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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Kendall County Courthouse and Jail

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Boerne,

-- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
21

STATE

Texas

CODE
048

COUNTY

Kendall

CODE
259**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	<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

County of Kendall

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Boerne

-- VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk, Kendall County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Boerne

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark

DATE

1970

--FEDERAL STATE --COUNTY --LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE
Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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In 1885 the County Commissioner's Court authorized the addition of a second story with a "gallery." Charles Buckel drew the plans. Characteristic of many of the buildings located in the predominantly German populated county, the building incorporated fine craftsmanship. Stone walls with flush masonry joints were accented by corner quoining and cut stone lintels spanning the openings. The cornice was developed with simple moldings, accented with brackets. On the south, or main, facade a two-story porch was included. Victorian gingerbread provided charm to the ensemble. Over the main section of the building above the entrance was a Mansard roof with delicate cast iron cresting.

In 1909 it was determined that the courthouse should be expanded. Alfred Giles, San Antonio architect, was commissioned to draw the plans. The construction contract was subsequently awarded to E.H. Clemens.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C.H. 1869, 1886, 1909 BUILDER/ARCHITECT C.H. Alfred Giles and others
 Jail: 1887 Jail: Pauley Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The courthouse has both architectural and historical significance. The original section is the state's second oldest courthouse still used in its original role (only Cass County has one older--1866). Both the original and the addition display fine craftsmanship.

The jail has architectural and historical significance. It is simple in composition but attractive. Historically it is among the oldest jails in the state that still serves its original function.

Located on the lower edge of the Edwards Plateau in Southwest Texas, Kendall County was created from sections of Bexar, Comal, and Blanco counties in 1862. A large percentage of the population consists of people of German descent: at the time the county was created about 80% were German. Among the settlers were individuals from the unsuccessful Bettina Colony which had been founded by scholars from Heidelberg and Geissen universities. The economy historically has been based upon agriculture.

In 1862 the county seat, through an election, was placed in Boerne, a town named after Ludwig Boerne, a German poet who was in Texas as a political refuge. After using several houses, county officials determined to erect a new courthouse in 1869. S.F. Stendebach was awarded the contract to erect the structure. The plans had been prepared by a Mr. Zoeller.

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In 1906 county officials decided to enlarge the courthouse. Alfred Giles, who owned a ranch in the vicinity of Boerne, was commissioned as architect. In 1954 the structure was remodeled.

The county jails have been near the courthouse. In 1876 invitations for proposals--published in both English and German--were invited for a new jail. Thomas F. Cavanaugh was awarded the contract.

Less than a decade later, in 1887 plans were made for a new, more substantial jail. S.N. Pickens, agent for the Pauley Jail Building and manufacturing Company handled the negotiations. Subsequently, in 1891 the old jail was converted into a jury room.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY About 3 acres.

QUADRANGLE NAME Boerne, Tex

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 5261045 32951865

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The courthouse is located on the south side of the square. It is bounded on the north by Blanco Street, on the south by San Antonio St., on the east by Saunders Street, and on the west by Watts Street.

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

The jail is located near the northeast corner of the public square.

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Willard B. Robinson, Professor of Architecture

ORGANIZATION

Texas Tech University

DATE

June, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 4499

TELEPHONE

806-742-2464

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 10-25-78

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property Kendall County Courthouse and Jail

State IA

Working Number 11.1.78.4431

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
11.2.78

HISTORIAN

Although significance is buttressed somewhat by age of the structure and its ranking because of that, first paragraph is not supported by information that follows. --Note changes - so that history needs to relate to building now seen.

Sheffy *Return*
12.11.78

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

See above - re-review 12-12-78 Sheffy

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

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The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: Please relate alterations to the building that occurred over time to the stylistic trends of the particular period. Does the square nominated include a third building? If so, what - and does it contribute or detract?

8 Statement of Significance: Note other return sheets for courthouses. Although this structure is among the oldest in State in use and is valuable in that right, Statement as written does not justify property for listing. Please support the statements regarding historical and architectural value - based on the structure that appears now and its role this past century in county development and activity. Please discuss evidence for the claim of architectural significance.

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____
UTM Reference(s): _____
Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____
Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: _____
Other: #8 is history of property and says property is historically and architecturally significant, but does not say why.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Marcella Sherfy
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Bill Labovich for _____ Date: 12/13/78
Chief, Branch of Registration

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2 LOCATION

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CITY, TOWN

Boerne

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

21

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

CODE
048COUNTY
KendallCODE
259**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

__ DISTRICT

 BUILDING(S)

__ STRUCTURE

__ SITE

__ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP PUBLIC

__ PRIVATE

__ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__ IN PROCESS

__ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS OCCUPIED

__ UNOCCUPIED

__ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

__ YES: RESTRICTED

 YES: UNRESTRICTED

__ NO

PRESENT USE

__ AGRICULTURE

__ COMMERCIAL

__ EDUCATIONAL

__ ENTERTAINMENT

 GOVERNMENT

__ INDUSTRIAL

__ MILITARY

__ MUSEUM

__ PARK

__ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__ RELIGIOUS

__ SCIENTIFIC

__ TRANSPORTATION

__ OTHER:

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NAME

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Boerne

STATE

Texas

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Austin

STATE

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In 1885 the County Commissioner's Court authorized the addition of a second story with a "gallery." Charles Buckel drew the plans. Characteristic of many of the buildings located in the predominantly German populated county, the building incorporated fine craftsmanship. Stone walls with flush masonry joints were accented by corner quoining and cut stone lintels spanning the openings. The cornice was developed with simple moldings, accented with brackets. On the south, or main, facade a two-story porch was included. Victorian gingerbread provided charm to the ensemble. Over the main section of the building above the entrance was a Mansard roof with delicate cast iron cresting. This Mansardic roof and the Victorian gingerbread was fashionable during the early 1880s throughout Texas

In 1909 it was determined that the courthouse should be expanded. Alfred Giles, San Antonio architect, was commissioned to draw the plans. The construction contract was subsequently awarded to E. H. Clemens.

The design of the new addition, like the previous expansion, reflected the stylistic trends of the period in Texas. The semi-circular arches of the Romanesque Revival style appeared on many Texas buildings of the 1890s and early years of the twentieth century. In the 1909 addition to the Kendall County Courthouse, these features distinguish the entrance as well as the walls above the upper cut stone stringcourse.

Stone, similar to that in the original walls, was employed in the addition and visually unified the works. However, the new architectural forms contrast with the original building. In the addition, the rough texture of the quarry-faced ashlar stonework contrasts with the smooth surfaces of the earlier part. Sophistication of craftsmanship is apparent in the wide cut-stone string courses and rectangular columns. Contrasting rough and smooth stones form a balustrade over the entrance.

The addition makes the south access prominent. A triple-arched arcade, rising above the stone-surfaced porch, emphasizes this entrance. Flanking either side are octagonal wings. Above the porch rises a parapet on which the date of construction is cut. The octagonal wings are surmounted by hipped roofs with standing seam sheet metal roofing, a common material in the regions populated by the Germans.

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The three-story cube conforms to typical patterns for late-nineteenth-century jails. The ground story contains sheriff's quarters while the cell blocks occupy the upper levels.

Fine stonework distinguishes the jail. Pilasters articulate the walls into rectangular panels; corner buttresses provide additional relief. Although now terminated by a simple coping, the original parapet had a decorative stone treatment. The openings are spanned with stone lintels. Cut stone was employed for the lintels, and stringcourses.

A third building located on the public square has no architectural significance.

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
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Jail: 1887 Jail: Pauley Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The courthouse has both architectural and historical significance. The original section is the state's second oldest courthouse still used in its original role (only Cass County has one older--1866). Both the original and the addition display fine craftsmanship.

Architecturally the original courthouse and its additions are distinguished by conservative design--a characteristic of much German architecture in the community and surrounding area. In the 1869 building and the additions the openings and masses are well proportioned. Designed by an outstanding nineteenth-century Texas architect, the 1909 addition contrasts with the early sections, yet a subtle relationship results from the use of the same type of stone. The conservative type of design--much less picturesque than that of numerous other courthouses constructed around the turn of the century--well reflects the generally conservative attitudes of the county residents.

Historically this courthouse has been a center of activity within the county since days of Reconstruction. Throughout history residents have met at the square to conduct business and visit. Although the Boerne public square is not surrounded by commercial buildings as was commonly the case in Texas, it nonetheless is an important site where many decisions having a bearing on the destiny and well being of the county occurred.

The jail has architectural and historical significance. It is simple in composition but attractive. Historically it is among the oldest jails in the state that still serves its original function.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY About 3 acres.

QUADRANGLE NAME Boerne, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 526045 3295865

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The courthouse is located on the south side of the square. It is bounded on the north by Blanco Street, on the south by San Antonio St., on the east by Saunders Street, and on the west by Watts Street. The jail is located near the northeast corner of the
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STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Willard B. Robinson, Professor of Architecture

ORGANIZATION

Texas Tech University

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 4140

TELEPHONE

806-742-2789

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
DATE 2-6-79

TITLE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE 2/15/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Beth Grosvenor*

DATE 2/13/80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Property Kendall County Courthouse and Jail

400438
2nd Control

State TX (Kendall) Working Number 11.1.78.4431

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 3
Maps 1

The original portion constitutes the state's 2nd oldest courthouse in continuous use. As a whole, with its 2 major remodelings, the building illustrates the evolution of popular architectural styles in this area, and exhibits good examples of German craftsmanship. All the questions on the return sheet have been answered except historical signif. for this century, but clearly the hist. signif. relates to the original courthouse, which is still visible and clearly identifiable. I believe a case could be made for accepting it on that basis alone, but a sufficient architectural justification is given for the building in its present state (c-1909). The jail is both historically and architecturally linked to the courthouse.

HISTORIAN

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

accept
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KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

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Boerne, Kendall County, Texas

Will Robinson 1977

negative filed at Texas Historical Comm.

*Kendall County Courthouse
from SW*
Southwest Oblique of Courthouse

Photo #1

NOV 1 1978

FEB 15 1980



Kendall County Courthouse and Jail
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Boerne, Kendall County, Texas

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Southeast Oblique of Jail

Photo #2

NOV 1 1978

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Public Square
Boerne, Kendall County, Texas

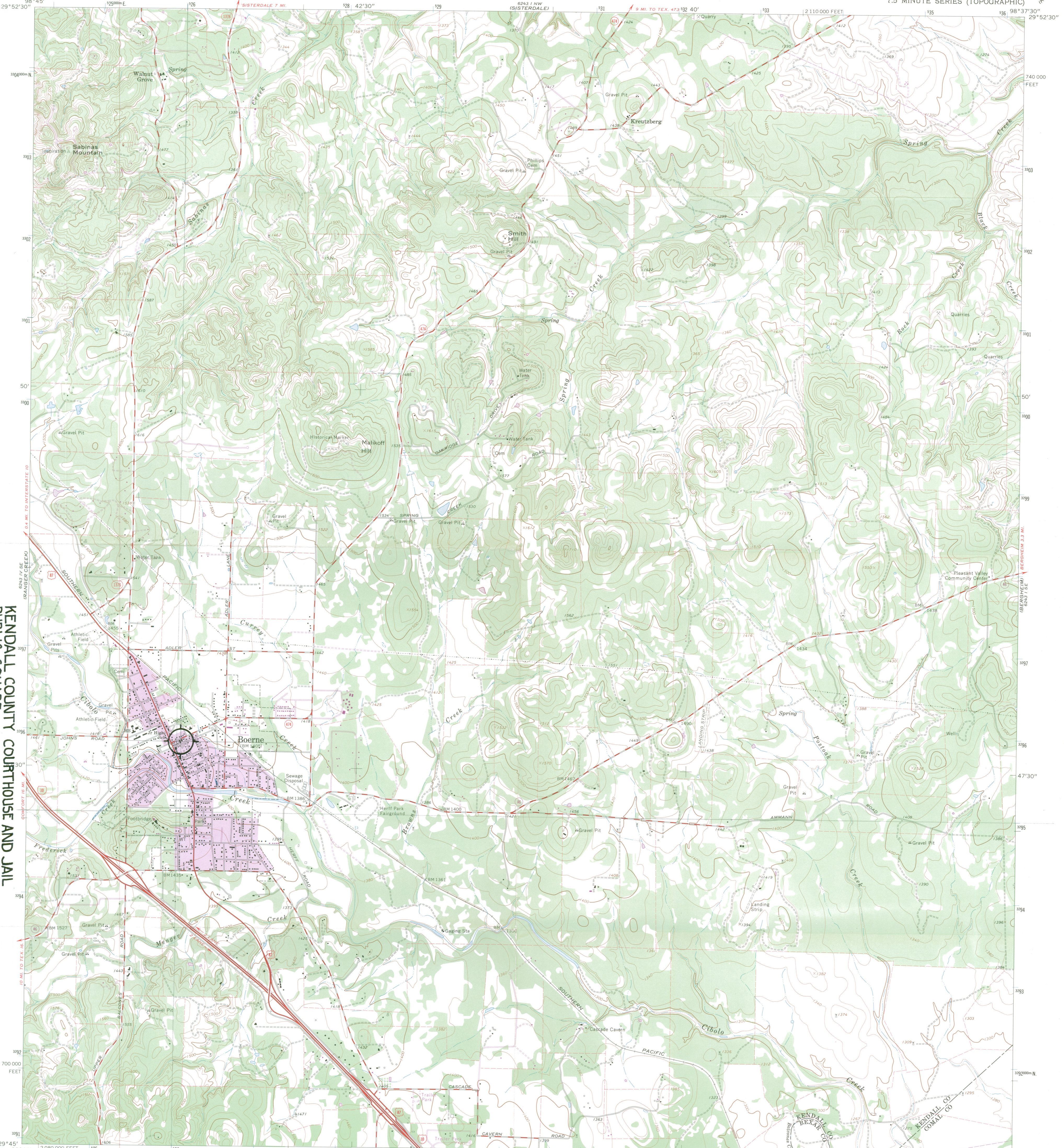
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Northwest Oblique of Courthouse

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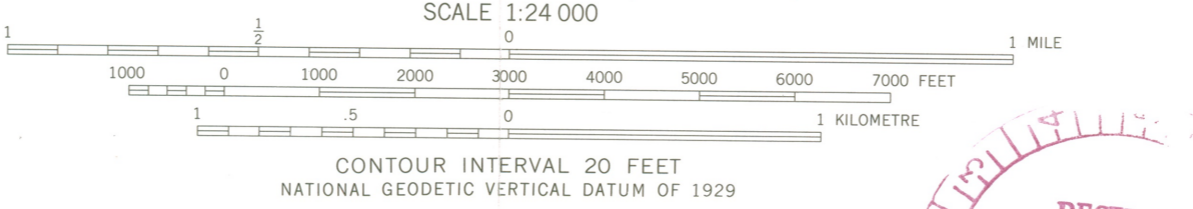
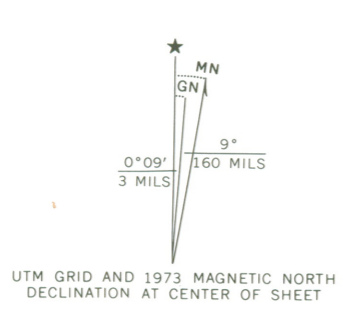
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KENDALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JAIL
 PUBLIC SQUARE
 BOERNE, KENDALL COUNTY, TEXAS
 UTM REFERENCE: 14J526045J3295865

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
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 Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1964
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, south central zone
 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 14, shown in blue
 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



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered FEB 15 1980

Name

Location

Kendall County Courthouse and Jail

Boerne
Kendall County

Maverick County Courthouse

Eagle Pass
Maverick County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd Bentsen

Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Thomas G. Loeffler
Honorable Abraham Kazen, Jr.

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Kendall County Courthouse and Jail
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry:
 ④ county code: 259

⑤ LOCATION street & number Public Sq. city / town Boerne vicinity of. state TX county Kendall 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 21 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 deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated 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 COMMERCE-6 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMUNICATIONS-7 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 ARCHITECTURE-4 ECONOMICS-9 ART-5 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 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