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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
 AND/OR COMMON
Wahrenberger House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 208 West Fourteenth Street
CITY, TOWN: Austin
STATE: Texas
VICINITY OF: 10
COUNTY: Travis
CODE: 048
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 10
CODE: 453

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Doren R. Eskew, James A. Brady, Danny M. Womack and R. Douglas Muir
STREET & NUMBER: 1600 West 38th Street, Suite 420
CITY, TOWN: Austin
STATE: Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Travis County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER: 1000 Guadalupe
CITY, TOWN: Austin, Texas
STATE: Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Historical Sites Inventory
DATE: 1971
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

Situated two blocks away from the State Capitol, the Wahrenberger house stands as one of the few remaining nineteenth century buildings in the capitol complex area.

Erected by Friedrich Huster in 1867-68, the house was constructed of limestone. The original complex included the main, two-story, low pitch gabled house and a small, separate one-story kitchen also with a gabled roof. These were soon adjoined by a one-story stone segment. In 1874 Huster sold the lot to Charles Klein with the agreement that a shed-roofed second story be constructed on the previous addition and a one-story porch be attached to the front of the main building. Used as a college from 1874 to 1887, the building had a symmetrical facade with flat arches above all windows and doors. Two six over six light windows complimented each side of the central doors of each floor. A wide transom and side lights encircled the first story entrance, while the second story door displayed only a transom.

In 1887 remodeling once again altered the building's appearance with the addition of a double gallery with narrow columns supporting a metal cornice and central pediment. By 1916, the two story gallery was removed and a two-story classical portico and columns were erected giving the structure its present Classical Revival appearance.

1946 marked the end of an era as the building ceased to be a place of residence. Revelle & Co leased the edifice for an interior decorating office. Further renovations took place on the south facade including the replacement of the first floor windows with two bay windows flanking the entrance, the installation of decorative shutters, an entablature above the front entrance, and a small metal balcony on the central window (formerly the second story entrance). Also, the pediment and cornice were removed in 1960.

The Wahrenberger House illustrates the evolution that frequently occurs over a period of various occupants. The limestone walls have been covered with stucco on the south, east and west sides while the north wall remains in its original state. In recent years, a one story, flat roofed, concrete block addition was attached to the rear or north wall.

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
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wahrenberger house stands as a reminder of the 19th century residences that once stood in the State Capitol area. The house is situated near other important, early Austin houses such as the Carrington-Covert house (entered on the National Register 8/25/70), the John Hancock & the Goodman Bldg. houses (both on National Register 4/13/75). Architecturally, the Wahrenberger house is typical of the two story, central hall plan, vernacular limestone houses of the mid-19th century Austin. Few of these remain, particularly in the capitol complex area. Primarily built as a family residence, the house has also served as the first Protestant boy's school in Texas, a German-American Ladies College and a boarding house whose former tenants included several men later influential in Texas politics.

The house at 208 West Walnut -- as West Fourteenth was then known -- was built during the winter and spring of 1867-68 by Freidrich Huster, who sold it to Charles Klein in June, 1868.

Mr. Klein subsequently leased the residence to Misses Natalie von Schenck and Alice Nohl, who operated the German-American Ladies College in the structure from January, 1874 through December 1879.

The property was then leased to a prominent early Austin educator, Jacob Bickler, and from 1880 until 1886 the building housed the Texas German and English Academy. There were no public schools in the city during that time, and the Academy's rolls included many of the men who were important in the development of early Twentieth Century Austin. The Academy was the first Protestant boy's school in Texas.

Just after noon on November 9, 1881, the Bicklers' maid, Miss Lucy Perry, spotted a fire in the Old Texas Capitol nearby. The school's bell was rung to summon citizens to help fight the fire. The Capitol was lost, but Mr. Bickler and many of the older boys at the school joined in the frantic effort to rescue books and records from the burning building.

In March of 1882 the building was deeded by Klein to his daughter, Caroline Wahrenberger. Though her husband, John, died in 1864, his prominence in the city's development and the close association between his family and the structure warrant a look at this man.

A skilled baker from Switzerland, Wahrenberger emigrated to Austin in 1839, the year the city was incorporated. He held several small jobs, carefully saved his money, and began a small bakery. The enterprise prospered and his business soon included a cafe and grocery. He also was involved in the "Archive Wars" of the 1840's and the fight to prevent the moving of the State Capitol from Austin. He died in 1864, survived by his wife, Caroline, three daughters and son.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Jim Seymour, unpublished manograph, from Travis County Collection, 1977.
- Travis County Collection: Austin Public Library

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 2 Block 174

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joe Williams Project Director David Moore Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

1511 Colorado

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

DATE

October 21, 1977

TELEPHONE

512-475-3094

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.

Texas STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

TITLE

SHPO

DATE 10/31/77

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

DATE

2-23-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

[Handwritten Signature]

DATE

2-22-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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In 1872, Caroline returned to Switzerland to complete her children's education. It is unclear just when she returned to Texas, but by 1887 the family was back in Austin, living in the house at 208 West Fourteenth.

Mrs. Wahrenberger was to remain in the house until her death in 1916, Her daughters' families occupied the house until the mid-Forties. Her son, James, a well-known architect whose work includes the Littlefield Home in Austin (National Register 8/25/70) settled in San Antonio.

During much of the time the Wahrenberger clan lived in the house, it also served as a boardinghouse for State officials. Pat Neff, Governor of Texas from 1921-25, boarded with the Wahrenbergers in 1896-97; and Sam Rayburn, later Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, lived there in 1907-08.

The house's proximity to the State Capitol, and the prominence of many of its boarders, suggests that it was often a meeting place for Texas politicians around the turn of the century.

On Mrs. Wahrenberger's death in 1916, the house passed to her daughters, Mrs. Mary Lindemann(who, with her husband Ernest, had operated a drug store on the property immediately to the west of the house since 1883) and Josephine Cullen. When Mrs. Cullen died in 1934 her interest was sold to Mrs. Lindemann. Mrs. Lindemann continued to live in the house until her death in 1939, and her children remained there until 1946, when the property was leased by James Lindemann (Mary's grandson) to E. J. Revell as an office for his interior-decoration firm, Revell & Co.

In November, 1973, the property was sold by James Lindemann to Ford Smith, and Revell & Co. moved their offices elsewhere.

The building's continued existence had been questionable with the expansion of the state government complex. However in early 1977, the property was acquired by an Austin firm, Eskew, Brady, Womack & Muir, and the house's future seems assured as renovation is currently underway.

Property Wahrenberger House

State Texas

Working Number 11.14.77.1863

Travis
Ref. # 78002995

TECHNICAL

Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
11.15.77

HISTORIAN

THE BUILDING, FROM THE FRONT, BEARS LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO THE
PRE-1946 BUILDING DOCUMENTED IN THE EARLIER PHOTOGRAPHS. THE SIGNIFICANCE
IS STRONG, HOWEVER, IN TERMS OF EDUCATION. CAN WE OVERLOOK THE PORCH AND
BAY WINDOWS ~~BECAUSE~~ ^{STILL} BECAUSE UNDERNEATH WE HAVE THE MAIN BLOCK AND MUCH OF THE ORIGINAL PENETRATION?

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT

McDougan
12/2/77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

accept
Pratham
2.4.78

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

argument
persuasive persuasive agreement made for
significance of structure as one of earliest and for
reflecting 19th and early 20th evolution.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Leborich
2/15/78

Portico dates to 1916

BRANCH CHIEF

Hump
2-22-78

KEEPER

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National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry *4.4.78*

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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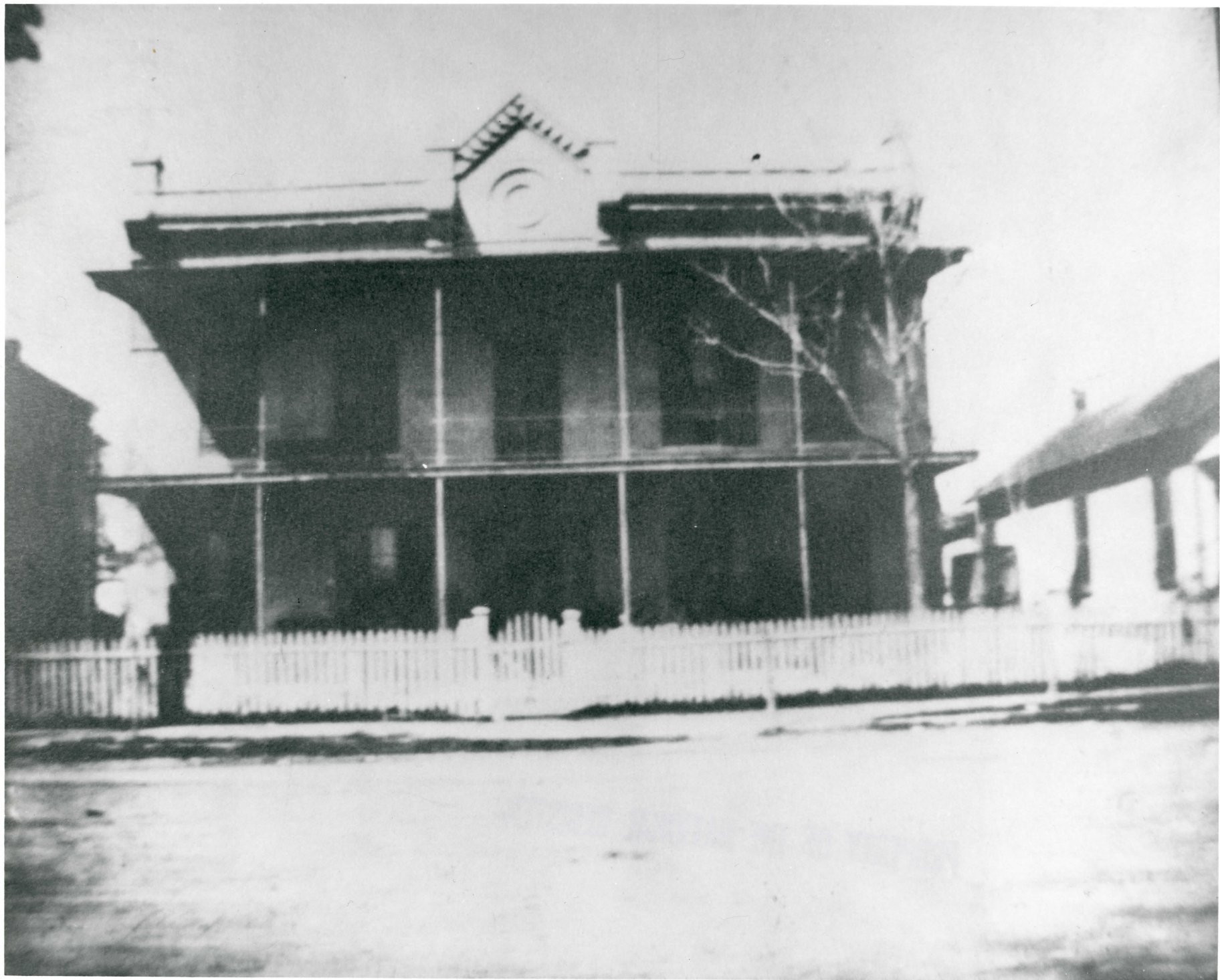
Wahrenberger House
208 West 14th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
Stanley Klein 1977
Texas Historical Commission
Northeast Oblique

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Wahrenberger House
208 West 14th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
unknown photographer circa 1900
Austin Public Library; Travis County Collection
reproduction at Texas Historical Commission
South or Front Elevation

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Wahrenberger House
208 West 14th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
unknown photographer circa 1960
Austin Public Library; Travis County Collection
reproduction at Texas Historical Commission
Southwest Oblique

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Wahrenberger House
208 West 14th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
unknown photographer circa 1883
Austin Public Library; Travis County Collection
reproduction at Texas Historical Commission
Southwest Oblique

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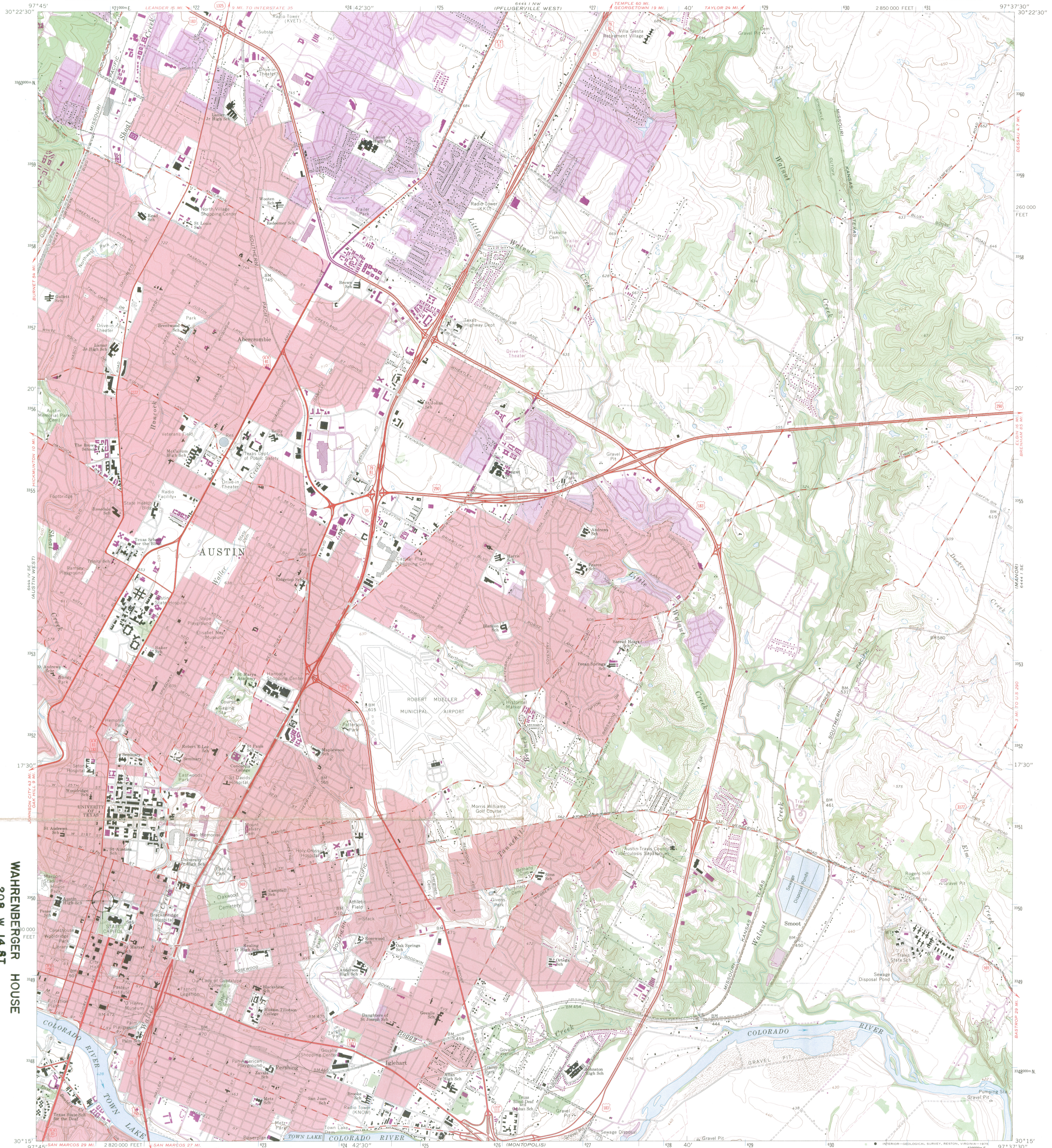


Wahrenberger House
208 West 14th Street
Austin, Travis County, Texas
Stanley Klein 1977
Texas Historical Commission
Southeast Oblique

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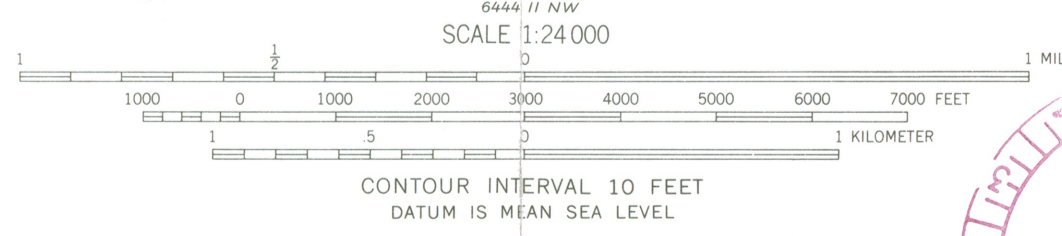
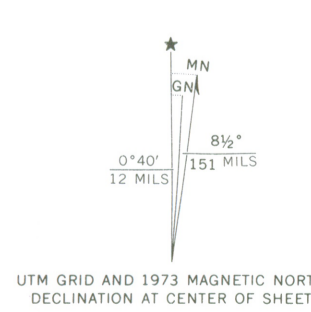
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WAHRENBARGER HOUSE
208 W 14 ST.
AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 14/621025/3349925

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1952. Field checked 1954. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1966
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
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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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AUSTIN EAST, TEX.
SW/4 AUSTIN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3015—W9737.5/7.5
1966
PHOTOREVISED 1973
AMS 6444 I SW—SERIES V882

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **TEXAS**

Date Entered **FEB 23 1978**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sullivan, Daniel J., Stable and Carriage House	San Antonio Bexar County
Wahrenberger House	Austin Travis County

Also Notified

Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Henry B. Gonzalez
Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle
Regional Director, Southwest Region

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

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