

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: TEXAS	
COUNTY: Lavaca	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.1.48.0003	DATE 1/25/71

1. NAME

COMMON: The Lay-Bozka House

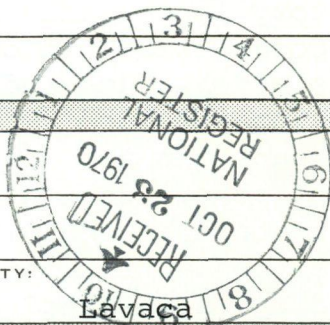
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 205 Fairwinds

CITY OR TOWN: Hallettsville

STATE: Texas CODE: 77964 COUNTY: Lavaca CODE: 285



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input 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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. M. I. Bozka

STREET AND NUMBER: 205 Fairwinds

CITY OR TOWN: Hallettsville STATE: Texas CODE: 048

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hallettsville City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hallettsville STATE: Texas CODE: 048

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Texas State Historical Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968 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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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)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A rectangular, symmetrical, two-story residence with the second story defined by a bright red decked mansard roof. The first story is of white stuccoed sandstone and has simple framed double sash windows with two over two lights. The front door has side lights and a transom in a molded architrave. There is an attached front porch with six chamfered and capped posts grouped in two sets of three. The porch has an openwork frieze of scroll designs. At the top of the posts there are elaborate tall brackets with pendants beneath a narrow cornice. The porch has a flat roof with bead and spindle balustrade centered by an inverted scroll ornament. Access to the balcony is through a double window, at the center of the second story, set in a recess with convex sides and small gabled top. The gabled top of this recess is crested with a peak of rope molding and with carpenter's lace and bead trim beneath the eaves. There is a wide molded entablature with paired brackets beneath a projecting cornice at the beginning of the second story. The red shingled mansard roof has a concave slope and there are white shingle designs between each dormer. The dormers have arched one over one windows with scrolls carved into their surrounds. The window jambs widen out at the bottom. There is a small gabled roof with flat "wings" on each dormer, and each is crested with a peak of wooden rope molding, and has two pairs of brackets at the front part of the eaves. The deck is also crested with rope molding. There are four tall chimneys, two on each side. There is a rear lean-to addition with a recent additional extension forming a porch roof supported by diagonal braces.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

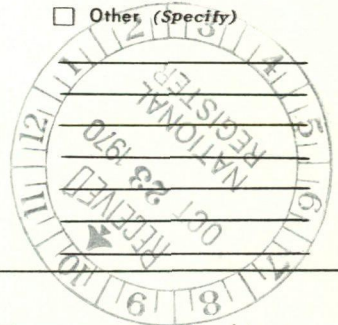
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1878-1882

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lay-Bozka House in Hallettsville, Texas, with its bright red and white roof, is of a type that is quite rare now, in part because so many of the original patterned shingle mansard roofs have been replaced. This was always a very colorful example. The house has a frosting of white wooden rope moldings and finials cresting the roof and the dormers, and there is Carpenter's Lace and bead and spindle work on the front porch and the fanciful canopy above it.

The house was built from 1878 to 1882 and has a history almost as unusual as its "birthday-cake" appearance. James Lay, first owner of the house, was a Hallettsville doctor. One of his patients was a visitor by the name of Victor Hugo, by tradition believed to be a French agent in Mexico, who had become ill while visiting Hallettsville. Lay took care of Hugo, who was unable to pay for the medical services, but offered, instead, to design a home for Lay. Lay accepted the offer, and hired B. J. E. Dietz as builder. Eventually, the house cost \$4,750.

The first story was of white sandstone quarried at Campbell Branch, one mile north of Hallettsville and the walls are 18" to 24" thick. The upper story was of cypress said to have been ordered from Chicago and shipped to Schulenburg, Texas, then brought to Hallettsville by ox-cart.

Latest owners of the Lay-Bozka House are the M. I. Bozkas, who bought the house in 1948. They have done some restoration work, and made a few changes: they extended the roof in back to create an outside porch, and installed a kitchen in the main part of the house. The structure retains most of its original details, however, such as slate front steps, a beautiful walnut stairway, and four operating fireplaces. The house is sited on a hill overlooking Hallettsville and the Lavaca River. Mr. Bozka is a former mayor of Hallettsville.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 1968.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alexander, D. B. Texas Homes of the Nineteenth Century.
(Austin, 1966)

Texas State Historical Survey Committee. marker files.

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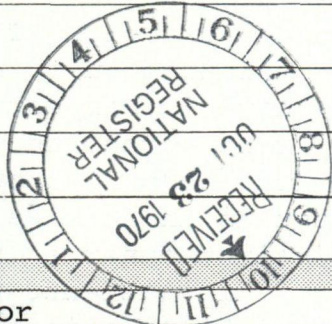
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: **Texas State Historical Survey Committee** DATE: **7-6-70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **108 W. 15th Street**

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

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 *Scott Jabines*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 10-20-70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

JAN 25 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Keatinge
Keeper of The National Register

Date NOV 27 1970

RECEIPT

PROPERTY *The Lay-Bizka*

REGISTER NUMBER

DATE OF RECEIPT 10/23/70 YES

NO

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Federal Register Entry

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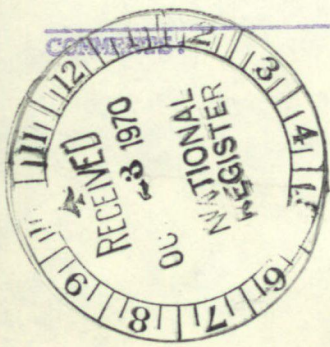
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front elevation from
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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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COUNTY	Lavaca	
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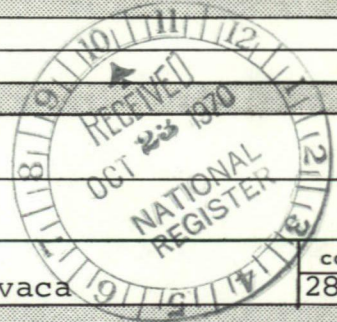
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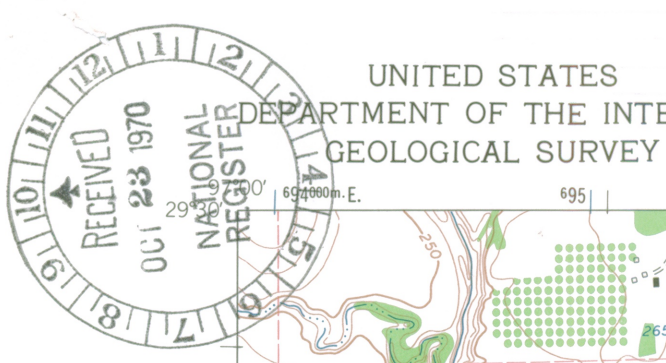


3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey
SCALE: 1:24000
DATE: 1962

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required. Texas Map Reference #2996-233
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

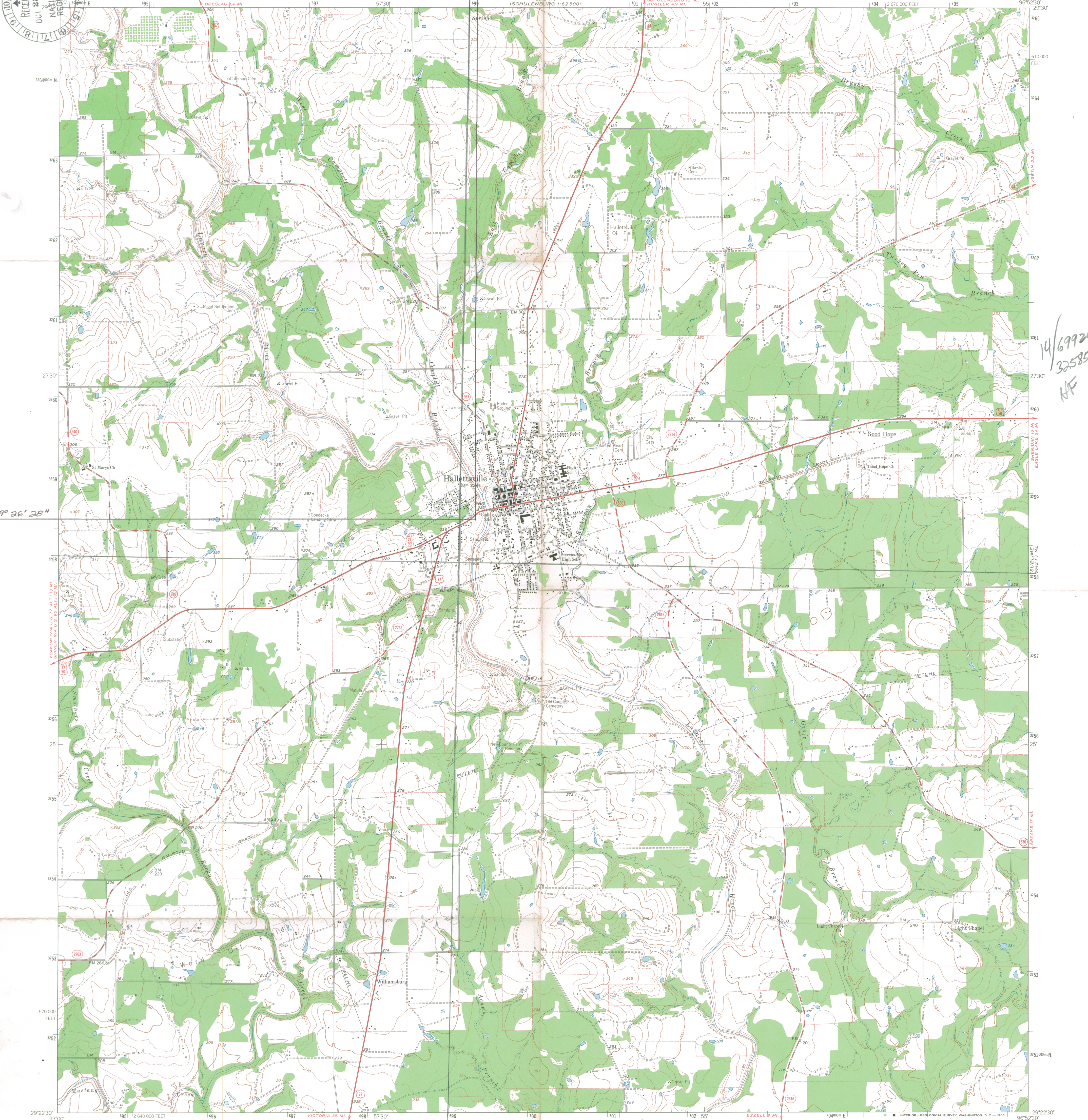


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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS 048-285

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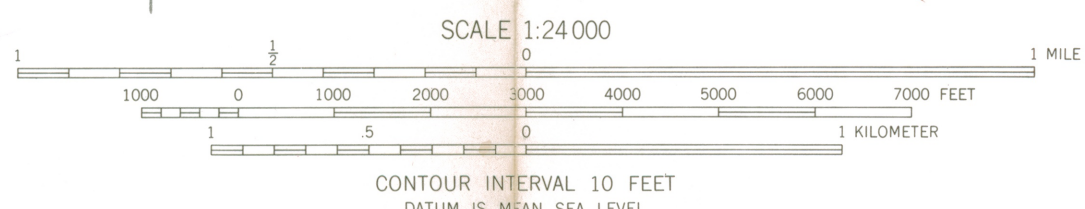
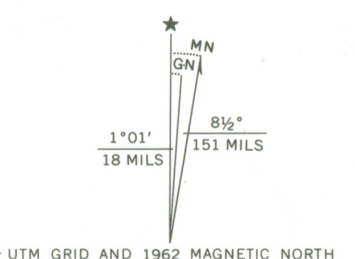
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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JAN 25 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 have also been notified. 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)

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

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The Kennard House
The Allen-Bell House
The Lay-Bozka House

Gonzales County, Texas
Bastrop County, Texas
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FEB 2 1971

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Dear Mr. Kazen:

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Sincerely yours,

Joe Holt

Assistant Director

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