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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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Supplementary Listing Record

NRIS Reference Number: 78002907

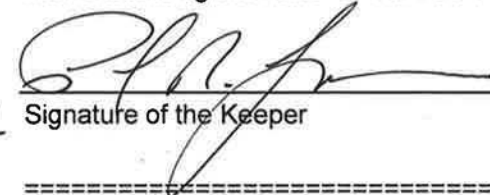
Date Listed: 6/23/1978

Property Name: Colorado County Courthouse Historic District

County: Colorado

State: TX

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


Signature of the Keeper

2/12/18
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The property at 535 Walnut Street (Harbert's Garage) is now reclassified as a contributing building to the historic district.

While in deteriorated condition, the building is compatible with the extant contributing, early twentieth century commercial buildings in the district. The original nomination did not provide a clear end date for the period of significance for the district, but it did specifically note that the property at 1220 Milam Street (Caledonia Lodge No. 68), constructed in 1927, was considered an exemplary (contributing) resource, thus establishing that the significance of the district ran up through the early twentieth century. Ending the period at 1928, the fifty year point for a 1978 listing and well within the established circa date for the construction of the Harbert's Garage (c. 1926-1928), is logical. The original nomination defines non-contributing intrusions as "modern structures which are unsympathetic to the scale, proportions, and materials of the surrounding environment... such as mobile homes and 1960s commercial establishments." Harbert's Garage does not meet these stipulations and is now considered a contributing resource.

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Colorado County Courthouse Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

roughly
Bounded by Preston & Walnut Streets, Milam & Front Streets,
Washington Street and Live Oak Streets

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

VICINITY OF

10

STATE

Texas

CODE
048COUNTY
ColoradoCODE
089

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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 checked="" 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 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

Multiple Ownership (See continuation sheets)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Colorado County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

STATE

Texas 78934

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory & Historical Subject Marker

DATE

1971 & 1973

 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 checked="" 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

3/23/70 ?
The variety of commercial and residential structures which comprise the Colorado County Courthouse District are indicative of the growth and prominence which is associated with the history of Columbus during the second half of the nineteenth century. Consisting of twelve complete blocks and portions of thirteen other blocks, the district encompasses the central business district which developed around the courthouse square and a considerable portion of the residential area which developed around the commercial area. The district essentially includes the core of the city and is in the shape of an -L, bordered on the north by Preston Street (500 and 600 blocks) and Walnut Street (300 and 400 blocks); on the east by Milam Street (900 and 1000 blocks) and Front Street (1100 and 1200 blocks); on the south by Washington Street (300 - 600 blocks); and on the west by Live Oak Street (900 - 1200 blocks).

The old water tower and fire house (24), which has been adapted for use as a meeting hall by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Colorado County Courthouse (25) are located at the focal point of the town, Courthouse Square. Columbus' commercial district developed in the late nineteenth century in the blocks surrounding the Courthouse Square. This commercial district was originally concentrated in the 1000 - 1100 blocks of Milam, but has spread throughout much of the historic district during the twentieth century. Many buildings have undergone substantial alteration, as balconies have been removed, windows boarded closed and canopies replaced. More often than not, it is the ground floor which has fallen victim to modification and unsympathetic remodeling. The 1100 block of Milam (15 - 23) is most intact as the buildings still maintain much of their original facades, thus a continuity in scale, materials and proportion is achieved. More ornate and sophisticated commercial structures, such as the Brunson Building (18), are found

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Colorado County Courthouse	Courthouse Square	✓ Lester J. Cranek, Sr. County Judge Colorado County
Confederate Memorial Museum	Courthouse Square	✓ United Daughters of Confederacy
<u>Block 1</u>		
William C. Papenberg House	900 Bowie Street	✓ Douglas Glass, Jr. 900 Bowie St Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	623 Preston Street	✓ William Stancik 623 Preston St Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	635 Preston Street	✓ Edgar Heinsohn Route 2 New Ulm, Tx
Private Residence	637 Preston Street	✓ Edgar Heinsohn Route 2 New Ulm, Tx
Private Residence	903 Live Oak Street	✓ Edgar Heinsohn Route 2 New Ulm, Tx
Private Residence	925 Live Oak Street	✓ Mrs. Norma Artusy 7011 Oak Bough Houston, Tx 77088
<u>Block 2</u>		
Private Residence	521 Preston Street	✓ Mrs. Katie Thrasher 521 Preston Columbus, Tx
J & S Distributing Company	906 Milam Street	✓ Jerry Zatopek Box 398 Columbus, Tx

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Old Hotel	920 Milam Street	✓ Kemp Dargan 3209 Morse Street Houston, Tx
Hancock-Heller House	934 Milam Street	✓ Eva Mae Nichols 934 Milam St Columbus, Tx
P. F. Heller Store	936 Milam Street	R Eva Mae Nichols 934 Milam Street Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	516 Crockett St.	✓ R. W. McCausland P. O. Box 22 Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	903 Bowie St.	✓ Mrs. H. H. Wehner 4917 Park Drive Houston, Tx
Private Residence	911 Bowie St.	✓ Mrs. John Stancik 911 Bowie Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	915 Bowie St.	✓ Lester Hoppe 915 Bowie Columbus, Tx

Block 3

Private Residence	903 Milam St.	✓ Mrs. Douglas Davenport 903 Milam Columbus, Tx
Zatopek Feed & Supply	Milam St.	R Jerry Zatopek Box 398 Columbus, Tx

Block 7

Arco Gas Station	Corner Walnut St at Front St.	R Arthur Evans Box 546 Columbus, Tx
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Rippers Grocery Store	302 Walnut Street	✓ W. W. & H.J. Schinder c/o Clarke & Harding 3616 Richmond Avenue Room 614 Houston, Tx 77027
Sears	316 Walnut Street	✓ W. W. & H.J. Schinder (same as above..)
John's Foodcraft	312 Walnut St.	✓ W. W. & H. J. Schinder
Arco Gas Station	Corner Walnut St at Travis St.	✓ Arthur Evans P. O. Box 546 Columbus, Tx 78934

Block 8

Central Power & Light Offices	1001 Milam Street	✓ CPL P. O. Box 518 Columbus, Tx 78934
Columbus Plumbing & Service	1011 Milam Street	✓ Mrs. Wm. M. Paulsen 802 Front St Columbus, Tx
Brown Electric Company	1011 Milam Street	✓ Mrs. Joe McKenzie Route 1, Box 20E Yorktown, Tx 78164
The Gift Shoppe	1015 Milam Street	✓ Calvin Kollmann Route 1, Box 159 Columbus, Tx
Walla's Clothing Store	1023 Milam Street	✓ Charles Walla Box 175 Columbus, Tx
Columbus Cable TV	1025 Milam Street	✓ Charles Walla Box 175 Columbus, Tx

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Columbus Insurance Agency	1031 Milam Street	✓ Allan Hill 1402 Travis St Columbus, Tx
First State Bank Bldg.	420 Walnut St	✓ First State Bank Box 8 Columbus, Tx
Draper Building	414 Walnut St	✓ Mrs. Myrah Jane Draper Box 365 Columbus, Tx
Butler Office Supply	410 Walnut St	✓ Colorado City Fed. Savings & Loan Box 128 Columbus, Tx
Colorado County Federal Savings & Loan	408 Walnut Street	✓ Colorado County Federal Savings & Loan Box 128 Columbus, Tx

Block 9

Gegenworth Building	520-524 Walnut St	✓ Royce Jurries Route 1, Box 229A Columbus, Tx 78934
✓ True Value Hardware Store	538 Walnut St	✓ S. K. Seymour Drawer 158 Columbus, Tx
Old Ice House	1007 Bowie St	✓ J. R. Grubbs 1703 Travis Columbus, Tx
Fehrenkamp Grocery	1038 Milam St	✓ Mrs. Florine Smith 4845 North 74th St Scottsdale, Arizona
Gindler's Clothing Store	1034 Milam St	✓ Otto Gindler Box 18 Gonzales, Tx 78629

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Winn's Dime Store	1028 Milam St	✓ Mrs. Geraldine Boggess 4306 Bordeaux Dallas, Tx 75205
J. Mattern & Sons, Grain & Groceries	1024 Milam St.	✓ Jacob & Anna Mattern Estate, Box 515 Columbus, Tx
J. B. White Co.	1018 Milam St	✓ Earl W. Middlebrook 320 West Walnut Seminole, Okla 74868 and ✓ French & Simpson Box 15167 San Francisco, Calif 94116
Brunson's Saloon--Wendel's TV Building	1014 Milam	✓ Allen W. Wendel 1014 Milam Columbus, Tx
Gaylor's Clothing Store	1010 Milam	✓ Thomas K. Gaylor 1010 Milam St Columbus, Tx
The Fabric Center	1004 Milam St	✓ Mrs. Joe Perry 1004 Milam Columbus, Tx
Craft Cottage	1004 Milam St	✓ Delton Hollmann, Jr. 1004 Milam Columbus, Tx
City Cleaners	1000 Milam St	✓ Preston Shatto Box 845 Columbus, Tx

Block 10

McDonald Properties	602 Walnut	✓ Laura Ann Rau Box 395 Columbus, Tx
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Tate-Senftenberg-Brandon Hse	616 Walnut	✓ Magnolia Homes Tour, Inc.
Private Residence	630 Walnut	✓ Norma Shaw Box 663 Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	Corner Walnut St at Live Oak St	✓ Joe Shaw Estate Box 663 Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	1017 Live Oak St	✓ Mozelle Dayvault Box 276 Columbus, Tx
S. K. Seymour Lumber Yard (includes old Southern Pacific Depot..)	Bowie Street	✓ S. K. Seymour Drawee 158 Columbus, Tx

Block 11

Columbus Volunteer Fire Dept.	602 Spring St	✓ City of Columbus
Private Residence	612 Spring St	✓ Mrs. Augusta Tolbirt 612 Spring Columbus, Tx
Townsend-West House	634 Spring St	✓ Mr./Mrs. T. B. West P. O. Box 368 Columbus, Tx
Dick's Welding Service	1107 Live Oak St	✓ Mrs. A. N. Evans, Sr. Box 546 Columbus, Tx
Gas Station-Vacant	S. E. Corner Walnut St at Live Oak St	✓ Mrs. A. N. Evans, Sr. Box 546 Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	623 Walnut St	✓ Raymond Rau 623 Walnut Columbus, Tx
Ilse-Rau House	1100 Bowie St	✓ R. F. Rau (Buddy) Box 395, Columbus

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Iise-Kindred-Sparks House	Bowie St between Spring St & Walnut St	✓ T. T. Sparks, Sr. Box 362 Port Arthur, Tx
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Block 12

Columbus Cafe	511 Walnut St	✓ John Busselman 636 Travis St Columbus, Tx
Mikeska's Bar-B-Que	515 Walnut St	✓ Jerry Mikeska 515 Walnut Columbus, Tx
K. K. Young Fashions	521 Walnut St	✓ Sam Hodge 521 Walnut Columbus, Tx
Commercial Bldg.	523-525 Walnut St	✓ Marshall Windham 1407 Prairie St Columbus, Tx
Barton's House of Decor	525 Walnut St	✓ Mrs. Sam Harbert Box 66, Columbus
Columbus State Bank	S. W. Corner Walnut St. at Milam St	✓ Columbus State Bank Box 248, Columbus
Western Auto Store	1100 Milam St	✓ J. L. Drymalla 1802 Bowie St Columbus, Tx
The Pub	1114 Milam St	✓ Raymond Urband Box 1054 Columbus, Tx
Kaysers Market	1116 Milam St	✓ Raymond Kayser 815 Jackson St Columbus, Tx
Torres Barber Shop	1116 Milam St	✓ Jesse Torres 418 Front St Columbus, Tx

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Ehrenwerth-Ramsey Untermeyer Bldg.	1120 Milam St	✓ Harold Untermeyer Box 517 Columbus, Tx
White's Auto Store	1124 Milam St	✓ Mrs. Jerry Rhine 802 W. Woodlawn Avenue San Antonio, Tx 78212
Magnolia Fashions	1128 Milam St	✓ T. B. West Box 368 Columbus, Tx
Frigidaire Appliance Store	1132 Milam St	✓ N. J. Mainer Hwy. 71 South Columbus, Tx
Berger's Grocery Bldg.	1136 Milam St	✓ Leon Berger 107 Smith St Columbus, Tx
The Style Shope	1138 Milam St	✓ Dr. Charles Moeller, Jr. 1204 Live Oak St Columbus, Tx
Qulaity Electronics	512 Spring St	✓ Kenneth Bayer Box 146 Columbus, Tx
Columbus Auto Parts	514 Spring St	✓ John Labay Box 57, Columbus
Red's Parlour	Spring St	✓ Harold Untermeyer Box 517, Columbus

BLOCK 13

Texaco Gast Station	Corner Walnut St at Front St	✓ J. D. Seymour Box 158, Columbus
Private Residence	303 Walnut St	✓ Mrs. Mildred Austin Box 596, Columbus

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Private Residence	315 Walnut St	✓ Mrs. Ruby Cypert 403 N. Mulberry Lane Bellaire, Tx 77401
Private Residence	319 Walnut St	✓ Mrs. Ruby Cypert 403 N. Mulberry Lane Bellaire, Tx 77401
City Insurance Service	337 Walnut St	✓ Norma Shaw, et al Box 663, Columbus, Tx
Private Residence & Farmers Ins. Group Off	1114 Front St	✓ Jodie Braden 1114 Front Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	1118 Front St	✓ R. J. Lynton 1118 Front Columbus, Tx
Townsend-Koliba House	1124 Front St.	✓ Homer Koliba 1124 Front Columbus, Tx
Sheriff's Office/Jail Office Bldg.	218 Spring St Spring St.	✓ Colorado County Colorado County
Mays Hotel	1109 Travis St	✓ Mrs. Mildred Austin P. O. Box 596 Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	1115 Travis St	✓ J. W. Luyendecker 1115 Travis Columbus, Tx
Fram Bur. Ins. Office	1117 Travis St.	✓ Colorado County Farm Bureau 1117 Travis, Columbus
Office (was residence)	1131 Travis St.	✓ Colorado County

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Commercial Bldg. 1123 Front St. ✓ W. R. Jones
1803 Charter, Columbus

Block 15

Turnbough-Rudicill-Willis Hse 1204 Front St ✓ Mrs. Mary Willis
Box 294, Columbus

Private Residence 1218 Front St ✓ Hugh Grabow
1218 Front St
Columbus, Tx

Private Residence 1236 Front St ✓ Herbert Lipperdt
1236 Front
Columbus, Tx

Private Residence 314 Washington St. ✓ Mrs. Geo. Frers, Jr.
314 Washington
Columbus, Tx

Private Residence (Mobil Home) Washington St. ✓ E. J. Hudson
Box 847, Columbus, Tx

Private Residence 1203 Travis St ✓ G. F. Steger
Box 247, Columbus, Tx

Private Residence 1217 Travis St. ✓ Mrs. Mattie Krosnik
1217 Travis, Columbus

BLOCK 16

Office and Residence 1210 Travis St ✓ Mrs. John O. Rogers
Box 545, Columbus

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Private Residence	1214 Travis	✓ E. G. Miller Estate Box 65, Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	1216 Travis	✓ E. G. Miller Estate Box 65, Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	1236 Travis	✓ E. G. Miller Estate Box 65, Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	422 Washington St.	✓ First Methodist Church
First Methodist Church	Corner Washington St. at Milam St.	✓ First Methodist Church
Stafford Opera House	N.W. Corner Spring St. at Milam St.	✓ Magnolia Homes Tour, Inc.
Stafford-Miller House	423 Spring St	✓ E. G. Miller Estate Box 65, Columbus
Hodges, Gates and Halcom Law offs.	415 Spring St.	✓ Hodges, Gates, & Halcom Box 426, Columbus

Block 17

Caledonia Lodge No. 68	1220 Milam St	E. G. Miller Estate
Jerry Parker Chevrolet	501 Spring St.	✓ Mrs. F. M. Tolbirt Box 485, Columbus
Colorado County Citizen	513 Spring St.	✓ Jim Belcher Box 540, Columbus
Commercial Bldg.	519 Spring St.	✓ Theodore F. Schiwetz, Jr Box 596, Columbus
Mark's Drug Store	539 Spring St.	✓ W. G. Dick Estate Box 78, Columbus
The Gallery	1229 Bowie St	✓ W. G. Dick Estate Box 78, Columbus
Doctor's Offices	1219-1223 Bowie St.	✓ Columbus Prof. Bldg. 1221 Bowie, Columbus

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Rexall Drug's	1237 Bowie St	✓ Columbus Prof. Bldg. 1221 Bowie Columbus, Tx
U.S. Post Office	1239 Bowie St.	✓ Mrs. A.W. Willrodt Box 685, Columbus
Mechanical Works Corp. Bldg.	514-520 Washington St.	✓ Columbus Prof. Bldg. 1221 Bowie Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	504 Washington St.	✓ Joe Wegenhoft 504 Washington Columbus, Tx

Block 18

Municipal Bldg.	605 Spring St.	✓ City of Columbus
Private Residence	619 Spring St.	✓ Mrs. Henry Boehme 619 Spring St. Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	629 Spring St.	✓ Raymond Hoffmann 629 Spring St. Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	1203 Live Oak St.	✓ Mrs. Willie Lee Hastedt 1203 Live Oak Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	1229 Live Oak St	✓ Earl M. Connor 421 Bonham Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	636 Washington St.	✓ H. V. Grumbles P. O. Box 43, Columbus
Private Residence	618 Washington St	✓ Mrs. Myrtle McMahan 618 Washington St. Columbus, Tx
Little Bakery	604 Washington St.	✓ Mrs. Laura Brasher Box 130, Alleyton, Tx

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Dilue Rose Harris House	602 Washington St	✓ Mrs. Laura Brasher Box 130, Alleyton, Tx
Alley Cabin	Bowie St.	✓ Mrs. Laura Brasher Box 130, Alleyton, Tx
Medical & Surgical Clinic	1220 Bowie St.	✓ Medical & Surgical Clinic 1220 Bowie St. Columbus, Tx

Block 19

Private Residence	519 Washington St.	✓ Mrs. Agnes Woods 1304 Milam Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	529 Washington St.	✓ Mrs. W. F. Fuller 5606 Dumfries Dr. Houston, Tx 77035

Block 20

Private REsidence	413 Washington St.	✓ Miss Gisela Trojan 1304 Travis Columbus, Tx
Private REsidence	417 Washington St.	✓ Thomas Zatopek 417 Washington
Methodist Church School Bldg.	Washington St.	✓ First Meth. Church

Block 21

Private Residence	303 Washington St.	✓ Max Barnett 303 Washington St. Columbus, Tx
Private Residence	317 Washington St.	✓ Joe Dungen 317 Washington Columbus, Tx
Private Res. & Beauty Shop	325 Washington St	✓ Rev. W. A. Flachmeier 3206 Churchill Dr Austin, Tx

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Block 45

Maigne-Walther House

904 Live Oak St.

✓ Grace & Rosanna Walther
906 Live Oak
Columbus, Tx

Block 48

Bartels-Wirtz House

1216 Live Oak St.

✓ Isabell Moeller
1336 Travis
Columbus, Tx

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in the 1000 block of Milam (5 - 10), but the block has been marred by a considerable amount of twentieth century infill. Also located in this commercial area is the most commanding structure in the historic district, the Stafford Opera House (30), which was built in 1886 and became the center of cultural and social activities in the area well into the twentieth century. The Opera House was the design of the prominent Galveston architect, Nicholas J. Clayton, who shaped the architectural identity of many Texas cities with his handsome Richardsonian Romanesque designs.

Private residences comprise the largest number of structures within the district. While most of the houses are modest one-story, wood frame, vernacular structures which display a multiplicity of Victorian decoration and plans, the residential areas reflect the variety of nineteenth century architecture which is visible throughout Texas, as well as the twentieth century bungalow forms.

The vicissitudes of the twentieth century are evident in the townscape of Columbus, but intrusions comprise only a minority of the buildings located within the historic district. These intrusions consist usually of modern structures which are unsympathetic to the scale, proportions and materials of the surrounding environment, such as mobile homes and 1960s neocolonial commercial establishments. Beginning in the early 1960s, Columbus has experienced a renewed prominence and economic vitality. The residents of Columbus are keenly aware of their architectural heritage and are actively involved in its preservation. The Magnolia Homes Tour, Inc. has been instrumental in these preservation efforts. This organization sponsors the highly successful Magnolia Homes Tour each spring and has purchased the Tate - Senftenburg - Brandon House (11) for use as their offices and the Stafford Opera House, which is currently undergoing extensive restoration.

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The following is a list of exemplary and/or the more salient structures found in the historic district:

1. William C. Papenberg House, 900 Bowie Street

This wooden vernacular house which alludes to the Colonial Revival style was built in 1914 by William C. Papenberg, who was District Clerk for 38 years in Colorado County. The gallery which extends the length of the house is supported by Doric columns. Victorian influence is revealed in the jig-saw cut decoration and the window tracery of the pediment.

2. Old Hotel, 920 Milam Street

Originally constructed as a hotel, its most recent use has been as an apartment. The building clearly shows the influence of the Greek Revival and may date ca. 1850 - 1860. Its hipped roof is covered by a standing seam metal roof. Now vacant, negotiations are underway for restoration/adaptive use.

3. Hancock - Heller House, 934 Milam Street

PHOTO 12

A one-story, five-bay, center hall structure, this house was originally constructed in 1865 by John S. Hancock, County Tax Collector. Another owner moved a second house to the site in 1885 and placed it at the rear, at which time he added the elaborate Victorian detailing to the front porch and gable. The center door is framed by a transom and side lights and a gallery extends across the entire facade. A single gable projects from the hipped roof.

4. P. F. Heller Store, 936 Milam Street

PHOTO 13

Now known as the B. F. Upholstery Shop, this structure was built by H. S. Williams, merchant and city mayor, in 1892 and was operated as a general store from 1906 until 1941 by P. F. Heller and his wife. A frame structure, the Heller Store has undergone alteration through the years.

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5. *PHOTO 1*
Craft Cottage (Klein Cast Iron Building), 1004 Milam Street

The first floor facade of the late nineteenth century, two-story, four-bay brick commercial building has undergone only minor alteration. Polychrome worked stone window surrounds on the second level provide handsome decoration. The tops of the pilasters and the parapet are also capped by this dark red stone. Brickwork is decoratively used below the cornice line. Cast iron columns act as first floor supporting members.

6. *PHOTO 6, 1*
The Fabric Center, 1004 Milam Street

This two-story, brick commercial structure, dating from the late nineteenth century maintains the same cornice line as 1010 and 1014 Milam Street. The projecting center panel of the galvanized metal cornice carries the name Scholandt. Interest is provided by the worked stone window surrounds and the ~~brick~~ panels beneath the cornice. The first floor has been altered considerably. *TERRA COTTA (?)*

7. *PHOTO 6, 1*
Gaylor's Clothing Store, 1010 Milam Street

Charles Brunson constructed this two-story brick structure in 1896. It is almost identical in detail to 1014 Milam Street (Brunson Building, #8). The first floor has been altered considerably.

8. *PHOTO 6, 1*
Brunson Building, 1014 Milam Street

Exemplary of brick commercial construction of the late nineteenth century, this two-story, five-bay structure was built in 1891 by Charles Brunson, who migrated to America in 1845 from Westphalia, Germany. The galvanized metal cornice is broken by a projecting center gable which carries the date of construction. Interest is provided by corbelled brick pilasters and the pedimented window surrounds set into recesses arches. Four cast iron columns act as first floor supporting members. Only minor alterations have been made to the facade.

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9. J. Mattern & Sons, Grain & Groceries, 1024 Milam Street

PHOTO 1
This two-story brick commercial structure, which dates from the late nineteenth century, is presently vacant. Simple in composition, brick detailing beneath the cornice provides the only decoration. The first floor facade is only slightly altered.

10. Fehrenkemp Grocery, 1038 Milam Street

PHOTO 5, 1
This two-story brick commercial building was erected ca. 1850 by Thomas W. Harris, a physician from Virginia. A lack of detail provides no relief from the starkness of the composition. Transoms cover all first floor openings and wooden lintels are exposed over all second level openings.

11. Tate - Senftenberg - Brandon House, 616 Walnut Street

PHOTO 14
Originally a handsome example of the Greek Revival style, this house was built about 1867 by Phocian Tate. It was sold in 1887 to A. Seftenberg who added the second story and porches with Victorian ornamentation. The northeast section of the house was extended in 1900 by Kenneth Brandon. The two-story L-shaped gallery features turned columns with jig-saw cut stick brackets. Wooden cresting runs along the roof ridge between the two interior chimneys, offset, left and right. In 1968 the Magnolia Homes Tour purchased the house to restore it as a museum.

12. Ilse - Rau House, 1100 Bowie Street

PHOTO 15
This two-story, five-bay with center hall structure is a fine example of the symmetrical Victorian. Built in 1887 by Henry Ilse, a farmer, rancher and saloon owner, the house is constructed of cypress with pine floors. The contractors were Jacob and Lewis Wirtz, who built several notable homes in Columbus. The two-story gallery, which runs the entire length of the front elevation, is an elaboration of Victorian decoration. Transoms are present over both the first and second floor entrances. A Gothic Revival cast iron fence partially surrounds the property, which is now know as Raumonda.

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13. Ilse - Kindred - Sparks House, Bowie Street between Spring & Walnut Streets

This one-story, five-bay wooden vernacular house is enriched with the applied jig-saw cut lattice, brackets and balustrade. The gallery which extends the length of the house is supported by turned columns. Pressed tin covers the foundations and the porch at the rear is an addition of a date later than the 1888 construction date.

14. Townsend - West House, 634 Spring Street

PHOTO 16

This 1-1/2 story asymmetrical house is unique because of the multiplicity of Eastlake style details which cover the structure and because these decorations were turned on a lathe, not cut with a jig-saw - a more costly procedure. Built in 1890 by contractor Jacob Wirtz for Marcus and Annie Townsend, the house is further enhanced by the metal cresting and finials which decorate the roof line. The asbestos siding which currently sheaths the structure detracts considerably from its appearance.

15. Columbus State Bank, Walnut at Milam Streets

PHOTO 2

At its founding in 1919, this bank retained the 1857 wall of the Boedecker Building which had housed many ventures, including the city's first bank (1857). In its 1969 remodeling, the bank again used some parts of prior structures.

16. Western Auto Store (Old Hamburger Building), 1100 Milam Street

PHOTO 2

Originally covered with white polished bricks, this two-story structure has been considerably and unsympathetically altered. The second story bays are separated by monumental pilasters with Corinthian capitals.

17. The Pub, 1114 Milam Street

PHOTO 2

This one-story nineteenth century commercial building retains its original facade almost completely intact. Brick corbelling below the cornice line and brick panels provide decorative details.

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18. Torres Barber Shop & Kayser's Market, 1116 Milam Street

PHOTO 2

Although the first floor has been altered, this late nineteenth century commercial structure has retained much of its original design. Again, brickwork is used as the decorative feature.

19. Ehrenwerth - Ramsey - Untermeyer Building, 1120 Milam Street

PHOTO 4, 2

A two-story, four-bay commercial building, this structure was erected 1873 - 1875 from Columbus brick for Henry M. Ehrenwerth. A desire for opulence is expressed in the facade, as there is the attempt to create the impression of rustication of pilasters and voussoirs by forming blocks and joints from brick and then covering them with stucco. At one time a balcony extended across the second story and the semicircular panels at the parapet were originally trimmed in brick.

20. White's Auto Store (Old Gegenworth Building), 1124 Milam Street

PHOTO 2

Handsome brick corbelling beneath the cornice line enriches the facade of this one-story, late nineteenth century commercial building.

21. Magnolia Fashions, 1128 Milam Street

PHOTO 2

The arched parapet of this two-story, late nineteenth century brick structure provides a distinguishing element to its design. Additional decoration is created by the polychrome brickwork which shapes the string course and window moldings. The facade has undergone little modification.

22. Frigidaire Appliance Store, 1132 Milam Street

PHOTO 2

With the exception of the decorative brick panel which projects from the center cornice, this building maintains an almost identical facade with the structure at 1136 Milam Street.

23. Berger's Grocery Store, 1136 Milam Street

PHOTO 2

Simple in composition, this one-story commercial building was constructed in the late nineteenth century. The plain facade is relieved by decorative brick panels. The structure has undergone only minor alterations.

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24. Confederate Memorial Museum, Courthouse Square

PHOTO 9

A masonry building which was originally constructed as a water tower and fire house, the Confederate Memorial Museum is a circular structure entered through a single arched doorway. Built in 1883 by the town of Columbus, over 400,000 handmade bricks were used in fashioning the 32" thick walls. A long narrow arched window stretches above the doorway. The crenelation was added when the water tower was removed. The structure has been adapted for use as a meeting hall (first floor) and library (second floor) by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

25. Colorado County Courthouse, Courthouse Square

PHOTO 8

The courthouse is a three-story, three-part masonry structure marked by a central dome. (See National Register submission, Colorado County Courthouse).

26. Mayes Hotel, 1109 Travis Street

PHOTO 17

Dating from the 1890s, this 2-1/2 story wood frame structure has undergone several additions.

27. Townsend - Koliba House, 1124 Front Street

PHOTO 18

The front portion of this one-story, five-bay wooden vernacular structure was constructed in the mid-1880s. The porch features turned columns and jig-saw cut brackets. The gable, which projects from the roof, is enhanced by a decorated bargeboard. The structure is used as a home - museum by its current owners.

28. Turnbull - Rudicill - Willis House, 1204 Front Street

PHOTO 19

A pedimented portico provides the distinguishing feature of this one-story, five-bay wooden vernacular house which was constructed in 1877. Proportions, plans and details clearly make reference to the Greek Revival style.

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29. Stafford - Miller House, 423 Spring Street

PHOTO 11
A symmetrical Victorian structure, this two-story, five-bay house constructed in 1886 is framed by a variety of jig-saw cut decorations. The two-story L-shaped gallery is supported by square chamfered posts. Supported by a brick pier foundation, the house is partially encircled by a Gothic Revival cast iron fence.

30. Stafford Opera House, 435 Spring Street

PHOTO 10
An imposing two-story, masonry structure, the Opera House was built in 1886. Three bays wide, the center pedimented bay breaks through the ornate metal cornice and features an adaptation of a Palladian ~~or Venetian~~ window. Capped by a mansard roof, this building served as the Bicentennial Meeting House for Texas and is currently undergoing an extensive restoration. (See National Register submission, Stafford Opera House).

31. Caledonia Lodge, No. 68, 1220 Milam Street

Erected in 1927, this two-story stuccoed structure alludes to the Spanish Colonial Revival style. Austere in appearance, almost all openings have been boarded up and stuccoed. This is one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in Texas, chartered on 24 January 1851, and the present building is one of several halls the Lodge has occupied.

32. Colorado County Citizen Building, 513 Spring Street

PHOTO 7
Although an exact date of construction cannot be ascertained, this building is quite old, perhaps ca. 1860 - 1870. Originally it was a general mercantile store known as the Blue Store.

33. & 34. Commercial Structures, 519 Spring Street

PHOTO 7
These attached late nineteenth century structures were originally utilized for commercial purposes, but are now divided as multi-family dwellings. Decorative brickwork and a slightly different floor level provide the distinguishing features of the structures. Brickwork forms the second floor segmental arches and first floor round arch moldings of the structure on the left, while bricks form the relief of the arches of the building on the right.

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35. Alley Cabin, Bowie Street between Spring and Washington Streets

This cabin was moved from Alleyton and restored. Originally it was constructed following the spring, 1836 by some of the first settlers of Alleyton. As the structural members are tied in rather than cut and notched in one process, it is probable that one room was built to protect the family through the winter, then the next room was added in the spring. The room at the north end is probably the original.

36. Dilue Rose Harris House, 602 Washington Street

PHOTO 20

This one-story on a raised basement Greek Revival structure was built about 1860. Unique because of its tabby construction, the building has been stuccoed. The two center doors each contain a transom and are covered by a portico supported by square, paneled columns. This portico is repeated at the rear over a single doorway. Two external end chimneys project from the structure, which is covered by a standing seam metal roof. A small stuccoed addition joined to the west elevation is of a later date. Historians often cite the writings of Dilue Rose Harris, which were based on a personal knowledge of the days of the Texas Republic.

37. Bartels - Wirtz House, 1216 Live Oak Street

PHOTO 22

Distinguished by the gable window with star tracery, decorative bargeboard and carpenter's lace, this one-story Victorian cottage was built in 1886 by Anton Bartels from Aldenburg, North Germany. The stained glass entrance doors are duplicated at the back of the front hall. The gallery which extends across the front of the structure is supported by turned columns and is decorated by jig-saw cut lattice, brackets and balustrade.

38. Maigne - Walther House, 904 Live Oak Street

PHOTO 21

Lebrich
Constructed in 1869, this raised cottage with its parapeted balustrade is representative of the Greek Revival style. The foundations and fireplaces of this one-story, five-bay structure are fashioned from handmade bricks. A transom and side lights frame the front door. The porch which extends across the facade is supported by square columns.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Marked by growth and significant changes, the second half of the nineteenth century and the early years of the twentieth century represent the most prosperous years in the history of Columbus. The structures located within the Colorado County Courthouse District are the legacy of this nineteenth - early twentieth century development and indicate the manner in which Columbus has adjusted to the realities of the twentieth century - retaining and preserving a substantial portion of its architectural heritage.

Searching for a site for the capitol of his colony, in August 1823 Stephen F. Austin selected and surveyed a 170 acre tract on the bend of the Colorado River, eight miles above the Atascosita Crossing, as a townsite for the capitol, thus making this site the oldest surveyed and platted Anglo-American town in Texas. Because of the presence of the fierce Karankawa Indians and because many of his colonists' had settled in the vicinity of the Brazos River, Austin instead chose a site on the Brazos, San Felipe de Austin, as the location for the capitol.

Denied the capitol, the settlers on the Colorado remained, in an area then known as Beasons or Beason's Ferry. This settlement was the site of the first Fourth of July celebration in Texas, perhaps the first Anglo-American celebration in the state, on 4 July 1826 as the colonists celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The colonists petitioned the newly organized provisional government in 1835 to establish a municipality to be called Colorado with a seat of government to be known as Columbus. As General Sam Houston's army

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Colorado County Historic District is contained within boundaries, which on the east extend along Front Street from Washington north to Walnut Street. The northern boundary begins at Walnut and proceeds west for two blocks. At Milam Street the line turns north for two blocks until it reaches Preston Street. At Preston the northern boundary continues west for two blocks. The western boundary is marked by Live Oak Street from Preston south to Washington Street and includes

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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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE February 18, 1977

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retreated from the Mexican forces led by General Santa Anna in March 1836, they burned a swath of Texas to prevent the facilities and stores from falling into the hands of the Mexican forces. The town of Columbus was among the casualties of this retreat, known as the "Runaway Scrape". Columbus began the task of rebuilding in May 1836 and W. B. Dewees and J. W. E. Wallace replatted and resurveyed the town in 1837. Developers donated a town block known as "Seminary Square" for a school and another block for the Courthouse. Town lots were advertised and they boasted of the completion of sixteen structures and contracts for fourteen more. Illustrative of the early prosperity enjoyed by some in the community, Colonel Robert Robson moved from Dumfries, Scotland to Texas in 1839 and built a three story "castle" of homemade lime and gravel on the Colorado River on the north side of Columbus. It must have been a striking sight indeed as it is said to have been surrounded by a moat and was connected to the land by a drawbridge. An innovative structure, water was caught on the roof and channeled to the rooms via wooden pipes. The house was destroyed and in 1883 the Columbus Meat and Ice Company plant was constructed on its site.

Columbus entered the second half of the nineteenth century growing and prospering. Perhaps more than any other factor, the railroad was responsible for the tremendous growth and the accumulation of wealth that is associated with nineteenth century America. A thriving economy ensued as Columbus was established as a distributing point of the railroad by 1868. A booming cattle industry also contributed to the continuing growth and fortunes were amassed in the cattle business. These fortunes - most modest, some not so - were displayed as the people turned to architecture to symbolize their newly acquired wealth.

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Seeking to surround themselves with a more sophisticated culture and eager for knowledge, Columbus established public schools, several local papers were put into print and the Stafford Opera House (30) was built in 1886 by R. E. Stafford, millionaire cattleman, banker and industrialist. The center of social and cultural activities, the structure was massive, colorful, fanciful and symbolic of the prosperity and growth Columbus and its population was eager to exude. Its impact was considerable, as on performance days special trains would run from distant towns bringing the people in to see prominent entertainers, such as Lillian Russell and the magician Houdini, who performed at the Opera House. The highly respected Galveston architect, Nicholas J. Clayton, designed the building, which originally contained a bank on the first floor and the theater on the second level. The interior was lit by gas-burnign chandeliers and the stage featured a hand painted stage curtain. Stafford's three-story home (29) adjoined the Opera House and was constructed so that he could watch the stage from his bedroom, or so the story is told.

Columbus' commercial district developed in the 1880s and 1890s as masonry structures took the place of wooden false-fronted buildings. The massing of these buildings was quite similar because of uniform building lots, common floor heights and materials, but aspirations for individuality were expressed by the variations in openings and patterns of abstract decorative details worked in brick and stone. Galvanized iron was used in molding the decorative cornice of several structures in the 1000 block of Milam (6 - 8), fulfilling additional desires for opulence. A new county courthouse (25) was constructed 1890 - 1891 and it reflected the aesthetic change which occurred during the 1880s, at which time architects turned to a simple, more organized design, drawing their sources from classical architecture.

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Private residences too reflected a flourishing economy, such as that built by Stafford adjoining his Opera House. But for the most part, the homes represented the gamut of nineteenth century architecture. The district is marked by several notable examples of particular styles. The Dilue Rose Harris House (36) exemplifies the Greek Revival, while the Ilse - Rau House (12) is a fine example of the symmetrical Victorian which marks the transitional period from the Greek Revival to the Victorian. The Eastlake style embellishments of the Townsend - West House (14) make it unique among the Victorian cottages spread throughout the district.

It is the concentration of nineteenth century structures which have maintained a similar scale, texture and utilization of materials that establishes the ambience of the area and distinguishes the historic district from its surroundings. It should be noted that the areas encircling the historic district contain additional architecturally significant structures, although not in as great a concentration as seen in the district. Because of the high degree of public awareness and concern, none of the structures within the district are presently endangered. All indications are that the community, especially that area which forms the historic district, will continue to address itself to the protection and enhancement of its architectural heritage.

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two structures on the west side at 904 & 1216 Live Oak. The boundary is terminated on the south by Washington Street, running east on Washington from Live Oak to Front.



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View toward 1000 Block of Milam Street#10-5
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

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Southeast oblique showing corner of
Columbus State Bank & 1000 Block of Milam

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1100 Block of Milam Street *15-23*
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

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Buildings (15-23 and 30)
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Northeast oblique of Spring Street -
prominent masonry structure at left is the
Stafford Opera House (30).

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Untermeyer Store (19)
1120 Milam Street
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East elevation

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Fehrenkemp Grocery (10)
1038 Milam Street
Colorado County Historic District
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Southeast oblique

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FREEMAN
and the SAGES

Gaylor's

CHAS. KLEIN

SALE

SALE

CHEVROLET

Commercial Buildings (6,7,8)
1004 - 1014 Milan Street
Columbus, Texas

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Colorado County Citizen Building (32)
513 Spring Street

Commercial Structures (33,34)
519 Spring Street
Colorado County Historic District
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Courthouse Square
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Courthouse Square
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East elevation (entrance)

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STAMFORD HOTEL
STAMFORD, TEXAS
1856-1956

STAMFORD HOTEL
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1856-1956

STAFFORD OPERA HOUSE (30)
435 Spring Street
Colorado County Historical District
Columbus, Texas

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Stafford - Miller House (29) //
423 Spring Street
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South elevation (front facade)

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West elevation (front facade)

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P. F. Heller Store (4)
936 Milam Street
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

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Texas Historical Commission

West elevation

Photo #13 222

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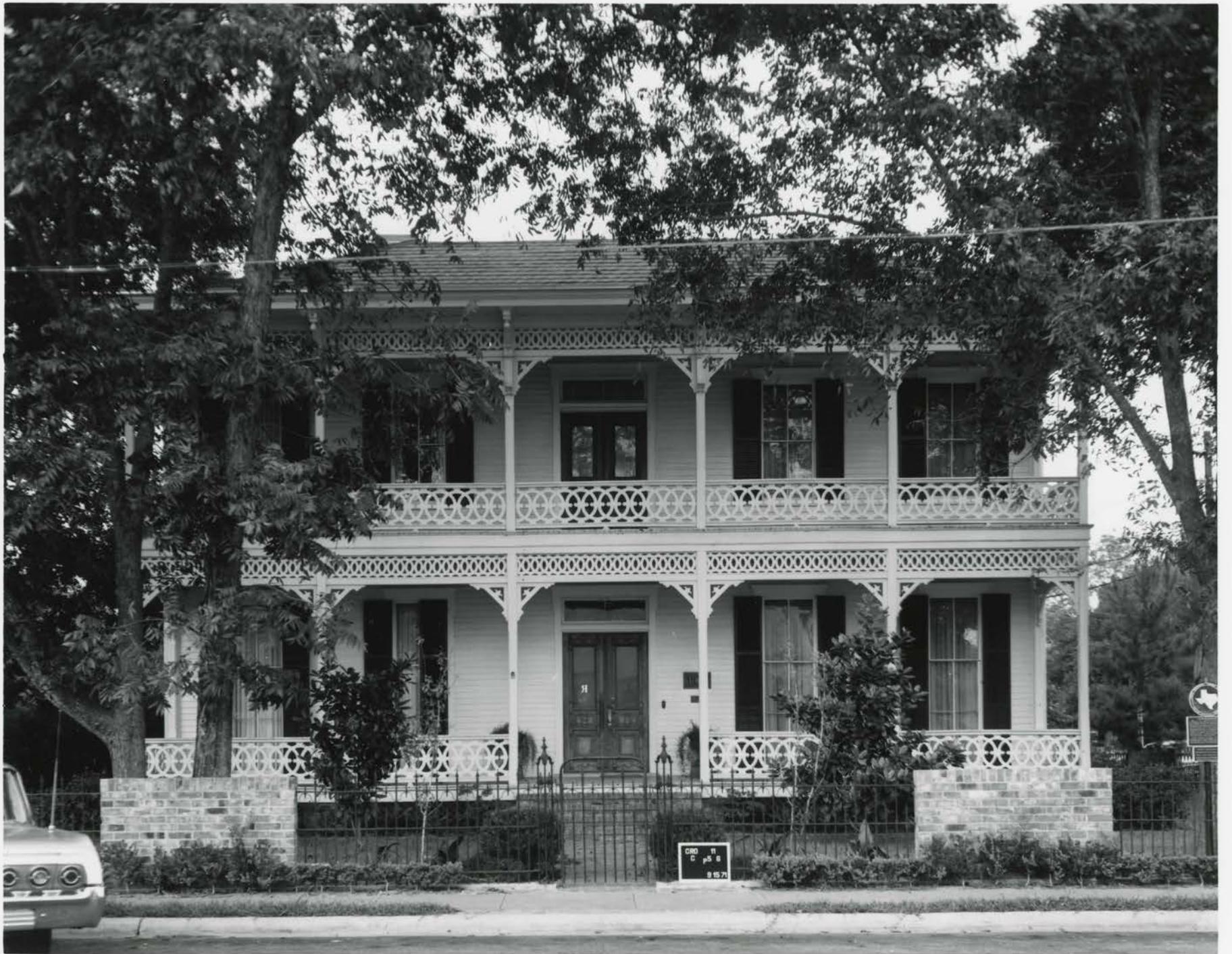
Tate-Senftenberg-Brandon House (11)
616 Walnut Street
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

Texas Historical Commission

Northeast oblique, porch detail
Photo #14 422

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Ilse - Rau House (12)
1100 Bowie Street
Colorado County Historical District
Columbus, Texas

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West elevation (front facade)

photo #15

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Townsend - West House (14)
634 Spring Street
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

Texas Historical Commission

Northwest oblique

Photo #16 *g22*

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Mayes Hotel (26)
1109 Travis Street
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

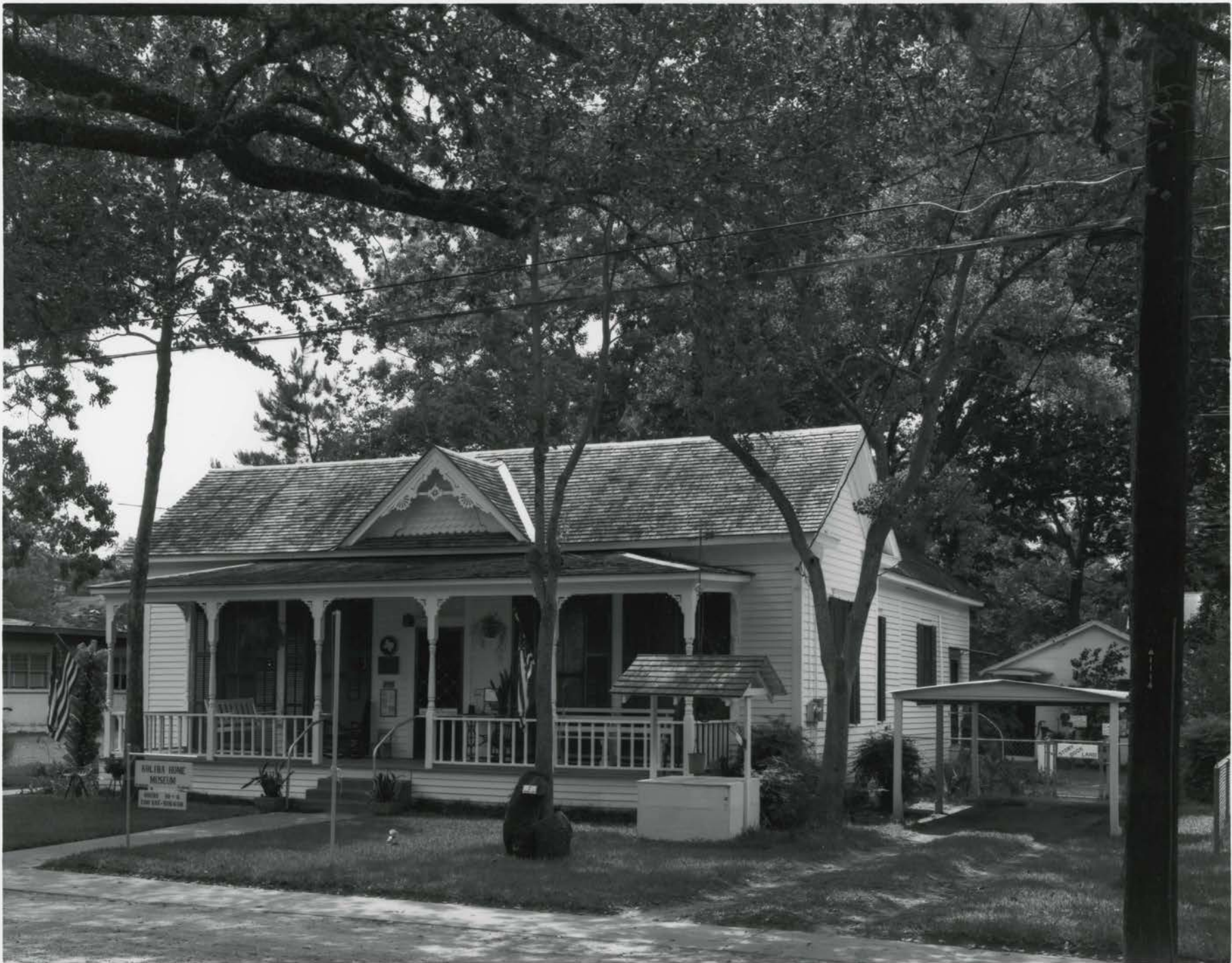
Joe Oppermann, April 1976
Texas Historical Commission

Northwest oblique
Photo #17 822

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Townsend-Koliba House (27)
1124 Front Street
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

Joe Oppermann, April 1976
Texas Historical Commission

Northeast oblique

Photo #18 222

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Turnbull - Rudicill - Willis House (28)
1204 Front Street
Colorado County Historical District

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Northeast oblique

Photo #19 222

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Dilue Rose Harris House (36)
602 Washington Street
Colorado County Historical District
Columbus, Texas

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North elevation

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Maigne - Walther House (38)
904 Live Oak Street
Colorado County Historic District
Columbus, Texas

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Southwest oblique
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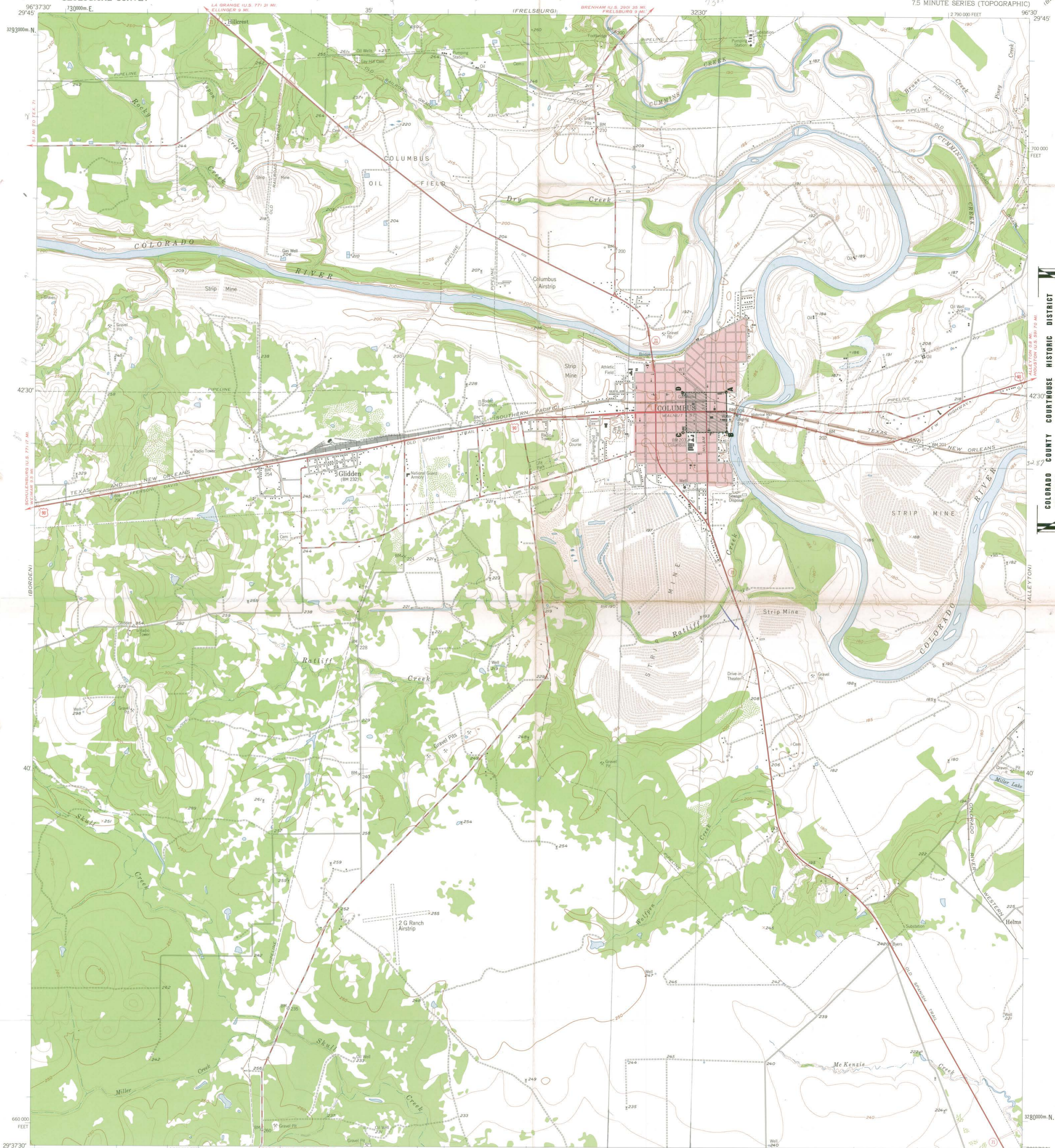
Bartels - Wirtz House (37)
1216 Live Oak Street
Colorado County Historical District

Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique
photo #22 *g 22*

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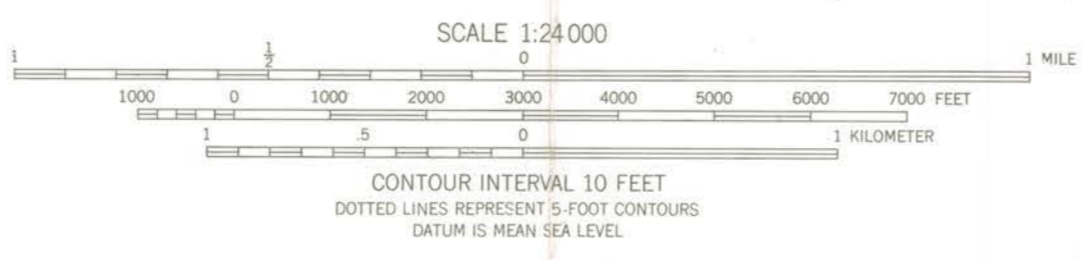
JUN 23 1978



COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT
TEXAS
UTM REFERENCES:
(A) 14 / 738190 / 3287845
(B) 14 / 738210 / 3287355
(C) 14 / 737680 / 3287340
(D) 14 / 737660 / 3287830

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
and by planetable surveys 1957. Aerial photographs taken 1956 and 1957
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
south central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1957

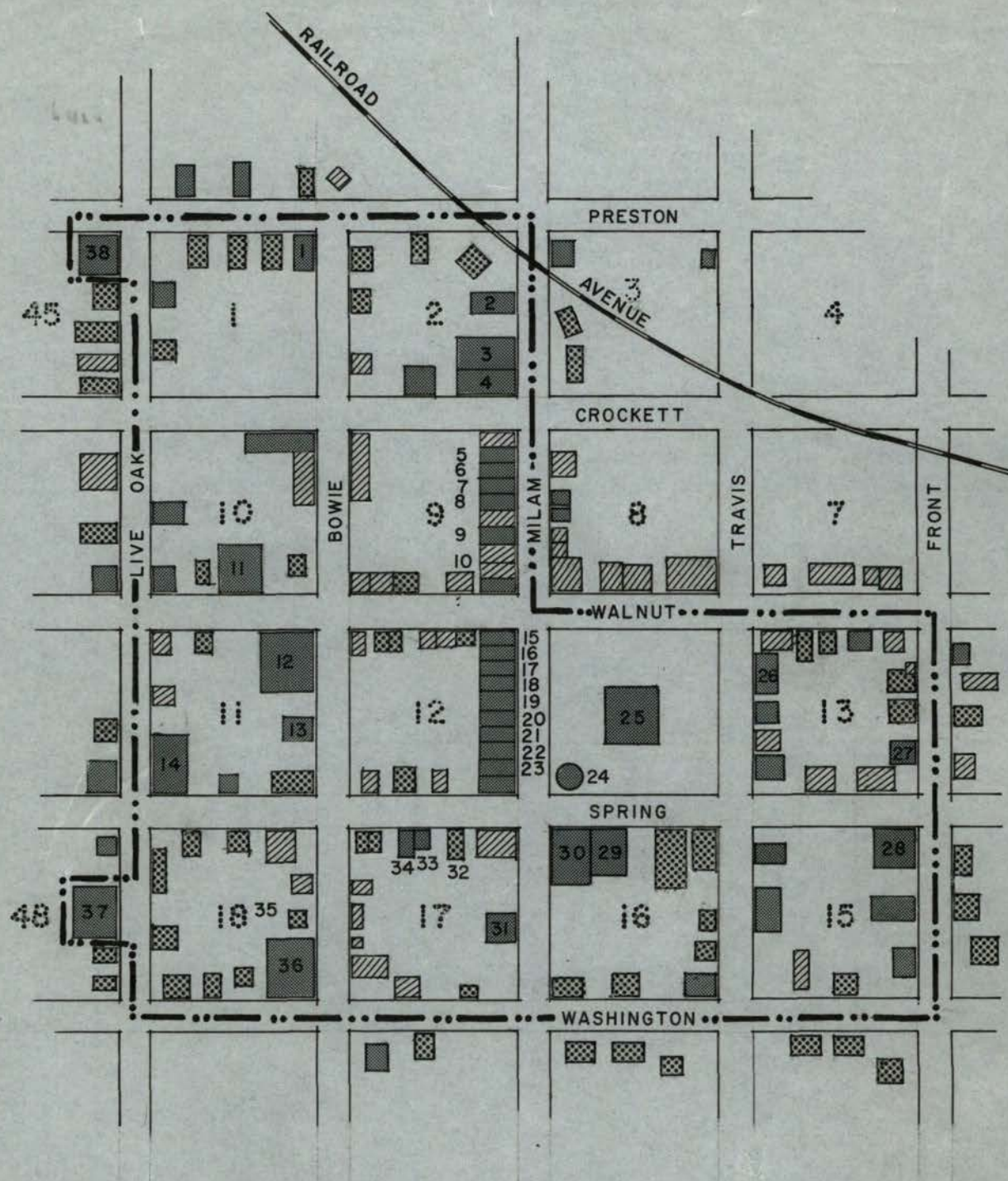


ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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COLUMBUS, TEX.
N2937.5—W9630/7.5
1957



Colorado County Courthouse Historic District Columbus , Texas



<p>KEY</p> <p>Contributing to the district </p> <p>Compatible to the district </p> <p>Intrusion to the district </p> <p>District boundary line </p>	<p>NO SCALE</p> 
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National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

Property Colorado County Courthouse Historic District

Colorado

State Texas

Working Number 3.25.77.474

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TECHNICAL

Photos 22
Maps 2

Area missing

CONTROL

pl OK 3.29.77

Both the sketch map and the 3rd sentence of #1 indicate that some of the bordering buildings are also important - 2 of these are included w/ the boundaries - why not others? Any appreciable community-wide Gorman associations?

HISTORIAN

call B Grovome 5/23/77

Discussed with Gary Heine who said most interiors are small, most two story bldgs.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept Lebowich 5.16.77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN 2 **ARCHEOLOGIST**

A WELL PRESERVED 19th C. COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF "CARPENTER GOTHIC" & VICTORIAN COMMERCIAL FRONTS. HOWEVER, I DO AGREE W/ WCY - PERHAPS BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE DRAWN TO REAR PROPERTY LINES. NOTE ACREAGE INCONSISTENCY.

HSpit 12/15/77

See attached note to Bill re. boundary justification (since contributing structures are admittedly being excluded) + more streetscapes of certain blocks. Talked w/ Gary. Consequently, I'm satisfied.

OTHER

Accept 5.5.77 Franklin 12.15.77

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

Lucy and I have discussed with Gary Heine who is satisfied.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept Lebowich 6/13/78

BRANCH CHIEF

Lebowich for Cole 6/10/78

KEEPER

6/23/78

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 8.1.78

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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INT:2106-74



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
H34-880

MAY 9 1977

Dear Property Owner:

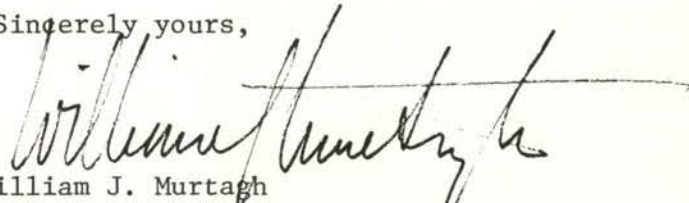
As you have probably already been informed by State or local representatives, the property you own is included in a district that has been nominated by the State for listing in the National Register which is that list of evidences of the past deemed worthy of keeping for the future by the Secretary of the Interior. This nomination is pending in our office.

Since you may not have been aware of potential benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 when the district including your property was originally considered by the State for nomination, we are sending informative material at this time. If you wish to make comments about your property or the district relative to the National Register "Criteria for Evaluation" (see enclosed green leaflet), we will be pleased to consider them as an adjunct to our evaluation of placing your property in the National Register. Comments should be made within 30 days of the date of this letter and should be addressed to Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Information concerning standards for rehabilitation may be obtained from Technical Preservation Services, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Questions concerning the National Register program or the implementation of the historic preservation provisions of the Tax Reform Act should also be addressed to the Keeper of the National Register. Inquiries must include the name of the district (see address label) and property address to be properly handled.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

ICIAL BUSINESS
FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

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French & Simpson
Box 15167
San Francisco, Calif. 94116

Re: Colorado County Courthouse Hist. Dist.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

TEXAS

STATE

Date Entered JUN 23 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Johnson, Joseph F., House	Seguin Guadalupe County
Colorado County Courthouse Historic District	Columbus Colorado County
Rice Hotel	Houston Harris County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Abraham Kazen, Jr.
Honorable J.J. (Jake) Pickle
Honorable Barbara C. Jordan

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

NR Mott/bjr 6/26/78

NR Data Sheet

DATE: Reviewer INITIALS:

NR DOE JUN 23 1978

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Colorado County Courthouse Historic District

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER roughly bounded by Preston, Walnut, Milam, Front, Washington, and Live Oak Sts.

CITY, TOWN Columbus

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10th

STATE Texas 48

VICINITY OF

COUNTY code
Colorado 89

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-1	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-2	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-3
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<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 7	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
 Unexcavated

UNALTERED
 ALTERED
 Reconstructed
 Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED
 Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then-

now-

SIGNIFICANCE:

<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role
&
appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

11.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Widel commercial and residential structures with courthouses and
opera being the foci.
frame residences with elaborate bargeboards
Other structures usually brick

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)