

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: Harris	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.48.0032	DATE 5/6/71

1. NAME

COMMON:

The 1884 Houston Cotton Exchange Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

202 Travis Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Houston

STATE

Texas

77002

CODE

048

COUNTY:

Harris

CODE

201

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public
☒ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied
☒ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☒ Restricted
☐ Unrestricted
☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

- ☐ Transportation
☒ Other (Specify)
vacant

☐ Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Mr. Stephen Panos

STREET AND NUMBER:

902 Peden

CITY OR TOWN:

Houston

STATE:

Texas

CODE

048

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Houston City Hall: Tax Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Houston

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

None

DATE OF SURVEY:

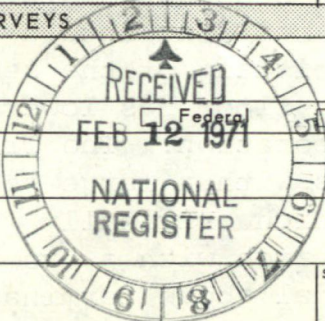
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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see letter in file

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Cotton Exchange or Merchants' Exchange Building is located at 202 Travis Street, on the southwest corner of Travis and Franklin streets, adjacent to The Old Market Square, an area of stores, restaurants and taverns in late nineteenth century structures. The site for this elaborately decorated brick Victorian commercial structure was purchased in 1883 for \$12,200. Eugene Heiner was designated architect for the Exchange building and sent east to inspect similar structures and select building materials. His plans were accepted January 4, 1884; by March, \$40,000 was raised and the construction contract was let to Max Kosse. On June 9, 1884, the corner-stone was laid.

The structure was completed by November 15, 1884, and was described in a Sunday, May 4, 1884, Houston Post article as being in "modern renaissance style of architecture." The article describes the building as a three-story structure on a raised basement, "of red pressed brick, ornamented (with) colored brick such as buff, black, white and blue of the same quality and trimmed with natural stone." The pediment of the structure was topped with a bale of cotton surrounded by a crown.

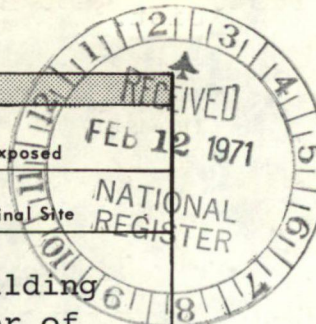
According to Fifty Years a Cotton Exchange, published by the Exchange in 1924, the trading floor occupied an upper floor. Contemporary newspaper descriptions of the building indicate that the trading floor occupied the second and third floors and was two stories in height.

About 1907, the building was remodelled. The trading floor was moved to the first floor, a fourth floor was added and the entrance was changed from the center of the Travis Street facade to the south corner of the same facade. It would seem that these changes took place in 1907, for the Exchange borrowed money and sold some of its property at that time. The Houston City Directory also lists occupants for fourth floor offices in the Cotton Exchange Building.

The elaborately decorated brick facade contains a wealth of Victorian brickwork and stonework. The Travis and Franklin street facades divide the building into a first floor and then a piano nobile floor, consisting of the second and third floors. The more recent fourth floor has lower ceiling heights and plainer, less pleasing decoration. The Travis Street elevation is divided into three bays with a large segmental arched aperture in the center bay, which originally marked the main entrance. A round-headed arch with a "romanesque revival" double window with a roundal above terminates the original decorative scheme for the central bay. The round-headed arch,

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first floor segmental arches, and the first floor pilasters have alternating bands of brick and dressed stone with a gouged, foliated pattern.

Pilasters separate the windows in the flanking bays on the Travis Street facade. The first floor has segmental stone arches with keystones, and the present entrance has a large segmental arch extending the width of the bay. Pilasters which run the height of the second and third floors are brick with stone plinths and copings stones. The capitals are a Victorian rendering of the Ionic order. Windows on the second and third floors are framed with dressed stone. Those on the second floor have pedimental lintels and those on the third floor have segmental arch lintels.

The cornice above the fourth floor of the structure is of galvanized iron supported by pairs of brackets above the pilasters. There is a plain brick parapet above the cornice.

The Franklin Street facade continues the decorative scheme of the Travis Street elevation with the facade on this elevation divided into five bays. The rear and south side elevations are undecorated brick covered with stucco.

The Old Houston Cotton Exchange is vacant and at the present time there are plans for the rehabilitation of the structure by a Houston historical organization.



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)

1884

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

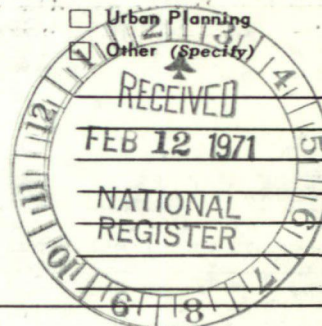
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☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☒ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The cotton industry has played a vital role in the development of Texas and the city of Houston. Jared Groce, one of the earliest settlers of Texas, came with over 100 slaves in 1821 and began to grow cotton on his plantation near Hempstead. The first cotton gin was built at Groce's landing in 1825.

When Houston became a city in 1837, it logically became an important collection point for interior cotton. Cotton factors and itinerant buyers became important businessmen and were also often commission merchants, importers, and quasi-bankers. Many of the earliest fortunes in Houston arose from marketing cotton and related functions.

From 1837, when the Texas cotton crop amounted to 50,000 bales, until 1860, when 115,000 bales were produced, the importance of cotton gradually increased. During the Civil War, the production of cotton declined, but by 1867, the county had recovered sufficiently, and a Houston Board of Trade was established.

Although there were trading rules in effect, the local cotton men realized that they needed better regulations for the protection of both buyer and seller, and on May 15, 1874, the Board of Trade and Cotton Exchange was organized at a meeting in the offices of the Planter's Insurance Company. In June, 1877, the Houston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade was chartered.

A principal project of the Houston Cotton Exchange was the development of communications, including the Houston ship channel, railroad and telegraph lines.

On January 15, 1882, a general meeting of the members of the Exchange was held to discuss the construction of a Cotton Exchange building; and on May 29, 1883, the Exchange authorized the purchase of a site on the southwest corner of Travis and Franklin streets. Eugene Heiner was designated as architect and sent east to inspect similar structures and select building materials. His plans were accepted January 4, 1884. About March 1, 1884, the Exchange borrowed \$40,000 for ten years to finance construction, and on March 15, 1884, the contract was

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let to Max Kosse. The cornerstone was laid by the Masons on June 9, 1884, and the building was completed November 15, 1884.

The structure was described as being constructed of red pressed Philadelphia brick with white sandstone coping and trimming. From a newspaper description of the building it would appear that the two-story trading floor occupied most of both the second and third floors. Later the building was remodelled, and the trading floor was installed on the first floor above the basement. This work took place about 1907, and in 1910, a fourth floor was added and the central doorway moved to the side. The property at that time was estimated to be worth \$225,000.

By 1922 the building was no longer large enough to house the activities of the Exchange and the structure was sold. After a succession of owners, the building is presently unoccupied and is currently for sale.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Houston Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade. Manuscript
history prepared by The Harris County Heritage Society (n.d.)

Fifty Years a Cotton Market. Published by The Houston Cotton
Exchange, 1924.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .25 acre

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: 2-5-71

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin STATE: Texas CODE: 048

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: Truett Latimer
Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: February 9, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

MAY 6 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William M. Hargrave
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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Exchange Building

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PROPERTY

DATE OF RECEIPT

2/12/71

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REVIEW

HISTORIAN

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ARCHITECT

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

ENTRY

CHIEF, CAMP

EDITORIAL

Federal Register Entry

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Annual Edition Entry

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Title: The 1884 Houston
House Cotton Exchange Bld.

Loc. Harris Co., Texas

Facing North NE

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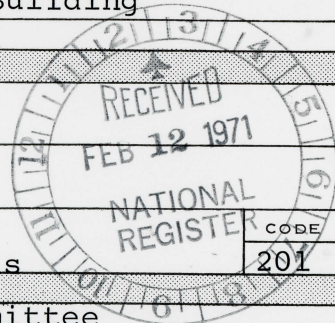
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Franklin Street facade, facing north-northeast			

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HOUSTON MERCHANTS
EXCHANGE
ORGANIZED A.D. 1890
EUGENE T. WEINER
ARCHITECT



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Exchange Bld.

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Detail of corner pilaster

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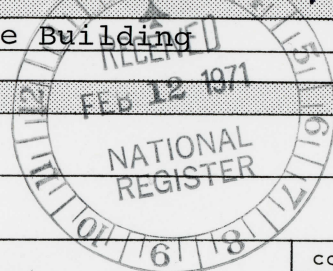
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Loc. Harris Co., Texas

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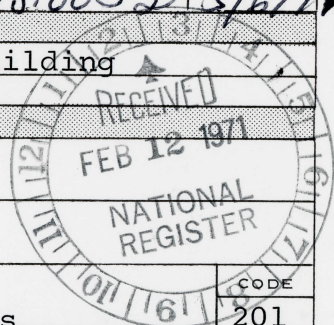
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Shop entrance detail, ground level, north-northeast elevation (Franklin Street elevation)			



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Loc. Harrie Co., Texas

facing east - south east

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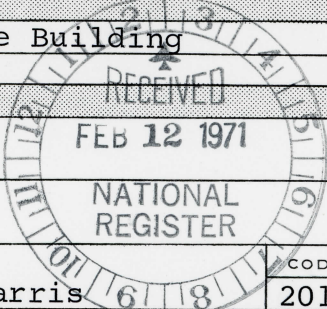
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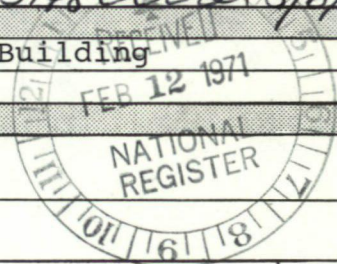
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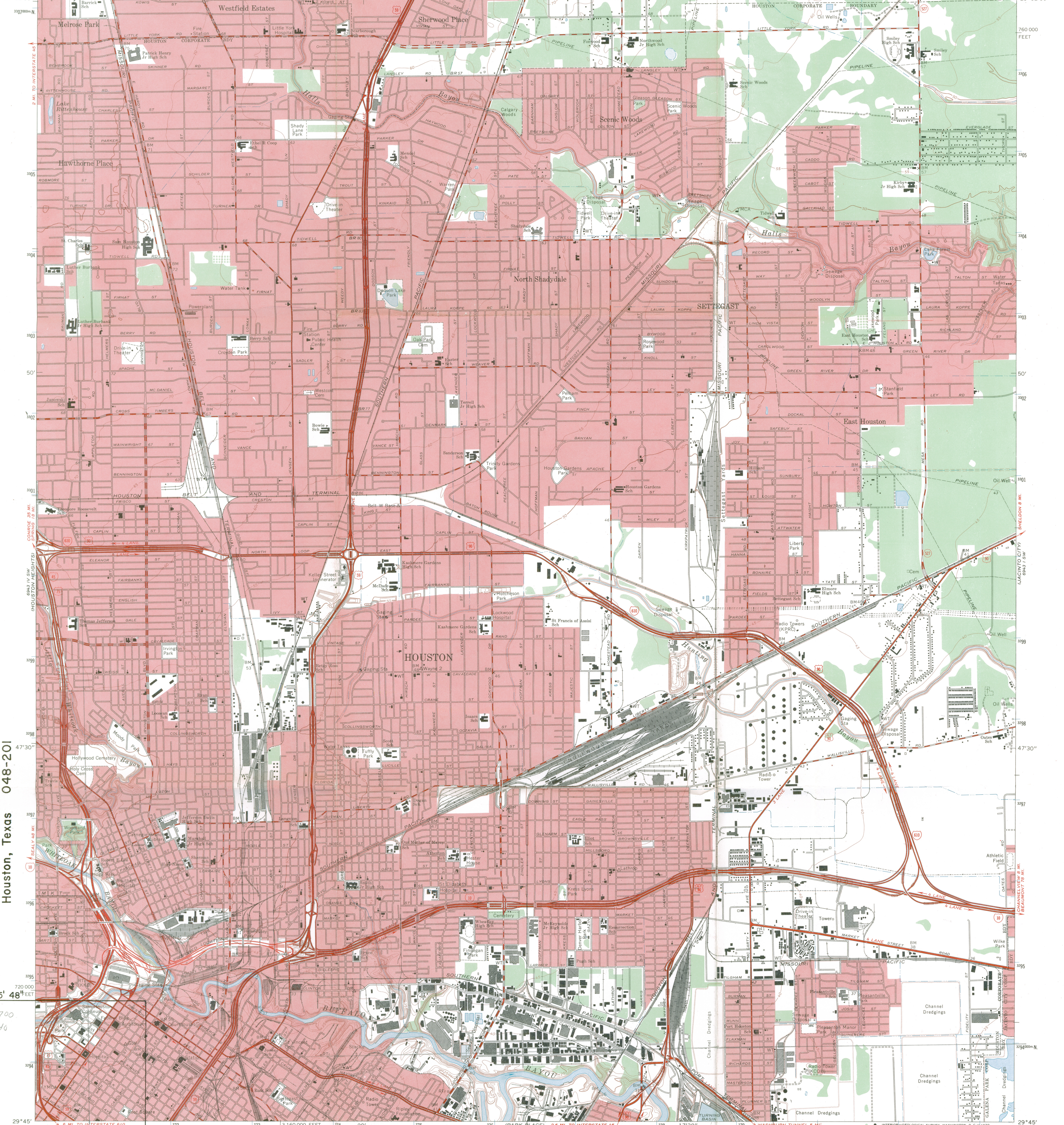
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.	Texas Map Reference #2995-431
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3. Latitude and longitude reference.	

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The 1884 Houston Cotton Exchange
202 Travis Street
Houston, Texas 048-201

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Heavy duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
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	State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

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

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

House of Representatives

Also notified: Hon. John G. Tower Hon. Ray Roberts
United States Senate Hon. Abraham Kazen, Jr.
Washington, D. C. Hon. Bob Casey

cc: Director, Southeast Region

HR

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4/15/71

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MAY 10 1971

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

Enclosure

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

Dewberry (Col. John) House

Smith County
Teasleville, Texas

DeWitt County Courthouse

DeWitt County
Cuero, Texas

The 1824 Houston Cotton Exchange
Building

Harris County
Houston, Texas



Texas Historical Commission
Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
Truett Latimer
Executive Director

November 22, 1974

Mr. Gary Wolf
National Register of Historic Places
Branch of Publications
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Since the submission of the Cotton Exchange Building to the National Register in 1971, an exterior restoration, (funded by the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation) has been completed. In addition, the present owners, John T. Hannah and Jesse W. Edmundson, III have adaptively renovated the interior to include offices on the upper three floors, a restaurant on the first floor where the Exchange or trading room was originally located, and small shops on the basement level floor. The restoration and interior renovation has made the building accessible to the public.

Sincerely,

Marie D. Landon
Historian

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HOUSTON COTTON EXCHANGE (48-73-00042-00). *Houston, Harris Co.* Private ownership (Michael Tribe Associates). A superb Victorian commercial building. Exterior restoration. \$25,000.00.