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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bosque County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

203 East Morgan

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Meridian

VICINITY OF

11

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Texas

048

Bosque

035

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bosque County

STREET & NUMBER

Bosque County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Meridian

VICINITY OF

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

DATE

October, 1976

FEDERAL 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 _____

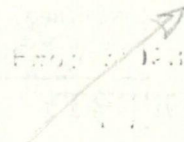
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bosque County Jail was erected in 1895 and constructed of rusticated, ashlar-cut, white limestone. Situated one block east of the county courthouse, the jail stands on the same block as the original 1856 log jail. The present structure has served as the county jail since its completion in 1895. For many years, the first floor served as the sheriff's living quarters (as originally intended), but in recent years has been used as the sheriff's office. The second floor contains the prison cells.

Built on a "T" shaped floor plan, the two story jail is typical of many late 19th century jails in Texas. All first floor openings are capped with smooth stone lintels while the second floor windows are crowned with semi-circular arches. These arches, one of the building's most distinctive features, are comprised of massive voussoirs and demonstrate the craftsmanship of John Drew, the building's stone mason. All openings, except the entrances on the west and north facades, are supported by large stone sills. Smooth stone quoins provide visual support and refinement for the jail.

A stone cornice and parapet crown the building, causing the jail to resemble a medieval fortress. Six corner piers and three interior chimneys extend beyond the parapet. Simple stone consoles support the cornice.

The jail will soon be vacated when the county completes construction of a new jail.



9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Handbook of Texas, Walter Prescott Webb, ed. Austin, Texas:
 Texas State Historical Association, 1952.
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 University of Texas Press, 1954.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Lat.: 31° 55' 24"
 Long.: 37° 39' 21"

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Meridian, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

| | | | |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | |
| E | | | |
| G | | | |

| | | | |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| B | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| D | | | |
| F | | | |
| H | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building located on Block 18 of old town site, situated on northwest corner of block

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

David Moore, Research Assistant; Joe Williams, Project Director

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

DATE

December 6, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 12276

TELEPHONE

512-475-3094

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

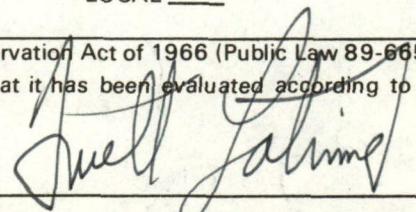
NATIONAL

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE December 7, 1978

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ATTEST: *Marcella Slapp*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 1-28-79

DATE 1-26-79

Property

Basque County Jail

State

Id

Working Number

12.12.78.4761

79002918

TECHNICAL

Photos *2*

Maps *1*

CONTROL

OK pl 12.12.78

HISTORIAN

Except in the sense that all jails serve obvious historical needs and represent general patterns, this is not justified in context of historical association. No case made for special or ~~particuar~~ particular county law problems. Defer to architect on whether it is architecturally representative. Courthouse already on NR - built earlier.

Shoffy
1-24-79
?

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

The jail is one of few (again!) remaining 19th century limestone bldg.s left in Meridian. It is unaltered and is an example of the typical late 19th c. Texas jail.

Beggsen accept 1/26/79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

Have talked more with Beggsen. Will find acceptable as ~~is~~ good representative of building + use type.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

3-6-79

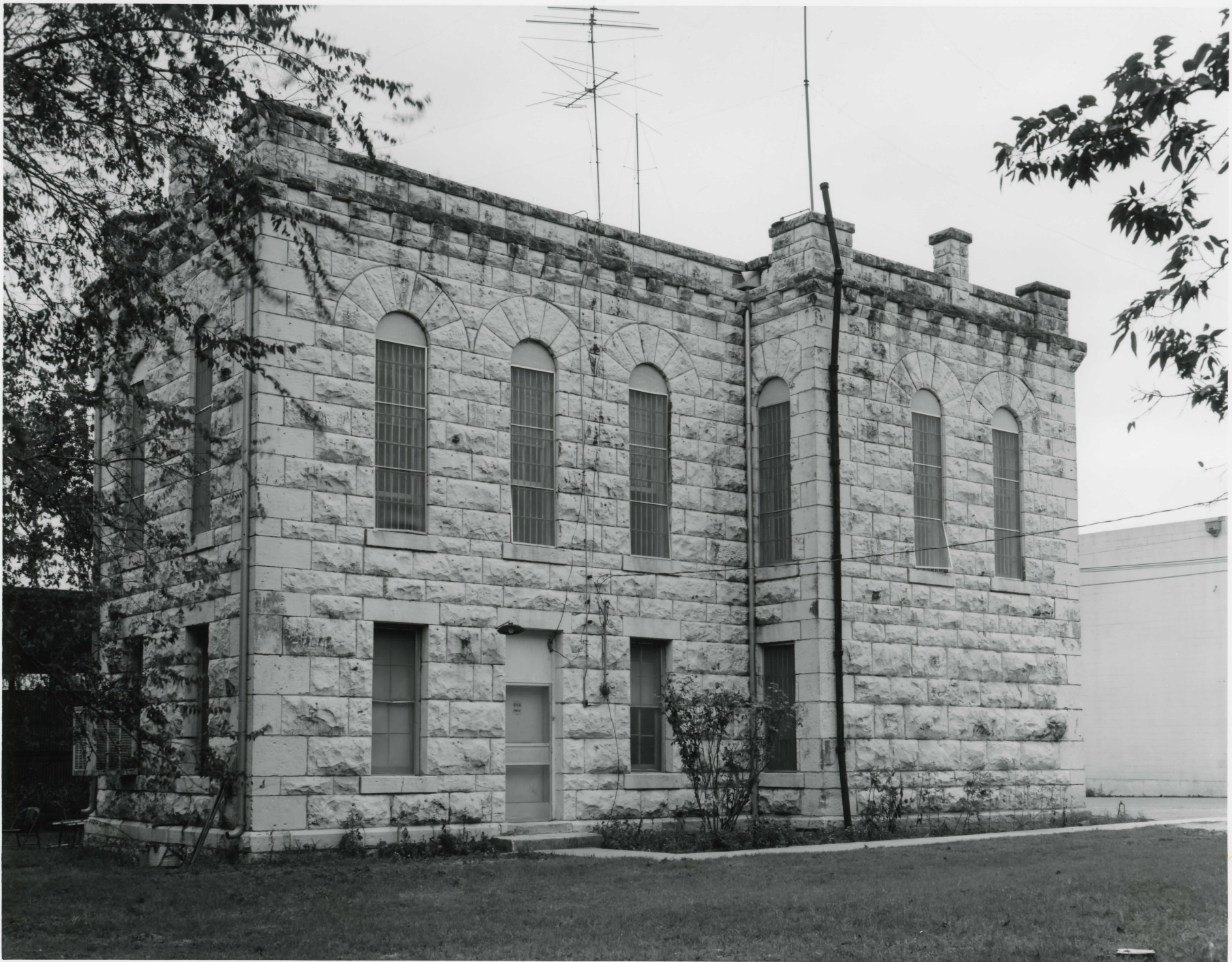
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Entered

JAN 29 1979

Federal Register Entry

Re-submit _____



DEC 12 1978

BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL

#1 of 2

203 East Morgan
Meridian, Bosque County, Texas

View towards northeast corner of jail

Stan Klein, Texas Historical Commission
October, 1976

JAN 29 1979

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL

DEC 12 1978

203 East Morgan
Meridian, Bosque County, Texas

#2082

View towards northwest corner of jail

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October, 1976

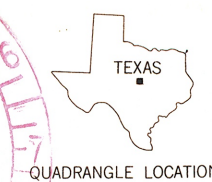
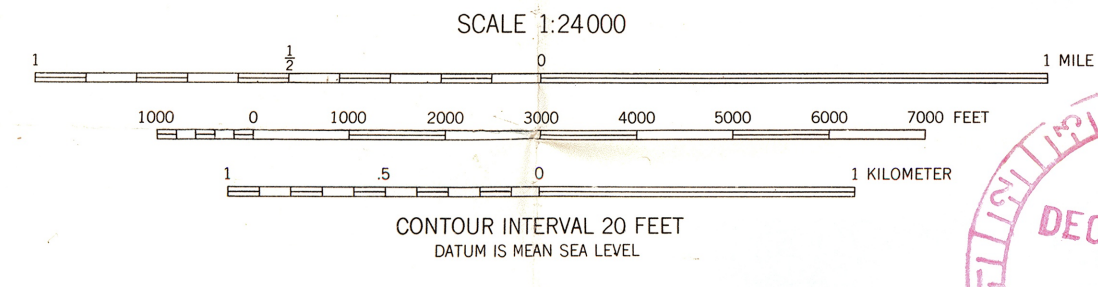
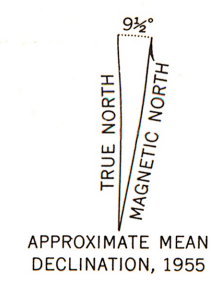
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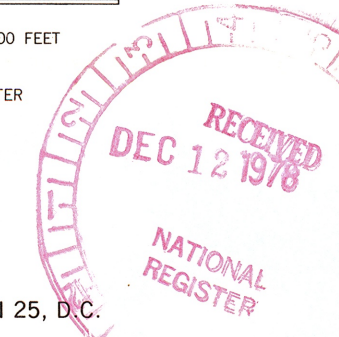
BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL
203 EAST MORGAN
MERIDIAN, BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS
LAT: 31° 55' 24"
LONG: 97° 39' 21"

Maped, 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
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Heavy-duty | Light-duty |
| Medium-duty | Unimproved dirt |
| State Route | |



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

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MERIDIAN, TEX.
NW/4 CLIFTON 15' QUADRANGLE
N3152.5-W9737.5
1955

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered JAN 29 1979

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rotan-Dossatt House | Waco McLennan County |
| First Presbyterian Church | Galveston Galveston County |
| Schneider, J. P., Store | Austin Travis County |
| Bosque County Jail | Meridian Bosque County |

Also Notified

Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen
Honorable John G. Tower
Honorable Marvin Leath
Honorable Jack Brooks
Honorable J.J. (Jake) Pickle

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

NR Byers/bjr 2/8/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: **Bosque County Jail** ② OTHER NAMES: _____ ③ date of entry: **JAN 29 1979** ④ county code: **35**

⑤ LOCATION street & number **203 E. Morgan** city / town **Meridian** vicinity of _____ state **TX** county **Bosque** ⑥ NPS REGION: **S Central**

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) _____ ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: _____

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT **11** ⑫ SOURCE OF NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL _____
if state who prepared form? _____

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME _____ NO ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME _____ NO ⑮ ACREAGE _____
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION deteriorated altered original site features: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
 excellent ruins unaltered moved INTERIOR NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown EXTERIOR UNKNOWN-4 UNKNOWN-5 UNKNOWN-6
 fair unexcavated excavated NOT APPLICABLE-7 NOT APPLICABLE-8 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑰ ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown ⑱ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO ⑲ SAVED? YES NO ⑳ IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE : ㉒ CLAIMS: explain
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS/GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 AGRICULTURE-3 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 ARCHITECTURE-4 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
 ART-5 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 TRANSPORTATION-25
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: _____ CURRENTLY: _____ ㉔ dates of initial construction: _____ major alterations: _____ historic events: _____ ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION _____

㉖ architectural style(s): _____ ㉗ architect: _____ ㉘ master builder: _____ ㉙ engineer: _____

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer: _____ ㉛ interior decorator: _____ ㉜ artist: _____ ㉝ artisan: _____ ㉞ builder / contractor: _____

㉟ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL: _____
 EVENTS: _____
 INSTITUTIONAL: _____

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP