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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

Throckmorton County Courthouse and Jail

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Jail, Chestnut Street (lot 3, block 29)

Courthouse-Public Square

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Throckmorton

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Texas

048

Throckmorton

447

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

County of Throckmorton

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Throckmorton

VICINITY OF

Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Throckmorton

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

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 courthouse is a two-story work with polychromatic walls of light brown and grey sandstone. The exterior is characterized by a large mass expressing the courtroom, flanked by two smaller masses, with a wing that has been added to the west side. A tall tower rising from the center of the mass which once formed a landmark in the community has been replaced by a modest hip-roofed feature.

The exterior masonry is noteworthy. Quarry-faced ashlar two feet thick was employed for the exterior walls while cut stone was employed for quoins, pilasters, and arches over the openings. Round arches spanned the openings of the main mass on the second floor and stilted arches spanned the ground-floor openings. A galvanized iron cornice with brackets forms a transition between the wall and the Mansard roof. Galvanized iron was also employed to trim the triangular pediments surmounting the entrances.

The interior arrangement of spaces is similar to numerous other southwestern courthouses. On the ground floor are the offices of county officials and vaults. On the second floor are the offices of judicial officials and the courtroom.

On the interior, the courthouse still retains much of its original character including the stamped metal ceiling over the corridors.

Constructed in 1893 the jail replaced a calaboose, "14 feet square and built out of 2 x 6 lumber laid flat ways and spiked together with large spikes, floored and roofed with same material, one door and two gratings." With walls of brown sandstone, it is straightforward in design and is virtually unmodified on the exterior. Openings on both of the two stories are spanned with segmental arches. A simple stone cornice terminates the walls and a hipped roof with a corrugated iron roofing covers the structure. On the main facade, a frontispiece with a bull's-eye feature and a stepped parapet announces the jail entrance on the east.

The Throckmorton County Jail conforms to typical patterns of late-nineteenth-century detention facility design. The cells were located on the second floor. On the ground floor were the quarters for the sheriff, although these at one time were evidently rented out for other uses.

A small one-story, wood frame storage building is located on the courthouse grounds just west of the addition.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES: Courthouse-1890-91; Jail-1893 BUILDER/ARCHITECT: CH-Martin, Byrnes & Johnston
 JI-Pauly Jail Building & Manufacturing Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Throckmorton County Courthouse and Jail possess considerable local significance because of their association with the development of West Texas history. Moreover, they are the most imposing structures in the county and are among the few extant examples of nineteenth century architecture in the county.

The courthouse was erected in 1890 when the county had only 124 inhabitants. Located in farm and ranch country, the county was created in 1858 but, due to Indian problems and the Civil War, it was not organized until 1879.

In June, 1890, the court ordered the publication of invitations to bidders on a new courthouse in the Fort Worth Daily Gazette and Galveston News. In July of 1890, bids were received on a stone building to replace the original frame and clapboard shelter. J.L. Dewees and Jacob Rath were the low bidders on the plans submitted by Martin, Byrnes and Johnston, prominent West Texas builders who also bid on the structure. Although alterations in the plans increased the final cost, the bid of Dewees and Rath was \$16,415. For the plans Martin, Byrnes and Johnston received \$492.45.

After the contractors posted sufficient bond, construction proceeded in a routine manner. In July the old courthouse was moved and in the following month the cornerstone laying on the new courthouse, performed by the local Masonic Lodge, was announced in the Fort Worth Daily Gazette.

Early in 1891 the courthouse was made ready for occupation with purchase of furniture from J.B. Massie and C.E. Smith for \$1,500.

Two cisterns which filled by collecting rainwater from the roof were also included in the work.

Although two of the four county commissioners voted against it--the county judge broke the tie--construction of the jail was contracted in 1893. In May the contract was let to the Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Missouri,--builders of numerous

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Texas jails--for \$13,000. In June an order which had directed that the jail be located on the public square was rescinded and the building was placed near Chestnut Street (lot 3, block 29), away from the courthouse. Construction was completed in routine manner and today the jail, an unpretentious but esthetically satisfactory work, continues to function as originally designed.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Webb, Walter Prescott (ed), The Handbook of Texas, Vol. II. Austin: The Texas State Historical Association, 1952.
 Throckmorton County Commissioners' Court Minutes, Vol. I, II, and III. Fort Worth Daily Gazette, August 28, 1890.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,4	48,3	4,5,5	3,6	7,0	9,4,0	B	1,4	48,3	3,4,0	3,6	7,0	8,8,5
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			
C							D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The courthouse is located at NW corner of Highway 79 & 380 (24).
 The jail is located at the intersection of Chesnut and Highway 380 (24) lot 3 block 29

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

9/13/76

ORGANIZATION

Division of Architecture-Texas Tech University

DATE

806/742-2464

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

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 5-23-78
 SHPO

TITLE

DATE

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

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/10/78

DATE

8-7-78

78002987

Property Throckmorton County Courthouse and Jail

State Iexas

Working Number 5.30.78.3219

Throckmorton

TECHNICAL

Photos 6
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 6.1.78

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
8/2/78

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT.
Mac Dougal
8/2/78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*As examples of late 19th C
Civic architecture and were of
apparent symbolic importance to and
stimulus to growth of County, these
Bldgs are significant.*

Accept
Lebovich
8/3/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Approved
8/10/78

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 9.5.78

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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~~PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~

AUG 10 1978

THROCKMORTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Public Square
Throckmorton, Texas

North Elevation
S.K.
09-02-77

MAY 30 1978

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AUG 10 1978

THROCKMORTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Public Square
Throckmorton, Texas

West Elevation
S.K.
9-2-77

MAY 30 1978

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

AUG 10 1978

THROCKMORTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
PUBLIC SQUARE
Throckmorton, Texas

East Elevation
S.K.
9-2-77

MAY 30 1978

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THROCKMORTON COUNTY JAIL
Chestnut Street
Throckmorton, Texas

AUG 10 1978

Southeast Oblique
S.K.
9-2-77

MAY 30 1978

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AUG 10 1978

THROCKMORTON COUNTY JAIL
PUBLIC SQUARE
THROCKMORTON, TEXAS

Southwest Oblique
S.K.
9-2-77

MAY 30 1978

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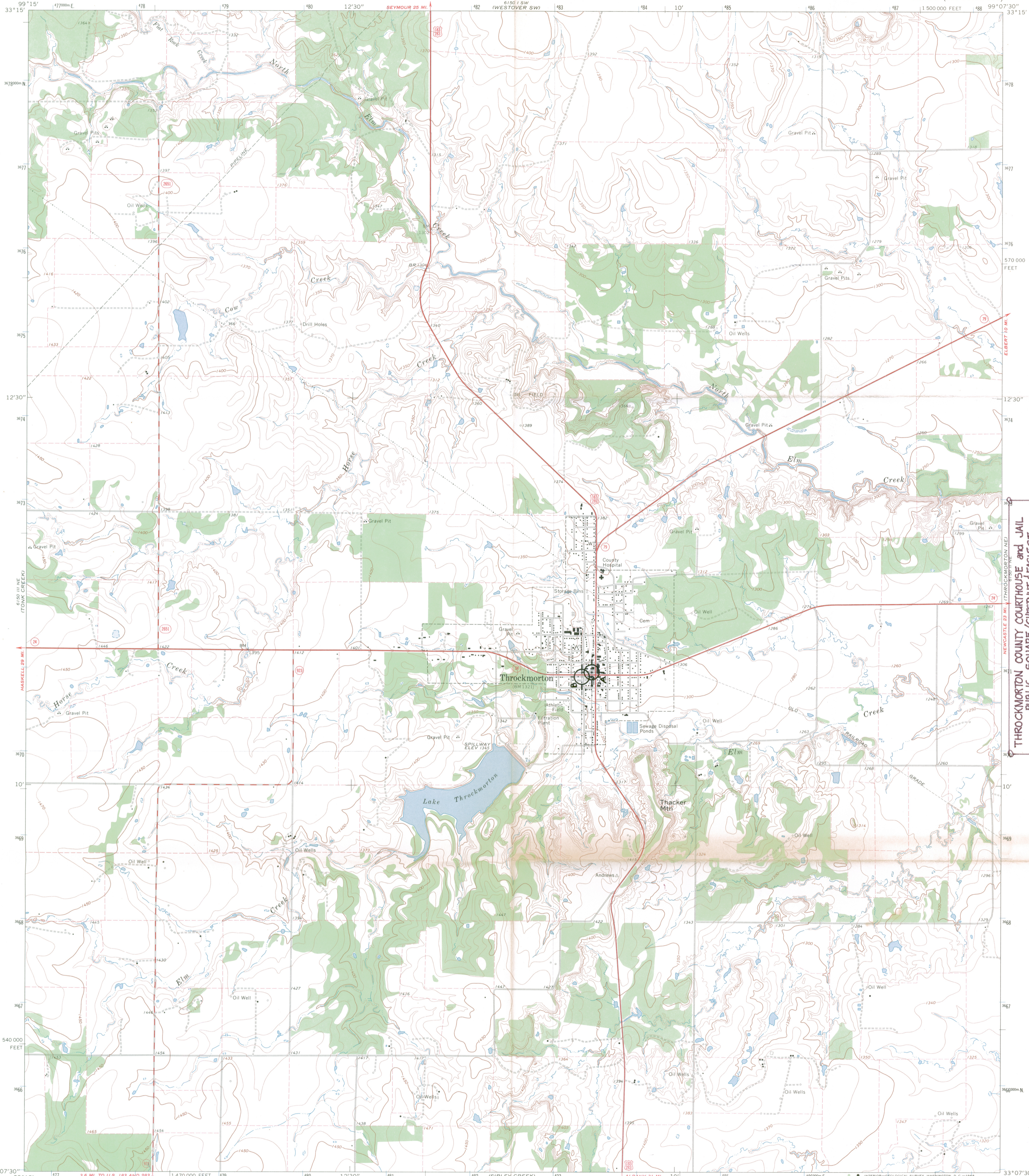
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THROCKMORTON COUNTY JAIL
Chestnut Street
Throckmorton, Texas

North Elevation
S.K.
9-2-77

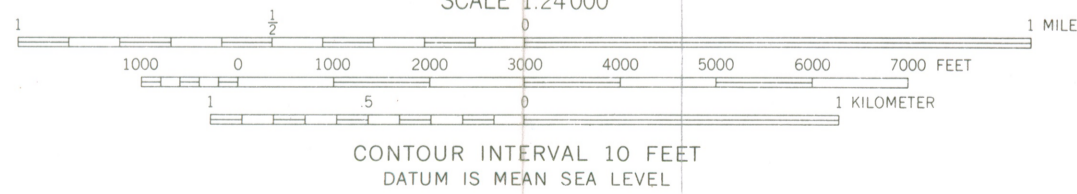
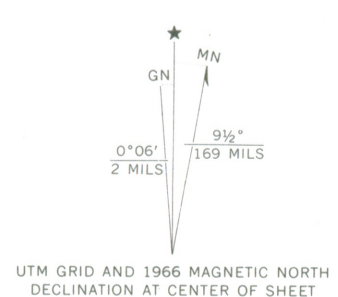
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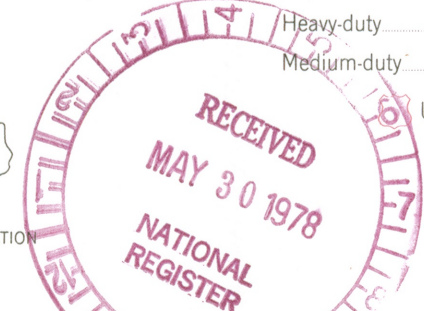
THROCKMORTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE and JAIL
PUBLIC SQUARE/CHESTNUT & EAGLE ST.
THROCKMORTON, THROCKMORTON COUNTY, TEXAS
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(B. JAIL) 14/483440/3610885

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1966
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
north central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route



THROCKMORTON, TEX.
N3307.5—W9907.5/7.5
1966

MAR 14 1974

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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AMS 6150 II NW—SERIES V882

William P. Ratliff
Judge, 39th Judicial District

Royce Adkins
District Attorney

Carol Duke
District and County Clerk

Floyd Boyd
Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector

Margaret Lilly
County Treasurer

Throckmorton County

Throckmorton, Texas

"Capital of the Cow Country"

W. T. Lindsey
County Judge and
Ex-Officio County Superintendent

May 24, 1978

H. L. Martin
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Wade Rowland
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Marvin Bellah
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Robby Bailes
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Joe Ed Thompson
Justice of Peace, Precinct 2

Orville C. Lindsey
County Agent

Mr. William Mutaugh
Keeper of National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of Interior
Eighteen and C NW
Washington, 20240 D.C.

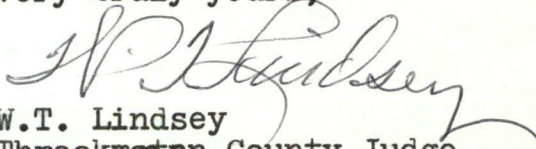
RE: The Throckmorton County Courthouse Nominations

Dear Mr. Mutaugh,

The Commissioners Court and I, Judge of Throckmorton County, understand the implications of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and therefore waive a waiting period of 30 days.

We request that the nomination be reviewed immediately.

Very truly yours,


W.T. Lindsey
Throckmorton County Judge

WTL:ph

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered AUG 10 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mustang Branch Site (41 MC 163)	McMullen County
Throckmorton County Courthouse and Jail	Throckmorton Throckmorton County
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Round Top Fayette County
Pagan Site (41 LK 85)	Live Oak County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable E. de la Garza
Honorable Omar Burleson
Honorable J. J. (Jake) Pickle

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: Throckmorton County Courthouse and Jail
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: AUG 10 1978
 ④ county code: 447

⑤ LOCATION street & number: Public Sq. and Chestnut St. city / town: Throckmorton vicinity of: state: TX county: Throckmorton
 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 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME NO ⑮ ACREAGE
 if state who prepared form? Texas Tech Univ.
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

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

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