

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

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

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

For HCRS use only

received JUL 20 1981

date entered AUG 21 1981

## 1. Name

historic San Antonio Water Works Pump Station No. 2

and/or common Brackenridge Park Station, Millrace Building, or Borglum Studio

## 2. Location

street & number Brackenridge Park, Avenue B and Millrace Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 20

state Texas \_\_\_\_\_ code 048 \_\_\_\_\_ county Bexar \_\_\_\_\_ code 029

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name City of San Antonio

street & number City Hall, Plaza de Armas

city, town San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Texas

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bexar County Courthouse

street & number Main Plaza

city, town San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_ state Texas

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title San Antonio Historic Resource Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1972 \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state  county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records City of San Antonio

city, town San Antonio \_\_\_\_\_ state Texas

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

San Antonio Water Works' second water pumping station, now known as the Borglum Studio, is located two miles northeast of downtown in the Brackenridge Municipal Park Golf Course. The 36' by 36' one story raised basement structure is constructed of rough faced limestone. A wood frame addition measuring approximately 23' by 28' is attached to the north elevation forming a T plan.

The original stone structure was completed in 1885 downstream from the first pump station at the headwaters of the San Antonio River. Prior to the rechanneling of the river, the Mill-race pump station as it had been called, was on the north bank of the millpond that supplied the station. The pond has since been filled in. The basement contains an intake well and two spaces for pumps separated by a thick stone foundation wall. Supporting the floor is a heavy timber frame. In addition, the roof and gable ends are wood framed and sheathed.

The limestone ashlar is articulated by a dressed stone with tooled margin water table. Window sills, lintels, and voussoirs over the two round arch entrances are detailed in the same manner. Within the arched entrance on the west elevation are paired wood paneled doors. The entrance on the east elevation, as well as the solitary windows on the east and west elevation, have been infilled with masonry and stucco. Three symmetrically arranged 2/2 wood sash windows and two pair of vents opening into the basement break the south elevation. The original lap siding on the east and west gable ends was covered with stucco, wood battens, and stick brackets to match the half timbering effect of the north addition. Deteriorated composition roofing covers what was originally a wood shingle roof.

Resting on a concrete, steel, and stone foundation of earlier vintage, the early 1920's frame addition is finished with stucco and wood battens. The gable addition intersects the original structure and it is this addition where four skylights were placed. A tripartite window group on the north elevation of the addition has a 12 light fixed transom over each 2/2 wood sash window.

Other early additions and ancillary structures have been removed. A boiler stack and associated buildings were to the west and at least two frame additions attached to the east at different times. Some remnants of the pumping equipment remain such as portion of the outtake pipes, but reveal little information about the original equipment.

A U-shaped loft added when the pump house became a studio is the dominant interior feature. Detailing is simple with plaster walls, open truss ceiling, and a single decorative column at the east side of the 25' opening between the original room and the north 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1885, 1924

**Builder/Architect**

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The San Antonio Water Works pump station no. 2 (Borglum Studio) typifies late 19th century industrial architecture of the southwest. It is associated with both the expansive influence of the city's and one of the state's leading businessmen and philanthropists, George W. Brackenridge, and the development of San Antonio's burgeoning art community during the early 20th century.

George W. Brackenridge was principal owner and president of the San Antonio Water Works from 1883 to 1906, having purchased the controlling interest from J.B. Lacoste and Associates who started the company in 1877. The addition of the no. 2 pump station to the underdeveloped system in 1885 began a period of rapid expansion; under Brackenridge and subsequent owners, the waterworks operated successfully as a private enterprise until purchased by the city in 1925. Brackenridge was involved in many other endeavors including the organization of Brackenridge, Bates, and Co., a cotton firm, starting the San Antonio National Bank in 1866 (N.R. 1972), founding and serving as president of the San Antonio Loan and Trust Co. (NR-1976), acting as director of the Express Publishing Co., presiding over the San Antonio school board, serving as regent of the University of Texas, and generously contributing to educational programs, notably for blacks and women. The pump house itself is located in a large urban park donated to the city by Brackenridge and named in his honor.

In 1915 the pump station was abandoned and later spotted by sculptor Gutzon Borglum as an ideal spot for his San Antonio studio. He was granted permission to use the building and remodeled it to fit his needs, adding the north room with the skylights. Borglum came to San Antonio to work on a model for the Texas Trail Drivers Association monument and remained until 1934, continuing work on other commissions. His schematics for the Mt. Rushmore Memorial were developed at the studio prior to executing the stupendous sculpture in the Black Hills of North Dakota.

Borglum's departure followed a small dispute over the lack maintenance on the studio; he left his key with the Witte Museum director with the intention of making his home in California, feeling he was not appreciated in San Antonio. Upon learning that the studio was still owned by the city water works, the director of the Witte persuaded the city to allow the old pump station to continue to be used as an artist's studio with a small fee for upkeep. Well known painter Henry Lee McFee decided to come to San Antonio when promised use of the studio.

Together with artist Boyer Gonzales, McFee conducted an art school in the pump house-turned-studio. In 1939, the San Antonio Art League formed a permanent art school to attract prominent artists and McFee was chosen as its first director. Following McFee's acceptance of a position at the Chouinard School and departure in 1940, Charles Rosen was chosen to assume the directorship. The school operated successfully with a variety of classes taught by locally and nationally recognized artists.

When the demand on manpower and money threatened to close the school in 1942, Mrs. Marion Kogler McNay built a classroom building on her estate, establishing the San Antonio Art Institute. The former pump house continued to be leased as a studio until 1961; it has remained vacant since that time.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

"Southwest and Texas Water Works Journal", July, 1978. Article by T. Lindsay Baker.  
 Letter from manager of the City Water Board to Commissioner Jacob Rubiola, November 15, 1937.

# 10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED UTM NOT VERIFIED

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Quadrangle name San Antonio East, Texas

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Beginning at the adjacent parking lot curb directly opposite the northeast corner of the north addition of the building, go east thirty five feet, then head south for one hundred feet, then head west 100 feet, then head north 100 feet, then head east along the curb for sixty five feet to arrive at starting point.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joe Stubblefield, AIA; Steven Land Tillotson and Daniel Hardy, Texas Historical Commission

organization Joe Stubblefield, Architect & Planner date July 9, 1981

street & number 120 Anastacia telephone 512 735-5361

city or town San Antonio state Texas

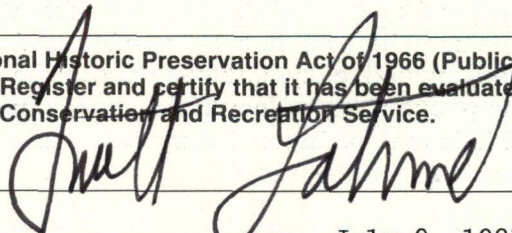
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



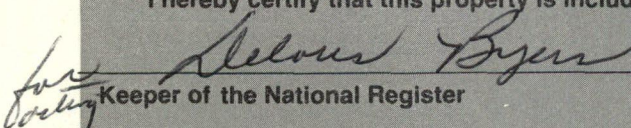
title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 9, 1981

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

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date 8/21/81

*for copying*  
  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Name San Antonio Water Works Pump Station No. 2 dnr-3  
State, County TX, Bexar Fed Nom or Request—Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
Working Number 7.20.81.254 Federal Register Date 2.2.82

Nomination  Bldg(s)  
 Determination of Eligibility  Site  
 On Nomination Form  Object  Within:  
 Thematic Group  
Multiple Resource Area  
Structure  
District

Maps 1  
Photos 6

Nomination prepared by:  State Staff  Action: **Entered in the National Register** Check if Appropriate:  
 Local  RETURN 8/21/81  State Request for Review  
 Other  REJECT  Keeper's Decision to Review  
 2nd Return

I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)

II. Evaluation of Nomination

	Good			Comments
	Adequate	Poor		
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
2. Significance Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
3. Concepts/Integrity				
4. Concepts/Criteria				
5. Concepts/Boundaries				
6. Contextual Evaluation				

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Reviewer/Date \_\_\_\_\_

See Attached \_\_\_\_\_



*Station*  
SAN ANTONIO WATER WORKS PUMP ~~HOUSE~~ NO. 2  
San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas

Photo by Carol Kennedy, November 1980  
Texas Historical Commission files

VIEW: South elevation

Photo 1 of 6

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*Station 6*  
SAN ANTONIO WATER WORKS PUMP ~~HOUSE~~ NO. 2  
San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas

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Texas Historical Commission files

VIEW: Oblique of West elevation

Photo 2 of 6

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BORGUM STUDIO  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

VIEW: NORTH ELEVATION

NEGATIVES: JOE STUBBLEFIELD ARCHITECT & PLANNER

PHOTOGRAPHER: JOE STUBBLEFIELD  
120 ANASTAGIA  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212

*Station*  
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San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas

Photo by Joe Stubblefield, AIA  
120 Anastagia  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

VIEW: North elevation

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VIEW: Southeast oblique

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VIEW: Detail of west entrance

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VIEW: detail of framing below first floor

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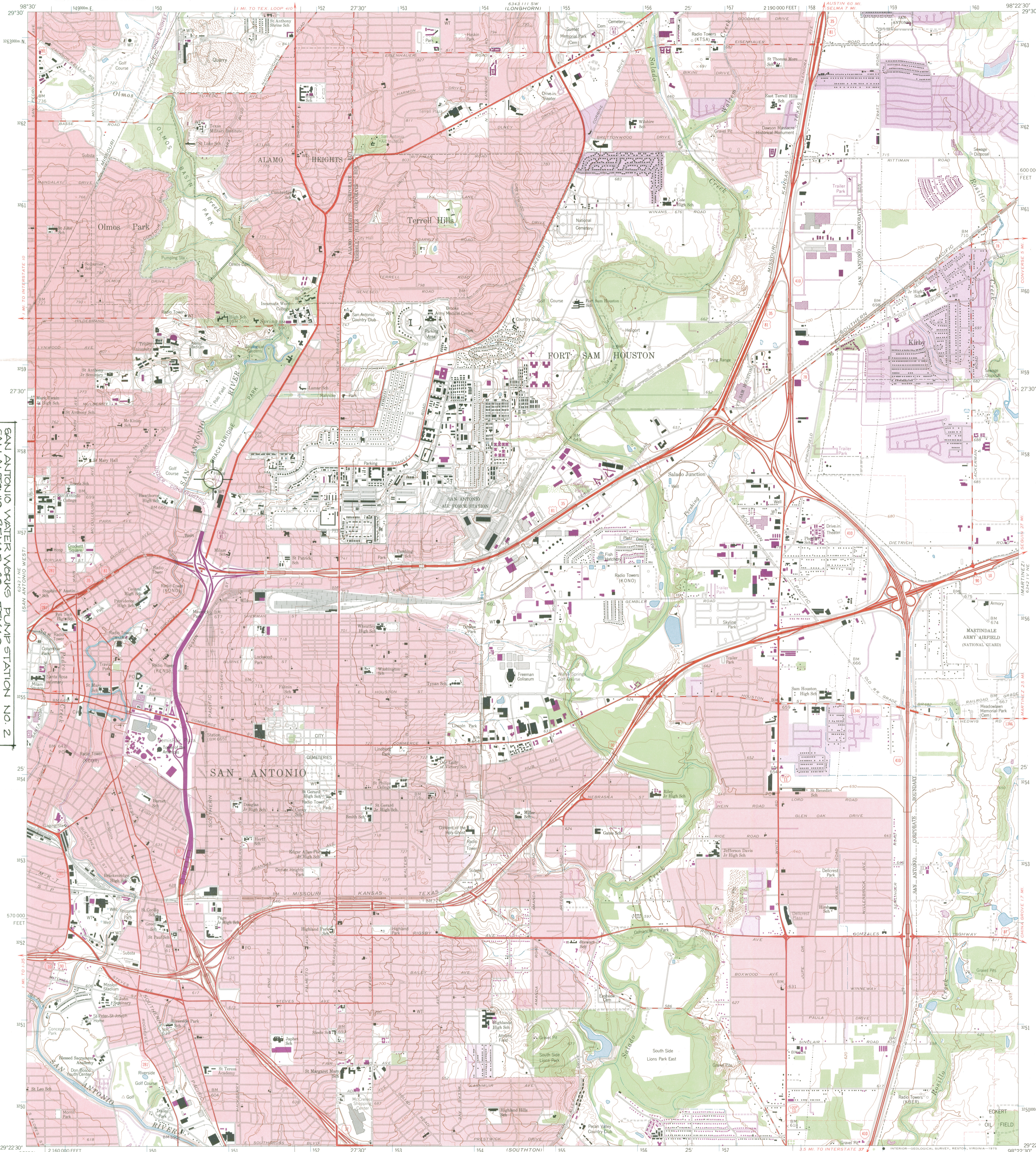
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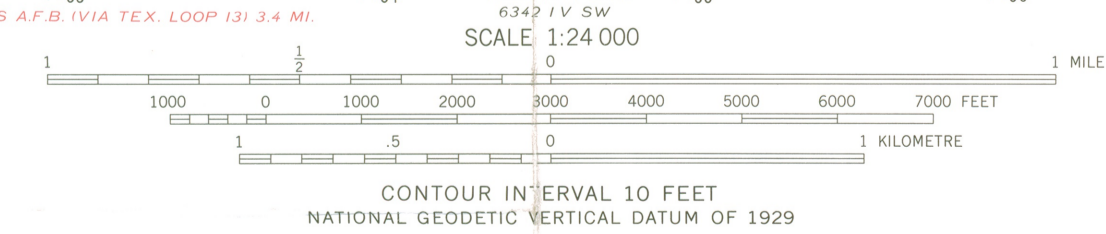
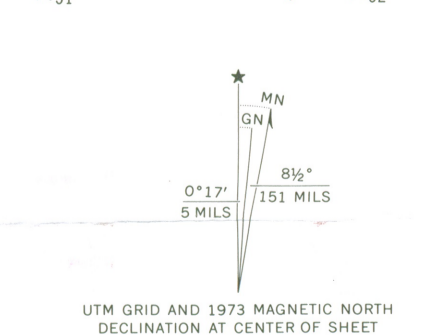
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TEXAS-BEXAR CO.  
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SAN ANTONIO WATER WORKS PUMP STATION NO. 2  
SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO., TEXAS  
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UTM REFERENCE:  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered AUG 21 1981

Name

Location

San Antonio Water Works Pump Station No. 2

San Antonio  
Bexar County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen

Honorable John G. Tower  
Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez  
Southwest Region, NPS

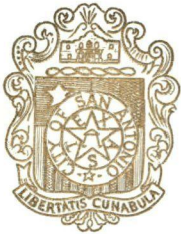
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For further information, please call the National Register at (202) ~~343-6401~~

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San Antonio Water Works 8/21/81  
Pump Station No. 2.



# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

HENRY G. CISNEROS  
MAYOR

September 9, 1981

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Acting Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Pension Building  
440 G. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Ms. Lissa Anderson, Director of Survey and Registration, National Register Programs for Texas, has notified us that the San Antonio Water Pump Station No. 2, known locally as the Borglum or the Old Mill Race Studio, has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

The City of San Antonio, as owner of the site, is pleased to learn that this landmark has national importance. We in San Antonio are aware of the Register Program and the incentives and disincentives afforded by the Tax Reform Act of 1976. This program has been a useful tool to encourage preservation and reuse of many of our important historic structures.

We look forward to your rapid acceptance of this nomination.

If you need any additional information, please contact Ms. Patricia E. Osborne, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of San Antonio.

Sincerely,

HENRY G. CISNEROS  
Mayor

HGC:fr

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	
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Honorable Henry G. Cisneros  
Mayor of San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Dear Mayor Cisneros:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 1981, supporting the nomination of the San Antonio Water Works Pump Station No. 2, San Antonio, Texas, to the National Register of Historic Places. Please accept our apologies for not responding sooner.

We are pleased to inform you that the San Antonio Water Works Pump Station No. 2 was entered in the National Register on September 21, 1981.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Jerry L. Rogers  
Acting Associate Director,  
Archeology and Historic  
Preservation

cc: Mr. Truett Latimer, SHPO, Austin, Texas 78711 ) w/c of inc.

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