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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 \*\*

McCulloch County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Brady

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

17

STATE

Texas

CODE

048

COUNTY

McCulloch

CODE

307

**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:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

McCulloch County

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Brady

STATE

Texas

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

McCulloch County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Brady

STATE

Texas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic 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 McCulloch County Courthouse built by Martin and Moodie of Comanche, representing the "Turn Key" Construction Company, is built in a modified Romanesque style. A three story structure of cream-colored native sandstone, it follows the traditional cross axial plan. Built with arched vaults throughout, the interior retains the original wainscoting and stair-railings of what was originally pine woodwork and flooring throughout.

On the exterior, the north and south elevations feature twin turrets flanking an arched entrance with a dormer above. The east and west entrances occupy projecting pavilions with unadorned triangular, pediments above and an ornamental border of diamond-faced cut stone above the door. The corners of the pavilions are terminated by bartizan-like features extending the height of the wall.

A simple cornice and roof combs complete the somewhat spare decorative treatment. Dominating the composition is a rather low square tower, hip-roofed and topped with a finial, with turrets at each corner.

Exhibiting a good state of preservation throughout, the building continues to serve its original function and acts as something of a landmark within the community.

2 one story additions

LEGONDA 12/13/77

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1899-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Martin and Moodie

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

McCulloch County was created from Bexar County in 1856 and named for Ben McCulloch, but not until the 1870's were the buffalo hunted off and scattered ranches established. Brady, the county seat was started in 1876 and named for Peter Brady a member of the party who originally surveyed the county. The first courthouse was built in 1879.

On May 9, 1899, the County Commissioners met to consider the advisability of constructing a new courthouse. The commissioners met again on May 11, at which time it was noted that "the Plans and Specifications presented by Messers. Martin and Moodie for the erection of a new courthouse. . . was this day by the court adopted as Plans and Specifications to be used in the erection of said courthouse." On June 16, 1899 the contract was awarded to the firm of Martin and Moodie for their "best and most responsible bid" of \$33,000.00. In addition to construction of the new courthouse, Martin and Moodie also agreed to "dig a well and erect a windmill, ten foot wheel, a fifty foot tower and tank, capacity of sixty-seven barrels." They also undertook to furnish a "granite cornerstone with all inscriptions."

Subsequent modifications to the original architectural fabric included the order to install a water closet on February 13, 1813. On February 13, 1922, the County Commissioners voted to install a clock.

The building possess local architectural significance. Although somewhat restrained in detail, it is the finest example of the Romanesque Revival style and the most outstanding nineteenth-century structure in the vicinity.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McCulloch County Commissioners' Court Minutes  
June Rayfield Welch and J. Larry Nance, The Texas Courthouse,  
Texian Press, Waco, 1971

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 468110 3444430  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

US 283 and US 377 bound the public square.

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 Willard B. Robinson, Professor of Architecture  
S. Elizabeth Sasser, Research Associate

8/24/76

ORGANIZATION Division of Architecture-Texas Tech University

DATE 806-742-2430

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 4499

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Lubbock

STATE 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

*Willard B. Robinson* 6-2-77

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

*W. Monte*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/16/77

DATE

12-15-77

Property

McCulloch County Courthouse

72001467  
McCulloch

State

Texas

Working Number

6.6.77.912

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 4

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK <sup>pl</sup> 6.7.77

**HISTORIAN**

83

*Little is said in reference to ground floor additions. However, will accept.*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*H. Z. Z. 9/19/77.*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

*accept Bracham 11/23/77*

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*justified in terms of local architectural significance (even if Texas thinks state sign.)  
2 acres is courthouse sq.*

*Accept  
Belovick  
12/13/77*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

*H. Z. Z. 12.15.77*

**KEEPER**

*W. H. 12/16/77*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered DEC 16 1977

Federal Register Entry 2.7.78

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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*McCulloch County*

McCulloch County Courthouse  
Brady, Texas

John Volz, 6-20-72  
Texas Historical Commission

Southeast oblique

Photo #1 *84*

JUN 6 1977

DEC 16 1977



NAVY  
RECRUITING OFFICE

EAST  
714  
←

SOUTH  
377  
→

NORTH  
87  
283  
→

DO NOT  
PROCEED  
UNTIL  
STOP

GEN. FRANK



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*McCulloch County*

McCulloch County Courthouse  
Brady, Texas

Marsha Jackson, 4-16-71  
Texas Historical Commission

North elevation

Photo #2 *g 4*

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Texas Historical Commission

Northeast oblique

Photo #3 *g4*

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JUN 6 1977



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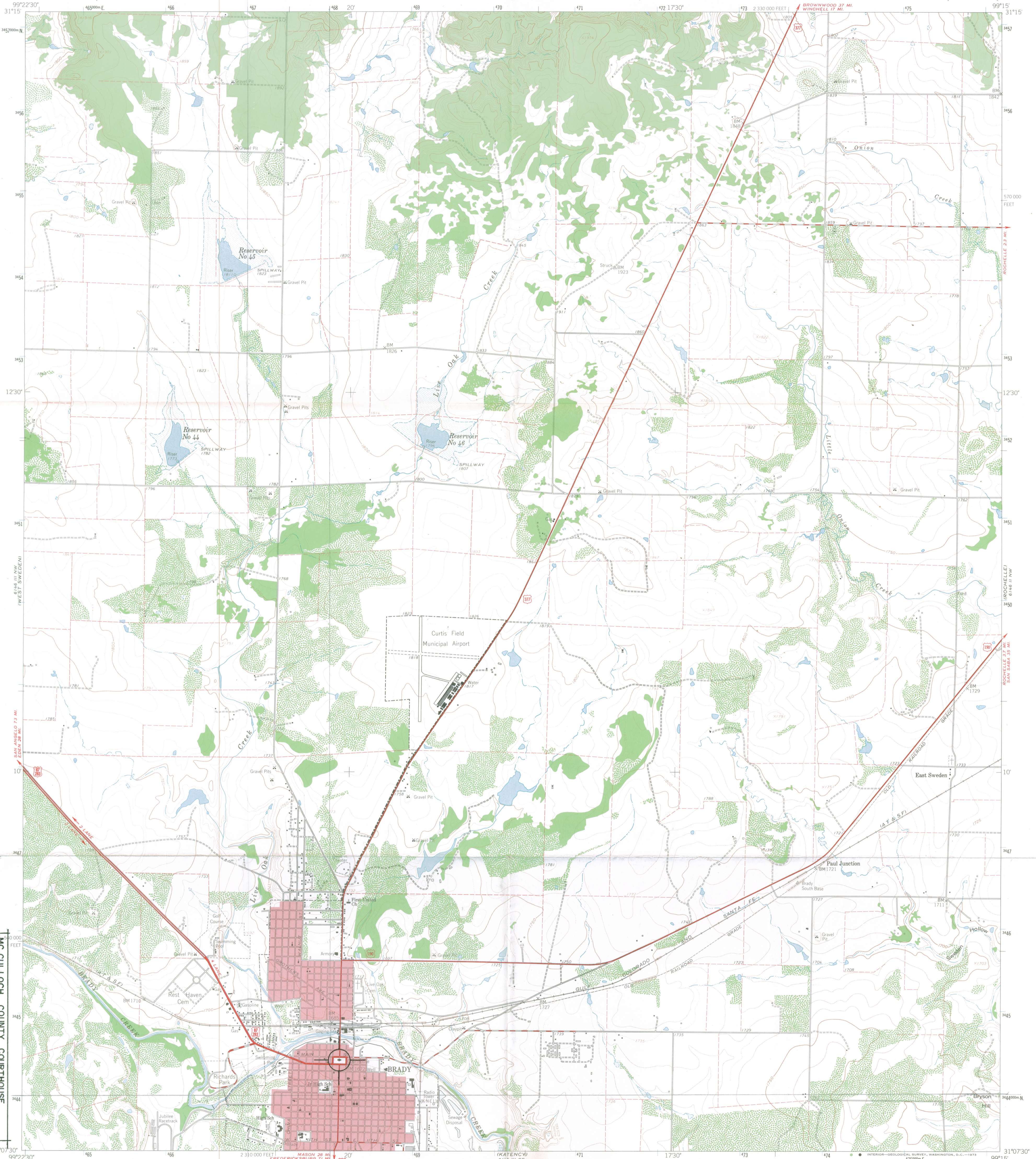
West elevation

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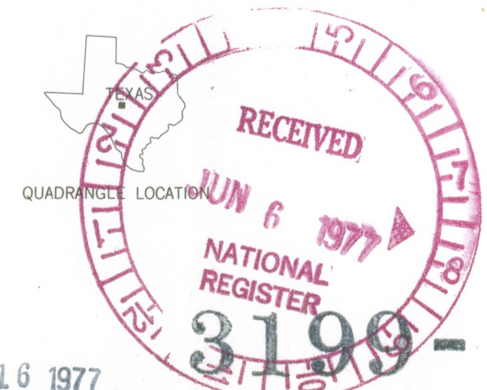
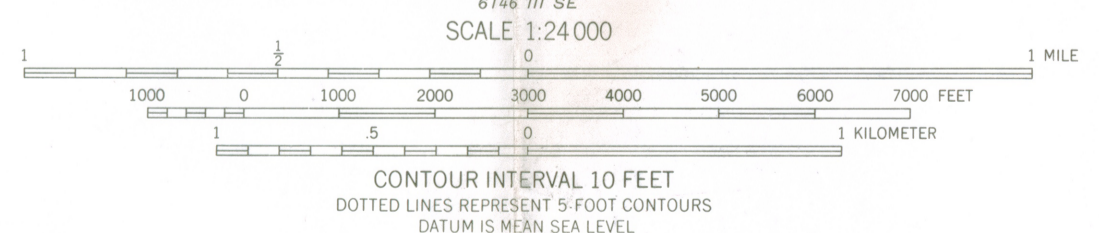
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MC CULLOCH COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
PUBLIC SQUARE  
BRADY TEXAS  
UTM REFERENCE: 14 / 468110 / 3444430

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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1958. Field check 1960  
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 14, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines  
where generally visible on aerial photographs  
This information is unchecked  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject  
to controlled inundation.

MAR 19 1973



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
U.S. Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BRADY NORTH, TEX.  
N3107.5-W9915/7.5  
1960  
AMS 6146 III NE-SERIES 9882

DEC 16 1977

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      TEXAS

Date Entered      DEC 16 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mission Nuestra Senora de los Dolores de los Ais	San Augustine vicinity San Augustine County
McCulloch County Courthouse	Brady McCulloch County

Also Notified

Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen  
Hon. John G. Tower  
Hon. Sam B. Hall, Jr.  
Hon. W. R. Poage

Regional Director, Southwest Region

880

Mott/js

12/28/77

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

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: McCulloch County Courthouse  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: DEC 16 1977  
 ④ county code: 307

⑤ LOCATION street & number: Public Square  
 city / town: Brady  
 vicinity of:  
 state: TX  
 county: McCulloch  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SW

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name):  
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 17th  
 ⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL  
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME:  NO  
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME:  NO  
 ⑮ AGREEMENT  LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  
 ⑰ features: INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  
 NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  
 NOT APPLICABLE-7  NOT APPLICABLE-8  
 EXTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-6  
 NOT APPLICABLE-9  
 ENVIRONS

⑱ ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown  
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO  
 ⑳ SAVED?  YES  
 ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25  
 ㉓ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉔ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:  
 ㉕ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:  
 ㉖ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉗ architectural style(s): ㉘ architect: ㉙ master builder: ㉚ engineer:

㉛ landscape architect / garden designer: ㉜ interior decorator: ㉝ artist: ㉞ artisan: ㉟ builder/contractor:

㊱ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊲ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP