

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

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

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

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1. Name

historic First National Bank Building

and/or common Old Bank Building

2. Location

street & number Northwest corner of Main and Morgan Streets not for publication

city, town Meridian vicinity of congressional district 11

state Texas code 048 county Bosque code 035

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Bosque County

street & number Bosque County Courthouse

city, town Meridian vicinity of state Texas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bosque County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Meridian state Texas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date July 1977 federal X state county local

depository for survey records Texas Historical Commission

city, town Austin state Texas

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Old First National Bank Building in Meridian is situated on the northwest corner of Main and Morgan Streets. The two-story building with load-bearing walls of limestone and brick masonry construction was erected in 1889. The lower level employs coursed quarry-faced ashlar limestone and is pierced by arched openings on both the north (Morgan) and east (Main) elevations. Exhibiting Romanesque Revival influences, this arcade is comprised of a series of round arches resting upon limestone piers which extend to the building's foundation. The first floor openings are recessed and display square fixed single-light windows with smooth stone sills and round arch transoms of small rectangular lights. The two-bay front facade is highlighted with an attached pink granite column with a carved stone Corinthian capital. The date "1889" has been carved onto a stone and placed just below a stone string course which divides the first and second levels. The top floor's red brick construction contrasts with the limestone walls but exhibits fenestration complementing that of the ground level. Displaying round arch windows, the east facade's second floor is highlighted with three carved stone faces. Delicately cut stone frames the arched openings and contrasts to the massive round arches of the first floor. The north facade features rectangular openings with a continuous stone lintel and smooth stone sill. The original windows have been replaced with fixed aluminum sash tinted windows, installed during one of the remodeling phases which have taken place since 1969. All of the original furnishings and fixtures have been removed by the county to rehabilitate the structure for use as office space.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> association with prominent local individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1889 Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old First National Bank Building in Meridian remains as one of the oldest commercial buildings in the city and represents an outstanding example of late 19th century commercial architecture in Meridian. The bank building stands as one of the few extant 19th century structures in the city. Situated on the site of the original county courthouse, the two-story masonry structure was erected in 1889 and housed the county's first bank which was founded by J.W. Rudasill. The structure continued to be used as a bank until 1969 when the bank constructed a new building.

J.W. Rudasill along with two other individuals established the Bosque County Bank in 1884. The bank's early success was demonstrated five years later by the construction of the present building at the northwest corner of Main and Morgan on the courthouse square. Rudasill's affiliation with the bank included serving as cashier, president and chairman of the Board of Directors. One of the city's earliest and most dynamic leaders, Rudasill served as mayor from 1891 to 1910 and was active in many social activities in Meridian. He died in 1928.

Forty-three years after the bank's founding, the institution merged with another local bank, the Farmer's State Bank and adopted that name although all transactions occurred in the First National Bank Building. The new bank continued to prosper through the years and in 1969 constructed a new structure a few blocks south. The county then purchased the building and now maintains offices within the structure.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Commissioners Court Minutes
Deed Records of Bosque County
Meridian Tribune files (local newspaper)
Radde, Mrs. Sam, National Register nomination filed at the Texas Historical Commission.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Meridian, Texas

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 1 4 6 2 6 9 5 9 3 5 3 2 5 1 3
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 5, lot 1 of original town site.

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Sam Radde, Chairman; David Moore, Historian

organization Bosque County Historical Commission Texas Historical Commission
date August 8, 1979

street & number Route 2 P.O. Box 12276
(817)435-2429 telephone (512) 475-3094

city or town Meridian Austin state Texas

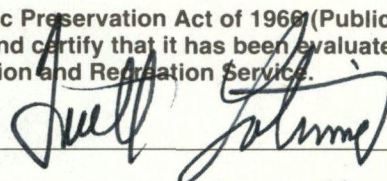
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title State Historic Preservation Officer

date August 14, 1979

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

Keeper of the National Register

date

11-7-79

Attest: Beth Groves

date

11/4/79

Chief of Registration

Property

First National Bank Building

State

IL, Bosque

Working Number

*9.4.79.2062**79002919*

TECHNICAL

Photos

3

Maps

1

CONTROL

*One of town's few extant 19th C. buildings. For 80 years, it housed
a bank founded by one of the town's leading citizens, later mayor.*

HISTORIAN

*accept**B. Grosvenor**11/6/79*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*accept**B. Grosvenor**11/6/79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

12.4.79

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Re-submit _____

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TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

June 11, 1981

Carol Ebright, Joy Bush
HCRS
National Register Department
Pension Building
440 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20243

Carol, Joy,

As mentioned on the phone to Carol this week, another list of Item 10 corrections for previous NR listings from Texas has been compiled. A copy is enclosed for your records. In each case the readings were off slightly on the original forms or the maps have been changed slightly by the USGS revisions.

Thank you for the call on Ft. Anahuac, the local committee will be very pleased when everything is finalized. We have pretty much gone through all of the files, so I don't think there will be too many more corrections. Hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Ulrich Kleinschmidt
National Register Archeologist
Texas Historical Commission.

JUN 21 1981

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Item #10 corrections for:

Walker Ranch - Bexar County (2/24/75)

USGS Castle Hills has UTM listed, although old form has only latitude/longitude.
The UTM's have incorrect listing for Point (D), which should read:
Z14/E548062/N326950 to conform to the mapped rectangle.

Lake Theo Folsom Site Complex - Briscoe County (4/28/75)

Map correct as originally shown. UTM's listed incorrectly. Should be:

- A) 14/ 3 08 425 / 38 10 640
- B) 14/ 3 12 360 / 38 10 580
- C) 14/ 3 12 360 / 38 09 440
- D) 14/ 3 08 415 / 38 09 540

Bridges-Johnson House - Meridian vicinity, Bosque County (10/25/79)

USGS map has changed and UTM location is now: Z 14/ 6 26 260 / 35 30 660

Bowie County Courthouse and Jail - New Boston, Bowie County (11/16/77)

UTM should read: 15/ 3 67 850 / 37 01 025

Saenger Theater - Texarkana, Bowie County (7/12/78)

UTM should read: 15/4 02 880 / 36 98 300

First National Bank Building - Meridian, Bosque County (11/7/79)

USGS 7.5 map lines for UTM's have changed with 1979 photo revision.
Therefore 1981 location by UTM coordinates reads: 14/ 6 27 000 / 35 32 440

Varner-Hogg Plantation - West Columbia vicinity, Brazoria County (4/9/80)

- A) 15/ 2 42 890 / 32 29 030
- C) 15/ 2 43 610 / 32 28 610
- B) 15/ 2 43 260 / 32 29 230
- D) 15/ 2 43 380 / 32 28 200

Bryan Carnegie Library - Bryan, Brazos County (10/27/76)

- A) 14/ 7 51 660 / 33 96 180

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Corrections continued -

Santa Fe Railroad Station - Brownwood, Brown County (1/2/76)

UTM never listed, it is: A) 14/ 5 01 920 / 35 08 765

St. John's Episcopal Church - Brownwood, Brown County (9/4/79)

A) 14/ 5 01 420 / 35 09 100

Bishop Site - Salt Gap vicinity, Concho County (6/17/77)

Typo: should be 14/ 4 41 300 / 34 63 000



First National Bank Building
Main and Morgan Streets
Meridian, Bosque County, Texas
Photo by Stan Klein, Texas
Historical Commission, 1977
Northeast oblique
Photo #143

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First National Bank Building
Main and Morgan Streets
Meridian, Bosque County, Texas
Photo by Stan Klein, Texas
Historical Commission, 1977
East elevation
Photo #243

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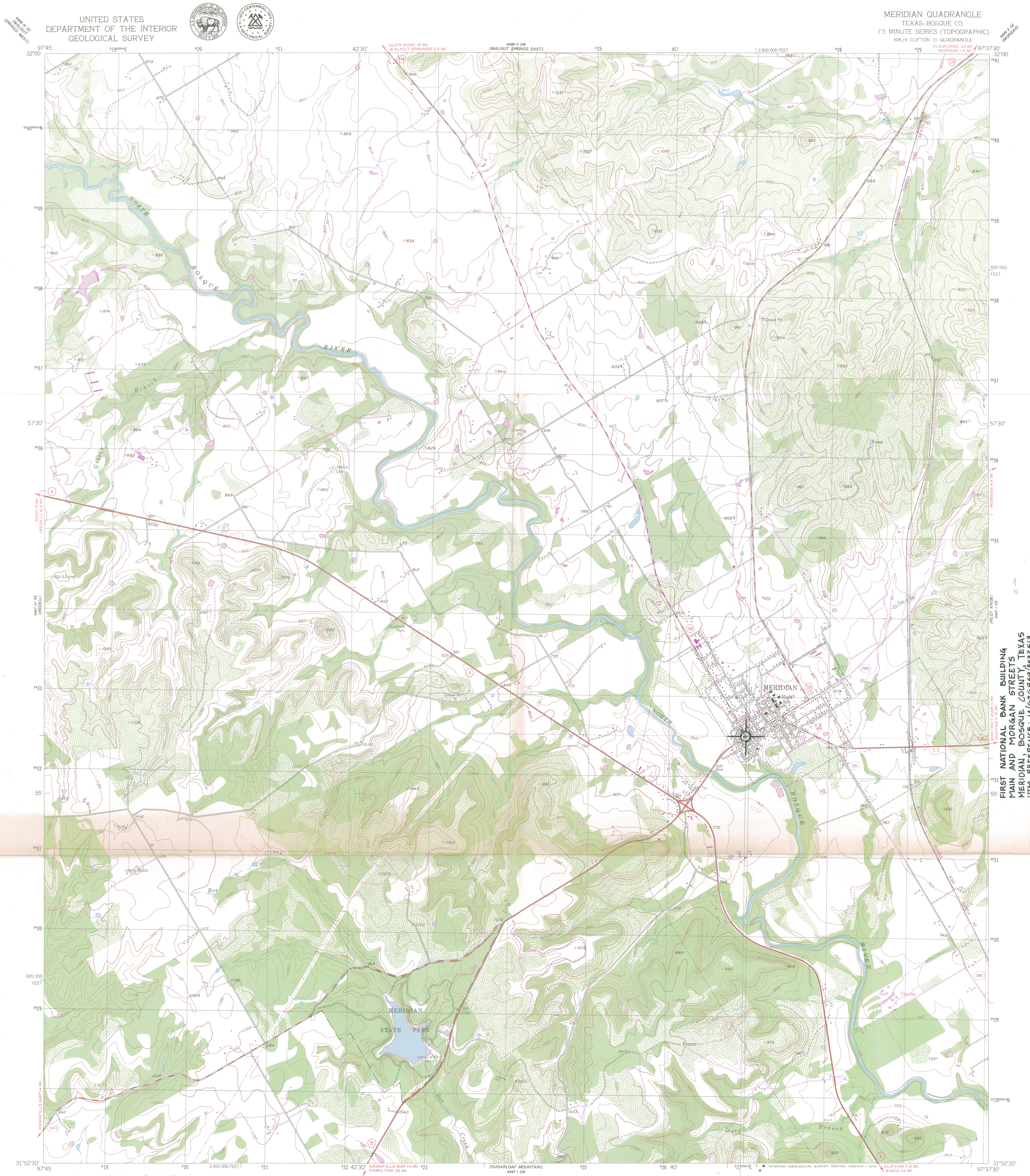


First National Bank Building
Main and Morgan Streets
Meridian, Bosque County, Texas
Photo by Stan Klein, Texas
Historical Commission, 1977
North elevation
Photo #313

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MERIDIAN QUADRANGLE
TEXAS-BOSQUE CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW 1/4 CLIFTON 15 QUADRANGLE

Sheet # 55
(MORGAN)

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
MAIN AND MORGAN STREETS
MERIDIAN, BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 14J026 957/552513

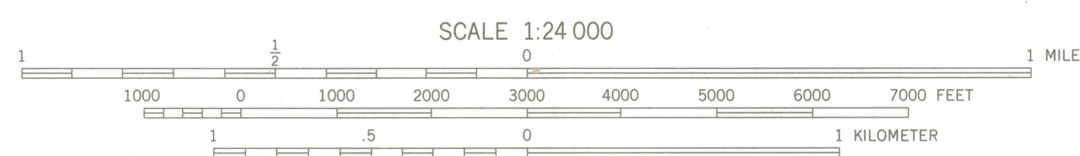
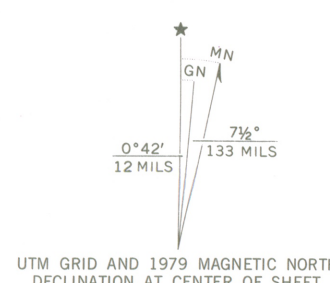
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography from aerial photographs by ER-55 plotter
Aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1955

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 14

There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from
aerial photographs taken 1976 and other source data
This information not field checked. Map edited 1979



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

3197-343



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy duty ——— Light duty ———
Medium duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
○ State Route

MERIDIAN, TEX.
NW 1/4 CLIFTON 15 QUADRANGLE
N3152.5-W9737.5/7.5

1955
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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STATE

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Whitaker House	Texarkana Bowie County
Stinson, John R., House (Gaines, Belle Fry, House)	Marshall Harrison County
Turner, James, House	Marshall Harrison County
Railroad Produce Depot	Georgetown Williamson County
Droemer Brickyard Site	Giddings vicinity Lee County
(First National Bank Building	Meridian Bosque County
Edwards County Courthouse and Jail	Rocksprings Edwards County
Tinaja De Las Palmas Battle Site	Sierra Blanca vicinity Hudspeth County
Floydada Country Club Site	Floydada vicinity Floyd County

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd Bentsen

Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Sam B. Hall, Jr.
Honorable J. J. (Jake) Pickle
Honorable James M. Leath
Honorable Thomas G. Loeffler
Honorable Richard C. White
Honorable Charles W. Stenholm

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NR Byers/bjr 11/8/79

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