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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Oliphant House

AND/OR COMMON same (family now known by Oliphint)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Approximately 7 miles east of Milam on highway 21
and 50 yards north of highway 21 in the Hide-Away-Harbor
subdivision near the Toledo Bend Reservoir.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Charles Wilson

STATE Texas

CODE 48

COUNTY Sabine

CODE 403

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___ DISTRICT

___ PUBLIC

___ OCCUPIED

___ AGRICULTURE

___ MUSEUM

___ BUILDING(S)

☒ PRIVATE

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___ COMMERCIAL

___ PARK

☒ STRUCTURE

___ BOTH

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ RELIGIOUS

___ OBJECT

___ IN PROCESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ GOVERNMENT

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ BEING CONSIDERED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ NO

___ MILITARY

☒ OTHER: (vacant)

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Hide-A-Way Harbor, C/O Tom E. Foster

STREET & NUMBER 201 Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Center, Texas

VICINITY OF

STATE Texas

75935

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, ETC. Sabine County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hemp Hill

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historical Sites Inventory

DATE

1971

___ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Oliphant House sits on two acres that have been set aside for preservation on property that is now part of the Toledo Bend Reservoir resort area. Huge trees stand protectively to the west of the house and at the far north (rear) side. The circa 1820 house is a two story, double log structure with two circa 1860 rear additions. Old gnarled fig trees are grouped beside the ell addition. To the north-east of the house is a dog-trot barn, probably dating as far back as the house. The El Camino Real passed about fifty yards in front of the Oliphant House.

No chinking was used in the original structure's composition and weatherboarding covers the hewn cedar logs everywhere except the walls of the dog-trot and across the front (south) facade beneath the one-story gallery. The sleeper and plate beams are pegged with treenails.

On the south facade the one-story gallery shelters the full front of the house. Six plain wooden posts are bedded in front of the gallery floor. The original pitch of the gallery roof was shallower, with the gallery roof members fitting in immediately over the first floor ceiling joists. The central front steps are inset into the flooring of the porch. Flanking the central opening are two four-over-four light windows with wide architraves and solid shutters, matching the interior door, joined by horizontal mouldings. The lights actually appear as two-over-four overlapped because different windows were put into the original openings. The second story has three, four-light windows, symmetrically spaced to correspond with the central hall and two flanking rooms of the upper floor.

Two exterior chimneys were centered in the east and west facades and there are no windows in the upper stories on these sides. The east facade has a four-over-four light window to the left (south) of the fireplace and an outside door to the right. In the west facade the chimney and flanking windows have been removed and double windows, now boarded up, were placed in the space created by the removed chimney.

The north(rear) facade has two, one-story additions. At the west rear side there is a long narrow room with one window in the west wall. At the east rear side is the two room ell. It has irregularly spaced doors and windows, one door and two windows to each side and a single window at its north end. All windows in the additions are six-over-six and the back room has an interior fireplace. A porch

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runs along the west side of the ell and between the back additions on the north.

The interior hall of the double log structure is open and the staircase has slat balusters, tall newel posts, and a moulded strip applied to the bridgeboard. The enclosed second floor hallway is covered with the chalkings of Francis Oliphant. On both floors beveled pine boards were used to cover the spaces between the logs of the flanking rooms in a way that creates an interesting wall pattern.

The east lower room is representative of the earliest features of the house. The door into the dog-trot is made of four large vertical planks joined by three, five inch, beveled mouldings applied horizontally. The detailing of the door matches that of the smaller scale shutters sheltering the outside of the front windows. The plastered brick hearth has a wooden mantel, flush with the wall with the outcropping mantel shelf missing.

At this time no work has been done on the Oliphant House but some of the windows have been removed and stored. The house is protected by the trees and two acre site. Very few homes have yet been built in the area even though it is a resort subdivision. The area is nicely arranged and will not encroach upon the visual surroundings of the Oliphant House.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1820 BUILDER/ARCHITECT, James Gaines

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Oliphant House is one of the earliest Pre-Republic, Anglo-American structures in Texas. Once part of the early settlement of Gaines Ferry, the Oliphant house is the only surviving structure of James Gaines large plantation and ferry-tavern enterprise on the Sabine River crossing of the El Camino Real. This road, first blazed through Texas by the Spanish in 1691, was used by many Anglo-American colonists entering the frontier from Louisiana.

The two story, double log structure was built about 1820 by James Taylor Gaines. Identical to the Gaines Ferry House that he built for himself in 1815 at the Sabine crossing, the Oliphant House was apparently built for his teenaged wife's parents, the Edmund Norris', so that they might live in the vicinity. Later his cousin Susannah Jackson lived with her family in the house. The Gaines Ferry site was inundated by the waters of the Toledo Bend Reservoir in the 1960's, and the Oliphant House, an exceptionally fine example of early Texas architecture, is all that remains of this early Nineteenth Century settlement.

One of Texas' first Anglo settlers, James Gaines came to Texas in 1812, prior to the settlement of Stephen F. Austin's first three hundred Anglo colonists in 1821. His influence on Texas' development is significant, for he built a large plantation on the edge of the frontier and was continually involved in Texas' growth. After participating in two Mexican expeditions he held office as first judge (Alcalde) of the municipality of Sabine in 1823 or 1824 and operated a post office at the ferry, for a time in 1836. Like his ancestor Edmund Pendleton, author of the Virginia Resolution calling for American Independence in 1776, James Gaines participated in the creation of the new Texas Republic as a delegate from Sabine County to the convention of 1836. A signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, he was promptly placed on the committee to draft the

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Constitution of the Republic of Texas and went on to serve as Senator in the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Texas Congress.

The property on which the Oliphant House stands was sold to Wilford Oliphant by James Gaines about 1840, but the bargain seems to have fallen through. The deed validly conveying the house and sixty-one acres of land was made by James Gaines and his son John B. Gaines, to Martha A. Oliphant on February 17, 1843.

Martha A. (Causey) Oliphant was the second wife of Alfred Davenport Oliphant, a brother of Wilford Oliphant. A. D. Oliphant came to Texas ca 1839 and the family was in residence at the house before 1842. Oliphant was prominent locally in the Masons and served as county judge from 1848 to 1852.

Francis Virginia Oliphant, child of Judge Oliphant's second marriage, wrote with chalk on the logs and planks of the second story hall: "The 'Buffalow' will leave Hamilton for the Pass Thursday at 4pm. FVO." This serves to commemorate the day when the El Camino Real and the Sabine River, not far to the east, were vital avenues of travel from Louisiana into the Texas frontier. Young Miss Oliphant added quite a few initials, apparently those of local boys, in addition to her notation about the steamboat. One of the initials referred to William P. Polley who became her husband in 1857.

The large Oliphant family and their descendents are found all over Sabine County and some of the family continued to live in the house until the close of the Nineteenth Century. About 1910 the Oliphant House was bought by the Waller family and one of the daughters married "Bud" McGown and lived in the Gaines Ferry House, twin to her father's place, from 1910 to 1962. She returned to the Oliphant House for a few years in the 1960's.

Tom E. Foster has owned the home since the 1960's and, at his behest, provisions have been made to restore the structure which has been set aside on two acres.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 115 428250 3481500
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Joe Williams, Project Director

Janice Lewis, Research Assistant

12-6-76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Texas Historical Commission

(512) 475-3094

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Austin

Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

12-13-76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Property

Elephant House

77001473

Sabine

State

Texas

Working Number

12.17.76.4773

TECHNICAL

Photos

9

Maps

1

Editing incorrect

Called 4.28.77

CONTROL

OK-12.22.76

Tenuous relationship to Commerce & Transportation
only surviving structure of larger plantation -
settlement on Sabine Crossing of El Camino
Real

HISTORIAN

Accept
L.B. Franklin
4.11.77

OK - Groves
4/14/77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Restoration planned

Accept
MJH
4-5-77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4.25.77

BRANCH CHIEF

Preservation
Commitment.

Accept
8.16.77

KEEPER

Accept
8/18/77

National Register Write-up

9.6.77

Send-back _____

Entered

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Federal Register Entry

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DEC 17 1976

NAME: Oliphant House

LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milam, Texas
Sabine County

PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976

IDENTIFICATION: Southeast Oblique

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NAME: Oliphant House
LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milam, Texas
Sabine County
PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976
IDENTIFICATION: North Elevation
(rear additions)

DEC 17 1976

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DEC 17 1976

NAME: Oliphant House

LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milam, Texas
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PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976

IDENTIFICATION: Fireplace detail
East room, first floor

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DEC 17 1976

NAME: Oliphant House

LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milan, Texas
Sabine County

PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976

Identification: Double Log Crib
(house in rear of photo)

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AUG 18 1977

DEC 17 1976

NAME: Oliphant House

LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milam, Texas
Sabine County

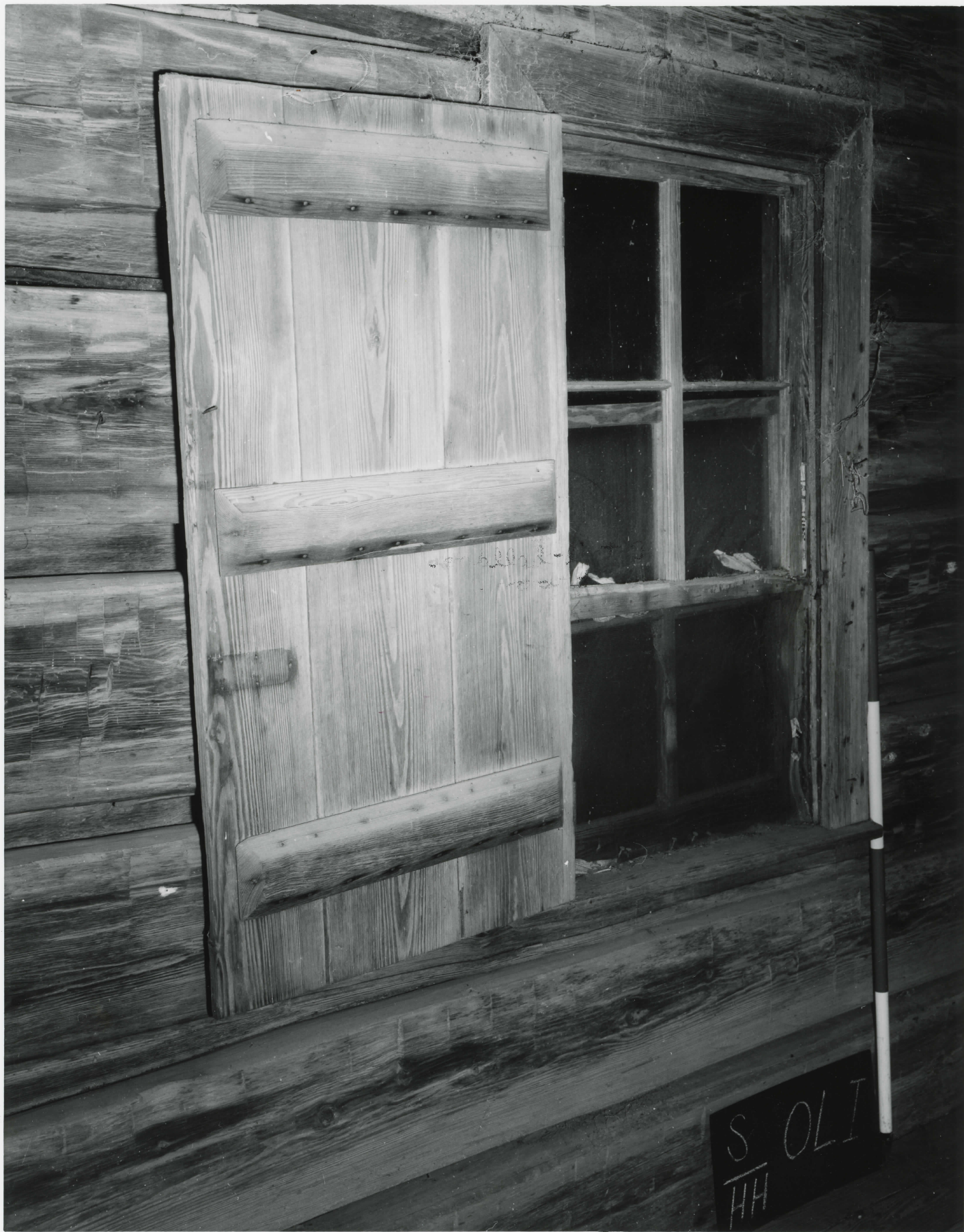
PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976

IDENTIFICATION: South elevation detailing

1/2 Inset steps, open hall stair,
early gallery roof members,
and separately bedded posts.

#589

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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DEC 17 1976

NAME: Oliphant House

LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milam, Texas
Sabine County

PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976

IDENTIFICATION: Detail- main, south
facade shutter and four over
four overlapped window.

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LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milam, Texas
Sabine County

PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976

IDENTIFICATION: Detail- hall door east
room, first floor

7019

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NAME: Oliphant House

LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor Subdivision
East of Milam, Texas
Sabine County

PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
Texas State Historical Comm.
1976

IDENTIFICATION: Upper hall detail with
chalkings

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DEC 17 1976

NAME: Oliphant House

LOCATION: Hide-Away-Harbor
East of Milam, Texas
Sabine County

PHOTO REFERENCE: Mike Yancey
TexasState Historical Comm.
1976

IDENTIFICATION: Southwest Oblique

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

OLIPHANT HOUSE
EAST OF MILAM, TEXAS
ON THE EL CAMINO REAL
UTM REFERENCE:
15/428250/3481500

HEMPHILL QUADRANGLE
TEXAS-LOUISIANA
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1956. Field check 1958
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1969. Louisiana portion in cooperation with Louisiana
Department of Public Works. This information not field checked
Woodland revised within Toledo Bend Reservoir

SCALE 1:62,500
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———
HEMPHILL, TEX.-LA.
N3115-W9345/15
1958
PHOTOREVISED 1969
AUG 18 1969
NATIONAL REGISTER
RECEIVED DEC 17 1976
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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 12276 CAPITOL STATION AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

TRUETT LATIMER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 16, 1976



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

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the continuation sheet for the bibliography to the National Register Nomination of the Oliphant House in Sabine County, Texas. The nomination was mailed only a few days ago and this sheet was inadvertently left out. My thanks and apologies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice Lewis".

Janice Lewis
Research Assistant

JL:cd

Enclosure

TOM E. FOSTER
201 CENTER STREET
CENTER, TEXAS 75935

March 5, 1977

*Response
Sent
3-17-77*

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

Re: H34-8800
Oliphant House

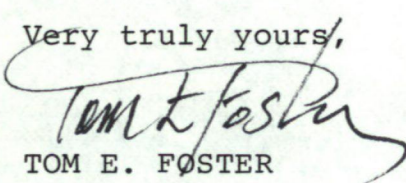
Dear Sir:

As the owner of the above referred to property, and in response to your notification dated February 17, 1977, I am pleased to advise that I completely concur with the nomination as presented to you by the Texas Historical Commission.

One minor correction should be made, however. That is, all reference to Hide-A-Way Harbor should be deleted. The resort area is now known as Pendleton Harbor instead of Hide-A-Way Harbor. The ownership of the property is not effected.

If I can furnish any additional information, please advise.

Very truly yours,


TOM E. FOSTER

TEF:ds

8/18/77

Mott

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTERSTATE TEXASDate Entered AUG 18 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Coryell County Courthouse	Gatesville Coryell County
Erath County Courthouse	Stephenville Erath County
Old Victoria County Courthouse	Victoria Victoria County
Point Bolivar Lighthouse	Port Bolivar vicinity Galveston County
Val Verde County Courthouse and Jail	Del Rio Val Verde County
Galveston Seawall	Galveston Galveston County
<u>Oliphant House</u>	Milam vicinity Sabine County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd Bentsen
Hon. W. R. Poage
Hon. Omar Burleson
Hon. John Young
Hon. Jack Brooks
Hon. Robert C. Krueger
Hon. Charles Wilson

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 4-5-77
Reviewer INITIALS: mjl

NR

DOE

AUG 18 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Oliphant House

OTHER NAMES: Oliphint House

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 7 mi. E of Milam ~~BRXX~~ off TX 21

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Milam

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Texas

48

COUNTY

code

Sabine

403

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
☒ Substantially intact-1 ☒ Substantially intact-2 ☒ Substantially intact-3
☐ unknown -4 ☐ unknown -5 ☐ unknown -6
☐ not applicable -7 ☐ not applicable -8 ☐ Not applicable-9

☐ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
☒ FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- dwelling

now- Vacant

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC CONSERVATION LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS LITERATURE recreation
ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION MILITARY settlement
ART ENGINEERING MUSIC socio/cultural
☒ COMMERCE EXPLORATION PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION urban & commun
COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY) planning
INVENTION

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal

*James Gaines - builder; early settler (1812), ferry operator,
local + state official, delegate to 1836 convention*

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *c. 1820*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: *c. 1840 rear additions*

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): *1812*

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

2

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

*double log structure
dog-trot barn*

restoration planned

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

One of the earliest pre-Republic, Anglo-American structures in Texas

*only surviving structure of the James Gaines plantation and ferry-tavern
operations on the Sabine River crossing of the El Camino Real; Built*

*by James Gaines, one of Texas' 1st Anglo settlers, active resident, and political
figure*