

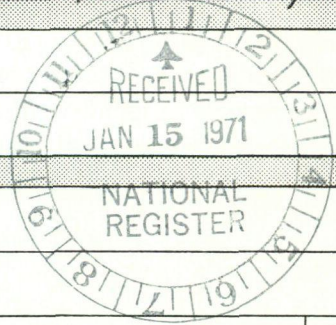
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Texas</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Houston</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>71.3.48.0027</b>	DATE <b>3/31/71</b>



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Monroe-Crook House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**707 East Houston Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Crockett**

STATE <b>Texas</b>	CODE <b>75835</b>	COUNTY: <b>Houston</b>	CODE <b>225</b>
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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 type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<b>Civic &amp; Historic Groups</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Houston County Development Foundation**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**c/o Mr. Floyd Mize, Manager, P.O. Box 307**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Crockett, T**

STATE:  
**Texas**

CODE:  
**048**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Houston County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Crockett**

STATE:  
**Texas**

CODE:  
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Texas State Historical Survey Committee**

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:  
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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	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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

The Monroe-Crook House, a one-and-a-half story, frame, late Greek Revival structure, was built in 1854 as a town residence in Crockett, Houston County, Texas. The central hall plan structure has four twenty-foot square rooms on the first floor opening onto the central hall. A rear, one-room ell contains the kitchen. Each of the four principal rooms has a fireplace and ceiling heights throughout the first floor are fourteen feet. The attic story originally contained two bedrooms which were lighted by a round-headed window in each gable end and four dormers on the principal or north facade.

The central doorway which has double doors, sidelights and a transom is covered by a pedimented portico supported by wooden columns with half-round corners and cavetto reveals in the center of each side of the column. Rather than a capital, the columns have bracketted projections which form a transition at the entablature. The portico has a box cornice with bed mold and crown mold. The cornice of the pedimented gable has a similar cornice and molding. The principal or north facade has a pair of six-over-six, double-hung sash windows on each side of the portico. There are corner pilasters on this facade and a plain fascia board frieze. There is a simple box cornice with bed mold. The dormers have gables which repeat, on a smaller scale, the design of the entrance portico.

A projecting, three-window bay has been added to the east facade between the chimneys. The date of this addition, based on stylistic evidence, would appear to be the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The four chimneys service the principal rooms on the first floor and the flues are free standing above the first floor level.

The frame structure has brick filling the space between the studs for insulation and strength. The exterior walls are sheathed in clapboards. The east and west gable ends are not treated as pediments and have only a small crown mold serving as a barge board.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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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) 1854

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

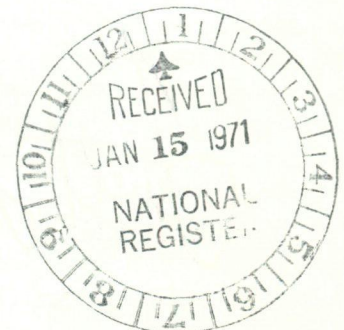
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Monroe-Crook House was built in 1854 by Armistead Thompson Monroe. Monroe was the son of Augustine Garrett Monroe, a nephew of President James Monroe. A.T. Monroe left Virginia when he was eighteen years old and went to New York first, and apparently in 1842 or 1843 came to Texas. Shortly after his arrival in Texas Monroe established his residence in Crockett and established a mercantile business. Monroe became a leading merchant of Crockett and in 1854 built the commodious late Greek Revival cottage at 707 E. Houston Street. Following A.T. Monroe, the house has been occupied by Dan Coleman, Oliver C. Aldrich, Judge Armistead A. Aldrich, and since 1911 the property has been occupied by George W. Crook and his descendants. Sara Crook Bartlett, daughter of George W. Crook, provided in her will that the house be used as public property in the interest of the Houston County community.

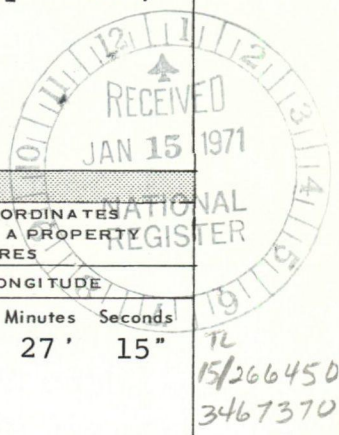
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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Texas State Historical Survey Committee. Marker files.  
 Bracken, Dorothy Kendall and Maurine Whorton Redway. Early Texas Homes. Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press, 1956.



**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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SE	0 , "	0 , "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **.66 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**  
**Gary L. Hume, Architectural Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Texas State Historical Survey Committee** DATE: **1-5-71**

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: Truett Latimer

Title: State Liaison Officer

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

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

Ernest A. Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
**MAR 31 1971**

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

ATTEST:

William M. Stewart  
 Keeper of The National Register

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

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*PSH* 3/9/71

REVIEW

*Chambers*  
3/1/71

HISTORIAN

*Should we ask for explanation of unique architectural significance in #8. Otherwise OK*

*57 Main*  
3/19/71

HISTORIAN

*Levy*  
OK 3/22/71

ARCHITECT

OK *Chambers*  
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ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

*Signed on form*

ENTRY

CHIEF, OAHF

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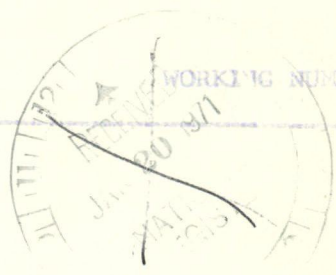
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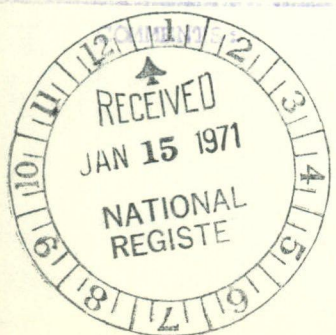
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Title: Monroe-Creek House

Loc. Monroe Co., Tex.  
East facade

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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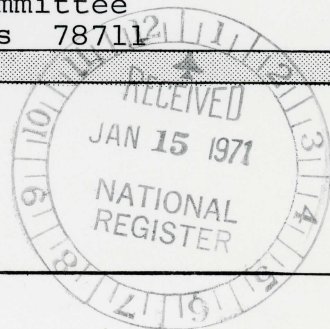
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

East facade

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Title:

Menroe - Creek House

Loc.

Henrietta Co., Tex.

West facade

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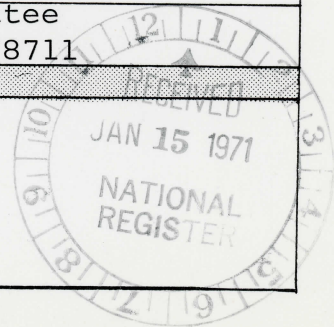
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West facade			





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Title:

Monroe-Creek House

Loc.

Houston Co., Tex.

North facade

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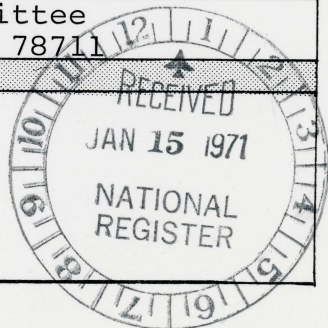
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North facade			





North elevation of Monroe-Cook House, Crockett, Texas

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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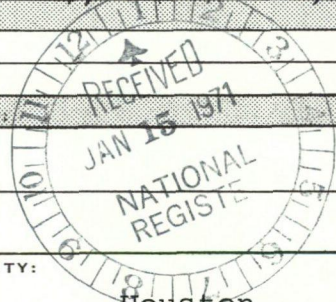
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STATE: Texas CODE: 048 COUNTY: Houston CODE: 225



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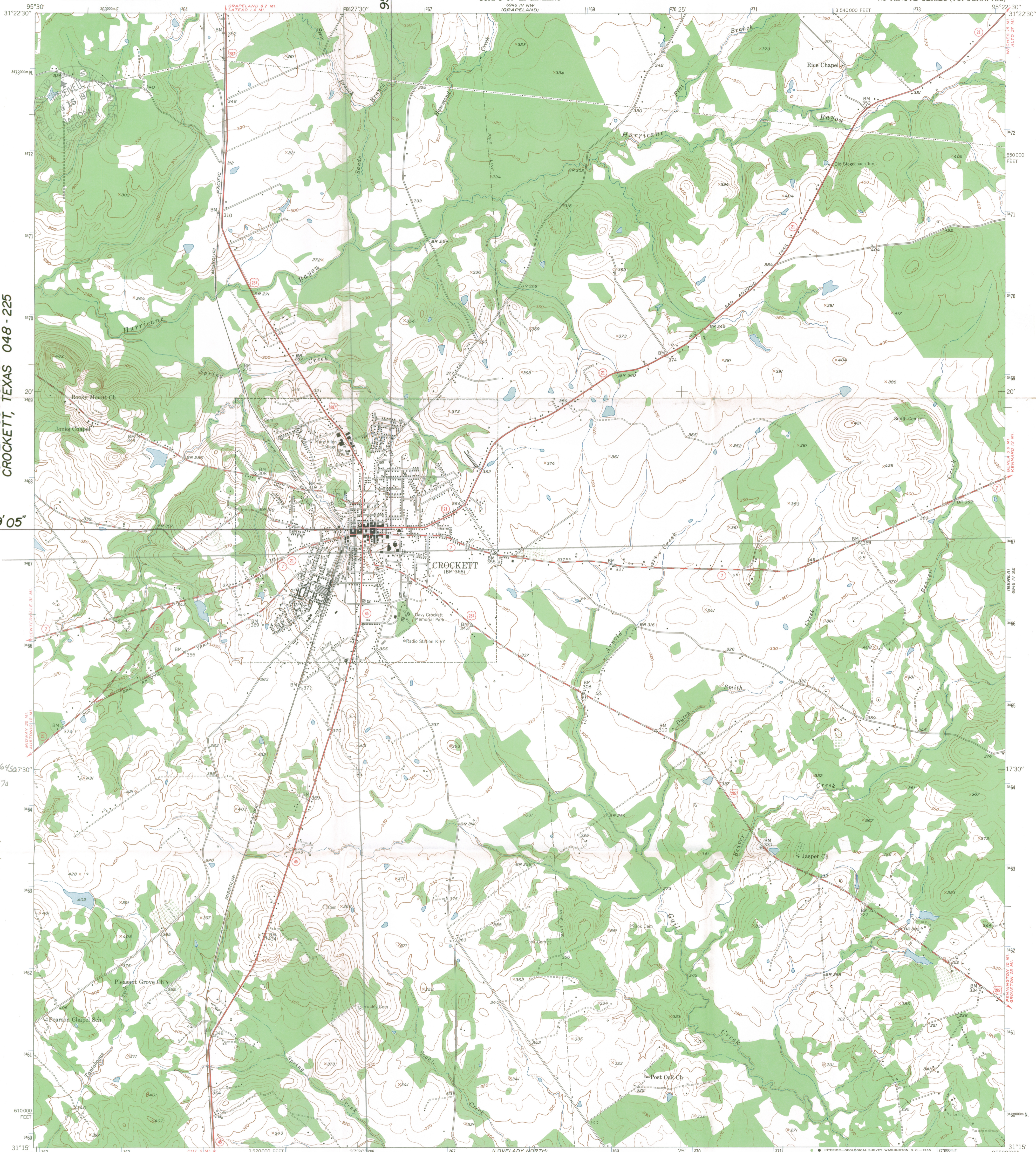
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1. Property boundaries where required.	Texas Map Reference #3195-132
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3. Latitude and longitude reference.	

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CROCKETT, TEXAS 048 - 225

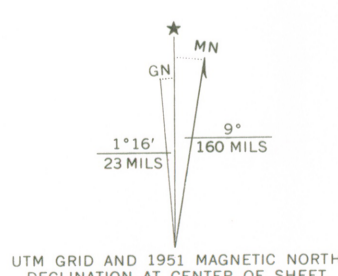
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zone 15, shown in blue



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty ALL WEATHER ROADS	DRY WEATHER ROADS
Medium-duty <b>LANE LANE</b>	Improved dirt
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route	State Route

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Monroe - Crook House  
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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

Enclosures

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Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

cc:  
HR

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BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

TEXAS

The Magnolias	Marion County Jefferson, Texas
Jefferson Historic District	Marion County Jefferson, Texas
Fort St. Louis	Victoria County Inez, Texas
The Flatiron Building	Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas
Shelby County Courthouse	Shelby County Center, Texas
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Monroe-Crook House

Houston County  
Crockett, Texas

**MONROE-CROOK HOUSE (48-73-00040-00).**  
*Crockett, Houston Co.* Private ownership  
(George W. Crook and Hallie M. Crook Memorial,

Inc.). An 1854 Greek Revival house, a high point in the architecture of the early statehood period. Exterior and interior restoration. \$22,500.00.

**MONROE-CROOK HOUSE (48-74-00078-00).**  
See above. Interior restoration of second floor, including painting, woodwork repair, floor refinishing. \$10,500.00.