

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Aynesworth-Wright House

and/or common

2. Location

N of Austin at

street & number 11693 Research Blvd. not for publication

city, town Austin *mic.* vicinity of congressional district 10

state Texas code 48 county Travis code 453

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 checked="" 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: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Franklin Savings Association

street & number 5900 Airport Blvd.

city, town Austin vicinity of state Texas 78752

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Travis County Courthouse

street & number 10th and San Antonio Street

city, town Austin, state Texas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NONE has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>May 16, 1978</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Aynesworth-Wright House, originally located at 4507 East Ave. in northeast Austin, was moved to 11693 Research Blvd. in north Austin on May 16, 1978. When the house was scheduled for demolition in 1977, it was purchased by Franklin Savings Association for removal to the new location and has been sensitively rehabilitated for a new and active use in the community.

As built ca. 1852, the one-story residence was a two room and enclosed dog-run vernacular Greek Revival style house with outside end chimneys of brick. Oak and red cedar is said to have been hauled in from the surrounding countryside to construct the house. The full-length front gallery under a broken-pitch roof was supported by square columns connected by a simple gallery rail. The central entry with side lights and transom was flanked on each side by a double-hung 6-over 6-light sash window. The exterior of the structure was clad in horizontal wood siding and had a wood shingle roof. Additions were made to the rear of the house off the porch at an early date in an ell, including two wood-frame rooms divided by a large stone fireplace fitted for cooking implements. Later, two additional rooms divided by a fireplace and a bath were added beside the earlier addition, the two additions separated by a central hall. It is presumed that there were the standard out buildings on the homestead, but the only documentation for such is the log structure built somewhere near the house in which Dr. Wright saw patients in the 1860's and a well which appears in a 1940's photo. Because of new construction in the residential development on all sides of the house in subsequent years, there is no visible evidence of other structures, nor do the family members remember the location of such structures.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Giles bought the house in 1940 from members of the Wright family who still occupied the house, Mrs. Giles and her two sons documented the exterior of the house by taking photographs and renovated it by repairing and painting, without making alterations to it. The Giles leased the house during the 1940's, during which time no significant changes were made. Between 1945 and the 1960's the house changed hands several times, during which time a window was added beside the chimney in the west end wall of the original portion of the house. The new window was similar to the originals, but different in scale and construction. The gallery rail was removed during this period, possibly due to deterioration, the columns painted a dark contrasting color, the wooden floor and steps of the gallery replaced by limestone, and shutters were added to the front windows.

Further alterations were made in the 1960's when the house was used by a lessee as a day-care nursery. The front gallery was enclosed at this time to provide additional space for child care. The house has stood vacant in recent years, causing rapid deterioration.

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In the recent rehabilitation of the house, most of the original fabric was retained, even to the 8"-12" wide plank flooring, interior wall and ceiling planks, exterior siding, original 1850's cast iron rimlock door knob assemblies, cast iron five-knuckle butt hinges, a set of cast iron strap hinges on an original plank door, hand-hewn logs in the roof super structure and rafter nailers. The cedar log pier foundation (part of which had been replaced earlier) was replaced by a new concrete block foundation encased in brick to match the chimney brick, with lattice skirting. The mantels (which had been removed earlier) are reproductions of typical Austin mantels of that time. The original chimney bricks were used in rebuilding the chimneys to their original configuration with the mortar carefully matched to the original.

The later rear additions were removed, with a new addition in a similar ell configuration constructed to house a kitchen and restroom facility. The building is now being used as a branch office for Franklin Savings Association. It was moved from its original location, surrounded on three sides by newer construction in an expanding commercial environment and on the fourth by a highway, to a new location which is also on a highway surrounded by commercial development. However, if it had not been moved, the destruction of one of Austin's earliest remaining pioneer homes would have been assured.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1852

Builder/Architect Isaiah H. Aynesworth

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This early Greek Revival-style residence was built around 1852 by pioneer cabinet maker and itinerate Baptist preacher Isaiah Aynesworth for his family soon after their arrival in Texas. The Aynesworths sold the home and land in 1855 to Dr. Joseph Wright, one of Austin's earliest physicians and the surveyor for the layout of the University of Texas campus in Austin, whose family occupied the house until 1940. As one of the oldest remaining homes in the Austin-Travis County area, the structure is significant not only for the architectural style and building techniques employed in an earlier time, but also as a representation through its history of two different types of early Austin pioneer.

The builder of the house, Isaiah Hezekiah Aynesworth, came to Austin with his wife Nancy Anne Seaton and family in 1847 from western Tennessee. They first settled in the vicinity of Onion Creek, southeast of Austin. Aynesworth was trained as a cabinet maker in his youth, but had also become a Baptist preacher by the time the family moved to Austin.

In 1851 Aynesworth bought 246 acres from Edward Burleson out of the Thomas Hawkins survey for \$500.00 on the Old Cameron Road, about three miles northeast of Austin, where he built his home. Family tradition holds that the house was built as much like the one in Tennessee as possible to assuage Nancy's homesickness. Isaiah apparently did not have a Parish in Austin, but traveled throughout the area on horseback performing marriages, baptisms and preaching. He also farmed his land and leased part of it to neighbors to share-crop. The Aynesworths moved to Burnet County in 1855. He was reported to have traveled 60 miles on horseback from Pecan Springs in Burnet County to Brown County to perform the first marriage ceremony in that county in 1875.

Dr. Joseph Wright bought the house and land from the Aynesworths in 1855. Wright and his wife, Rachel Earnest, and family came to Texas around 1852 from Tennessee. He was a surveyor as well as a physician, and surveyed the site for the University of Texas in Austin, as well as the site for the city of Tallahassee, Florida.

Wright practiced medicine in Austin out of a log office near his home mixing powders for \$1.00. He spent most of his time, however, working his land. He died at home just six days less than 100 years of age, on December 4, 1898.

The house stayed in the Wright family until 1940, when it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Giles. By this time, residential development had surrounded the house,

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property Less than 1 acre.

Quadrangle name Pflugerville West, Texas

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 1, The Fort Addition, City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, including the Aynesworth-Wright House and surrounding landscaping.

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 Binnie Hoffman, Research Historian

Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Architects &

organization Restoration Consultants, Inc.

date December 26, 1979

street & number 920 B Congress Ave.

telephone 476-3033

city or town Austin

state Texas 78701

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Texas Historic Preservation Officer

date January 29, 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

date 9/27/80

Attest: Bob Grosvenor

date 9/23/80

Chief of Registration

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and the Old Cameron Road had become a major highway. The Giles renovated the house and leased it until 1945. The house changed hands several times until 1960 when it became a day-care nursery. When the house was scheduled for demolition in 1977 due to the owner's desire to improve commercial opportunities for the property, it was purchased by Franklin Savings Association for removal to another north Austin location for renovation and adaptive use as a branch office.

Franklin Savings Association, a recent recipient of the President's Award for Historic Preservation from the National Trust for restoration of the Walter Tips House in Austin, is the current recipient of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Heritage, Conservation and Recreation Service Cultural Achievement Award for their adaptive re-use of three early Austin homes, including the Aynesworth-Wright House. The same company was presented the Texas Award for Historic Preservation on January 16 of this year.

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Property

Agnesworth-Wright House

State

TX, Travis

Working Number

7.22.80.1891

ref. # 80004156

TECHNICAL

Photos 8

Maps 1

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

A good example of a 19th c., Greek Revival influenced, pioneer residence in Travis Co.; one of the oldest remaining houses in the area; good architectural integrity. Moved in 1978 to an incompatible setting, but according to the nomination, the original location had become just as commercial, and the house was in imminent danger of demolition. I think historical integrity is pretty much lost; ~~and the exploration/pitment~~ ^{is} only appropriate as reflected by the type of architecture appropriate for the mid 19th c.; and vulgarism & decoration are not really applicable. Basically, this is architectural.

*accept
Grosvenor
9/23/80*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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Grosvenor
9/29/80*

BRANCH CHIEF

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National Register Write-up _____

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Federal Register Entry *2.3.81*

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Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas
Mrs. Effie Dean Giles
ca. 1940

Copy negative located at Bell, Klein &
Hoffman, Architects & Restoration
Consultants, Inc., 920-B Congress
Avenue, Austin, Texas
Photographer is facing northeast.
Photo # 1 of 8

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Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas
Mrs. Effie Dean Giles
ca. 1940

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Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas

Mrs. Malcolm McCorquodale
ca. 1945

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AUSTIN NATIONAL BANK
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Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas
John Klein
February, 1978
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Consultants, Inc., 920-B Congress
Avenue, Austin, Texas
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SAVINGS

WAL MILDORF
HAIR CRAZY CO

Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas

John Klein
November, 1978

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Consultants, Inc., 920-B Congress
Avenue, Austin, Texas

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Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas
John Klein
November, 1978
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Consultants, Inc., 920-B Congress
Avenue, Austin, Texas
Photographer is facing west.
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Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas

John Klein

JUL 22 1980

November, 1978

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Hoffman, Architects & Restoration
Consultants, Inc., 920-B Congress
Avenue, Austin, Texas

Photographer if facing south.

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Aynesworth-Wright House
11693 Research Blvd., Austin, Travis
County, Texas

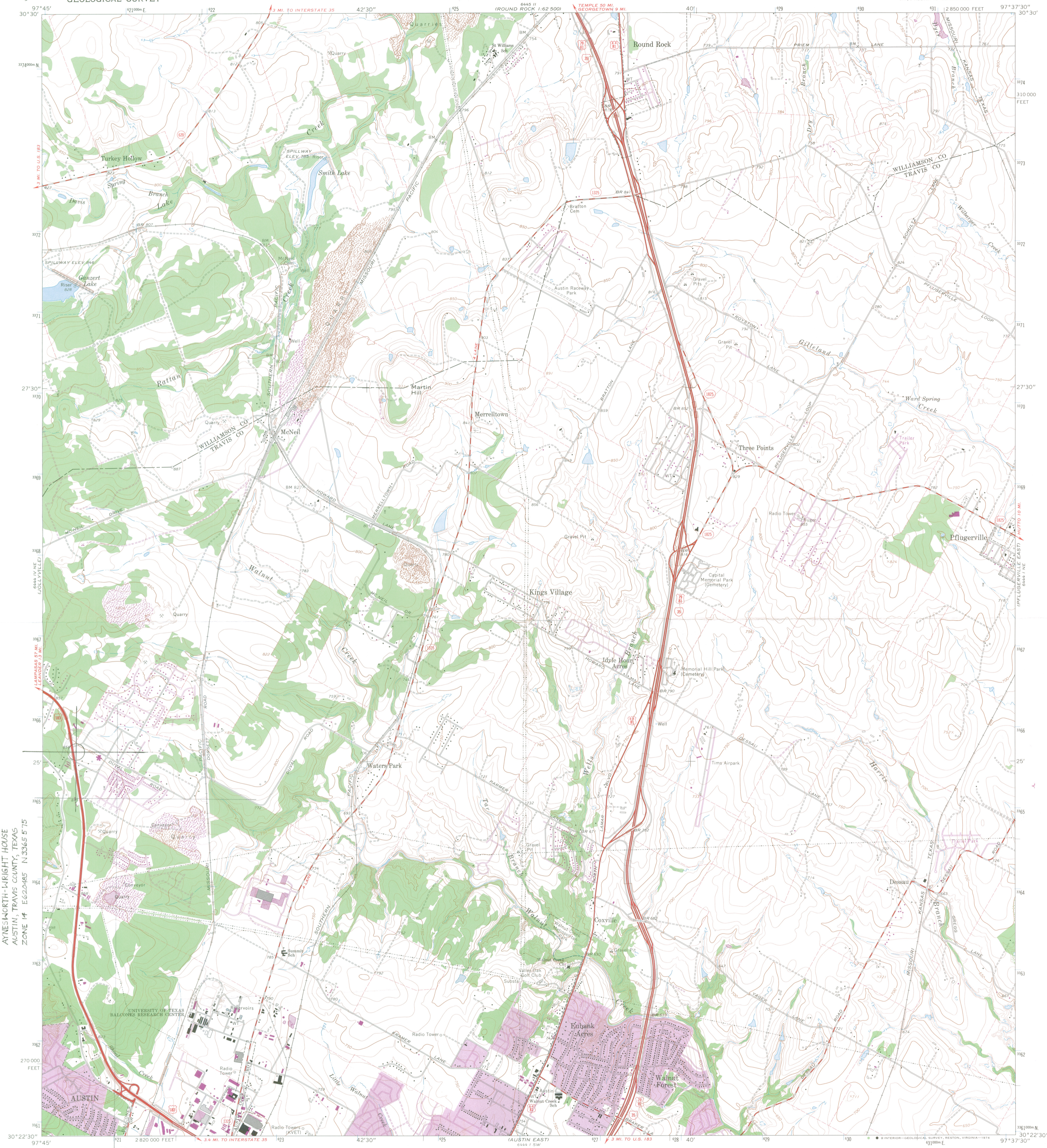
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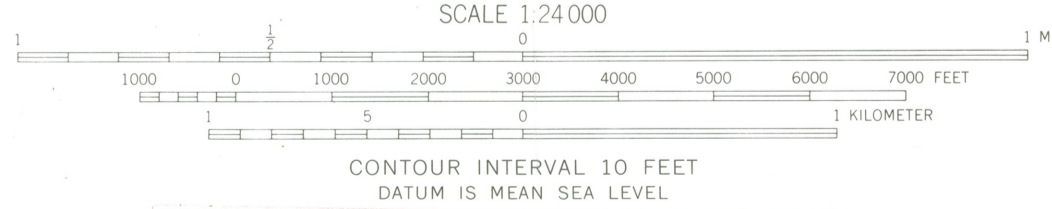
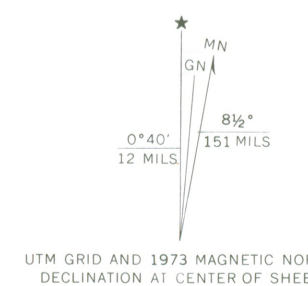
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AYNES WORTH-WRIGHT HOUSE
AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
ZONE 14 E 62-0485 N 3365 575

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1968
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 lines
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject
to controlled inundation
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1973. This information not field checked.
Purple tint indicates extension of urban area



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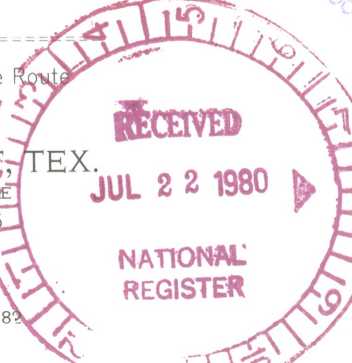
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

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Allen, Paul, House	Houston Harris County
Gilfillan House	Austin Travis County
Aynesworth-Wright House	Austin vicinity Travis County
Green Pastures	Austin Travis County
Manhattan Heights Historic District	El Paso El Paso County

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Honorable James M. Collins	Executive Director
Honorable E. (Kika) de la Garza	Texas State Historical Commission
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Honorable J. J. (Jake) Pickle	Austin, Texas 78711
Honorable Richard C. White	

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