

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Howard House

other names/site number Howard House Museum

**2. Location**

street & number 1011 N. Perry Street N/A not for publication

city or town Palestine N/A vicinity

state Texas code TX county Anderson code 001 zip code 75801

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 24 Jan. 1993  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  
[Signature] 3/14/93

Howard House  
Name of Property

Anderson County, Texas  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture: Museum

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century: Greek Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood: weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other N/A

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets 7-1 through 7-8.



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Howard House  
Palestine, Anderson County, TX

Architectural Description:

The 1848 Howard House is one of the few remaining early settler houses in Palestine and is in the original platted section of Palestine ("Old Town"), Anderson County, Texas, two blocks north of the courthouse square. It is an elegantly proportioned Greek Revival Style center passage plan house set back from the road on an average size residential lot facing east onto Perry Street (see map p. 7-3). The original single pile configuration has been added to over the years, yet has not affected the historic appearance of the main facade (see photos 1, 4). Despite a series of rear room additions, the house exhibits fine craftsmanship and retains excellent integrity. The original core of the house is remarkably intact and makes this an important example of Greek Revival style in the state.

Due to modifications through the years the original single pile center passage plan has evolved into an almost U-shaped building. The frame house sits on a brick foundation with brick skirting, and is covered in weatherboard. It is composed of a series of rectangular volumes and intersecting gable, shed, and hip roofs.

The primary facade (east) is a 3-bay (A-B-A rhythm) balanced composition. It is articulated by a pedimented entrance portico and corner pilasters. The facade is dominated by the portico. Four square Doric columns support an entablature with pediment. The details are bold and simplified Greek Revival. The entry portico shelters double doors with side-lights and transom and is flanked by paired 9/9 double-hung windows (see photos 1-4).

The north elevation is very simply detailed. The original portion of the house is detailed with return eaves and pilasters and includes a central chimney flanked by 9/9 windows. A series of 6/9 windows punctuate the central portion of the weatherboard clad facade. The kitchen gable end with return eaves and two 6/6 windows terminates the facade.

The rear elevation (west) is comprised of the kitchen (I) and room F in the background and to the right (see floor plan, p.7-8; photo 7). The kitchen has a door at each end flanking two 6/6 windows, a narrow cornice, and a central ridgeline chimney. One 6/9 window of room F is visible in the background.

The south elevation is composed of two uneven gable ends with return eaves connected by an infilled breezeway with 1/1 windows.

The interior finishes of the house are spare. Several of the rooms have tongue-and-groove pine floor boards while others have oak flooring added over pine. Classically inspired pine trim, doors and mantles exist throughout. Walls and ceilings are pine boards with canvas and wallpaper attached. The house has a variety of light fixtures dating from the 1870s to the 1940s.

Ceiling heights in the original block are 14 feet. The ceilings of the two bedrooms added to the immediate west are 8 1/2 feet high. All other rooms have 9 foot high ceilings. All rooms but the first bedroom, room F (see floor plans), have brick fireplaces.



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The three room house with front and back porches was modified in four major building phases. First, a rear room (F) was added to the southwest corner of the house (thus eliminating part of the rear porch), a kitchen (I) was built behind the house to the west, and a breezeway (H) was constructed to connect the rear porch to the newly constructed kitchen (see floor plan, 7-5). The second phase added a large bedroom (G) to the northwest corner of the original house and may have enclosed the remnants of the rear porch as a hallway extension (E) (see floor plan, 7-6). The third phase added a dining room (J) adjacent and north of the kitchen, and a full length porch (K) along kitchen/dining wing (see floor plan, 7-7). The fourth phase added a bedroom as infill between the northwest corner bedroom and the relatively new dining room (L) (see floor plan, 7-8). Other minor modifications were made in the 20th century by family members. These include adding closets (N) in bedrooms, adding a bathroom (M), and enclosing the breezeway (H).

Originally, the house had an agrarian setting. It was built on a five acre tract, with an adjacent L-shaped 35 acre tract to the north. These 40 acres comprised the Howard farm. Vanished outbuildings include: a cow barn on the northern tract; and chicken houses, corn crib, outhouse, stable, buggy shed and slave quarters on the 5 acre house site. The house originally had a fenced back yard, and there are indications that in the early history of the house, it had a swept yard. The original trees in front of the house, several of which are still standing, were oak and cedar.

The Howard property has been reduced to a standard city residential lot. The property was divided amongst the Howard children, and gradually sold off by their heirs. In the last 50 years, dogwood, magnolia and pecan have been added to the original plantings. Most of the flowering plants and shrubs are native to the area. One of the original grapevines and a crepe myrtle remain at the back. There are presently three intrusive objects in the yard: iron anchor of the steamboat A.S. Ruthven, an iron safe from the Dilley Foundry, and a small replica of Fort Houston. They were placed on the grounds when the house became a museum, are transitory, and never associated with the Howard family. Therefore, they are not counted as resources for the purpose of this nomination.

The Howard House is one of few remaining early houses in Palestine. Although the house has been modified during its long history, it retains most of its original details and is an important example of the Greek Revival style.

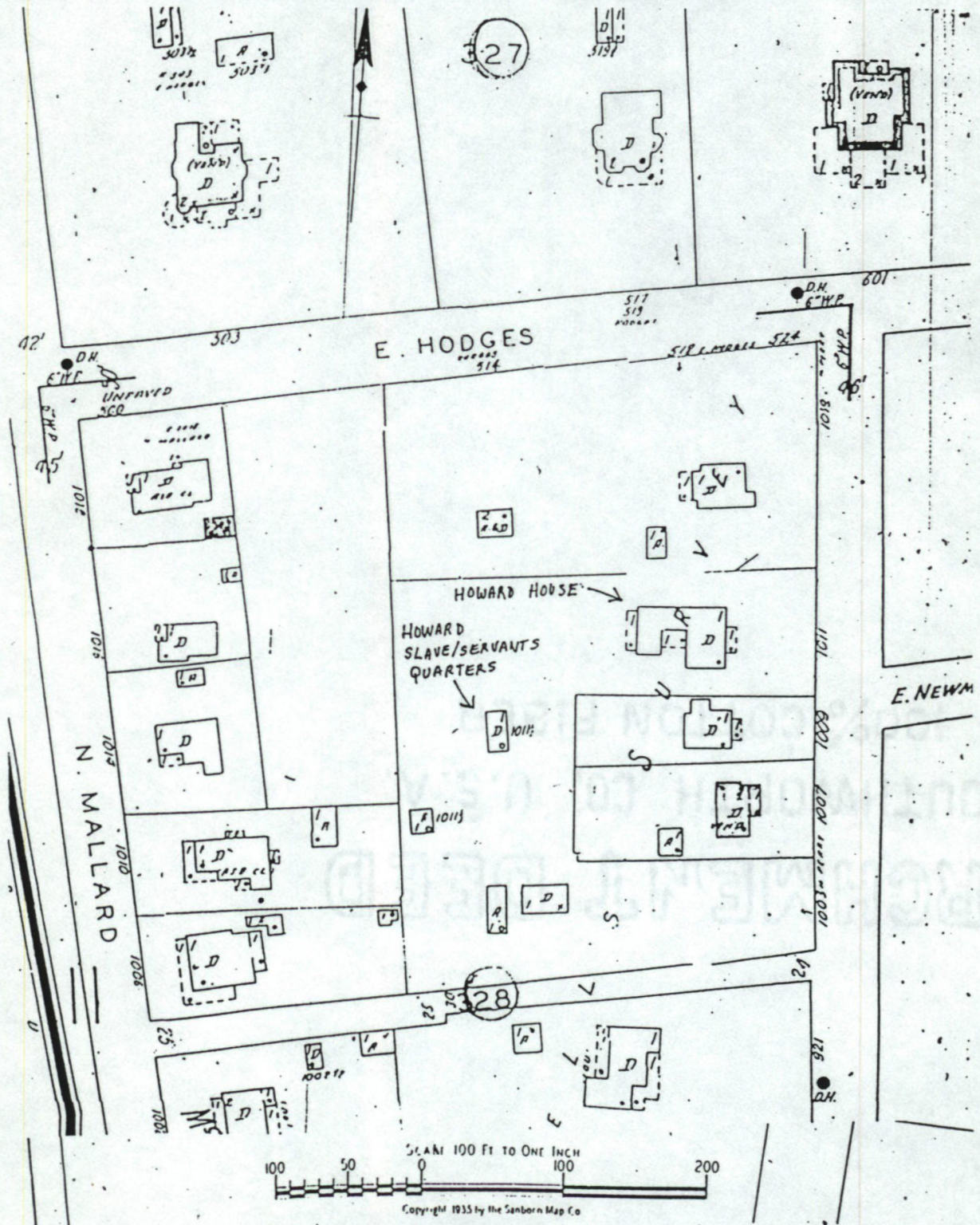


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1935 SANBORN INSURANCE MAP



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THE HOWARD HOUSE, PALESTINE, TEXAS, 1992

Key to Diagram

- A--Front Porch, built 1848 by Reuben Reeves
- B--Central Hall, built 1848 by Reuben Reeves
- C--Parlor, built 1848 by Reuben Reeves
- D--Master bedroom, built 1848 by Reuben Reeves
- E--Central hall extension, original back porch, enclosed by George R. Howard at unknown time
- F--The "Boys' Room" (may have been part of original back porch), built 1850-51 by George R. Howard
- G--The "Girls' Room," built c. 1860 by George R. Howard
- H--Breezeway/side-porch room, enclosed as a room 1940s or 1950s by Tom Howard
- I--Original Dining Room, separate structure, built c. 1850-51 by George R. Howard
- J--Original Kitchen, separate structure, built before 1890 by George R. Howard
- K--Original kitchen porch, removed 1920s-30s by Tom Howard
- L--Additional bedroom, present kitchen, built 1890-1900 by George R. Howard
- M--Bathroom, built 1920s-30s by Tom Howard
- N--Closets
- O--Front Walk, brick, 1860s
- P--Front Steps, brick (date unknown)
- Q--Howard House Museum sign, 1960s
- R--Gaslight lamp, 1960s
- S--A.S. Ruthven anchor, 1960s
- T--Model of Fort Houston, 1980s
- U--Dilley Foundry iron safe, 1980s
- V--Cedar trees
- W--Dogwood trees
- X--Oak trees
- Y--Crepe myrtles
- Z--Pecan trees
- aa--Grapevines
- bb--Holly tree
- cc--Climbing rose
- dd--Nandina
- ee--Jonquils
- ff--Japonica
- gg--Granite DAR marker
- hh--RTHL marker
- \* Prefab concrete steps
- Roof line
- fireplace

by James Neyland, 1991



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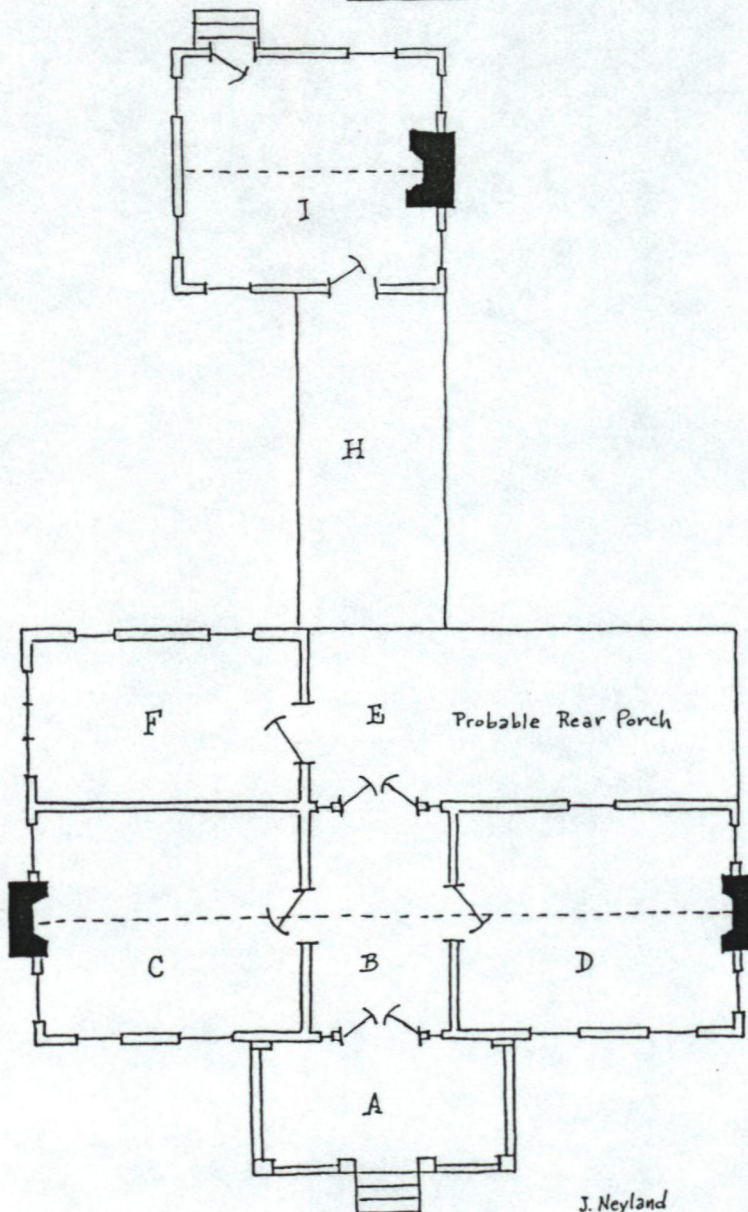
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THE HOWARD HOUSE, PALESTINE, TEXAS, c.1851

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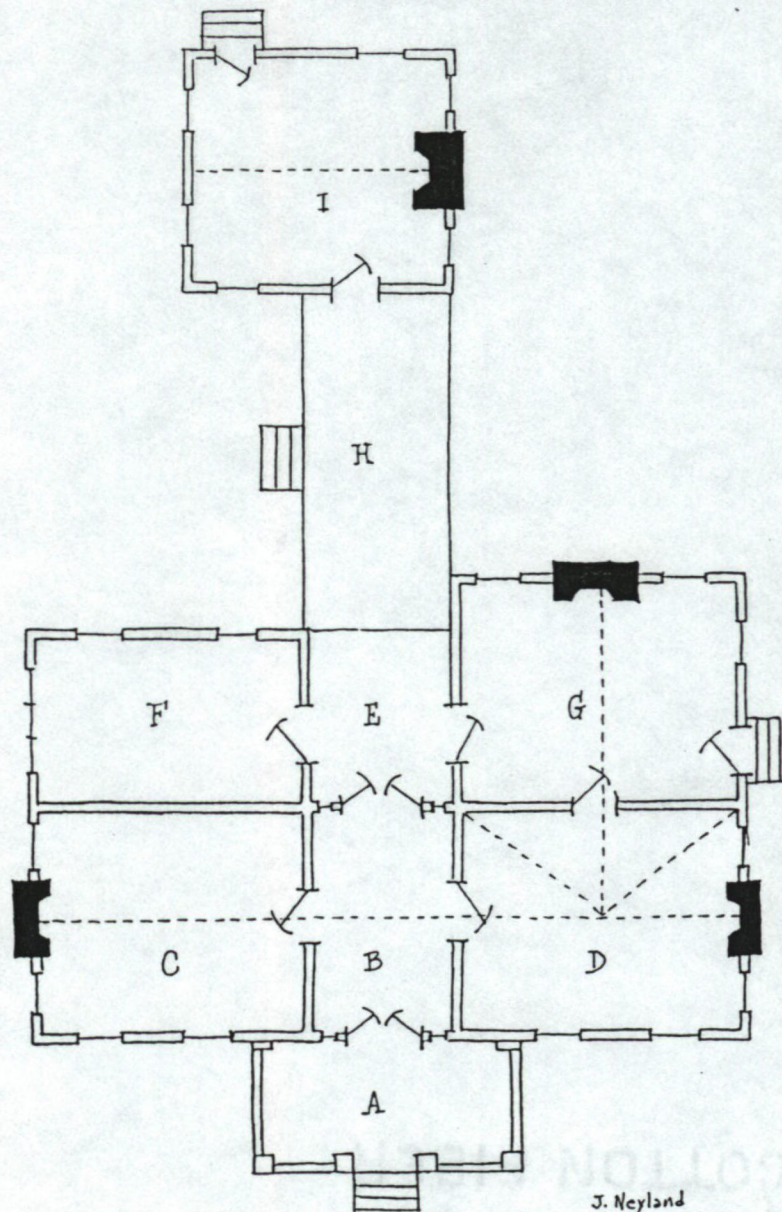
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THE HOWARD HOUSE, PALESTINE, TEXAS, c.1860  
Scale:  $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'$



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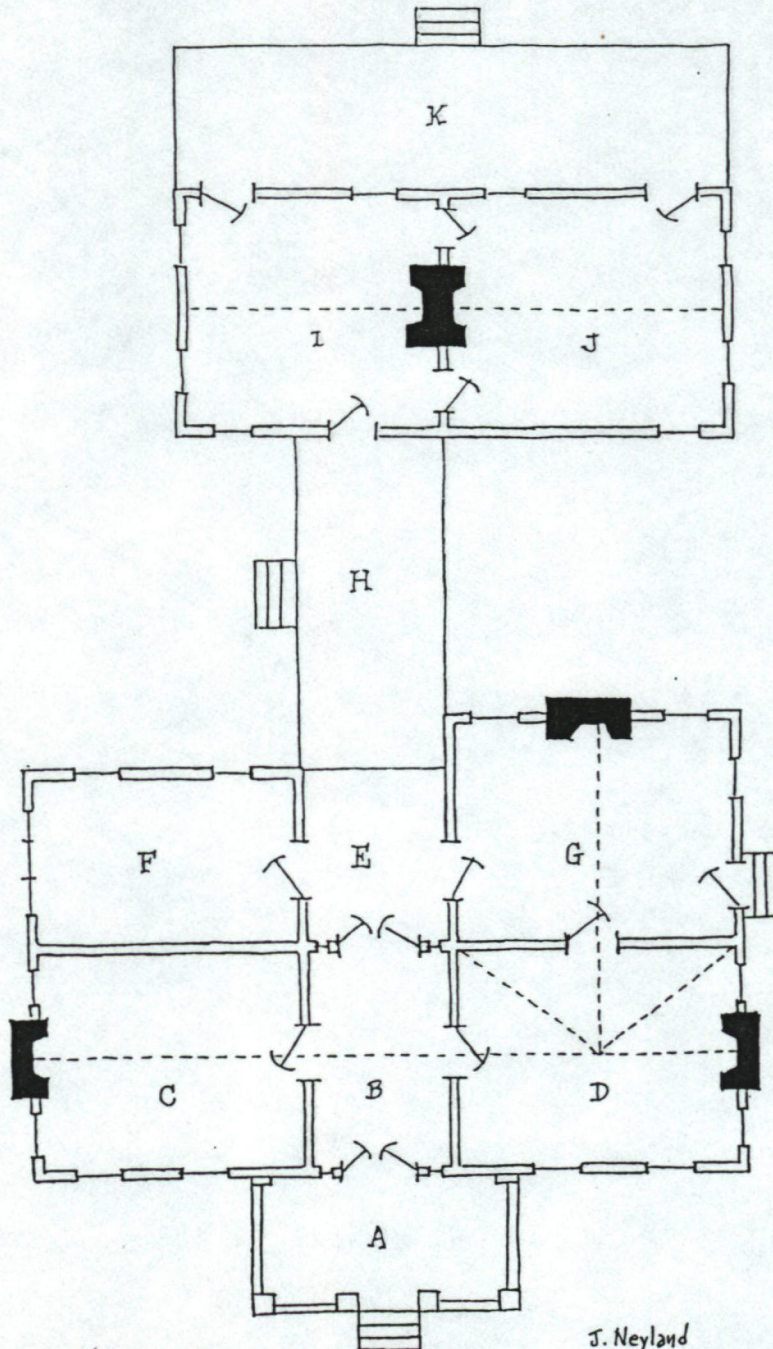
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THE HOWARD HOUSE, PALESTINE, TEXAS, c.1880

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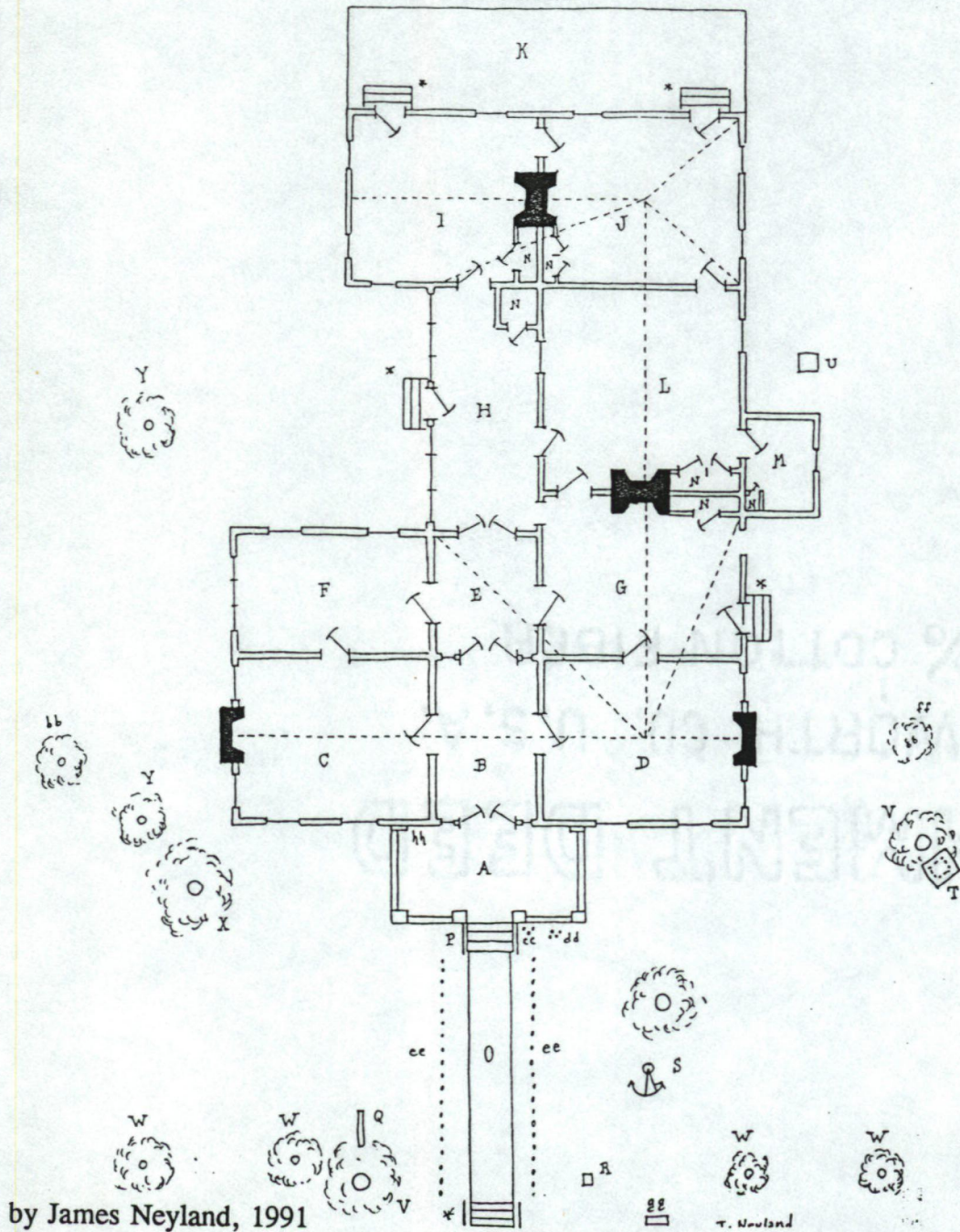
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THE HOWARD HOUSE, PALESTINE, TEXAS, 1992

Scale: 1/4" = 1'





**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** N/A

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1848 - c.1900

**Significant Dates**

1848, 1850, c.1851, c.1860, c.1880, c.1900

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Bunda, James (builder)

**Narrative Statement of Significance** See Continuation Sheets 8-9 through 8-11.

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** See Continuation Sheet 9-12.

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):** N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government (see below)
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

City of Palestine

Howard House Museum, Palestine, TX



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Name of Property

Anderson County, Texas  
County and State

### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

  
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Zone		Easting						Northing						

See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification See Continuation Sheet 10-13.

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title James Neyland and Ray Goodrow (assistance by Lisa J. Hart, THC)

organization Anderson Co. Historical Commission date 1-92; 12-92

street & number Rt. 4, Box 4116 telephone 903/729-6275

city or town Palestine state TX zip code 75801

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Palestine

street & number P.O. Box 1970 telephone N/A

city or town Palestine state TX zip code 75802

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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Statement of Significance:

The Howard House is one of the oldest buildings in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas. Named after its second owner, it has been known locally as the Howard House since 1851. Commissioned by Judge Reuben A. Reeves, it was built in 1848, probably by James Bunda (his name may be Bundy), a prolific early builder in Palestine. It was purchased by Colonel Howard, dry goods merchant, in 1850. The house is an excellent and rare example of East Texas Greek Revival "cottages", small in size, yet detailed on a grand scale with elegant proportions. It is unique, not only in this community, but in the state, because it retains most of its original materials and, in spite of additions, is remarkably intact. Therefore, it is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, in the area of Architecture, at a state level of significance.

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Anderson County was created out of Houston County in 1846 and Palestine declared the county seat. This action culminated a concerted colonization effort made by the Republic of Texas. Prior to 1846 only two white settlements existed in the area. One was a trading post along the Indian Creek operated by Johnston Shelton and J.R. Fulton, in present day Palestine; and the other was Fort Houston, 4 miles west of the new county seat. As a result of broken treaties, and military defeats, all Native Americans were driven from the area by 1846. Due to its frontier status, the Palestine town site was only partially surveyed by 1846, and lots were sold at auction by Fulton & Bigelow until 1848. Settlement pressures were acute, and a log courthouse was built in 1847. A completed survey resulted in a building boom in August and September of 1848, and most of the new buildings went up in close proximity to the courthouse square. The early homes included log dog-trot houses and small frame Greek Revival style homes. Some extant examples of the latter are three of Palestine's original 14 homes: the Colonel George R. Howard (Judge Reuben Reeves), Judge John B. Mallard and Alexander E. McClure Houses (1848 census by Mrs. Susan Scott Mallard). The Mallard and McClure houses have been seriously modified and lack integrity. The original portion of the Colonel Howard House is remains intact and retains its integrity to a high degree.

Judge Reuben A. Reeves was a justice of the Texas Supreme Court and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the New Mexico Territory. He lived in Palestine for only a short time, and sold the house to Colonel George R. Howard in 1850. Colonel Howard was a merchant, and had served in the Tennessee State Militia (where he attained the rank of colonel), and as a county clerk in Perry County, Tennessee. He visited Palestine in 1848, along with other settlers from Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. He relocated to Palestine in 1850, and opened a mercantile business on the courthouse square. In November 1850 he married Cornelia Ann Cox, and bought this home, three blocks north of his business. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as a commissioned officer in the Confederacy. Following his return he attempted farming, but soon returned to the mercantile business, forming the partnership of Howard, Swanson and Langston, Mercantile. After a few years he opened his own establishment, and was later joined in business by his eldest son.

Over the years Colonel Howard served as a representative to the state legislature, county clerk, county treasurer, and mayor of Palestine (1886-1889).



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He died in 1900. Upon the death of his widow in 1909, the house was inherited by the youngest son, Thomas S. Howard and his wife Gertrude. Gertrude Howard lived in the house until her death in 1963. All of the major additions to the building were made by the Howard family.

As built, the Howard House was a Greek Revival style single pile center passage plan. The central hall flanked by equal sized rooms is a familiar and popular floor plan throughout the Upper South. The plan is integral to traditional Anglo and European house types, rustic dog-trots, and to sophisticated Greek Revival style houses. Greek Revival involves the use of the two most basic of the classical orders, Doric and Ionic. The most dominant feature being the porch or entry defined by columns supporting an entablature and a pedimented roof or a 2-story porch. At times the detailing of the entablature is so simplified as to lose ornamentation of the frieze and/or architrave. Often the frieze and architrave are condensed into a single wide band, resulting in a simple and well proportioned entablature. Exterior detailing is found on porches, at eaves, at doorways, and around windows.

According to D. Blake Alexander, foremost expert on Greek Revival in Texas, "The Colonel Howard House is one of the best examples of the smaller Greek Revival house in Texas. It utilizes the Greek Revival style in its simplest form. Although it lacks a Doric or Ionic portico such as might be found on a house built by master builders Abner Cook in Austin or Augustus Phelps in San Augustine, the Howard House is notable for its fine proportions, generous scale and careful attention to the details such as those on the entablature and pediment. The builder reduced the form and details to its basic components of scale and proportion." The entrance portico takes up more than a third of the overall size of the front facade and supports a full entablature of frieze and architrave. The entablature especially is treated with great clarity, articulated with only a single ridge (taenia) separating frieze from architrave. The entablature is supported at each corner by a pilaster corresponding in proportion to the pillars of the portico, giving the house a distinction uncommon in this region.

"The proportions of the house, its end-gable chimneys and pedimented central portico are characteristic of Greek Revival houses from the Upper South. Obviously experienced, the builder of the Howard House was one who must have developed his skill in handling the style through an apprenticeship with a well established builder in one of the older states of the South. It is known that Judge Reuben A. Reeves came from Kentucky and Colonel Howard from Tennessee, where such houses abound. Bunda and his patron, Judge Reeves, would have had a clear idea of the kind of house they would build, one comparable to those they had known from their pre-Texas days. The carpenter-builder would also have had one of the accouterments of every good builder, a builder's handbook by Asher Benjamin or Minard Lafever. From this he would choose the correct proportions of entablature and pillar as well as the proper sequence of moldings for each detail. The result in the hands of a skilled carpenter would be a fine example of the Greek Revival style as seen in the Howard House."

Constructed of pine, each of the original rooms has a brick fireplace, though they may not have been original. Oral history indicates that Colonel Howard took several months to move into the home in order to provide his wife with adequate heat. If the chimneys are not original, they were built in early



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1851 by one of three brick masons James M. Montgomery, William James Moore or O.C. Terrell.

The house has been modified over the years. Each addition and change is noted on the key to the floor plans (see page, 7-4). Though substantial additions were made to the rear of the house, they are not visible at most angles from the street, thus the front facade looks almost identical to its original appearance. The only changes made to the front include loss of the shutters (unknown date), the replacement of the wood stairs with brick stairs in the late 19th century, and the addition of iron stair railings in the 1950s. In 144 years, the Howard House has had only four owners. Two of the four were members of the Howard family and owned and occupied the house for 114 years. Howard family members are responsible for all substantive additions. The Howard House retains remarkable integrity, and is a rare intact example of a mid-19th century Greek Revival style center passage plan house in Texas.

The Howard House serves as a museum today. It was purchased by the City of Palestine in 1964, after the death of "Gertie" Howard. Since then, the building has been open to the public as a museum and has undergone minor interior alterations. The museum anticipates funding a preservation plan. Among the proposed goals for the plan are to facilitate a restoration of the grounds to its original plantings, removal of three unassociated artifacts presently on the grounds, level the foundation, reinstall wood shingles, restore chimneys, and remove the 1960s improvements constructed by the City (masonite paneling, acoustical ceiling tiles, carpets, and a "modern" kitchen). A newly formed organization, the Friends of the Howard House Museum of Palestine, Inc., has recently purchased two vacant lots at the rear of the house, facing on Mallard and Hodges streets, to provide off-street parking for visitors, making the museum handicap accessible, and eventually to reconstruct some of the original outbuildings.



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**Verbal boundary description:**

Tract of land approximately 90 feet x 188 feet located on N. Perry Street in the City of Palestine, Texas, and part of S.G. Wells League; tract begins approximately 147 feet south from the intersection of S. margin of East Hodges St. and W. margin of North Perry St.

**Boundary justification:**

The land as given to the City of Palestine by Howard family heirs, that is the portion of land that includes the house and its immediate surroundings, and that resulted from numerous subdivisions of the original Howard farm property.



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PHOTOGRAPH INVENTORY

Howard House  
1011 N. Perry Street  
Palestine, Anderson County, Texas  
Photographer: Anderson County Historical Commission members  
Negatives on file with the Anderson County Historical Commission  
1991

PHOTO 1  
Historic photo, 1870s  
East facade  
Photographer: Unknown  
Original with Howard House Museum

PHOTO 2  
Historic photo, post 1883  
East facade, camera facing west  
Photographer: Unknown  
Original with Howard House Museum

PHOTO 3  
Historic photo, post 1883  
East facade, camera facing west  
Photographer: Unknown  
Original with Howard House Museum

PHOTO 4  
East facade, camera facing west.

PHOTO 5  
Front Door, camera facing west.

PHOTO 6  
Chimney, camera facing south.

PHOTO 7  
Kitchen/Dining Room, camera facing east.

PHOTO 8  
Porch, camera facing north.

PHOTO 9  
Porch and original house, camera facing northeast.

PHOTO 10  
Front door, inside, camera facing east.

PHOTO 11  
Fireplace, parlor (room C).

PHOTO 12  
Museum display, porch area.



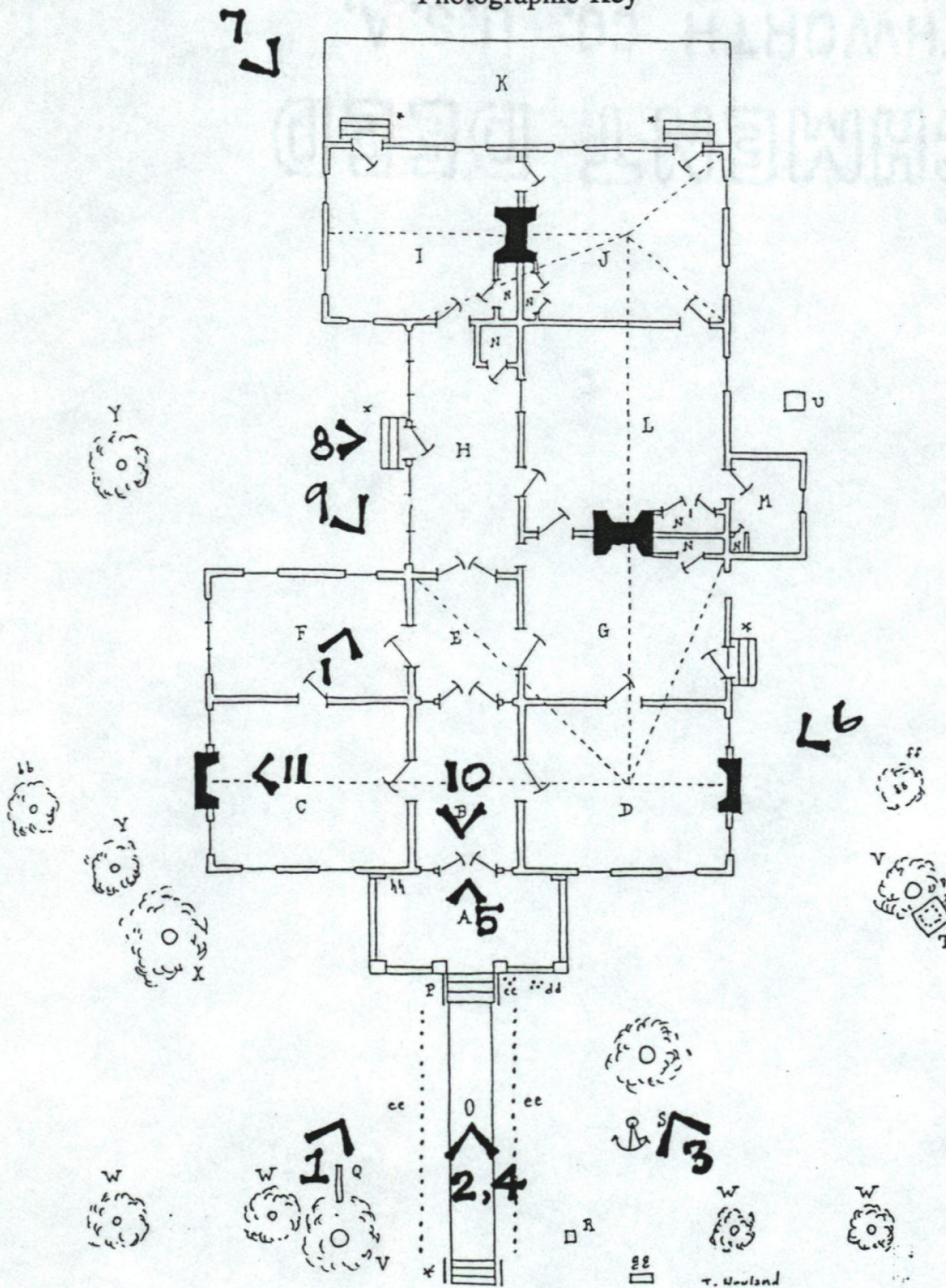
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Howard House  
Palestine, Anderson County, TX

Photographic Key





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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000072

Date Listed: 3/14/93

Howard House  
Property Name

Anderson  
County

TX  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for* *Autaweth Alice*  
Signature of the Keeper

3/17/93  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

**Owner:** The ownership category in Section #5 is amended to read: Public-local, in order to reflect the City of Palestine's ownership of the property.

**Significance:**  
The state asserts that the various additions appended to building are significant in representing the continuing use and evolution of the property through the late 19th century and on into the early 20th century. The period of significance and significant dates remain as submitted.

This information was confirmed with Lisa Hart of the Texas SHPO.

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**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Howard House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Anderson

DATE RECEIVED: 1/28/93 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/09/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/25/93 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/14/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000072

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/14/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

THE HOWARD HOUSE IS SIGNIFICANT UNDER CRITERION C, AS A RARE SURVIVING EXAMPLE OF AN EAST TEXAS GREEK REVIVAL COTTAGE. THE GREEK REVIVAL WAS THE FIRST ARCHITECTURAL STYLE TO TRULY GAIN PROMINENCE IN EARLY PIONEER TEXAS.

THIS c.1848 HOUSE--THE RESIDENCE OF A LOCAL DRY-GOODS MERCHANT-- IS A REMARKABLE INTACT EXAMPLE OF THE STYLE AND REPRESENTS ONE OF THE OLDEST BUILDINGS IN "OLD TOWN" PALESTINE.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C  
REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan  
DISCIPLINE HISTORIAN  
DATE 3/8/93

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

\_\_\_summary paragraph  
\_\_\_completeness  
\_\_\_clarity  
\_\_\_applicable criteria  
\_\_\_justification of areas checked  
\_\_\_relating significance to the resource  
\_\_\_context  
\_\_\_relationship of integrity to significance  
\_\_\_justification of exception  
\_\_\_other

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps      \_\_\_USGS maps      \_\_\_photographs      \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





William Seward Howard

<sup>E</sup>  
E-10 Howard House - Family Feast



FIGURE 1

HOWARD HOUSE  
1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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FIGURE 2

HOWARD HOUSE  
1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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WATKINS,  
WATKINS, TEXAS

N-24 Howard House

WATKINS



FIGURE 3

HOWARD HOUSE  
1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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Front to Sidewalk.

Howard House Museum  
Palestine, Tex

HOWARD HOUSE  
1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 4 of 12

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Front Doors H.H. Museum Palestine, Tex. (8)

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PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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Chimney H. H. Museum Aug 1990

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North - Side

HOWARD HOUSE  
1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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Back of Howard House Museum

HOWARD HOUSE  
1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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Porch - South Side

H. H. Museum

Palestine, Tex

HOWARD HOUSE  
1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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Side View - H.H. - Museum - Palestine (#)

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1011 N. PERRY STREET  
PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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Inside Front Doors H.H. Museum (7)  
Palestine, Tex.

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PALESTINE, ANDERSON CO., TEXAS

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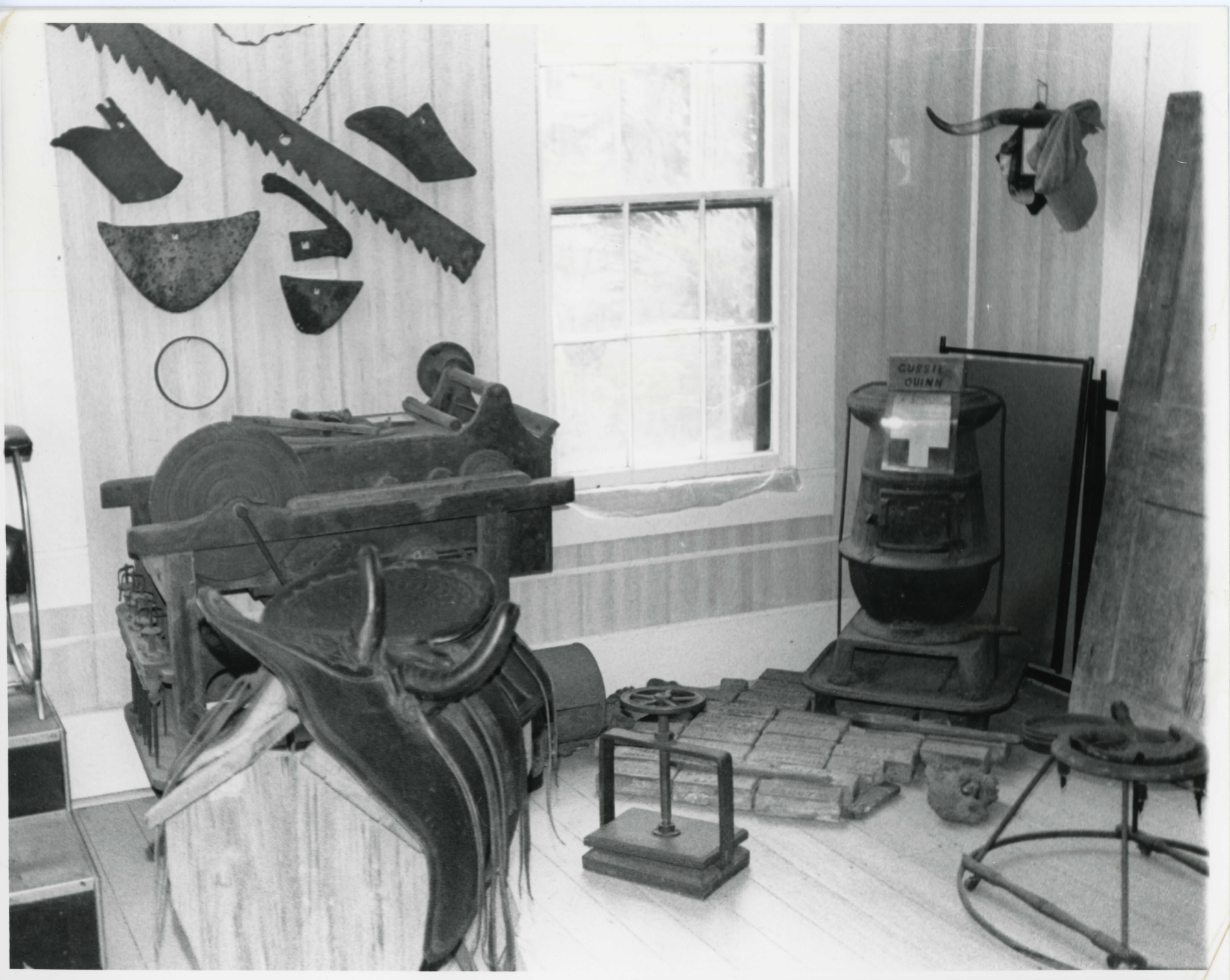


Living Room - One of 5 Fireplaces

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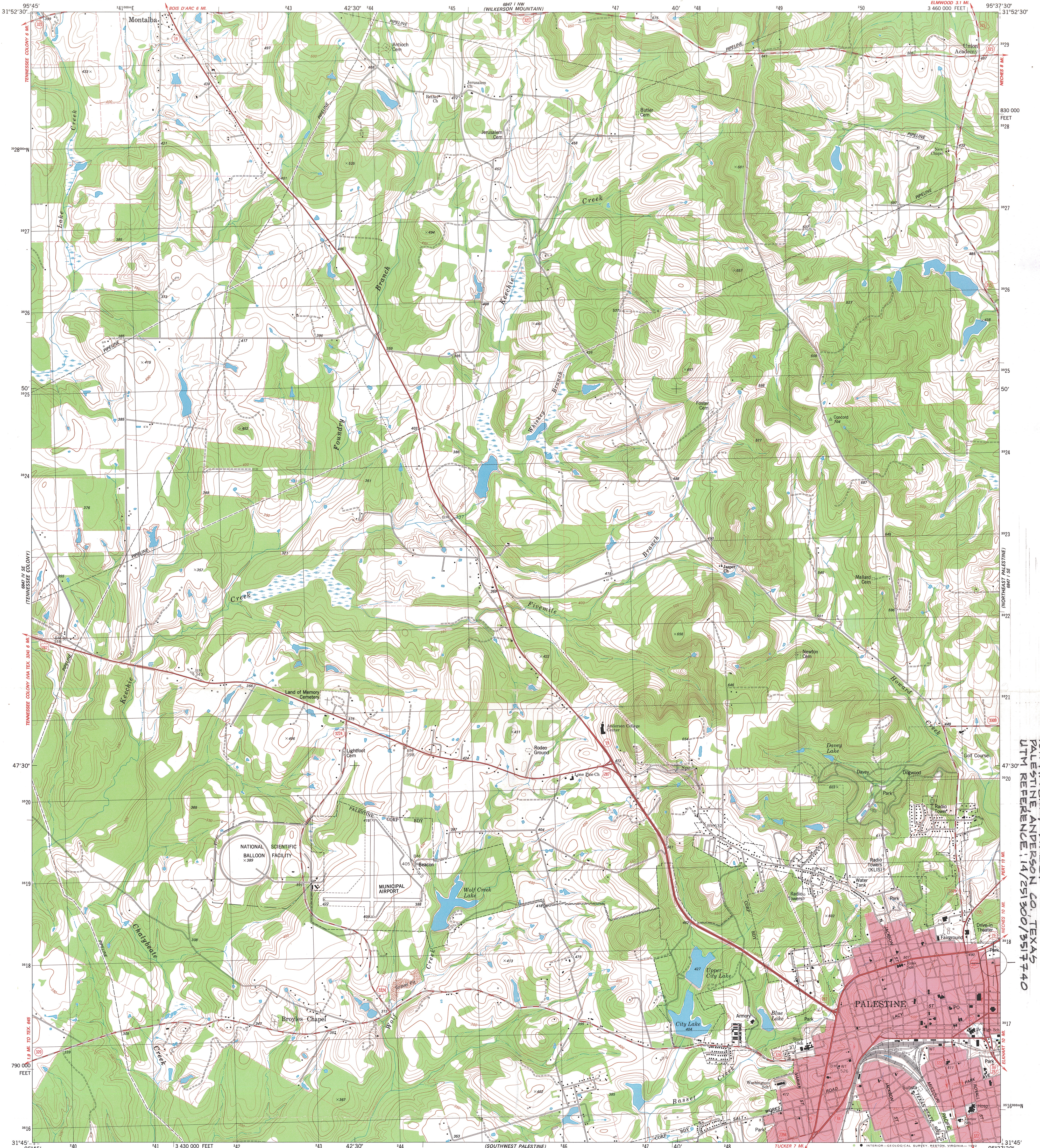


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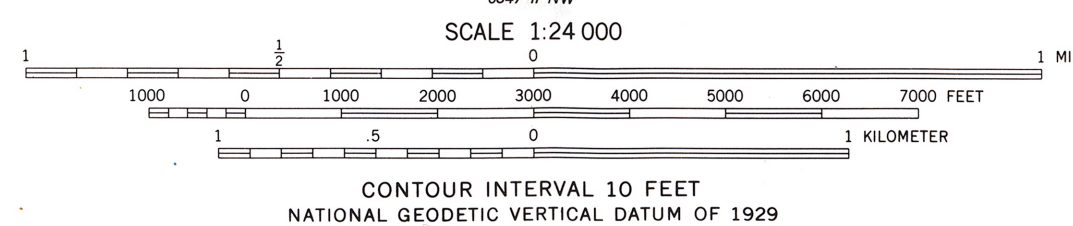
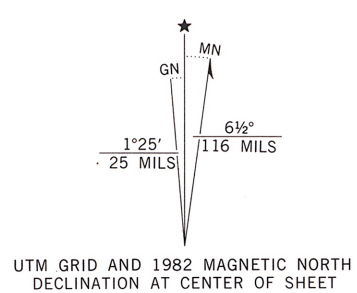
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface ——— Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ———  
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NORTHWEST PALESTINE, TEX.  
SW/4 PALESTINE 15' QUADRANGLE  
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