr. William Murtagh  
Judge Victor Sagebiel