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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: Jackson County Monument  
Other name/site number: NA  
Name of related multiple property listing: Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial

2. Location

Street & number: 115 W Main St., Jackson County Courthouse grounds  
City or town: Edna State: Texas County: Jackson  
Not for publication:  Vicinity:

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 at the following levels of significance:  
 national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

Mark Wolfe State Historic Preservation Officer 3/6/18  
Signature of certifying official / Title Date  
Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency / bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  
  
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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency / bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:  
 entered in the National Register  
 determined eligible for the National Register  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register  
 other, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] 4/19/2018  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public - Federal

**Category of Property**

<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	object

**Number of Resources within Property**

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions:** RECREATION AND CULTURE: monument

**Current Functions:** RECREATION AND CULTURE: monument

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification:** Other: Monument

**Principal Exterior Materials:** Stone/granite; Metal/bronze

**Narrative Description** (see continuation sheets 7-6)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>A</b>	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>B</b>	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>C</b>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>D</b>	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations:** F (Commemorative Properties)

**Areas of Significance:** Social History, Art

**Period of Significance:** 1937

**Significant Dates:** 1937

**Significant Person** (only if criterion b is marked): NA

**Cultural Affiliation** (only if criterion d is marked): NA

**Architect/Builder:** Josset, Raoul (sculptor); Page & Southerland (architects)

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (see continuation sheets 8-7 through 8-10)

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

**Bibliography** (see continuation sheet 9-11)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- 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 (*Texas Historical Commission, Austin*)
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

**Historic Resources Survey Number** (if assigned): NA

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property:** less than 1 acre

### Coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: NA

1. Latitude: 28.977792° Longitude: -96.647199°

**Verbal Boundary Description:** The monument is on the northwest side of the Jackson County courthouse grounds. The nomination encompasses only the monument and the ground upon which it stands, an area of approximately 4.5 square feet.

**Boundary Justification:** The nomination boundary is drawn to include only the monument itself. No other structures on the property have been evaluated for eligibility due to the specific focus of this theme (*Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial*).

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## Additional Documentation

**Maps** (see continuation sheet MAP-12)  
**Additional items** (see continuation sheets FIGURE-13 through FIGURE-15)  
**Photographs** (see continuation sheets PHOTO-16 through PHOTO-20)

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**Photograph Log**

Jackson County Monument  
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Photographer: Gregory Smith  
Date: February 15, 2018

Photo 1: Jackson County Monument—camera facing southeast

Photo 2: Detail view of bronze plaque, including inscription—camera looking southeast

Photo 3: Detail view of bronze bas-relief figures and seal designed by Raoul Josset—camera looking southeast.

Photo 4: Rear oblique view of Jackson County monument—camera looking northwest

Photo 5: Jackson County monument in front of Jackson County courthouse—camera looking southeast

**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.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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## Narrative Description

The Jackson County monument is an 8-foot-tall pink granite slab commemorative memorial with a bronze plaque, designed by architects Page & Southerland and sculptor Raoul Josset. Its design is representative of a monument sub-type that was used for fifteen Centennial county markers and conforms to the general memorial style and materials (Texas granite and bronze) used most Centennial public art and markers.<sup>1</sup> The base measures 3'9" wide, narrows by 1' at the top of the monument, and is 1'2" in depth; it has chamfered edges. Josset designed the 5-foot-tall bronze-cast panel attached to the face with a bas-relief sculpture that depicts U.S. President Andrew Jackson (the county namesake) and an angel. Jackson appears standing in the foreground holding an open book in his right hand. The angel's left arm and wing are outstretched, and she holds, what looks like, a palm frond down at her right side. Below the figures, the United States and Texas flags border a star encircled by a wreath of live oak and olive leaves. A marker inscription completes the plaque, and five 1.5" bronze sunflowers are evenly-spaced in a vertical line below it. The monument was dedicated in 1937 on the northwest side of the Jackson County courthouse grounds in Edna where it remains. It faces US Highway 59. Jackson County retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, association, setting, and location. The monument is inscribed as followed:

JACKSON COUNTY  
HOME OF THE KARANAKA INDIANS GRANTED IN PART TO STEPHEN  
F. AUSTIN AND TO MARTIN DE LEON \* SETTLED 1824-1835 BY COLONISTS  
LARGELY FROM ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE AND  
WEST OF THE LAVACA, MEXICO \* ORGANIZED AS A MUNICIPALITY  
DECEMBER 5, 1835 \* \* NAMED IN HONOR OF ANDREW JACKSON, PRESI-  
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES \* \* CREATED A COUNTY MARCH 17, 1836  
ORGANIZED IN 1836 WITH TEXANA, FORMERLY SANTA ANNA, COUNTY  
SEAT \* EDNA, COUNTY SEAT SINCE 1883 \* IN MEMORY OF JOHN MC HENRY  
FRANCIS M. WHITE, JAMES KERR, F.F. WELLS, EARLY SETTLERS \* \* \* \*  
WILLIAM MENEFEES, ELIJAH STAPP, SIGNERS OF THE TEXAS DECLARA-  
TION OF INDEPENDENCE \* \* WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, MARTYR OF THE  
ALAMO \* \* GEORGE SUTHERLAND, JOHN S. MENEFEES, JAMES A. SYLVESTER  
HEROES OF SAN JACINTO \* \* CLARK L. OWEN, COLONEL IN THE CON-  
FEDERATE ARMY, AND OTHER PIONEERS WHO RESIDED IN THIS  
COUNTY BEFORE OR DIRECTLY AFTER THE TEXAS REVOLUTION \* \*  
JACKSON COUNTY: AVERAGE ALTITUDE 75 FEET \* \* ANNUAL RAIN-  
FALL 37 INCHES \* SOILS: BLACK HOGWALLOW, SANDY LOANS,  
ALLUVIAL \* \* \* CROPS AND PRODUCTS: COTTON, LIVESTOCK,  
CORN, DAIRYING, VEGETABLES, POULTRY, PECANS, OIL, & GAS \* \* \*  
ERECTED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS, 1936

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations strongly suggested that Centennial historical markers, grave markers, monuments, and statue bases be made from Texas-quarried granite. Quarries in the Texas Hill Country—in Fredericksburg, Kingsland, Marble Falls, and Llano—provided grey, pink, and red granite varieties for the commemorative projects. Though there are some instances where granite was sourced out-of-state or marble used instead, most Centennial memorials used Texas stone. The report *Monuments Erected by the State of Texas to Commemorate the Centenary of Texas Independence; the Report of the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations*, includes material sources in its itemized descriptions of commemorative property types.

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### Statement of Significance

The Jackson County monument is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places at the state level of significance under the multiple property submission *Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial*. It is eligible under Criterion A in the area of Social History as the product of a concerted statewide effort whereby state and local governments, a variety of private organizations, and individuals worked to commemorate historic persons and events important to Texas history. The monument is also eligible under Criterion C in the area of Art as a work by master sculptor, Raoul Josset. It meets Criteria Consideration F (Commemorative Properties) as a work of art that reflects early 20th century interest in recognizing historic subjects throughout Texas, which culminated in the publicly-funded statewide Texas Centennial. The period of significance for the Jackson County monument is 1937, the year it was erected.

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### Brief History of Jackson County<sup>2</sup>

Jackson County, named for President Andrew Jackson, was formed in 1836 in the Coastal Plains region of southeast Texas. Before its establishment, Native Americans were its earliest occupants, and it was once believed to be where Rene Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle's failed French settlement, Fort St. Louis, was located. The first Anglos to settle there received land grants from Stephen F. Austin in 1824. During the Texas Revolution, the community of Texana served as port of entry and training camp for military volunteers. After the Texan victory at San Jacinto, the municipality was organized into Jackson County. Construction of the New York, Texas and Mexican Railway in 1882 bypassed Texana, then the county seat, and the town of Edna was established along the railroad line. In an election held on January 22, 1883, Jackson County residents voted to name Edna as the county seat, and the contract to build a new courthouse was awarded on February 11, 1884.

The fertile coastal soils of the region brought an influx of farmers to Jackson County starting in 1890 and between 1910 and 1920, the population surged from 6,471 to 11,244. Newcomers introduced large-scale farming to the county, and by 1930, nearly two out of every three farmers were sharecroppers. During the Great Depression, the agricultural economy was particularly affected and many residents left Jackson County. The local discovery of oil in 1934 helped mitigate the economic slump, but during the late 1930s—when the Jackson County monument was dedicated at the courthouse grounds—the area's poor citizens still fared badly. After World War II, Jackson County became a leading producer of rice, cattle, and petroleum products. Its population continued to steadily grow throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and its fiscal stability was credited its rich agricultural economy, increasing number of manufacturing plants, and petroleum industry.

### Jackson County Monument

In October 1935, the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations announced that Jackson County was a one of dozens of Texas communities worthy of Centennial commemorative monument. Their decision was based on a report compiled by the Advisory Board of Texas Historians, a three-member body whose recommendations for commemorative properties came from county applications and an internal survey of historically-significant places in Texas. The historians recommended the state appropriate Centennial funds to erect a monument “within the corporate limits of Edna, Jackson County... [and that it be made] of select Texas granite, bearing a bronze plaque on which shall be inscribed a brief history of Jackson County. The monument shall not cost more than One Thousand Dollars,

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<sup>2</sup> This section derived from Stephen L. Hardin, “Jackson County,” in *The Handbook of Texas Online*, <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hcj02>, accessed November 8, 2017.

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complete and erected in place.”<sup>3</sup> Few historical records exist for the Jackson County Centennial Committee, which organized in 1935 to promote local Centennial projects and area events. As the primarily liaison for the Centennial Commission of Control, they were notified when Jackson County was approved for five Centennial historical markers, four grave markers, and the Jackson County monument that were placed throughout the county in 1936 and 1937.<sup>4</sup>

Planning and execution of the monument was overseen by the State Board of Control between February 1936 and June 1937. Its process began when the agency dispatched Webb Roberts to inspect sites chosen by Texas communities for Centennial monuments. Roberts approved Jackson officials’ decision to place the Jackson County monument on the northwest grounds of the courthouse in Edna where it would be conspicuous and accessible to passersby.<sup>5</sup> Concurrently, the Board of Control solicited architects, artists, and monuments makers for bids to design and build the commemorative memorials. By August 1936, the agency awarded contracts to Austin architecture firm Page & Southerland, sculptor Raoul Josset, and J.W. Cearley & Sons Memorials of Yoakum, DeWitt County.<sup>6</sup>

Page & Southerland designed several monument schemes for the Texas Centennial, including the one used for Jackson County (classified as “Type Y”). Fifteen Centennial monuments used the same 8’ granite slab template, and the architects worked with Josset to incorporate his individually-designed bronze bas-relief plaques into blueprints for each project. For the nominated property he chose to illustrate President Andrew Jackson, the county namesake, holding an open book. An angel appears behind Jackson with one arm outstretched and holds a palm frond at her right side.<sup>7</sup> Cearley & Sons Memorials constructed the final version from Page & Southerland’s blueprint out of pink Texas granite, and Josset is credited for casting the bronze.<sup>8</sup>

Josset’s designs were based on inscriptions supplied to him by the Advisory Board of Historians. Typically, the finalized marker text was the result of a collaborative effort between a local Centennial committee, which drafted the initial copy, and the advisory board chairman, Louis W. Kemp, who fact-checked and edited hundreds of inscriptions. The process produced marker text that varied in quality, a fact Kemp acknowledged when he wrote, “I, too, am disappointed with the thousand dollar county markers as a whole, but some of them are worthwhile.”<sup>9</sup> Jackson County history is presented in terms of historically-significant benchmarks and people: Native American tribes that previously inhabited the area; its association with Stephen F. Austin; the establishment of a seat of government; early pioneers, and local participation in the Texas Revolution. Uniquely, it includes descriptive data regarding annual rainfall, soils, altitude, crops, and products.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations, Advisory Board of Texas Historians, “Reports of the Advisory Board of Texas Historians to the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations,” Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Austin, 22.

<sup>4</sup> Historical markers: Site of Texana, Site of William Millican’s Gin, Site of the Johnston-Houston Duel, Site of Camp Independence, Site of Mission Zuniga. Grave markers: John Menefee, Francis M. White, Samuel C.A. Rogers, Elijah Stapp. Tom C. King, C.P.A., “Report of an Examination of the Texas Centennial, For the Period from March 24, 1934 to February 28, 1939,” (Austin Office of State Auditor and Efficiency Expert, 1939) 101-102.

<sup>5</sup> “Monument Sites Will Be Visited,” *The Austin American*, February 23, 1936.

<sup>6</sup> Drafts of Centennial monuments show Page & Southerland and Josset began working with the Centennial Division in February 1936, but their contracts were not signed until June and August 1936. Minutes, Texas State Board of Control, Centennial Division, June 2 and August 28, 1936, Centennial Division, Texas State Board of Control. Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

<sup>7</sup> Harold Schoen, eds., *Monuments Erected by the State of Texas to Commemorate the Centenary of Texas Independence; the Report of the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations*, (Austin: Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations, 1938), 115.

<sup>8</sup> King, 82.

<sup>9</sup> Kemp to Dobie, August 4, 1937 in James Frank Dobie Papers, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

<sup>10</sup> Schoen, 115.



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On June 3, 1937, the *Edna Weekly Herald* reported that the monument, “the last of the historical markers for Jackson County granted by the State Centennial Committee,” had been erected on the northwest side of the courthouse lawn. The editor provided a transcript of the marker inscription but stopped short of commenting on the artwork, writing, “in the absence of any data...from the sculptor we shall not attempt to describe the significance of the two figures—a man and a woman—which adorn the top and front of the shaft.” A pending decision by the Commission of Control to award the county with an additional historical marker to Fort St. Louis delayed the dedication ceremony for all local Centennial markers, including the Jackson County monument, to October 30, 1937.<sup>11</sup> The event was a day-long program with morning and afternoon unveiling ceremonies that concluded at the courthouse. I.T. Taylor, county superintendent and chairman of the Jackson County Centennial committee, presided over the dedication.<sup>12</sup>

In 1952, Jackson County residents elected to hire Houston architect F. Perry Johnston to design a modern, “but not ultra modern,” courthouse to replace its aging counterpart. The architect “fell upon the novel idea of the erecting the new courthouse around the old,” after concerns were raised over disrupting the work of county employees.<sup>13</sup> The “show place on Highway 59,” was built on the back of the lot with “no frills or a lot of expensive extras,” but the new courthouse came with modern conveniences, like a sprinkler system for the spacious lawn. A 38-page special edition of the *Edna Weekly Herald* covered all architectural aspects of the courthouse construction, yet it did not mention the Centennial monument or landscaping plans that would disrupt its original placement.<sup>14</sup>

### **Raoul Jean Josset (1899-1957)<sup>15</sup>**

“Frenchman by birth, American by law, and Texan by preference,” Raoul Josset, the most prolific sculptor of Texas Centennial monuments, was born in Fours, Nièvre, France on December 9, 1899.<sup>16</sup> Educated at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris and winner of the prestigious Prix de Rome, Josset also apprenticed under French sculptor Émile-Antoine Bourdelle (1861-1929). He immigrated to Chicago in 1927 and remained in the United States for the rest of his life. Josset’s career gained momentum in the early 1930s, and his aesthetic, influenced by French Art Deco and classical sculpture, was popular to American architects. His early commissions in Chicago included architectural decorations on the Palmolive building (1929), the Carbon & Carbide building (1929), and at the Century of Progress International Exposition (1933).

During this period, he was introduced to architect Donald Nelson and the two collaborated on projects for Chicago’s Century of Progress fair. On Nelson’s recommendation, architect George Dahl invited Josset to Texas in 1935 to create commemorative statues for the Central Centennial Exposition at Fair Park in Dallas. The Texas Centennial was the most intensely-creative period of Josset’s career. Upon completion of his commissions at Fair Park in 1936, the State Board of Control hired Josset to design monuments and statues for the statewide Centennial. In three years, he completed 35 monuments and 5 statues, all commemorating subjects in Texas history.

Josset’s commissions slowed after the Centennial, and he briefly pursued work outside of Texas. He returned to Dallas permanently in 1948 to share a studio with a friend, Jose Martin. There he created his final works that included: a 75-foot-long stone bas-relief for the Nelson-designed Grand Lodge Masonic Temple in Waco (1949), statue of *St. Francis of Assisi* in Lubbock (1953), and a statue of *Sam Houston* for the Masonic Temple in Waco (1957). Just as he was

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<sup>11</sup> “Jackson County’s Historical Marker Set Up on Court House Lawn,” *Edna Weekly Herald*, June 3, 1937; “Jackson County Rural School News,” *Edna Weekly Herald*, October 6, 1937.

<sup>12</sup> “Programs Set for Markers,” *The Brownsville Herald*, October 26, 1937.

<sup>13</sup> “Souvenir Courthouse Edition,” *The Edna Herald*, October 7, 1954.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>15</sup> Section adapted from *Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial*, 24-25.

<sup>16</sup> “Raoul Josset Completes His 8-Foot Childress Memorial,” *Dallas Morning News*, April 3, 1938.

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enjoying renewed professional success, Josset died suddenly in 1957. He told friends that he felt Texans appreciated his talents, saying “Texans seek [art] with meaning and...they choose with an eye of permanence, thinking in terms of years, generations, maybe forever.”<sup>17</sup>

### **Page & Southerland<sup>18</sup>**

Louis C. Page, Jr. (1909-1981) and Louis F. Southerland (1906-1994) met at the University of Texas School of Architecture in 1930 and were roommates at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1933, Page & Southerland established their firm in Tyler, Texas with hopes that the nationwide depression would not affect the prosperous oil town. Unfortunately, as Southerland recalled, “the money was there but they weren’t spending it on buildings.”<sup>19</sup> The partners closed the business and, temporarily, went their separate ways.

In 1935, they reopened in Austin and began looking for commissions. Page & Southerland responded to the Board of Control’s 1936 bid to design schemes for Centennial markers and monuments. Although it was not a prestigious account for the young firm, the contract for 622 historical markers and 30 monuments paid well. Between February and November 1936, the young firm produced schemes for historical markers, grave markers, and monuments that the State Board of Control used to construct these Centennial property types. The two scheme sub-types for slab monuments—Type X and Y—are differentiated by size (8’-feet-tall versus 6’-feet-tall) and the style of bronze plaque. Type Y monuments, sometimes called “county monuments” for the subject of most of the markers, were adorned with individually-designed bronze bas-relief plaques. Josset designed a template for all plaques attached to Type X monuments. Plaques on both monument sub-types had individualized marker text. Page & Southerland’s Centennial commission, a job outside their typical area of expertise, imparted a lasting contribution to the Texas cultural landscape.

There are few documents that record Page & Southerland’s Centennial work, but other records show that 1936 marked the beginning of their productive careers.<sup>20</sup> In addition to many residential projects, they received two big commissions before 1940: the City of Austin Municipal Building (1937) and the Public Works Administration-funded Rosewood Courts public housing project (1938) in East Austin. Louis Page’s brother George joined the firm in 1939 and, after WWII, Page Southerland Page moved to large commercial, medical, and public building projects as they continued their practice designing residential buildings. Their success in the 1950’s and 1960’s allowed Page Southerland Page to open additional offices in Houston (1973) and Dallas (1975). Today, the firm operates as Page and designs projects worldwide.

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<sup>17</sup> “Texas Mourns Tragic Loss of Raoul Josset, Sculptor,” *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, July 21, 1957.

<sup>18</sup> Section adapted from *Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial*, 23.

<sup>19</sup> “Louis Southerland Still Holding Fast to Drawing Pen That Paints Success,” *The Austin Statesman*, December 29, 1947.

<sup>20</sup> Architectural drawings by Page & Southerland and Page Southerland Page are housed at the Alexander Architectural Archive at the University of Texas and the Austin History Center. The Texas State Library & Archives Austin has drafts of Centennial monuments and marker schemes drawn by Page & Southerland in February – June 1936. The only business records pertaining to their Centennial work is in the Texas State Board of Control, Centennial Division minutes and Tom C. King’s audit report for the Centennial (see bibliography).

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Maps

Map 1: Jackson County, Texas



Map 2: Google Earth, accessed February 22, 2018  
Latitude: 28.977792°N Longitude: -96.647199°W





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**Figures**

Figure 1: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1949. The blue box indicates its approximate location.

Source: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/txu-sanborn-bay\\_city-1942-02.jpg](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/txu-sanborn-bay_city-1942-02.jpg)

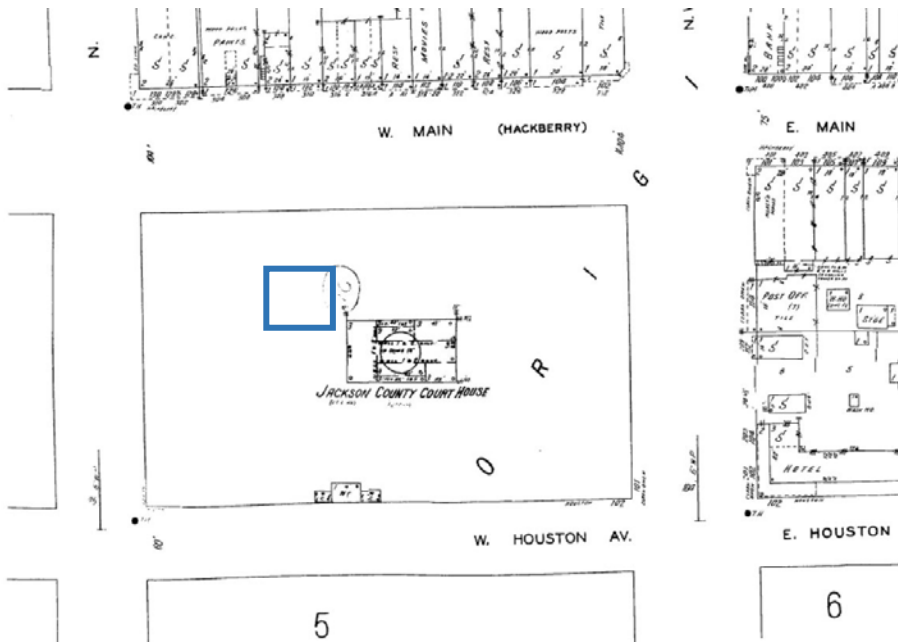


Figure 2: 1905 Jackson County Courthouse, looking southeast. The photograph was taken before the Jackson County monument was placed on the grounds, circa 1936.

Source: Texas Department of Transportation



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Figure 3: Jackson County monument plate, 1938.

Source: Schoen, Harold. *Monuments Erected by the State of Texas to Commemorate the Centenary of Texas Independence*, (Austin: Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations, 1938), 115.



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Figure 4: Rendering by F. Perry Johnston of proposed plan to build new courthouse around old courthouse, circa 1952. Red box shows area where monument stands.  
Source: "Souvenir Courthouse Edition," *The Edna Herald*, October 7, 1954.

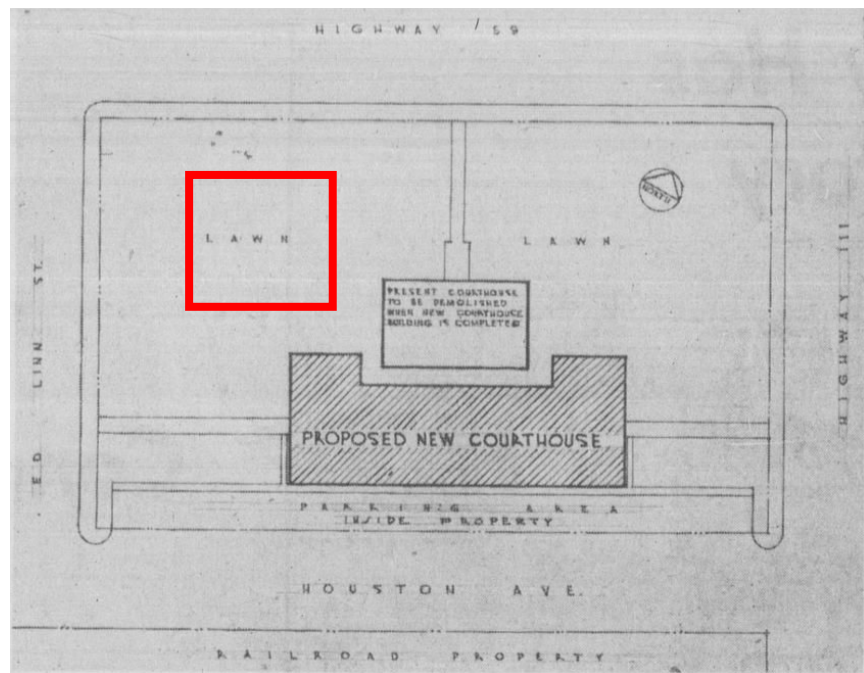


Figure 5: 1954 Jackson County Courthouse by Houston architect F. Perry Johnston. Red arrow points to Centennial marker behind tree.  
Source: <http://courthousehistory.com/gallery/states/texas/counties/jackson>, accessed November 7, 2017.





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**Photographs**

Photo 1: Jackson County Monument—camera facing southeast, February 15, 2018





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Photo 2: Detail view of bronze plaque, including inscription—camera looking southeast, February 15, 2018

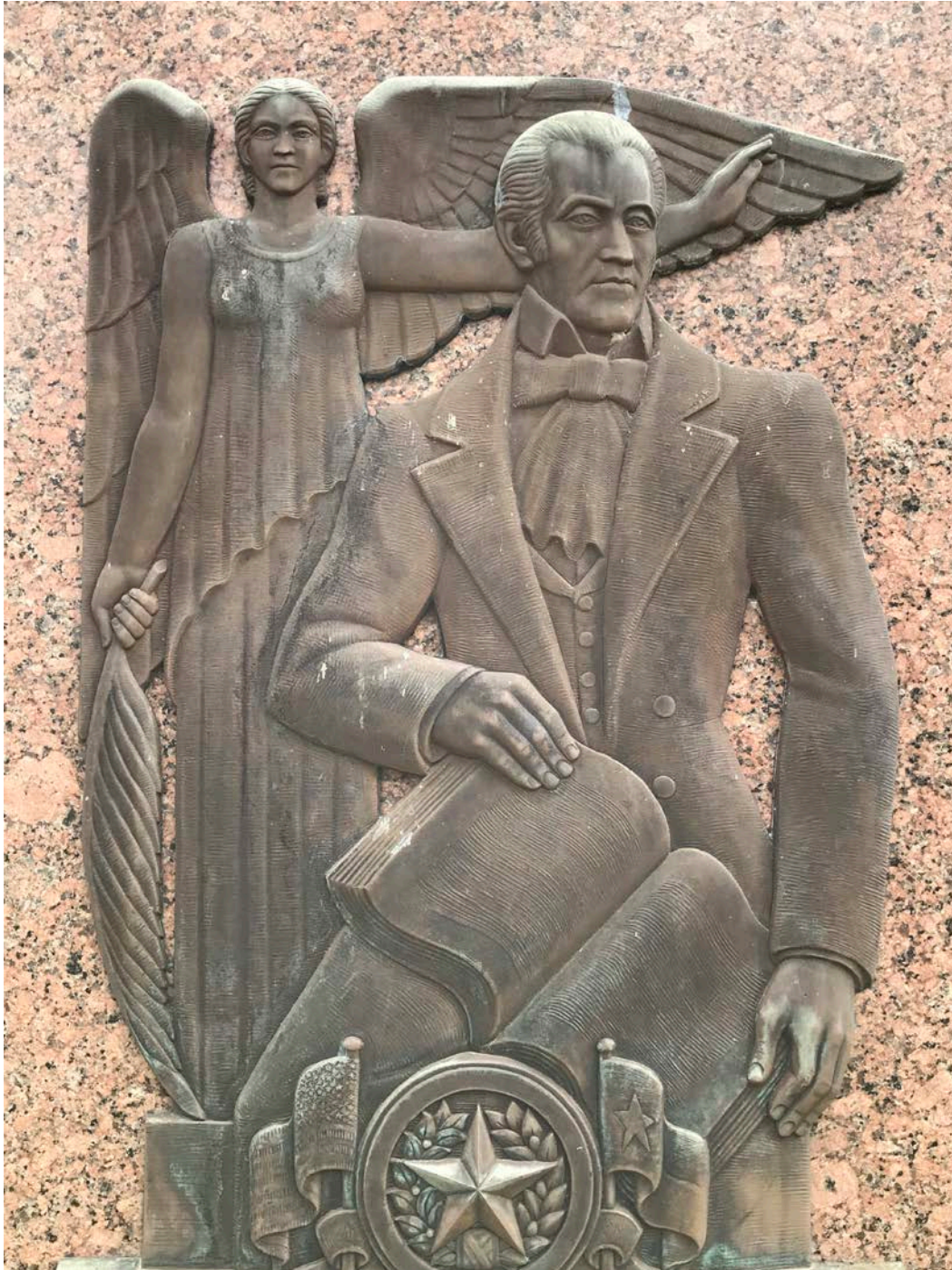




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Photo 3: Detail view of bronze bas-relief figures and seal designed by Raoul Jossset—camera looking southeast, February 15, 2018





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Photo 4: Rear oblique view of Jackson County monument—camera looking northwest, February 15, 2018





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Photo 5: Jackson County monument in front of Jackson County courthouse—camera looking southeast,  
February 15, 2018



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Jackson County Monument

Multiple Name: Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial MPS

State & County: TEXAS, Jackson

Date Received:  
3/9/2018

Date of Pending List:  
4/2/2018

Date of 16th Day:  
4/17/2018

Date of 45th Day:  
4/23/2018

Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: MP100002350

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

Appeal

SHPO Request

Waiver

Resubmission

Other

PDIL

Landscape

National

Mobile Resource

TCP

CLG

Text/Data Issue

Photo

Map/Boundary

Period

Less than 50 years

Accept

Return

Reject

4/19/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: The Jackson County Monument is of statewide significance under National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of Social History and Art. Completed in 1937, the 8-foot tall pink granite slab with a bas-relief bronze sculptural plaque was the collaborative effort of Raoul Josset (sculpture) and Page & Southerland (monument), who together were responsible for many of the county monument projects. The monument represented a product of concerted statewide efforts by state and local governments, a variety of private organizations, and individuals to commemorate historic persons and events important to Texas history under the Texas Centennial program. The Jackson County project represented one of the Centennial program's typical "monument project" property types. The monument meets the Registration Requirements set out in the MPS cover.

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept NR Criteria A and C

Reviewer: Paul Lusignan

Discipline: Historian

Telephone: (202)354-2229

Date: 4/19/2018

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

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TO: Paul Lusignan  
 National Register of Historic Places  
 Mail Stop 7228  
 1849 C St, NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20240

From: Mark Wolfe, SHPO  
 Texas Historical Commission

RE: Jackson County Monument, Edna, Jackson County, Texas (submitted under *Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial* MPDF)

DATE: March 6, 2018

The following materials are submitted:

X	Original National Register of Historic Places form on disk. The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the National Register of Historic Places nomination of the Jackson County Monument, Edna, Jackson County, Texas. (Submitted under <i>Monuments and Buildings of the Texas Centennial</i> MPDF)
	Resubmitted nomination.
X	Original NRHP signature page signed by the Texas SHPO.
	Multiple Property Documentation form on disk.
	Resubmitted form.
	Original MPDF signature page signed by the Texas SHPO.
X	CD with TIFF photograph files, KMZ files, and nomination PDF
	Correspondence.

COMMENTS:

- SHPO requests substantive review (cover letter from SHPO attached)
- The enclosed owner objections (do\_\_\_) (do not\_\_\_) constitute a majority of property owners
- Other:

