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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Union Station is a three story brick building of symmetrical plan. The building is based on the Renaissance style. The structure is divided into five bays with the central bay projecting forward and each side wing stepping progressively down and back. The first level is articulated by a stone story line.

The central bay is composed of three Roman arches (windows) encased by coupled pilasters on the outside and divided by single pilasters between arches. Supported by the pilasters is a plane stone frieze topped by a cornice of dentils and ogee mold. The frieze bears the inscription: "Union Station." Centered in the parapet is a clock. Planes in the facade of the structure recess slightly back to the corners. Windows, other than the arches, are one over one lights or have transoms above.

The interior is elaborately decorated with terra cotta work and with marble. Floors in public areas are terrazzo, while service areas have pigmented concrete or wood.

"The great wall of the waiting room, vaulting apparently into space is lit by many chandeliers of cast bronze. Smaller chandeliers on the lower ceilings contain 18 lamps each. The mezzanine corridor surrounding the well is furnished with eight small chandeliers.

Marble finishing adorns the waiting room, toilets and rest rooms in the central portion of the main floor." (1)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	-XCOMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
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<u>X</u> 1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)

INVENTION

SPECIFIC DATES

PERIOD

1928 -29-30

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

E.M. Tucker - Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A.B. Butterworth - Contractor

Construction of Texarkana Union Station was begun in 1928 and completed in 1930. It was designed by E.M. Tucker and construction supervised by A.B. Butterworth. The station represents the importance if the railroad to the city of Texarkana. The city developed and was planned around the railroad. Strategically located as a gateway to the southwest, Texarkana's past and future as strongly linked with the railway. Construction of Texarkana Union Station was a milestone in the progress of the city. Though diminished use has forced the station into semi-abandonment it still stands as the most significant visual anchor in the city.

The railroads are Texarkana's reason for being. As article by Griff Hubbard in the twin cities' centennial program in 1973 tells how it all started: The first railroad to realize the opportuniites in Texarkana was the Texas and Pacific. On March 3, 1871 the Texas and Pacific Company was chartered by a special act of Congress. The charter was received by a group of men interested in building a transcontinental route through Texas. Stock in the new company was placed on sale April 15, 1871, and was favorably received. General Grenville Dodge was hired to survey Texas land so construction might beg n before the new year. Essential right of way was surveyed first and before 1873 trackage was under construction between Texarkana and Dallas. Fall of 1873 found company engineers surveying townsites for a city located in two states. Choice lots sold for extremely high prices and Texarkana was a thriving community when the sound of hammering spikes reached its ears. The first train to arrive in Texarkana came in ia Nash. Its arrival on December 29, 1873, was followed by a huge Texas and Pacific celebration two days later. At this time, the Cairo and Fulton Railroad was pushing its rails through Arkansas towards Texarkana's present-day State Line Avenue. Two months later completion of the Cairo and Fulton Bridge over the Red River marked the establishment of continuous service between Dallas, Texas and St. Louis, Missouri. This was a momentous day in the opening of the Southwest, and Texarkana became a natural gateway.

The second railroad to realize a future in Texarkana, the Missouri Pacific, proposed a line to run from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. The Iron Mountain Railroad was chartered in 1851 to build from St. Louis to Pilot Knob, Missouri. In 1853 the state of Arkansas chartered the Cairo and Fulton Railroad to build a line extending from Birds Point, Missouri to Fulton, Arkansas. The Iron Mountain Line was completed in 1858 but the Civil War delayed completion of the Cairo and Fulton until 1873. Both lines were consolidated in 1874. In the later 1870's Jay Gould welded the Pacific Railroad and consolidated the Iron Mountain-Cairo and Fulton into our system known as the Missouri-Pacific Mountain Route.

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On May 21, 1881 the state of Arkansas gave permission for the Texas and St. Louis Railway to build a narrow gauge road from Texarkana, Texas to the Arkansas-Missouri border. Texarkana received the new railway in December 1882. Early in 1886, the railway's name was changed to the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad. Competition from the standard gauge Missouri-Pacific-Iron Mountain Route was an increasing threat to the economy of the line. On October 18, 1886 the narrow gauge St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railway, was converted to standard gauge rail in only twenty some odd hours. Although standard gauge, the line still found itself losing the battle for survival and on January 12, 1891, the railroad was incorporated into the St. Louis Southwestern Railway (Cotton Belt Route). The line has served Texarkana under that name over eighty years.

The last railroad to indure Texarkana in its construction plans was the Kansas City Southern. It was constructed to satisfy the needs of industries already in production. The KCS planned an extension of their lines to Fort Smith, Arkansas. At this point a Texarkana citizen, Mr. W.L. Whitaker organized his own line, the Texarkana Northern in 1885. In 1889 Whitaker sold his line to the Kansas City, Nevada and Fort Smith Railroad; and by 1893 the company's railage extended from Texarkana to Kansas City.

On May 17, 1928 construction was begun on Texarkana's Union Station by the Missouri-Pacific, Texas and Pacific, Cotton Belt and Kansas City Southern Railway lines, organized as the Union Station Trust. The land on which the station was constructed has historical significance. The wedge shaped area was originally part of the section donated by the United States Congress and President James Buchannon on July 1, 1859 to the Cairo and Fulton Railway. It was transferred in the form of a patent on governmental lands still retained in that area if the Louisiana Purchase out of which the territory, and later the State of Arkansas was erected.

Plans for the Texarkana Union Station was begun in 1920 when the inadequacy of the then existing railroad station became apparent. The \$1,700,000 Texarkana Union Station was officially dedicated on May 12, 1930 amid a gala celebration involving the entire city of Texarkana. The building contains 67,000 square feet and is a blend of decorative terra cotta and brickwork.

Completion of Texarkana Union Station marked a determining point in the future growth of the city. It's construction represented success of the city as a major transportation center in the southwest. The station has been endangered for several years, yet those citizens concerned with the heritage of their city have fought to prevent its destruction to the station. Within those plans, the city of Texarkana hopes to see Texarkana Union Station find a new life as office space, restaurants and business center in the Texarkana Judicial System. Although still owned by the Union Station Trust, a Texarkana attorney is negotiating for the puchase of the building and hopes to begin restoration of the structure which represents Texarkana's reason for being.

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TRACT NO. 1

A tract of land in Bowie County, Texas, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the south line of Front Street (80 feet wide) with the boundary line between the States of Texas and Arkansas; thence south, along said State line and making an interior angle of 63° 14', a distance of 133.57 feet; thence south west, turning an angle to the right of 63° 19', a distance of 327.77 feet; thence northwest, turning an angle to the right of 89° 55', a distance of 100.92 feet to a point in the south line of Front Street; thence northeast, turning an angle to the right of 90° 00' and along the south line of Front Street, a distance of 378.92 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 35,750 square feet, more or less.

TRACT NO. 2

A tract of land in Miller County, Arkansas, located in the south half of Section 30, Township 15 South, Range 28 West, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the south line of Front Street (78 feet wide) with the boundary line between the States of Texas and Arkansas; thence northeast, making a northeast angle of 60° 50' 30" with said State boundary line; a distance of 322.66 feet; thence southeast, turning an angle to the right of 89° 53', a distance of 116.56 feet; thence southwest, turning an angle to the right of 92° 35' 30", a distance of 379.15 feet to a point in said boundary line between the States of Texas and Arkansas; thence north, turning an angle to the right of 116° 41' and along said State line, a distance of 114.72 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 38,235 square feet, more or less.

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(1) Missouri Pacific Railroad Company
St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company (Cotton Belt)
Kansas City Southern Trailway Company
These three = Texarkana Union Station Trust

Contact for Texarkana Union Station Trust

Local control - Trainmaster Bill Lurch
L.J. Henderson
Vice President, Missouri IMprovement Company
210 North 13th Street
St. Louis, Missouri 314-622-2635

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Texarkana Union Station
 Texarkana, Arkansas

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3. Sandra Taylor Smith

4. January, 1978

5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

6. north elevation; viewed from the north

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Texarkana Union Station 2.

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1. Texarkana Union Station

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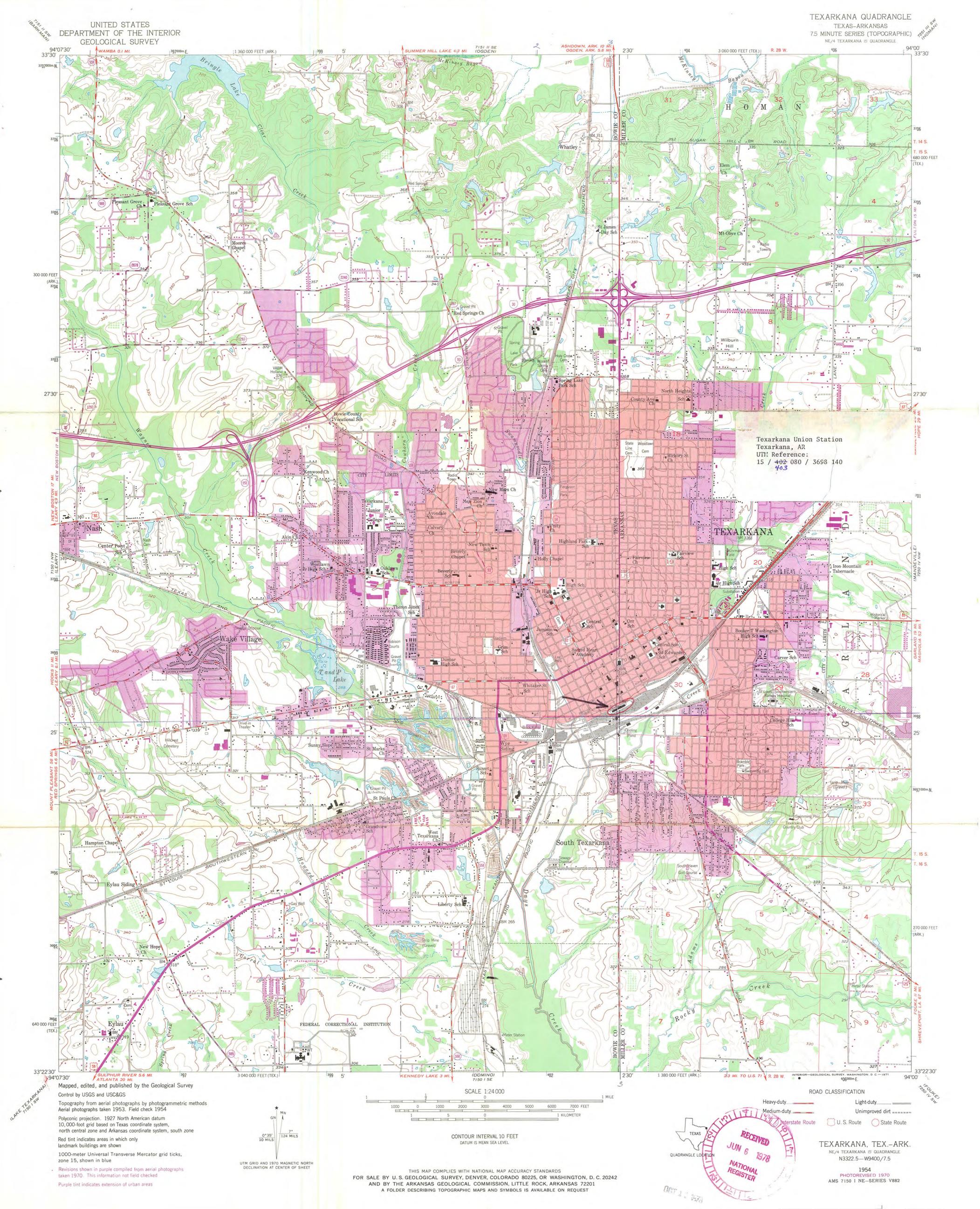


- 1. Texarkana Union Station
- 2. Texarkana, Arkansas
- 3. Sandra Taylor Smith

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- 4. January, 1978
- 5. Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
- 6. Central bay on north elevation: viewed from the northwest
- 7. #4

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TELEPHONE REPORT

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

PROJECT: Texarkana Union Station

TO) FROM: Jandra Smith

DATE: 9-2

ADDRESS: SHPO/A-K.

PHONE: 501-371-2763

STAFF MEMBER: Joe Town

DIVISION: NR

REPORT: Will call back.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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OCT 1 9 1978 Date Entered

Name

Texarkana Union Station

Location

Bowie County Listed in Texarkana, Miller County Arkansas

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen Honorable John G. Tower Honorable Sam B. Hall, 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

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