

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

The Beaumont Y. M. C. A.

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

934 Calder St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Beaumont

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Texas

048

Jefferson

89

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Recreation club

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Y. M. C. A. of Greater Beaumont, Texas; John Hall, General Director

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 2551

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Beaumont

VICINITY OF

Texas

77704

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Beaumont

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

S. P. A. R. E. Beaumont

DATE

January, 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Beaumont Heritage Society

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Beaumont

Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated about ten blocks west of the old downtown commercial district of Beaumont, the YMCA building is located at 934 Calder Street. The structure was designed by Fred Stone of Tisdale, Stone, and Pinson, and reflects elements characteristic of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. The irregularly massed, four-story building was constructed of poly-chromatic brick (unusual for this style) and was completed in 1928.

Facing south, the front facade displays the building's most distinctive ornamentation. The two main doorways are emphasized with light colored cast stone portals contrasting to darker brick. Casement windows pierce the front and are capped, in most cases, with cypress wood lintels. Ornate metal grillwork or brick detailing highlight the remaining openings. The west and north wings extend four stories in height, while the east and south sections rise three and two stories, respectively. Low pitch roofs with red tile top each wing and reflect the Spanish architectural influence. The asymmetrical plan allows for an open courtyard directly above the building's central portion. Fountains with decorative tile and plants accentuate this patio and provide a pleasant setting for the members of the organization. A tall five story tower rises from the structure's northeast corner and is ornamented with cast stone detailing and veneer.

The remaining facades are much less ornate than the front. The west elevation exhibits casement windows, and the north facade displays large, double-hung, wood sash windows which provide better ventilation for the gymnasiums. The east side is pierced with both types of openings.

Demonstrating many features of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, the interior of the YMCA building exhibits thick, white, stuccoed walls and round arch openings. Decorative tile is employed throughout the interior -- on the stairs' risers and as a wainscotting material. The building contains two gymnasiums, handball courts, a swimming pool, a cafeteria, meeting rooms, and dormitory-type sleeping accommodations.

Besides the addition of a gym and handball courts in the rear, the building has remained unaltered since its completion. A small one-story structure was attached to the west side in 1930 and reflects the architectural motifs of the main building.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 1928 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Fred Stone

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built during Beaumont's second boom period, the YMCA building represents a good example of the Spanish Colonial Revival style which dominated much of Beaumont's architecture during the late 1920's and early 1930's. The structure was built by one of the city's most prominent civic organizations, the YMCA, and has served as an important social center in Beaumont for over fifty years.

Since the early 1900's, the development of Beaumont in general and the YMCA in particular has depended almost exclusively on the drilling, refinement, and shipment of oil. With Spindletop's discovery in 1901, the small town of Beaumont suddenly mushroomed in population, and a great deal of vice and corruption followed this boom. Many of the town's leading citizens believed the need existed for a stable social organization to help build "spirit, mind, and body," and, the Beaumont branch of the Young Men's Christian Association was formed in 1901. Donations from private citizens were solicited to erect a building for the organization, and by 1903, the first YMCA building was constructed.

The first twenty years of the YMCA proved very successful, and membership steadily increased. By the mid 1920's, Beaumont experienced a second oil boom. The old YMCA building proved too small for the increased demand, and soon efforts were begun to raise money for a new facility.

In 1928 the present YMCA building was constructed in a new subdivision about ten blocks west of the downtown commercial district. The four-story brick structure displayed a strong influence from Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, which had become a popular style in Beaumont at that time. The new facility housed a gymnasium, swimming pool, dormitory rooms, and numerous conference rooms. An additional wing was constructed in 1930 just west of the main building and was built from money donated by Dr. J. W. Garth. This section housed the Garth Friendship Club, which was founded by Dr. Garth as an "exclusive" club for newspaper boys and carriers. When this group disbanded in 1945, the wing was converted into an exercise room.

(see continuation sheet)

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Since its completion, the YMCA building has housed one of the city's most dynamic and community-oriented institutions. Many of Beaumont's leading citizens have joined the association and participated in its wide range of programs. Numerous sub-branches have been established throughout the city, but the "Downtown Y" at 934 Calder continues to be an important social center in Beaumont.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780. Cambridge, Massachusetts: M.I.T. Press, 1969.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Beaumont West

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 3,9,1 4,2,5 3,3 2,8 6,5,0

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property runs beginning at the NE corner of 10th and Calder Streets, East from that intersection 435 feet, then North 300 feet (parallel with 10th), then West back to 10th St., then South to Calder St.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joe Williams, Project Director; David Moore, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

DATE

January 23, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 12276

TELEPHONE

512-475-3094

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas 78711

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

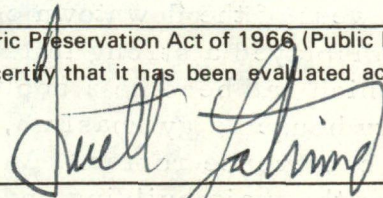
NATIONAL

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



TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE January 29, 1979

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

DATE 3-20-79

ATTEST:


KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3-29-79


CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property ~~Beaumont~~ *Beaumont v. M. C. A.*

State *Ill. Jefferson* Working Number *2.6.79.256*

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps _____

CONTROL

OK 2.8.79

Building is significant as a good representative of the Spanish Colonial Revival Style that typified Beaumont construction for a time and as a major social organization built by solid city fathers in response to the effects of boomtown living. Justification for this Y could be that of many Y's, but that doesn't deny the impact of such a place in any community.

HISTORIAN

Sheffy
3-22-79
accept

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Justification as summarized above

Sheffy
3-29-79
accept

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 5-1-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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GARTH FRIENDSHIP CLUB



(Beaumont Y. M. C. A.)

The YMCA Building

934 Calder

Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

Business Men's Photography Studio, Beaumont
Texas 1978

reproduction filed at Texas Historical Comm.

Southwest Oblique

Photo #1

#15428
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South Elevation

Photo #2

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Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

photo by Darrell Baker, Beaumont Texas 1978
reproduction filed at Texas Historical Comm.

Detail of Patio

Photo #3

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The YMCA Building

934 Calder

Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

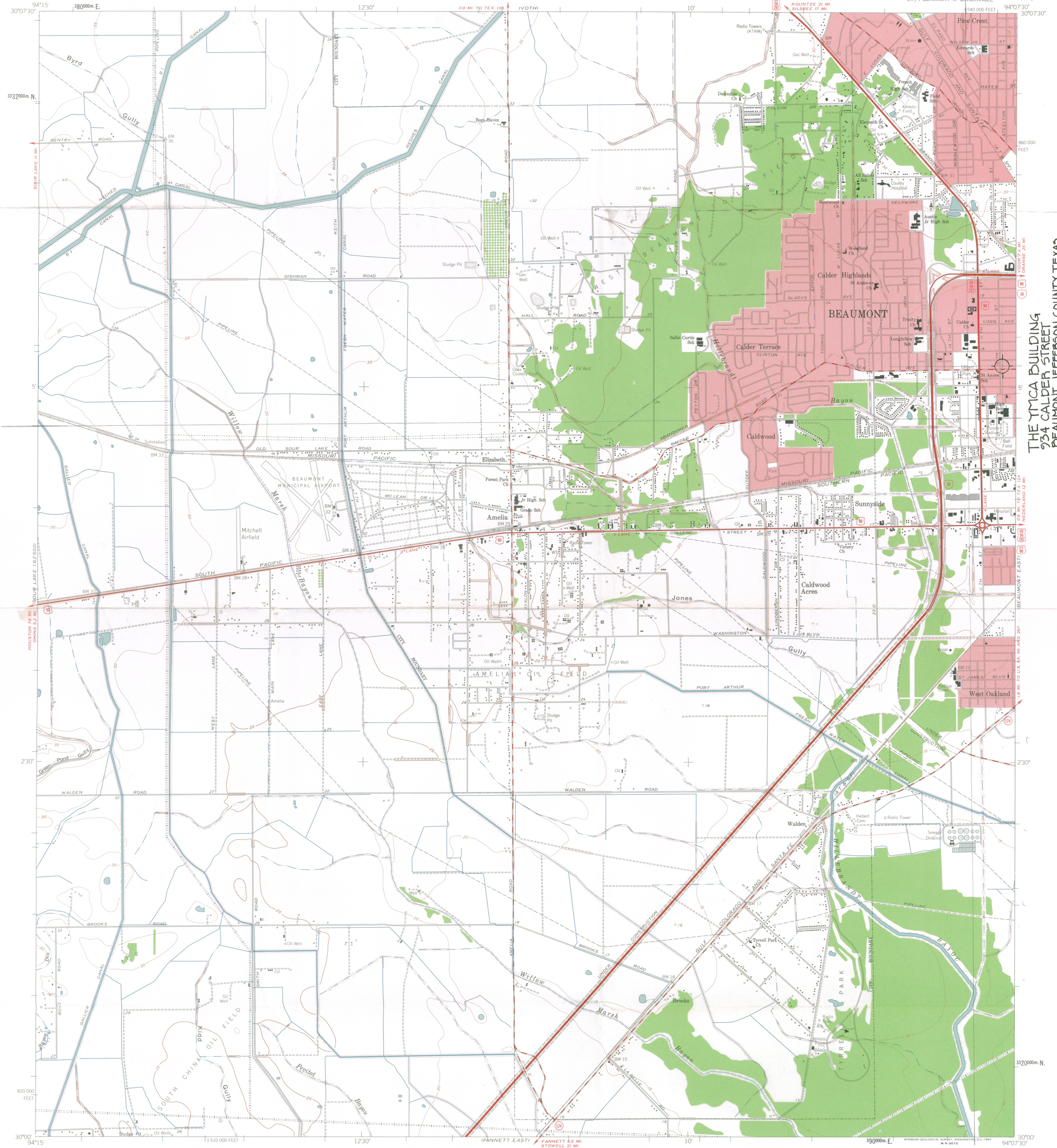
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Northwest Oblique 43463-14

Photo #4

BUSINESS MEN'S STUDIO
BEAUMONT, TEXAS
FEB 6 1979

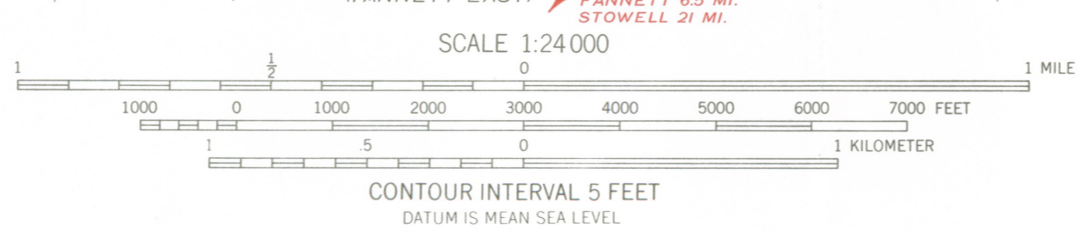
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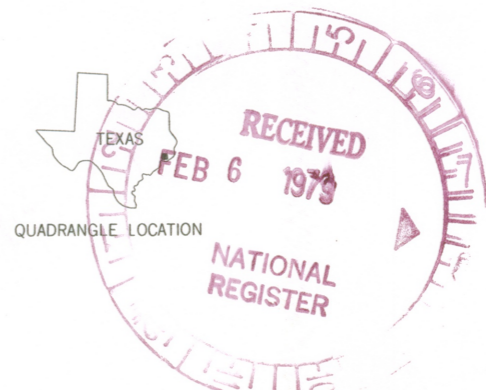
THE YMC BUILDING
934 CALDER STREET
BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 15/391425/3326650

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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1942. Topography from U. S. Corps of Engineers 1946 map
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1959. Field checked 1960
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
south central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1960



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty — Light-duty
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt
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

BEAUMONT WEST, TEX.
SW/4 BEAUMONT 15 QUADRANGLE
N3000-W9407 5/7 5
1960
MAR 30 1979

AUG 17 1970

3094-112

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered MAR 30 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kempner, Daniel Webster, House	Galveston Galveston County
Beaumont Y. M. C. A.	Beaumont Jefferson County
Zimmerscheidt-Leyendecker House	Columbus vicinity Colorado County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Jack Brooks
Honorable J. J. (Jake) Pickle

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

NR Byers/bjr 4/5/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **Beaumont Y. M. C. A.** ② OTHER NAMES: _____ ③ date of entry: **MAR 30 1979** ④ county code: **89**

⑤ LOCATION street & number **934 Calder St.** city / town **Beaumont** vicinity of _____ state **TX** county **Jefferson** ⑥ NPS REGION: **S Central**

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 _____ if state who prepared form? _____

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME _____ NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME _____ NO ⑮ ACREAGE _____ 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 NO ㉑ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉒ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5 ENGINEERING-11 COMMERCE-6 COMMUNICATIONS-7 CONSERVATION-8 ECONOMICS-9 EDUCATION-10 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 TRANSPORTATION-25 RECREATION-28 SETTLEMENT-29 URBAN PLANNING-31 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

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

reviewers initials _____ date _____ IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE