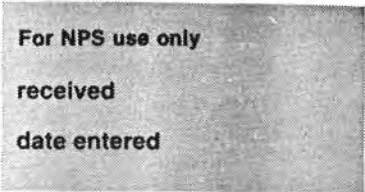


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708 E. Brown		394	3
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401 N. Clay,	Novy House	723	6
404 E. Crockett		445	7
508 N. Dallas		995	8
601 N. Dallas,	I. R. Allen House	161	9
709 N. Dallas,	Barkley House	947	10
806 S. Dallas		1013	11
106 E. Denton		164	12
400 W. Denton,	Moore House	157	13
510 W. Denton		155	14
606 W. Denton,	Matthews-Templeton House	153	15
616 W. Denton,	E. T. Boren House	151	16
121 E. Ennis,	City Mills	357	17
802 E. Ennis		338	18
500 W. Ennis,	Raphael House	316	19
201 N. Gaines		761	20
208 N. Gaines,	Sharp House	781	21
501 N. Gaines,	Old Ennis High School	759	22
701 N. Gaines,	Meredith House	754	23
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504 W. Knox,	Jolesch House	274	25
111 E. Lampasas,	Ennis Cotton Compress	622	26
722 W. Madison		649	27
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801 S. Main W.		1068	32
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1007 N. McKinney,	Morton House	889	34
908 S. Mulberry		1269	35
209 N. Preston,	Telfair House	808	36
403 N. Preston,	Fain House	806	37
501 N. Preston		805	38
605 N. Preston,	E. K. Atwood House	804	39
704 N. Preston,	Neal House	830	40
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601 S. Main W., Farrar House	1065
801 S. Main W.	1068
500 N. Main E.	1106
800 blk S. Kaufman, Ennis Cotton Oil Company	1166
908 S. Mulberry	1269

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Ennis is positioned thirty-five miles southeast of Dallas in east Ellis County's rich Blackland Prairie region. Although the city has maintained its position as a regional agricultural center since its incorporation in 1873, it is the city's important ties to the railroad industry that produced its physical appearance and periods of greatest prosperity and growth. The rigid grid of streets extended north and south, producing an elongated plan that flanks the wide rail right-of-way, a developmental pattern altered only since the mid 1950s. Ennis' primary business center took shape on the narrow lots and long blocks closest to the tracks in the town's center. Residential neighborhoods spread in a symmetrical fashion, but especially to the north. Although much of the city's historic fabric has been obscured by a combination of fires, demolition, and unsympathetic alterations, a concentration of commercial and public buildings constructed in the western half of the business district remains intact. This area has been identified as the Ennis Commercial Historic District. Domestic structures built between 1890 and 1920 comprise the majority of nominated properties and they are found in greatest number in the northwest section of the city. The work of Hix McCanless, noted local designer, is well represented in the nominated properties. This multiple-resource nomination identifies and describes the remaining historic resources and provides a physical and historical context for the extant structures. Two types of sites are distinguished in the nomination text. Those sites identified as "N. R. Sites" denote properties included in this nomination. Sites identified as "Survey Sites" were documented, but because of alterations, or lack of architectural or historical importance, were not eligible for inclusion in the nomination.

Ennis is located on the Blackland Prairie, an area known for its rich agricultural lands. Once a vast tract of native grassland, the fertile soil surrounding the city has long produced cash crops important to the local economy. As in the pre-Anglo settlement periods, creeks and draws contain stands of oaks, elm, pecan, bois d'arc and ash trees along; they experience a seasonal water flow. Only minor tributaries are located in the Ennis vicinity and drain into named creeks. Waxahachie Creek is dammed two miles southwest of the city, forming Bardwell Lake. Old Lake and Lake Clark are found in the the northwest part of the city, both built by the railroad. Runoff in east Ennis flows through the various branches of Village Creek, to the east, until it empties into the Trinity River south of Ellis County.

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Founded twenty-one years after the organization of Ellis County, Ennis is located fifteen miles southeast of Waxahachie, the county seat. Incorporated in 1873, a few years after the railhead reached the area, the city is in many respects a creation of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. Railroad trustees purchased land for the townsite in 1872, and in that same year hired the civil engineer Theo Kosse to plot the townsite. Kosse provided a grid plan that abutted the linear arrangement of the tracks. Long and narrow lots, intended for commercial use, were established in the center of town on either side of the tracks. The commercial center was surrounded by blocks on which residential development was to occur. These blocks were divided into ten 50-ft. by 115-ft. lots or larger 2-1/2-acre tracks. Within a few years businesses drawn by the arrival of the railroad were concentrated in an area east of the lines and north of Ennis Avenue. Early commercial buildings were likely of frame construction, although evidence of their material and form was lost in an 1875 fire that destroyed much of the original town site. Subsequent major commercial development centered in the area west of the rail lines. Construction of domestic buildings ran parallel to the tracks, both on the east and west.

Few dwellings remain to document the city's initial appearance. Settlers brought well-formed architectural traditions, which because of the availability of materials and economy of construction, were realized in frame structures. Typically the first domestic structures were either single- or two-room plans, some likely built with an integral ell. The two-room dwelling (N. R. Site No. 649) at 722 W. Madison and the Farrar House (N. R. Site No. 1065), an I house at 601 S. Main W., exemplify early building forms. Substantial numbers of Czech immigrants settled in the area in the decade following the Civil War, but any traditional dwellings that they may have constructed no longer stand.

For the two decades after its founding Ennis grew at a moderate and steady pace, its growth largely linked to the rail industry. By the early 1880s travelers to the city were accommodated in one of several hotels, none of them extant, that were built east of the tracks. The Ellis County Yearbook for 1881 recorded that some seventy-five businesses, six private schools, two flour mills, and three gins were operating throughout the city. Private banking houses provided financial services before Joseph Baldrige established the Ennis National Bank in 1883, and the two-story brick structure (N. R. Site No. 324) still stands at 110 W. Ennis Ave. The building has been through at least two remodeling campaigns, in 1896 and 1905, and has functioned as a clothing store, legal office, restaurant and retail space since the bank removed its facilities to another building in 1917.

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The decision by the Houston & Texas Central to move its divisional headquarters and roundhouse to Ennis in 1891 provided real impetus for development, and most remaining architectural fabric dates from the thirty-year period that followed. The division yard and a large brick shop building (N. R. Site No. 1019) remain in use. Approximately ten years ago the roundhouse was demolished, but its machinery is intact and functioning. In order to attract the facilities to Ennis, and furnish water to both the city and rail facilities, the city agreed to construct a lake, just north of the townsite, eventually known as Old Lake (Survey Site No. 785) to distinguish it from the 1896 New Lake (Survey Site No. 1285). James A. Mulkey was among those who profited from the expanding economy and population increase when he opened Mulkey's Highland Addition on the town's southeast side in 1897 and Mulkey's Westside Addition in 1900. The Aldridge Addition (1875) and the W. A. Mulkey Addition (1876) preceeded Mulkey's interests by more than twenty years. Land brokers reacted quickly to the railroad's announced move, creating the Edwards Addition (1891) and the Tharp Addition (1894) to the east of the newly constructed roundhouse, and the Tower Hill Addition (1892) to the west of the complex. S. M. Smith platted his thirty-seven block subdivision to the east of the rail tracks in 1891. Other early development centered on the city's east side included the Anderson Addition (1894) and the A. H. Rowe Addition (1898).

Fires in 1875 and 1907 and unsympathetic remodelings have weakened the architectural integrity of the commercial district, but the original grid plan, a number of surviving late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings, and the strong orientation to the train tracks remain to document the city's features during its most significant period of growth. By the turn of the century the city's business community thrived, with some sixty-five to seventy concerns in operation. Period photographs captured the sight of an attractive city with a densely built, largely brick commercial district.

The several railroad officials who took residence in the city were joined by increasing numbers of the professional class who prospered in the wake of city development. The numbers and types of services multiplied as businessmen opened furniture, jewelry and feed stores, banks and groceries in the railroad community. They were joined by restaurateurs, physicians, insurance salesmen, and undertakers who advertised in the city paper and opened their businesses along the city's main thoroughfares. Shoppers traveled from outlying communities on the interurban lines. The Matthews brothers, Pearl and Will, expanded their McKinney, Texas business interest when Pearl opened the Ennis branch of the Matthew Brothers Department Store in the first years of the twentieth century. Pearl originally operated from 105 W. Ennis Ave., but in 1905, he moved to a recently completed two-story brick structure (N. R. Site No. 351) built for John Rowe and designed by Hix McCanless.

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Early worshipers met in private homes and commercial space proffered by merchants, but major denominations soon took advantage of the land donated by the railroad or purchased parcels on which to construct their churches. The Methodist Episcopal Church South, First Baptist Church, St. John's Catholic Church, Tabernacle Baptist Church, and Christian Church all exhibited a Gothic influence, with spires capping the entry tower or paired towers that flanked the main elevation. None of these structures survive.

The Ennis school system was organized in 1882 and erected frame public schools in each of the city's four wards. Known as the College, the Third Ward school was the largest of the facilities. This two-story school was covered by a hipped roof, while a bell tower indicated the entry bay. The Ennis Junior High School building (N. R. Site No. 758) in the 500 block of N. Gaines now occupies the site of the Third Ward school; none of the city's nineteenth-century educational buildings stand. Young black students attended class in the Fourth Ward school, which had been replaced on an adjacent site by 1927 with the brick Ennis Colored School (Survey Site No. 1283). This structure now is occupied by the offices of the Ennis Independent School District. Originally constructed as the city's high school in 1916, the junior high school is a brick, two-story structure raised on a high basement, handsomely rendered in the Jacobethan Revival style by the regionally prominent firm of Sanguinet and Staats.

The railroad continued to demonstrate its commitment to the city by financing the construction of a hospital (razed) between 1901 and 1907, and by funding a joint venture with the city to open the Y.M.C.A. Building (razed) in 1901. Housing a library/reading room, bowling alleys, game rooms, and an auditorium - and known as the Railroad Y.M.C.A. - it was for many years the social and cultural center of Ennis. The structure later provided office space for the Southern Pacific Railroad, which absorbed the Houston & Texas Central.

Concurrent to the expansion of rail services, local cotton production was increasing, placing Ennis at the center of a large cotton-growing area. By the turn of the century at least two cotton compresses were in operation, nearby gins processed the thousands of locally produced bales, and city grocers augmented their incomes by acting as cotton brokers. The 1885 Ennis Cotton Compress (N. R. Site No. 622) still stands in the 100 block of E. Lampasas, as does the large brick and metal Ennis Cotton Oil Company (N. R. Site No. 1166) complex which was in operation by 1896.

The L-plan in its one- and two-story versions and modified forms is the state's most common late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century vernacular plan type, and the form found extensive expression in Ennis. Well-executed



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and intact L-plan houses are located at 806 S. Dallas (N. R. Site No. 1013), 106 E. Denton (N. R. Site No. 164), and 510 W. Brown (N. R. Site No. 373). The house (N. R. Site No. 412) at 509 W. Brown St. is a later example that illustrates the integration of the modified L-plan form and bungalow details.

In the late nineteenth century, domestic architecture was subject to changing stylistic preferences, spacial needs and, social organization. The effects on vernacular structures are evident as L-plan houses permuted into modified L-plans, U- and T-plan dwellings, then were embellished with an array of Victorian jigsaw and turned trim. The house (N. R. Site No. 889) at 1007 N. McKinney is an exceptionally fine example of the U-plan type, and local selection of the T-plan is evident in the dwellings (N. R. Site Nos. 394 and 1106) at 708 E. Brown and 500 N. Main East.

The I-house, the most common house type of the Upland South for almost two centuries, was built with less frequency in the Lowland South and Southwest. The dwellings (N. R. Site Nos. 151 and 774) at 616 W. Denton and 708 N. Gaines are local expressions of this form.

Local architect Hix McCanless provided designs for many of the city's notable domestic, institutional, and commercial structures. Several of his most important buildings, including the imposing, crenelated first Knights of Pythias building, no longer stand. Significant extant structures include his 1910 Knights of Pythias building (N. R. Site No. 953), the house (N. R. Site No. 117) McCanless built for himself at 402 W. Tyler, and the 1902 Telfair House (N. R. Site No. 808) at 209 N. Preston. Like many architects of his time McCanless acted as something of an artist, recombining architectural elements from various styles and periods. City plat records reveal that he was also involved in surveying and platting several additions between 1913 and 1925, as both a civil engineer and later as the city engineer.

By the late nineteenth century the city had several lumberyards contracting for construction, including the J. D. Burr Company which operated until 1976, and was therefore no longer dependent on earlier links to East Texas and western Louisiana timber supplies. Successful businesses financed the construction of fine dwellings built in the areas west and south of the business district. Original city lots were generous and the parcel surrounding the dwelling was usually of sufficient size to accommodate a few livestock, a chicken house, or perhaps a garden or orchards. Historic photographs reveal that large, graceful, late Victorian and Neoclassical Revival dwellings, many surrounded by cast-iron or picket fences, filled the city at the turn of the century, although the majority of these structures have burned or disappeared during local renewal projects. Many of these striking dwellings are large traditional buildings, usually L-plan structures embellished by commonly

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employed stylistic details that were easily obtained from local lumberyards. Victorian versions, such as the house (N. R. Site No. 373) at 510 W. Brown, were marked by turned porch supports, balusters and spindles, and jigsawn bargeboards. The house (N. R. Site No. 797) at 807 N. Preston is an example of their Neoclassical Revival counterpart, easily identified by one-story classically influenced columns, or in some instances, two-story columns and dominant porticos. H. P. Barkley, yardmaster and conductor for the Houston & Texas Central, hired builder B. F. Sargeant in 1892 to construct his two-story frame dwelling (N. R. Site No. 947) at 709 N. Dallas St. Physician J. C. Loggins contracted with the J. D. Burr Lumber Company to build his 1898 dwelling (Survey Site No. 1266) at 110 N. Elm St., perhaps incorporating an 1872 house into the new structure. John S. Telfair, a conductor for the Houston & Texas Central, hired the most important architect in town, Hix McCanless, to design his house in 1902. Pearl Matthews hired building contractor A. Babb to erect his house (N. R. Site No. 854) in 1908 at 307 N. Sherman St. Only a few Georgian Revival dwellings were built in Ennis, and the house (N. R. Site No. 804) at 605 N. Preston is the best remaining example.

Bungalows are the twentieth-century building form that remain in greatest numbers. Between 1900 and 1920 the local population increased by 2000, and the bungalow - popularized in trade publications, women's magazines and periodicals concerned specifically with the building type - was recommended for its economy of scale and construction, picturesque appearance, and harmony with the surrounding landscape. The houses (N. R. Site Nos. 761 and 806) at 201 N. Gaines and 403 N. Preston illustrate the variety of details available to bungalow builders who rendered the form in one- and two-story versions. Simple builder's bungalows dominate, although the Novy House (N. R. Site No. 723) at 401 N. Clay, and the dwellings (N. R. Site Nos. 258 and 829) at 607 W. Baylor and 701 N. Preston, are examples of the more elaborate versions of this popular form that are found locally in significant numbers. Marked by exposed rafter ends, horizontal massing, and multiple rooflines, most bungalows were built by local lumber yards. Hix McCanless built at least two bungalows (N. R. Site Nos. 153 and 969) at 606 Denton and 501 S. Dallas. The later is an especially interesting synthesis of bungalow form and Neoclassical detail.

From 1930 to 1960 the city's population increased by less than 1000, and little building took place. Architectural change during the last fifty years has taken the form of remodeling or demolition. This trend has been reversed within the last five years, largely due to the efforts of the City of Ennis, the Main Street Project, and the Ennis Historical Society. Selected structures in both the commercial and residential areas have been sympathetically rehabilitated, and new construction is occurring, largely in outlying areas. The 1980 population of Ennis was 12,110.

# 8. Significance

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**Builder/Architect** see individual site forms

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The town of Ennis is situated in the Blackland Prairie region of north-central Texas, approximately ten miles west of the Trinity River. Founded by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in 1872, the city's early appearance, physical growth, and economic well-being were inextricably linked to the railroad. Ennis thrived by the turn of the century, serving the region as a commercial center, much of it agriculturally related because of the city's central location in an area of large-scale cotton production. The city also became an important trade and social center for a sizable number of Czechs who took up cotton farming in eastern Ellis County in the 1870s and 1880s. Because of a strong and diversified economy, the town experienced its period of greatest physical expansion and population growth between 1890 and 1920. Almost all of the structures encompassed by this nomination document the physical appearance and historical events associated with this thirty-year interval. Largely due to fires and renewal projects, Ennis has lost a significant percentage of its original architectural and historical fabric. This nomination represents only a small portion of the rich resources once contained within the city's boundaries. A total of forty-four individual sites and one historic district are being nominated.

Early History

Ellis County was formed in 1849 from parts of Navarro and Robertson counties during a period of rapid population expansion following the state's admission to the Union. Early settlers were involved in grain production and scattered in small communities throughout the county, a pattern still in evidence. The formation of towns all over the state was hastened by the arrival of rail lines, and such was the case in Ellis County. The building corps of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad reached the future site of Ennis in 1871, and the town was incorporated two years later under the Town and Village Act. W. G. Veale, a right-of-way agent for the railroad, contracted to survey the land. The original townsite was comprised of the David Rose survey of 300 acres and the Bundy survey of 347 acres. Theo Kosse, a civil engineer, surveyed and mapped the grid-plan townsite in August 1872. Paris and Clay streets formed the nominal east and west boundaries of the original townsite, while Madison and Moore streets enclosed the north and south ends.

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The town was named for an official of the H. & T.C. Railroad, Col. Cornelius Ennis. Originally from Bellevue, New Jersey, Ennis came to Texas in 1838, making his reputation as a successful businessman involved in cotton exporting and merchandising, and as mayor of Houston from 1856 to 1857. He was one of the founders of the Great Northern Railroad, and during his tenure with the Houston and Texas Central Ennis served as general superintendent, comptroller, and financial agent.

Railroads, Agriculture, and Commerce

The Houston and Texas Central, which had begun building railroads in Texas by 1856, was one of six railroad companies operating in Texas before 1878 (Lorentz, 1935: 81). The line on which Ennis was founded ran from Houston to Red River City, five miles north of Denison, by way of Corsicana and Dallas. At Denison it connected to the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, completing the first through line from Texas to St. Louis. When the Houston & Texas Central was planning the line, Waxahachie, county seat of Ellis County, was the largest town in that part of North Texas along the intended route. Waxahachie was invited to offer the railroad a "bonus" for serving the town, but declined and was bypassed.

The line's competitive position was hurt by a change in the gauge of its rails at Corsicana, from a five-foot six-inch gauge south of Corsicana to a four-foot eight-inch gauge to the north. The narrower gauge matched that of northern railroads, but necessitated that all freight and passengers change cars in Corsicana until the gauge was standardized in 1878. Though it bought and extended several smaller rail lines, the Houston & Texas Central was often beset by legal and financial difficulties, and in 1885 it was forced into a receivership. In 1889 its holdings became a part of the Houston and Texas Railroad, which was owned by Southern Pacific, though it continued to be known as the Houston and Texas Central.

City business and political leaders, including Joseph Baldrige, Mark Latimer, Pete Freeman and Leon Cerf, were diligent in their efforts to convince railroad officials to relocate the company's northern divisional headquarters, round house, and machine shops to Ennis. A local committee was successful in securing the \$25,000 and ninety acres of land requested by the Houston and Texas Central as a bonus, and in 1891 Ennis was made divisional headquarters for the line. At that time the roundhouse and machine shops were moved from Corsicana and rebuilt on a site north of town. One large brick shop and the roundhouse machinery (N. R. Site No. 1019) remain in use. The company placed its original freight and passenger depots on either side of the tracks just

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north of Ennis Avenue, with the passenger depot to the east. Two buildings (N. R. Site Nos. 305 and 1074) originally used by the railroad and the Wells Fargo building (N. R. Site No. 1075) still stand on the site. All are within the Ennis Commercial Historic District.

In addition to providing employment for many and a stable financial underpinning for Ennis, the Houston & Texas Central created something of a company town by its involvement with many of the city's religious and public institutions. The company donated land to any group who wanted to build a church, and the offer was accepted by several denominations. The railroad contributed sixty percent of the \$7000 cost of erecting a Y.M.C.A. building, with the remainder financed by the citizens. Located on the north side of Baylor at Main, the Y.M.C.A. opened in 1901 and served as an important community facility. The company also provided for the construction of a hospital (razed), located at Kaufman and Gilmer, which served the town until a municipal hospital (razed) designed by local architect Hix McCanless was erected in 1924 at Lampasas and Chatfield.

Other rail companies contributed to the city's economic well-being and demographic expansion. The Texas Midland Railroad began as a fifty-two mile line between Garrett and Roberts, which was built in 1894 as the Northwest Division of the Texas Central. That same year it was extended from Garrett to Ennis and from Roberts to Greenville, and by 1896 it was completed to Paris. The railroad company offered sleeping-car service and a cafe car, with connections for through sleeping-car service to St. Louis. By 1901 the Houston and Texas Central and Texas Midland shared the Union Passenger Depot on E. Knox, while Texas Midland's freight depot was at E. Ennis and Breckinridge, next to the company's siding on Breckinridge. Southern Pacific bought the line in 1928, and the company continued to be an important major employer in Ennis. In 1935 the local payroll included nearly 500 persons.

In 1914 the Southern Traction Company completed a line of the interurban railway system which passed through Ennis en route from Dallas to Waco. The interurban railway network provided passenger service between urban centers in Texas from 1900 until the 1940s. The most extensive service was provided in Central and North Texas, with fewer lines connecting towns in South and West Texas. Most lines were electric railways, with a few operating gasoline motor cars.

Ennis lay between Corsicana and Dallas on the Southern Traction Company's electric railway. Sanborn Insurance maps reveal that by 1915 the interurban station (razed) was on the west side of N. Dallas between Knox and Baylor, but a new station (N. R. Site No. 999) was built on the southeast corner of N. Dallas and N. Baylor in 1923. Service was discontinued by mid-century.

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During the period of incipient rail development Ennis, was also involved in the cattle industry and the city was linked by cattle trails to East Texas and Louisiana. Those same trails - over which thousands of longhorn cattle were driven east to meet northern trails to the Kansas and Missouri markets - also connected the city to Jefferson, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana, early suppliers of timber and milled lumber. Local trader James Mulkey became a wealthy man through his involvement with the cattle business, and he later made another fortune dealing in real estate. Mulkey thus provides an example of the changing nature of regional commerce as the cattle industry diminished in significance to be replaced by speculative capitalistic ventures, largely fueled by the prosperity and opportunity generated by the railroad.

The history of the railroads is closely tied to the growth of the cotton industry, and for nearly sixty years the two factors operated in tandem to provide for the town's economic well-being. Transportation of cotton was the major source of revenue for the railroads, and large-scale cultivation of cotton was profitable only if it reached distant markets. During the 1870s the development of rail connections to St. Louis made that city an important shipping point for cotton from North and East Texas en route to the East and to Europe. The amount of cotton received in St. Louis increased from 36,421 bales in 1872 to 324,284 in 1880, most of it grown in North and East Texas (Boehm, 1975: 14).

Between 1866 and 1878, cotton production in Texas quadrupled, from 245,000 to 1,105,000 bales. In post-Civil War Texas, the area of greatest production shifted from southeast Texas to the the Blackland Prairie region, a strip of land running roughly north-south from the Red River to central Texas. The arrival of rail service made it physically possible and economically viable to invest in substantial cotton production. Within a few decades the Blackland area dominated the state in cotton production (Boehm, 1975: 21). By this time Ellis County was producing over 50,000 bales annually, with the Ennis market handling 15,000 to 20,000 bales in a good crop year.

In 1885 the large Ennis Cotton Compress (N. R. Site No. 622) began operation with a capacity of 700 bales per day. The rail tracks were ringed by a number of cotton gins and warehouses, cotton yards and platforms, and flour and grist mills. By 1896 the Ennis Cotton Oil Company (N. R. Site No. 1166) complex had opened.

A. H. Rowe moved to Ennis in 1875 and opened a cotton gin and planing mill. The cotton gin, on N. McKinney between Knox and Baylor, was the first of four he would own by 1890. He sold the planing mill but was involved in contracting and building in the business district.

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Ennis provided facilities for the processing, storage and transport of cotton and grains to markets in Dallas and Houston, as well as more distant destinations such as St. Louis and New Orleans. The number of gins and warehouses increased slowly through the first quarter of the twentieth century as additional facilities for storing and processing cotton, cottonseed, and cotton by-products appeared. Between 1909 and 1915 the City Mills opened a frame mill (razed) for processing flour, wheat, and corn. The operation expanded in 1917 when concrete grain elevators (Survey Site No. 357) were constructed.

Because of the capital it generated, and the population expansion and need for services created in its wake, the Houston & Texas Central was instrumental in the growth of the local mercantile community. A promotional brochure of 1881 identifies numerous grocery, dry goods, and clothing and drug stores. Hardware and farm implement stores, blacksmiths and wagon shops, lumberyards, mills and gins, harness and saddle shops, and brick yards all were advertised. Four carpenters and builders and two painters are listed, and the services of shoemakers, a barber, a photographer, a milliner, and a dressmaker were also available. Nine physicians and five lawyers had opened offices in Ennis, as had three real estate agents.

Banking services had been available in the city for nearly a decade when Joseph Baldrige built the Ennis National Bank (N. R. Site No. 324) at 110 W. Ennis. Baldrige, a prominent businessman, was directly involved in attracting the railroad shops and roundhouse to Ennis, and became the owner of the Ennis Cotton Compress in 1896. A second bank, the Peoples' National Bank, opened in 1886.

By the late nineteenth century a number of lumberyards had opened in Ennis, a situation repeated in towns throughout the state as rail service provided a cheap and dependable source of lumber and growing populations provided the demand for supplies. Accordingly, Ennis was no longer dependent on lumber supplies from East Texas and western Louisiana.

The S. Q. Carey Lumberyard at Knox Street, and the M. T. Jones Lumberyard at Crockett Street, are shown on the 1884 Sanborn map, both located adjacent to the railroad tracks. The M. T. Jones concern had a large mill in Houston that in 1901 advertised a capacity of 300,000 board feet per day and seven yards around the state. By 1896 the Ennis Lumber Company had taken over the former site of M. T. Jones, while A. Gilmer had the Carey yard. Three more yards had opened by 1896, including the J. D. Burr Lumber Company, which operated until 1976. None of these businesses have survived.

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Two planing mills were in operation at different times prior to 1890, but did not remain for long. In 1885 W. B. Davenport was operating a planing mill, sash and door factory on McKinney between W. Knox and W. Ennis. The abundance of lumberyards and the dearth of planing mills indicates that milled lumber was readily available. The proximity of the railroad suggests that house kits were also available, and they may have been a common source of vernacular dwellings for the town.

Lumberyards were responsible for the majority of area construction, but when professional design services were necessary many city residents called upon the well-known local architect Hix McCanless. McCanless was born in Tennessee in 1868, and as a young boy moved to Ennis just as the rail lines arrived. He received his professional training at Texas A&M College and returned to Ennis at the turn of the century, advertising his practice in the local newspaper. City plat records reveal that McCanless was also involved in surveying and platting several additions between 1913 and 1925, as both a civil engineer and later as the city engineer. In his capacity as city engineer McCanless was responsible for the brick paved streets in the business district.

Extant residences designed by McCanless include the Dr. Clark House at 510 N. Preston (Site No. 834), the Telfair Residence at 209 N. Preston (N. R. Site No. 953), the Thomas House at 506 W. Denton (Site No. 156), the Matthews-Templeton House at 606 W. Denton (N. R. Site No. 153), and the McCanless House at 402 W. Tyler (N. R. Site No. 117).

His commercial structures include the 1904 John Rowe Building at 101-105 S. Dallas (N. R. Site No. 351), the Moore Building at 101 N. Main W. (N. R. Site No. 1047), the Knights of Pythias Building at 215 N. Dallas (N. R. Site No. 953), the Alexander Building at 200 W. Ennis (N. R. Site No. 321), and the Allen Building at 204-206 W. Ennis (N. R. Site No. 320). He also designed the Masonic Lodge (N. R. Site No. 955), City Hall Building (N. R. Site No. 420), the Alamo School (razed), the rectory of the old Catholic church on Preston (razed), and the Ennis National Bank (N. R. Site No. 322) occupied from 1917-1922 on the corner of W. Ennis Avenue and N. Dallas.

Demographics

Prior to the arrival of the rail line the area was sparsely populated, with only twenty-four settlers, most of them farmers, documented. Providing evidence of the impact of the rail line, the population of Ellis County nearly tripled in the decade between 1870 and 1880, from 7514 to 21,294. Settlers migrated from the Upper South (especially Tennessee), the Lower South, other



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parts of Texas, and Europe. The 1880 census listed a population of 1351, with merchant and farmer cited as the most common occupation. After the Houston and Texas Central selected Ennis as its Divisional Headquarters in 1891, the city's population more than doubled in the next nine years following 1890.

Beginning in the third quarter of the nineteenth century, a small number of German and Hungarian immigrants and a significant number of Czechs settled in Ellis County. Most Czech immigrants were involved in the cultivation of cotton and choose to settle in eastern Ellis County in the sandy-loam area, which did not require clearing. The land was more expensive but could be put into production faster than the more fertile Blackland prairie which was heavily timbered. Other Czechs settled in Ennis opening grocery stores, a saddle and harness shop, a saloon, a bottling works, the Henry Maresh Photography Studio, and the Hanus Cotton Gin (Valek, 1983: 50-53).

The Czech culture in Ennis remains most visible and distinct in their religious institutions. The Czech Moravian Church was organized in 1901, and the church built in 1910. A Bohemian Catholic Mission Church appears on the 1915 Sanborn Map, along with three other Catholic churches. Also in 1901, the Czech members of St. Joseph's R. C. Church split off and started St. John Nepomucene. In 1938 St. John's erected a new sanctuary (Survey Site No. 1200) on S. Paris that is distinguished by its ornate stencilling and interior painting.

Ennis has had a sizeable black community, comprising over a quarter of the town's population in the Federal Census for 1910 and for 1920. In the 1910 Census, the vast majority of blacks listed Texas as their place of birth, and most were employed as laborers or servants. Blacks established themselves in neighborhoods in the northeaster and western sections of town and early twentieth-century Sanborn maps reveal that black businessmen were operating a drugstore and restaurant in the city's commercial district.

The city also had a small Jewish community. Merchants such as Pete Freeman and the Cerf brothers were active in the successful efforts to attract the division headquarters, machine shops and roundhouse to Ennis, as well as in local government and civic affairs. William Jolesch settled in Ennis in 1875 and operated a dry goods store (N. R. Site No. 1048) for many years. His son Ike was a well-known businessman and banker whose house at 504 W. Knox (N. R. Site No. 274) still stands. Edmond Raphael served as President of the First National Bank of Ennis and built the finely executed Neoclassical Revival style house (N. R. Site No. 316) at 500 W. Ennis.

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Social Life

Public social life was centered in the town's saloons, restaurants, the opera house, and hotels. But the activities sponsored by fraternal and literary organizations, women's clubs, churches, and the Y.M.C.A. involved far wider participation. By 1915 citizens could spend the evening in one of the city's two "moving picture" theaters. The Masons organized early in the town's history and a Masonic Lodge is shown on every set of Sanborn maps. Their present, severely altered facility (N. R. Site No. 955) was designed by Hix McCannless. Area Czechs also formed a number of fraternal and social organizations, some of which continue to meet, such as the S.P.J.S.T. (Czech Benevolent Society of Texas) and the SOKOL, an organization which emphasizes physical fitness and the preservation of Czech culture.

Public Services

Ennis built its first public school building in 1884, but by 1881 had at least one private school, the West Hill Academy. By 1907 Ennis had four ward schools, including a high school and a black school. The First Ward school was on the southwest corner of Paris and Lampasas, the Second Ward at 800 W. Lampasas, the Third Ward school or high school in the 500 block of N. Gaines, and the Fourth Ward school was on Martin Luther King St. (formerly Gilmer Street) between Ripley and Paris. None of the buildings stand. The well-known Ft. Worth firm of Sanguinet and Staats designed the city's high school (N. R. Site No. 758), now used as a junior high facility, in 1916. In the late nineteenth century, Sanguinet had supervised construction of the Ellis County Courthouse (listed in the National Register, 1975) in Waxahachie, and the firm was later known for their handsome high-rise office buildings constructed in the state's urban centers during the first decades of the twentieth century.

Electricity and water were originally provided by the Ennis Water and Light Company, a syndicate financed by interests in Ennis, Dallas, and St. Louis. For nearly two decades after its founding Ennis had only wells for its water supply, as indicated on the 1885 Sanborn map which shows from one to four wells on each block. The three cotton gins and grist mills had their own reservoirs. In 1891 the first of two large, public reservoirs was built, a forty-three acre lake now called Old Lake (N. R. Site No. 785) at what was then the north end of town. It was connected to two hydrants in the residential part of Ennis and one in the commercial district. The lake was constructed to fulfill a condition of the contract between the city and the Houston and Texas Central, in which the rail company agreed to relocate its divisional headquarters, roundhouse, and machine shops to Ennis in 1891. The city built the lake to furnish a water supply to rail facilities.

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By 1896 a second lake, New Lake (Survey Site No. 1285), had been constructed, as well as a water system consisting of a hundred-foot standpipe for pressure to thirty-four hydrants. By 1909 a water tank with a capacity of 84,000 gallons was added to the system.

Post-1920 Development

Ennis settled into a period of stability from 1920 to 1950, as the population remained between 7000 and 8000. Agriculture continued as the major local industry, while the influence of the railroads diminished when Southern Pacific closed its division yard. By mid century many previously prominent industries, such as the cotton oil mill, had phased out their services and had been replaced by new, specialized industries. Because of the small population growth and slow pace of the economy, the city changed little physically until the 1950s, when an influx of new commuter residents arrived. The completion of Interstate Highway 45 just east of Ennis made the commute to downtown Dallas an easy thirty-minute drive. The small-town ambience, the reduced cost of living, and the affordable stock of old houses attracted newcomers to Ennis. Recognizing the economic and aesthetic potential of the city's remaining historic structures, citizens organized the Ennis Heritage Society in 1981. The City supported local preservation efforts by participating in the Main Street Program and initiating the city-wide survey of historic resources in 1984-85.

While not as diversified as in its peak years, the Ennis Commercial Historic District has experienced a renewal largely due to efforts of the Main Street Program. The commercial district has remained intact as the dominant local shopping and business center, since competing suburban centers have yet to develop in Ennis.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title HARDY•HECK•MOORE, INC. (Peter Maxson - Texas Historical Commission)

organization HARDY•HECK•MOORE, INC. for the City of Ennis, Texas

date July 1985

street & number H•H•M, INC. - PO Box 13392

telephone (512)-459-4464

city or town Austin

state Texas

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is: (#1019) (remainder)  
 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 8 Aug. 1986

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

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1. County Ellis ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 258  
 City/Rural Ennis UTM Sector 722-357B  
 2. Name G. G. Dunkerly House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1920  
 Address 607 W BAYLOR 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner K. C. Titsworth 8. Style/Type Bungalow  
 Address P.O. Box 117, Ennis 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 246/ Lot 6, W 1/2 of 7 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Bungalow plan; two-story frame dwelling w/ wood shingle siding;  
gable roof w/ composition shingles and exposed rafter ends; wood sash double-  
hung windows w/ multipane sash over single sash; single-door primary entrance  
w/ transom; one-bay porch w/ gable roof across entry bay only; squared  
 11. Present Condition Good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: Massing, extensive use of stick brackets, jig-sawn  
extended rafter ends and wood shingle sheathing retaining the original stained  
finish contribute to this most successful local example of a "Swiss Chalet"  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
west of the CBD; located on a corner lot.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant Sugar Glaspy  
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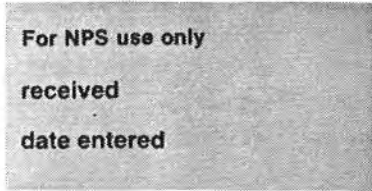
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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 258  
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 2. Name G. G. Dunkerly House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: wood balusters; shingled supports; interior brick chimney; large triangular braces, shingle sheathing and second floor balcony suggest a "Swiss chalet." Extended rafter ends, porch supports, and fenestration typical of bungalow type; side porch screened. Early or original exterior color scheme has survived.

Significance continued: bungalow. This was the home of G. G. Dunkerly in the 1920s and 1930s. He was president and manager of Ennis Tag and Printing Co. (United Publishing Co.) and a member of a pioneer Ennis family.

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-214 Site No. 227  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3579

2. Name Barrington House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1915  
Address 206 W BELKNAP 7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner James Scott McCain 8. Style/Type Bungalow  
Address 204 W. Belknap, 75119 9. Original Use residential

4. Block/Lot QTS/Blk 62/Lot 3, E 1/2 of 4 Present Use residential

10. Description Bungalow plan; one-and-a-half-story frame dwelling; w/ 117/121 siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles and exposed rafter ends; wood sash double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance; two-bay porch w/ gable roof across S. elev.; interior brick chimney; multiple roof planes;

11. Present Condition excellent

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: The most notable early twentieth-century house form in Ennis was the large two-story bungalow which this house successfully exemplifies. The usual bungalow details of low-pitch, multiple gable roof,

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area west of the CBD.

14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Name Barrington House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: decorated and exposed rafter ends, short columns grouped on brick pedestals and decorative gable timbering, typical bungalow features.

Significance continued: exposed rafters and grouped windows contrast to the setback two-story sleeping area, classically detailed corner pilasters (associated with local architect Hix McCanless' work) and atypical stout Doric columns on piers as porch supports. This house was built for Thad and Kate Barrington.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 373  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3578  
 2. Name Jesse and Mary Story House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1885  
 Address 510 W BROWN 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner A. C. & Kathleen Woodard 8. Style/Type L-plan  
 Address 510 W. Brown 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 202/ Lots 4,5 Present Use residential  
 10. Description L-plan; two-story, frame dwelling w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles w/ jig-sawn brackets; wood sash double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; three-bay porch w/ hip roof within S. elev.; turned wood posts; turned wood balusters; interior brick  
 11. Present Condition fair  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: The most intact and one of the earliest two-story L-plan dwellings remaining in the city, this house best represents a common regional plan type. Restrained architectural embellishment distinguish the gable ends  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area west of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography "Ennis & Her Surroundings..." 15. Informant A. C. & Kathleen Woodard  
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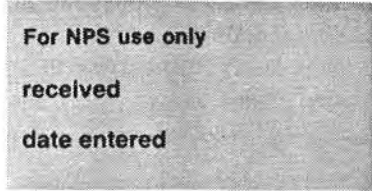
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 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723040/3578740  
 2. Name Jesse and Mary Story House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: chimneys w/ corbeled caps; typically, ornament limited to porch trim; gable end details and jig-sawn corner brackets.

Significance continued: and porch. This was the home of J. W. Story, a successful realtor in Ennis during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. While a resident of the house, he served as a city councilman for many years. He sold the property in 1911. By 1922 John Lockart, a conductor with the H. & T.C. Railroad, purchased the dwelling.

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2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address 708 E BROWN

3. Owner Henry C. Bryant Address 708 E. Brown

4. Block/Lot Highland/Blk 8/Lot 4,5

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 394  
UTM Sector 724-3579

6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1900

7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

8. Style/Type T-plan

9. Original Use residential  
Present Use residential

10. Description T-plan; one-story, frame dwelling w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; two single-door entrances; two-bay porch; three-bay porch w/ hip roof on S. elev.; turned wood posts; unusual in that the porch does not follow the contours of

11. Present Condition good

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This atypical T-plan dwelling demonstrates the elaboration of a simple vernacular house into more complex form, in this case, the expansion of an L-plan to a T-plan by the addition of a lateral wing, probably

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area east of the CBD.

14. Bibliography TAX ROLLS, CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 394  
UTM Pt. 14/724080/3579380  
Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: the structure, but extends only across lateral portion. Imbricated shingles in gable end.

Significance continued: soon after construction. It survives as the most substantial example of this plan type of the limited number constructed locally.



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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 412  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3578  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1905  
Address 509 W BROWN 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Owner Randy Boston 8. Style/Type modified L-plan  
Address 509 W. Brown, 75119 9. Original Use residential  
4. Block/Lot DT5/Blk 201/Lot 6, W 39ft of 7 Present Use residential  
10. Description Modified L-plan; two-story, frame dwelling w/ drop siding; hip roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; L-shaped porch w/ hip roof; tapered box supports; Doric columns; interior brick chimneys; paired porch supports frame entry  
11. Present Condition good  
12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: With an asymmetrically massed composition, more typical of Victorian-era dwellings, this house is adorned with Neoclassical Revival and bungalow details to create an unusual local variation of early twentieth-  
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area west of the CBD.  
14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 412  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723020/3578680  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: and rest on shingled pedestal. Single bellcast hipped dormers break facade roofline.

Significance continued: century eclectism.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 723  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3578  
 2. Name Joe Novy House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1915  
 Address 401 N CLAY 7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Charles J. Novy 8. Style/Type Frairie  
 Address 401 N. Clay, 75119 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot Aldridge/ Lots 16 to 24 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Bungalow plan; frame dwelling w/ brick veneer; hip roof w/ gables w/ tile w/ deep overhang; wood sash, double-hung French windows, number of lights varies; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; three-bay porch w/ gable roof across E. elev. w/ brick piers; exterior brick chimneys. Two-story porch  
 11. Present Condition excellent  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This impressive composition of bungalow detailing suggests the Prairie School influence on north Texas architecture and is, in fact, the outstanding example of the Prairie form in Ennis. Horizontal lines  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD; located on a corner lot.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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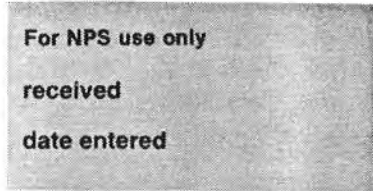
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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 723  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722660/3578960  
 2. Name Joe Novy House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: across E. elev.; gabled pediment marks center bay and is supported by brackets; inset panels w/ tiles, planter boxes and wing; porte cochere at S. elev.; brick garage apartment.

Significance continued: visually shorten the boxlike massing, typical of regional Prairie-influenced designs. It was the residence of Joe Novy, a grocer in Ennis, and Novy's descendants retain ownership.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 445  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3579

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1900  
 Address 404 E CROCKETT 7. Architect/Builder Unknown

3. Owner Dale McAdams, Estate Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 1409 Nichols, Ennis TX 75119 8. Style/Type Two-room plan

4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 184/Lot 4 9. Original Use residential  
 Present Use residential

10. Description Two-room plan; one-story frame dwelling w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash double-hung windows w/ 2/2 lights; single-door primary entrance; three-bay porch w/ hip roof on E. elev.; turned wood posts; large pediment breaks through the center bay facade roof line to

11. Present Condition fair

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE; The best surviving two-room, or hall-parlor, plan dwelling in Ennis. This single-door version is less typical than the two-entry traditional form, but most of its original fabric remains in place.

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area northeast of the CBD.

14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 445  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723700/3579120

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: visually dominate the structure. Imbricated shingles in the gable end and turned-wood posts embellish this traditional plan dwelling.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN City/Rural EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 995  
 UTM Sector 723-3579

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual Est. 1900:1910  
 Address 508 N DALLAS 7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner Andrew J. Miller 8. Style/Type modified L-plan  
 Address 508 N. Dallas, 75119 9. Original Use residential

4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 15/ Lots N 1/2 of 6,7,8 Present Use residential

10. Description Modified L-plan; one-story frame dwelling w/ two-story tower; weather-board and drop siding; hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles; wood sash double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; five-bay porch w/ shed roof wraps around S. and W. elevations; porch w/ square

11. Present Condition good

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: One of the best remaining local permutations of a modified L-plan dwelling, one of the most common regional plan types. The unusually massed form is reminiscent of Victorian-era house designs.

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area north of the CBD.

14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
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 UTM Pt. 14723080/3579400

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: wood posts; fluted pilasters at corners; imbricated shingles in gable ends; two-story tower an unusual feature for this common regional plan type although several similarly detailed dwellings can be found in Ennis.

Significance continued: This was the home of Dr. T. W. White in the 1920s and 1930s.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 161  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3579  
 2. Name I. R. Allen House 6. Date: Factual 1908 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 601 N DALLAS 7. Architect/Builder Fred Lawson, builder  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner H. C. Rogers 8. Style/Type Neoclassical Revival  
 Address 107 N. Main, Ennis TX 75119 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot see below Present Use residential  
 10. Description Two-story frame dwelling w/ weatherboard siding; hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles and box eaves; stick brackets; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; double-door primary entrance w/ transom; seven-bay porch w/ hip roof wraps around S. and E. elev.; fluted Ionic columns; squared  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: The Allen House is a fine example of the Neoclassical Revival style, which attained moderate popularity in Ennis during the first decade of the twentieth century. With its two-story portico, use of the giant  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area north of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography E. Rogers to C. Burns 4/20/86 15. Informant Erma Lee Allen Rogers  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 161  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723000/3579420  
 2. Name I. R. Allen House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: wood balusters; interior brick chimneys w/ corbeled caps; two-story entrance porticoes on S. & E. elev. surmounted by pedimented gables; enclosed at 2nd story as screened sleeping porches; classical detailing on window surrounds & porticoes; geometric patterning of screen frames; corner pilasters.

Significance continued: order, and large consoles, the Allen House exemplifies the style as it was built throughout the state. It was the home of Isaac R. Allen, co-owner of Allen & Kendall Furniture Store. His daughter still owns the house. Block/Lot: OTS/Div 20-2/110 x 135 FT TR of J

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 947  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Barkley-Floyd House 6. Date: Factual 1892 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 709 N DALLAS 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor B. F. Sargent  
 3. Owner Dwain & Teresa Culpepper 8. Style/Type modified L-plan  
 Address 709 N. Dallas, 75119 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot see below Present Use residential  
 10. Description Modified L-plan; two-story frame dwelling w/ weatherboard siding;  
 hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles; wood sash double-hung windows  
 w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; seven-bay porch w/  
 hip roof wraps around front-projecting wing w/ turned wood posts;  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: An outstanding and one of the few remaining unaltered  
 local examples of a two-story modified L-plan house, the region's most abun-  
 dant plan type. Jig-sawn and turned-wood architectural embellishment remain  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
 north of CBD.  
 14. Bibliography RTHL application 15. Informant Dwain & Teresa Culpepper  
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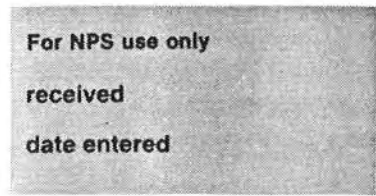
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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 947  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722940/3579560  
 2. Name Barkley-Floyd House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: squared wood balusters; jig-sawn brackets; interior brick chimneys w/ corbeled caps.

Significance continued: intact on gable ends and the wrap around porch. Constructed by local builder B.F. Sargent in 1892 for H.P. Barkley, a conductor and yardmaster for the H.&T.C. Railroad, the structure was purchased in 1905 by T.W. Floyd, an insurance & real estate salesman who later opened Floyd's Variety Store. It was owned later by Ida McCanless, widow of Hix McCanless.  
 Block/Lot: OTS/Div 20-4/ E 85x100 FT TR of P.

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EN City/Rural ENNIS

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address 806 S DALLAS

3. Owner W. L. Walker Address Same

4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 26-1/lot 10

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1013  
UTM Sector 723-3578

6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1895

7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

8. Style/Type L-plan

9. Original Use residential  
Present Use residential

10. Description L-plan; one-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding; gabled roof w/ wood shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 2/2 lights; single-door primary entrance; two-bay porch w/ hip roof within front-projecting wing w/ turned wood posts; jig-sawn brackets. Typical of traditional L-plan types, the

11. Present Condition fair

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This house is one of the few local intact versions of the most common of regional plan types, the L-plan. Though built in great number and variety in Ennis through the second decade of the twentieth century, most

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area south of the CBD.

14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1013  
UTM Pt. 14/723860/3578340  
Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: simple massing is embellished by turned porch trim & imbricated shingles in the gable end.

Significance continued: local examples have been destroyed or considerably altered.



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1. County ELLIS

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 164  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3579  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1895  
Address 106 E DENTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Owner George F. Benson 8. Style/Type L-plan  
Address 106 E. Denton, 75119 9. Original Use residential  
4. Block/Lot OTS/Div 1-1/Tract B Present Use residential  
10. Description L-plan; one-story frame dwelling w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles & box eaves; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 2/2 lights; two single-door entrances; two-bay porch w/ hip roof within front-projecting wing w/ turned wood posts; jigsaw brackets. Imbricated shingles in gable end;  
11. Present Condition fair  
12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This is a fine example of a modest L-plan dwelling, a house type utilized often in Ennis from the 1880s to the early 1910s. The house retains most of its original fabric and is one of the few to survive with  
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD.  
14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 164  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14723240/3579580  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: simple porch frieze.

Significance continued: the distinguishing turned posts and porch embellishment intact.



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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 157  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Moore House 6. Date: Factual 1904-05 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 400 W DENTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner John W. Payne 8. Style/Type Neoclassical Revival  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div.19-2/105x135 FT TR of G Present Use residential  
 10. Description Two-story frame dwelling; w/ 117/121 siding; hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles; overscale consoles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; double-door primary entrance w/ transom & sidelights; porch w/ hip roof wraps around front-projecting wing w/ fluted Doric columns; turned  
 11. Present Condition excellent  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: Asymmetrical massing and unusual application of details distinguish this dwelling as an outstanding local interpretation of Neoclassical Revival architecture. The huge paired consoles at the southwest corner  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD; located on a large corner lot.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant John W. Payne  
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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 157  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722820/3579320  
 2. Name Moore House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: wood balusters; interior brick chimneys w/ corbeled caps. Other noteworthy features include fluted Doric columns on brick pedestals that rise two stories at entry bay. Fluted one-story Ionic columns support first-story porch. Center bay is emphasized by hipped dormer, roof-line balustrade w/ urns, garlands which decorate the porch frieze & grouping of modillions which support the porch overhang.  
 Significance continued: off-center entry, paired giant order fluted columns set on the bias and the house's siting on a large lot contribute to the structure's impressive appearance. It was the home for many years of the Captain H.L. Moore family.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 155  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Name John M. Weekley House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1915  
 Address 510 W DENTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Donald E. Howard 8. Style/Type Bungalow influence  
 Address 510 W. Denton, Ennis TX 75119 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 18-5/Lot s. 100' of 3 Present Use residential  
 10. Description One-story frame structure with pyramidal roof that is broken by a  
hip dormer. Front veranda extends length of entrance facade and is supported  
by paired piers. Porte-cochere at side.  
 11. Present Condition Good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: A noteworthy example of a one-story version of American  
Foursquare. Pyramidal roof and veranda are most prominent features. Strong  
horizontalality. Former home of J.M. Weekley, vice president of United  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) prominently sited on  
a corner lot in older residential neighborhood.  
 14. Bibliography Ennis City Directories 1921, 1925, 1931. 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Recorder Peter Flagg Maxson Date July 1986

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 155  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722700/3579240  
 2. Name John M. Weekley House Acreage less than one acre

Significance continued: Publishing Co., and his wife Bertha.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 153  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Matthews-Templeton House 6. Date: Factual 1918 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 606 W DENTON 7. Architect/Builder Hix McCanless Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner William Glaspy 8. Style/Type bungalow  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot see below Present Use residential  
 10. Description Bungalow plan; two-story frame dwelling; w/ 117/121 siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles and exposed rafter ends; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; three-bay porch w/gable roof across S. elev. w/ brick piers; exterior brick chimneys. Entry flanked by pilasters. Secondary entry  
 11. Present Condition excellent  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: An excellent example of the two-story bungalow form that local architect Hix McCanless was adept at designing. Traditional bungalow details are incorporated into an imposing, irregularly massed composition  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant Sugar Glaspy  
TAX ROLL, CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN MAP 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 153  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722600/3579180  
 2. Name Matthews-Templeton House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: recessed at SE elev. Window screens typical bungalow feature. Two-story version of bungalow form. Stick detail and imbricated shingles embellish tympanum.

Significance continued: topped by a set-back second story, a McCanless trademark. Built for Pearl C. Matthews, co-owner of the McKinney-based Matthews-Brothers Department Store. In 1921 E.K. Atwood purchased the residence, and he sold it W.R. & Metca Templeton in 1924. He was a banker and cotton buyer. In 1948 Garner Dunkerly, Jr., of the Ennis Tag & Printing Co., bought the house. Block/Lot: OTS/Div.18-2/146x350 FT. TR. of E.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 151  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name E. T. Boren House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1887  
 Address 616 W DENTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Dr. William E. Boren & Miss Nancy 8. Style/Type I-house  
 Address Boren, 616 W. Denton, Ennis 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 18-2/S 100 FT TR of G Present Use residential  
 10. Description Center hall, one room deep; two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/transom and sidelights; three-bay porch w/ hip roof across S. elev. w/ square wood supports; exterior  
 11. Present Condition good; rear of house rebuilt c. 1935.  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: A rare surviving local example of an I-house, a form once common for rural homesteads in the region. Early twentieth century modifications to the center bay and porch are harmonious with the original form.  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography 1892 ELLIS COUNTY HISTORY, TAX ROLL, CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN MAP 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 151  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722560/3579160  
 2. Name E. T. Boren House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: brick chimneys; five-bay organization typical for construction date.

Significance continued: Prominent landowner, farmer and cattle raiser E.T. Boren and his wife Sallie had this farmhouse about 1887.

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1. County ELLIS

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 357  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3579  
2. Name Old City Mills 6. Date: Factual 1917 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 121 E ENNIS 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
(also 108 E. Brown) Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Owner Mildred J. Burden 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Address P.O. Box 75119 9. Original Use industrial/commercial  
4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 39/Lots 14-19 Present Use commercial  
10. Description One-story, corrugated-clad, wood-frame commercial/warehouse structure  
w/ two, gable-roofed, 3-story, square towers piercing east section of gable  
roof; wooden facade has stepped parapet (121 E. Ennis); one-story brick  
commercial building w/ parapet surrounding flat roof (108 E. Brown);  
11. Present Condition good  
12. Significance COMMERCE: Frame structure, built about 1905, housed a farm implement  
supply store, was incorporated into the operation of the City Mills Co. some-  
time after 1927. Grain elevators, constructed in 1917, and the company's  
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a mostly commercial  
area on the eastern edge of the CBD; located on a major east-west thoroughfare.  
14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, City Directories, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 357  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723520/3579100  
2. Name Old City Mills Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: Nine, cylindrical, reinforced-concrete, grain elevators situated between the two buildings.

Significance continued: office, owned by the Sparkman Brothers and later C.P. Clark remain.

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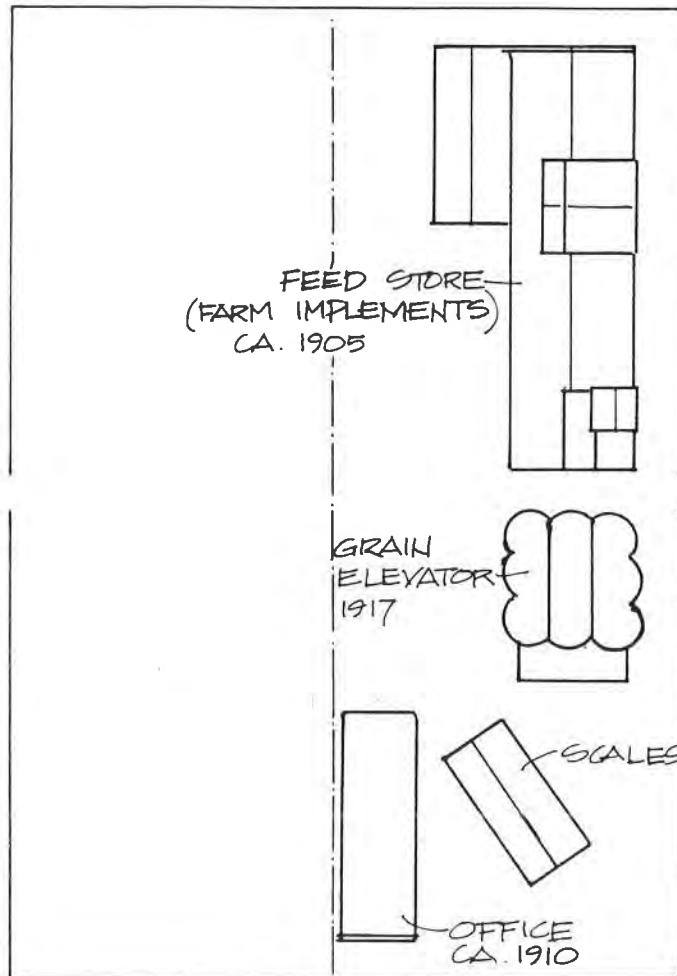
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E. ENNIS AVENUE

SITE NO. 357  
CITY MILLS  
121 E. ENNIS  
ENNIS, TEXAS

SCALE 1" = APPX 50'



BRECKENRIDGE (UNIMPROVED)

E. BROWN

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1. County ELLIS

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 338  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 724-3579

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1905  
Address 802 E ENNIS 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner James Jordan 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 604 Cooper, Ennis, Texas 75119 9. Original Use residential

4. Block/Lot Joice Survey/Lots 31 and 32 Present Use residential

10. Description One-story frame dwelling w/ center passage, two rooms deep; beaded board siding; bellcast hip roof w/ composition shingles and box eaves; wood-sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom and sidelights; 5-bay porch w/ flat roof across S. elev.; fluted Doric

11. Present Condition Good

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: A unique and well-executed example of the synthesis of Neoclassical Revival details and a modest one-story vernacular house form.

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a mixed residential/commercial area east of the CBD; located on major east-west thoroughfare.

14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
City Directories 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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1. County ELLIS

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 338  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/724020/3579480

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: columns; hip-roofed dormer w/ wood shingle sheathing is placed centrally on south slope of roof; fluted pilasters flank entry and mark corners.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 316  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3578  
 2. Name Raphael House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1905  
 Address 500 W ENNIS 7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Fannie Raphael, Est. 8. Style/Type Neoclassical Revival  
 Address Box 232, Ennis 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Bik 203/Lot 1,2,3 Present Use vacant  
 10. Description Two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding and imbricated  
shingles; hip roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash double-hung windows  
w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom and side-lights;  
three-bay porch w/ hip roof across S. elev.; fluted Ionic columns; consoles;  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This well-executed Neoclassical Revival style dwelling  
best represents the regional interpretation of the style with its clarity  
and balanced design. Jewish community leader Edmond Raphael (1865-1927),  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a mostly commercial  
area west of the CBD; located on the city's primary transportation route.  
 14. Bibliography TAY ROLL. CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN MAP 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 316  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723000/3578840  
 2. Name Raphael House Acreage less than one acre.

Description continued: interior brick chimney with corbeled cap; multiple roof planes and complex massing; front block is essentially a four-square plan w/ Neoclassical Revival detail. Fluted Ionic columns extend full two-stories at the center bay and supported by brick pedestals; one-story fluted Ionic columns at the lower story; first story of front block partially sheathed w/ imbricated shingles; attic level of rear block sheathed w/ imbricated shingles. Single large hipped dormer projects through facade roofline. Prominently sited. Significance continued: who served as president of the First National Bank in the 1910s and 1920s, had this dwelling built for his family in about 1915. It remains in the family estate.



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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 761  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3578  
 2. Name James S. Sanderson House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1915  
 Address 201 N GAINES 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Mrs. Camille McBrayer 8. Style/Type bungalow  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 246/lot 1,2, E 1/2 of 3 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Bungalow plan; one-story frame dwelling; w/ brick veneer; hip roof w/ gables w/ tile roof; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ multiple lights; single-door primary entrance; two-bay porch w/ gable roof on E. elev. w/ brick piers interior brick chimneys; carved decorative brackets on eaves,  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: An intact, well-rendered bungalow form with multiple materials typical of earlier, more elaborate bungalows. With its multiple roof planes, porch proportions and details, this house exemplifies bungalow  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 761  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722860/3578980  
 2. Name James S. Sanderson House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: typical bungalow features. Porte cochere at N. elev. Terrace unroofed. Outbuildings: brick garage apt.; three-part opening in porch gable end.

Significance continued: building. Sanderson was listed in the 1925-26 city directory as a farmer.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 781  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3578  
 2. Name Sharp House 6. Date: Factual 1913 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 208 N GAINES 7. Architect/Builder G. W. Owens  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Roy Shugart 8. Style/Type Bungalow  
 Address 208 N. Gaines, 75119 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 204/Lots 6,7, W 1/2 of 8 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Bungalow plan; one-story frame dwelling; 117/121 siding; gable roof  
w/ composition shingles, wood sash, double-hung windows, multiple sash over  
single sash; single-door primary entrance; one-bay porch w/ gable roof on W.  
elev. w/ brick piers; interior brick chimney w/ corbeled cap; wide overhanging  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: The Sharp House is a good local example of bungalow arch-  
itecture, which was extremely popular in Ennis during the 1910s & 1920s. The  
massing and exuberant detailing of this structure are more typical of the early  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 781  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722900/3578940  
 2. Name Sharp House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: eaves, triangular braces, contrasting pier trim and coping and separate sun porch entry are typical features of this house type. Outbuildings: frame garage apartment.

Significance continued: phase of bungalow building. John H. Sharp, a local attorney, had this house built in 1913. He lived there through the 1930s.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 759  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Ennis High School 6. Date: Factual 1916 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 501 N GAINES 7. Architect/Builder Sanguinet & Staats  
 Contractor Heck-Lightfoot  
 3. Owner Ennis Independent School Dist. 8. Style/Type Jacobethan Revival influence  
 Address c/o Superintendent 9. Original Use institutional-school  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 249/all Present Use institutional-school  
 10. Description Two-story on raised basement, load-bearing masonry, school; flat roof  
w/ double-door primary entrance; one-bay porch; tripartite facade organization.  
Tudor detail emphasizes center bay. Partially crenelated parapet capped by  
coping. Diapering panels at facade end bays. Decorative panels set into  
 11. Present Condition fair  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE & EDUCATION: The most conspicuous historic public building  
still standing in Ennis. This design by the prominent Ft. Worth architectural  
firm of Sanguinet & Staats emphasizes the primary entry bay with Jacobethan  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a mostly residential  
area northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant Harlin J. Dauphin, Supt. of Schools  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 759  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722700/3579100  
 2. Name Ennis High School Acreage approximately two acres

Description continued: facade parapet. Lintels (stuccoed?) at first & second stories.

Significance continued: details executed in light stone to contrast the red brick of the building's mass. Serving as the Ennis High School from 1916 to 1982, it now houses the junior school. It is Ennis' oldest extant school building. Replaced windows have moderately affected the structure's integrity. Post-1936 structures on the site are smaller in scale than the high school, and should be considered as noncontributing to the historic character of the property.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 754  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Meredith-McDowal House 6. Date: Factual 1898 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 701 N GAINES 7. Architect/Builder Hix McCanless Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Thelma Fay McDowal 8. Style/Type modified L-plan  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot DTS/Div. 18-3/Lot 7 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Modified L-plan; one-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding;  
hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles w/ jig-sawn brackets; wood sash,  
double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom;  
7-bay porch w/ hip roof wraps around S. and E. elev. w/ turned wood posts;  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: One of the most successfully rendered and intact examples  
of a modified L-plan Victorian dwelling, the most common late nineteenth- and  
early twentieth-century regional plan type. The elaboration of simpler  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant Thelma McDowal  
TAX ROLL, CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN MAP 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 754  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722620/3579300  
 2. Name Meredith-McDowal House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: jig-sawn brackets. Multiple roof planes created by the intersection of hipped & gabled roofs create a picturesque composition. Jig-sawn corner brackets, turned posts & imbricated shingles are common decorative elements found on this plan type.

Significance continued: vernacular forms was favored by late nineteenth-century designers because of its picturesque qualities. While the architect, Hix McCanless, is best known for his bungalows, the Meredith House reveals that in his earliest designs he worked with local building traditions. Built for E.C. and Connie Meredith. Owned by the R.T. McDowal family since 1919.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1166  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 724-3578  
 2. Name Ennis Cotton Oil Company 6. Date: Factual Est. 1915  
 Address 800 BLK S KAUFMAN 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Leggett & Platt, %BT Henderson Co. 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Box 1168, Plano, TX 75074 9. Original Use agricultural processing  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/30-2,30-4 Present Use industrial  
 10. Description Multistory metal commercial building. Industrial complex. Multi-story brick structure w/ parapet provides entry to long industrial space placed under steeply pitched metal roof. Attached site plan distinguishes non-contributing additions to the plant.  
 11. Present Condition fair  
 12. Significance INDUSTRY: Ennis involvement in the cultivation, processing and marketing of cotton was responsible for significant economic growth during the early twentieth century. The Ennis Cotton Oil Company was operating by 1896.  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a mostly warehouse, manufacturing area south of the CBD; adjacent to railroad tracks  
 14. Bibliography TAX ROLL, CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN MAP 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1166  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/724040/3578400  
 2. Name Ennis Cotton Oil Company Acreage approximately 4.7 acres

Significance continued: and its physical plant grew incrementally as the early twentieth-century cotton industry expanded. The existing structure dates from c. 1915 and was built to contain the operations of the seed house. At the time of its construction it was part of a much larger complex, no longer standing, that included milling operations and a hull house.

The massive 1915 structure towers over much smaller, later structures classified as noncontributing because of age.

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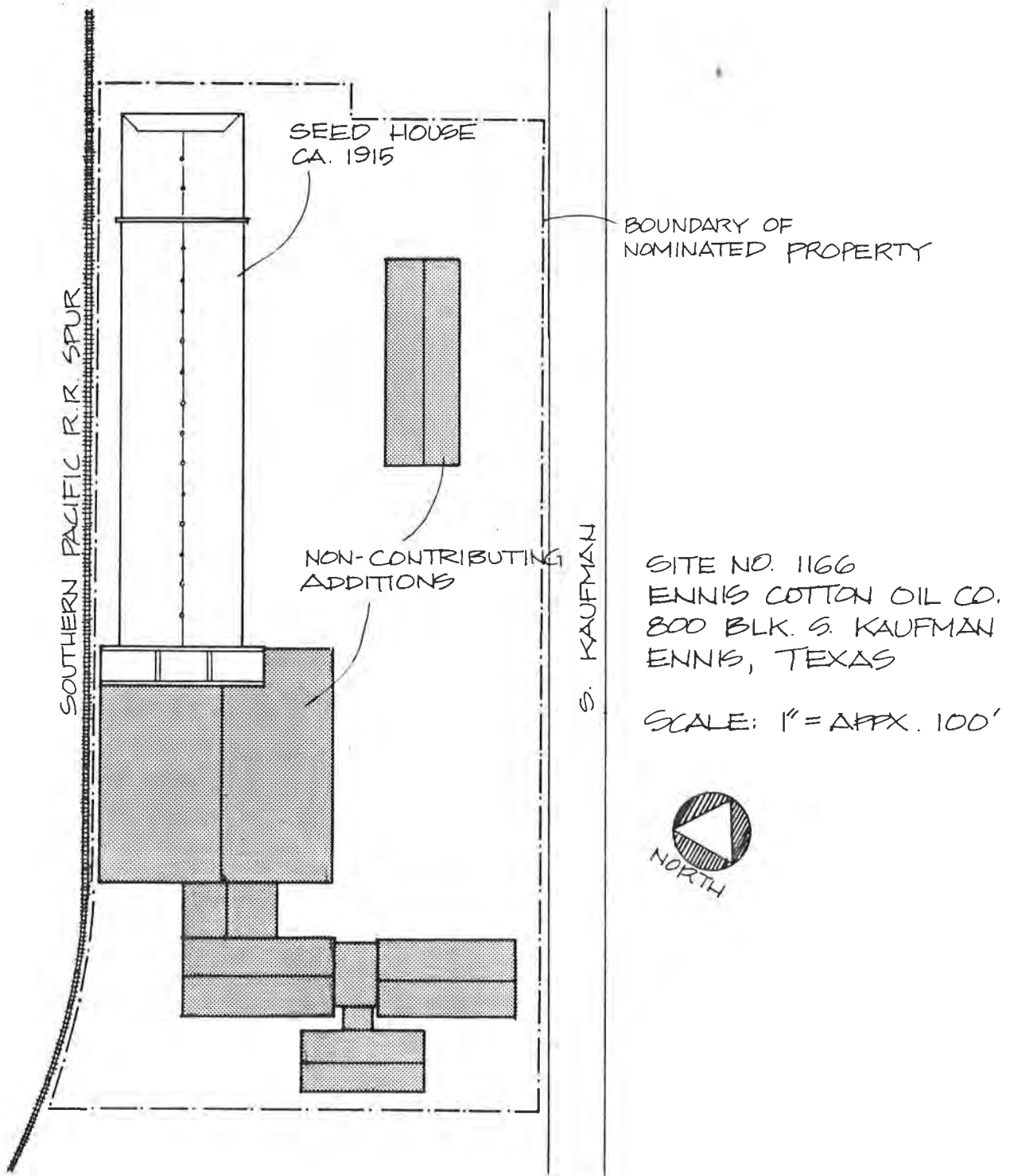
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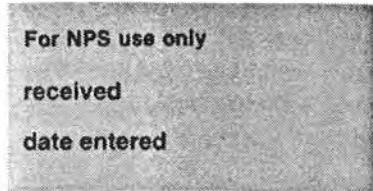
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 274  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3572  
 2. Name Jolesch House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1900  
 Address 504 W. KNOX 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Glenn W. Austin 8. Style/Type modified L-plan  
 Address 504 W. Knox 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 204/lot 3, W 13 FT of 2 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Modified L-plan; one-and-a-half-story frame dwelling; gable roof w/  
wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/  
transom; four-bay porch across S.E. elev. w/ turned wood posts; jig-sawn  
brackets; turned spindles; polygonal turret marks primary elev. & entry.  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: An octagonal second story tower marks the entry and  
junction of two ells in this Victorian elaboration of a tradition modified  
L-plan dwelling. Turned architectural porch trim and decorative gable  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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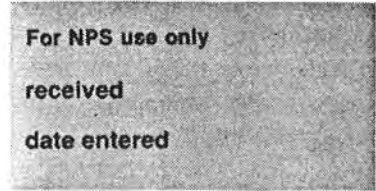
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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 274  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722920/3578920  
 2. Name Jolesch House Acreage less than one acre

Significance continued: treatment further distinguish this house as outstanding example of a once abundant plan type in the region. It was the home of Ike Jolesch, vice-president of the First National Bank of Ennis and proprietor of a dry goods store on S. Main West, known as the "Big Store."



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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 622  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-357B  
 2. Name Ennis Cotton Compress 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1889/1954  
 Address 111 E. LAMPASAS 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Ennis Compress & Warehouse Co. 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Box 1339, Waco, TX 76703 9. Original Use agricultural, industrial  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 27-(1-4)/all Present Use agricultural, industrial  
 10. Description Docks and complex of metal structures which originally housed cotton  
compress operations. Some of the original machinery remains intact and in  
operable condition.  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance INDUSTRY: One of Ennis' earliest industrial enterprises and in  
operation by 1889, it served as a cotton compress and warehouse co. It has  
been vital to Ennis cotton industry for almost 100 years. Joe Baldrige was  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. Bibliography TAX ROLL, CITY DIRECTORY, 15. Informant Gaylan Beavers  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 622  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723780/3578580  
 2. Name Ennis Cotton Compress Acreage approximately 3 acres

Significance continued: first president of company. Two shed additions were built in 1917, but they burned in the early 1920's. Later additions were completed in 1953-54 and should be considered noncontributing.



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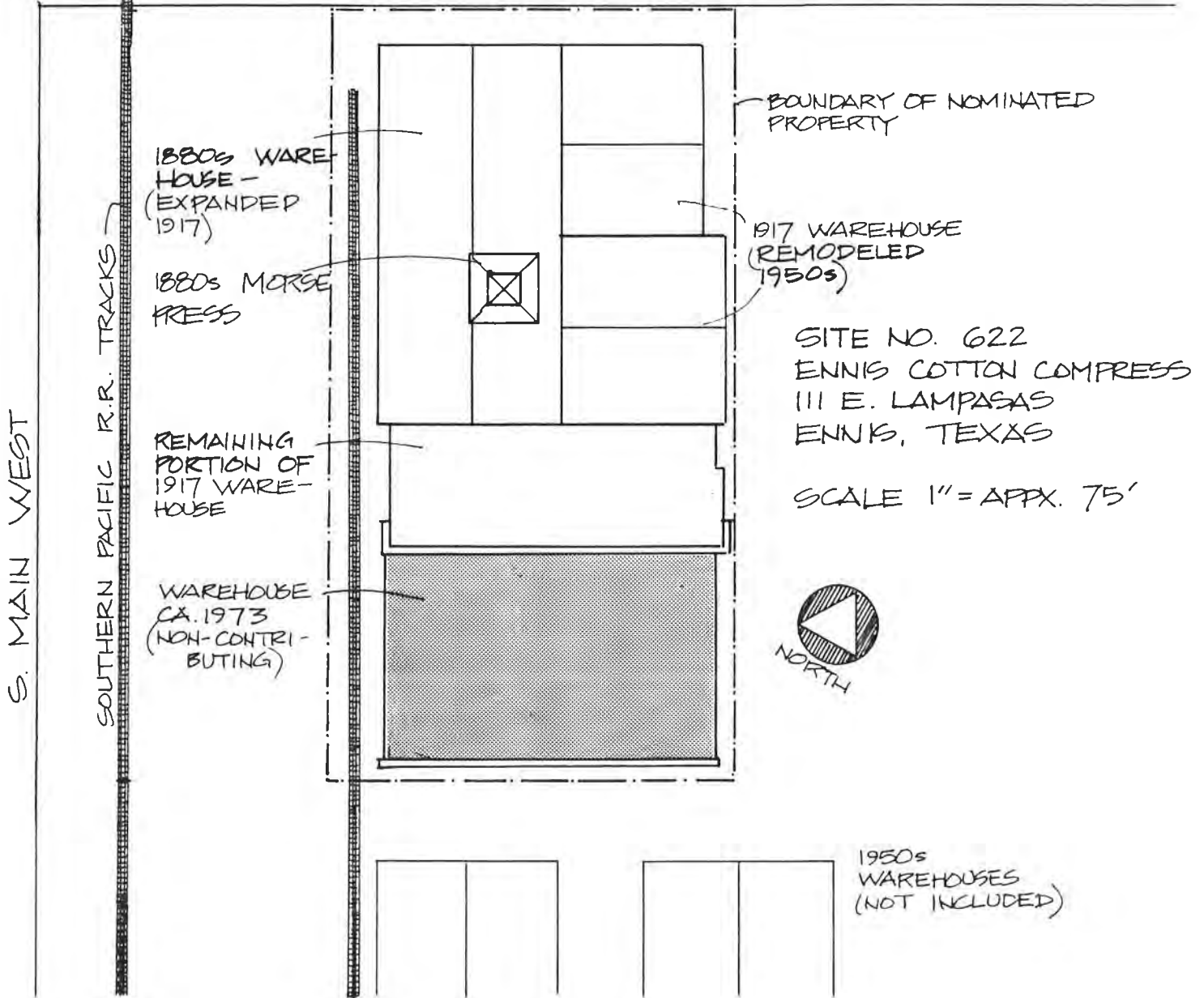
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E. LAMPASAS



BOUNDARY OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

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(EXPANDED 1917)

1880s MORSE PRESS

1917 WAREHOUSE  
(REMODELED 1950s)

REMAINING PORTION OF  
1917 WAREHOUSE

WAREHOUSE  
CA. 1973  
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SITE NO. 622  
ENNIS COTTON COMPRESS  
111 E. LAMPASAS  
ENNIS, TEXAS

SCALE 1" = APPX. 75'



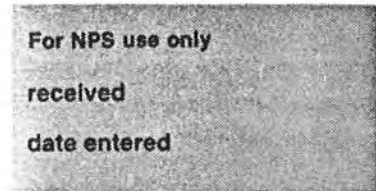
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WAREHOUSES  
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2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address 722 W MADISON

3. Owner Virgil Gibson Address 1213 Joly, Ennis, Texas 75119

4. Block/Lot Mary Langford Survey/Lot 102

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 649  
UTM Sector 723-3577

6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1890

7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

8. Style/Type Center-passage dwelling

9. Original Use residential

10. Description One-story frame dwelling w/ center passage, one room deep; weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles and box eaves; wood-sash, double-hung windows w/ 2/2 lights; single-door primary entrance; 1-bay porch w/ shed roof and turned columns across central entry bay; rear service ell on N. elev.

11. Present Condition fair

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: An unaltered, intact, center-passage dwelling, a common regional vernacular form of the late 19th century. This is one of the least altered examples in Ennis. Windows flanking the entry displace sidelights in

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area southeast of the CBD; in a semi-rural setting

14. Bibliography Sanborn maps, City Directories

15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_

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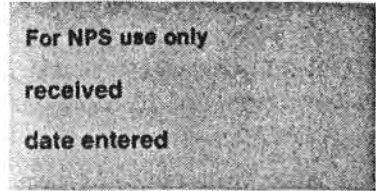
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5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 649  
UTM Pt. 14/723260/3577800  
Acreage less than one acre

Significance continued: a variation from the standard fenestration pattern most often associated with this plan type.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 1106  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3579  
 2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1905  
 Address 500 N MAIN E 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Agapito Fira, % W.W. Udom 8. Style/Type T-plan  
 Address 2501 Park, 75119 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/34/Lot 1 Present Use residential  
 10. Description T-plan; one-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; two single-door entrances w/ transoms; porch w/ hip roof wraps around front-projecting wing with turned wood posts; jig-sawn brackets; turned spindles;  
 11. Present Condition fair  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This modest T-plan dwelling survives as the best local example of its type. Turned posts and jig-sawn brackets of the wrap-around porch remain intact, distinguish this residence from the few other T-plan  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area northeast of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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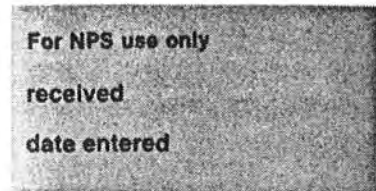
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 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723240/3579480  
 2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: imbricated shingles in gable end. Porch visually dominates, following house contours.

Significance continued: houses built and the simple two-room vernacular structures from which this plan type evolved. Owned by Mrs. Sarah A. Mckay in the 1920s and 1930s.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1019  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3580

2. Name H&TC Railroad Division Yd Shop 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1910  
Address 1311 N MAIN W 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner Southern Pacific RR. Co. 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Address c/o Foreman, same 9. Original Use commercial - transportation

4. Block/Lot see attached site plan Present Use commercial - transportation

10. Description Open plan; one-and-a-half-story, load-bearing masonry machine shop for the railroad; brick construction; gable roof w/ corrugated metal covering; wood-sash fixed windows; large entry arches w/ brick moldings; stepped brick cornice. Portions of the roof sheathing were destroyed by a tornado about

11. Present Condition fair

12. Significance ENGINEERING & TRANSPORTATION: The decision by the H&TC Railroad to move its divisional headquarters and roundhouse to Ennis in 1891 provided the impetus for the following 30 years of economic growth. The division yard and

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) bounded by the tracks of the Southern Pacific (originally the H&TC) Railroad; north of the CBD.

14. Bibliography City Directories, Sanborn 15. Informant Sugar Glaspy  
Maps \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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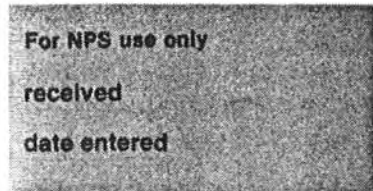
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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1019  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. A. 14/722440/3580200 (continued)

2. Name H&TC Railroad Division Yd Shop Acreage approximately 18 acres

Description continued: five years ago. The framing system, however, remains intact and floors are covered in concrete. There has been no visible deterioration, so despite its present appearance, the building's structural integrity remains in place. Archeological potential exists, but is not tested. Significance continued: large brick shop building remain in use. Approximately ten years ago the roundhouse was demolished, but a portion of its machinery is intact and functioning. Because so few complexes of this nature and purpose still stand within Texas, this property is being nominated on a state level of significance. UTM references B. 14/722620/3580280 C. 14/722640/3580900 D. 14/722780/3580000

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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1065  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3578  
 2. Name Farrar House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1885  
 Address 601 S MAIN W 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner James Ray Mach 8. Style/Type I-house  
 Address 102 W. Lampasas, McKinney 75069 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 21-1/lot I Present Use residential  
 10. Description Center hall, one room deep; two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 4/4 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; one-bay porch across entry bay only w/ square wood posts; exterior brick chimneys. Steeply pitched  
 11. Present Condition fair  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This dwelling is the finest local example of an I house, which are found in limited numbers in Texas. The configuration of a centered decorated gable flanked by dormers and second-story balcony defies local  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a mostly residential area south of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography History of Ellis County 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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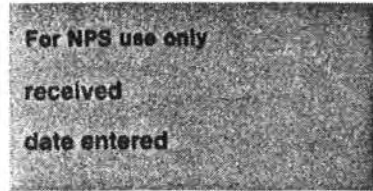
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 2. Name Farrar House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: roof; dormer and gable pitch reflects Gothic influence. Center bay emphasized by entry porch, gable & jig-sawn bargeboard. Dormer glazing framed by moldings, capped by imbricated shingles. Corner pilasters.

Significance continued: building traditions, though is similar to forms found elsewhere in the region. It was the home T. B. Farrar, a prominent farmer and cattleman who came to Ellis County in 1880. The Farrars owned the property into the 1930s.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1068  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 723-3578  
 2. Name J. B. Moorhead House 6. Date: Factual 1910 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 801 S MAIN W 7. Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Donald G. Watts 8. Style/Type Bungalow/American Foursquare infl.  
 Address 200 W. Knox, Ennis TX 75119 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 26-1/Lots 5,6 Present Use residential  
 10. Description 1 1/2-story load-bearing masonry dwelling of brick; hip roof w/ gables  
w/ composition shingles and box eaves; wood-sash double windows w/ 1/1 lights;  
single-door primary entrance w/ transom and sidelights; 3-bay porch w/ hip  
roof on E. elev. w/ brick piers; exterior brick chimneys; hip dormer on front;  
 11. Present Condition Good; Addition at rear appears to be noncontributing.  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: An early 20th-century structure showing Bungalow and  
American Foursquare influence. Masonry construction less common than frame.  
Former home of farmer J.B. Moorhead and his wife Mande.  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) prominently sited on  
corner facing RR tracks in older residential/industrial area.  
 14. Bibliography Ennis City Directories 1925, 1931, Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Recorder Peter Flagg Maxson Date July 1986

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1068  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/723820/3578400  
 2. Name J. B. Moorhead House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: pediment over entry bay of porch.

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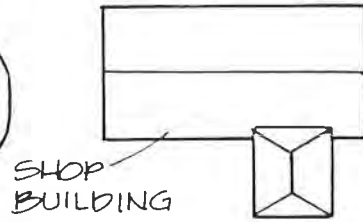
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N. MCKINNEY

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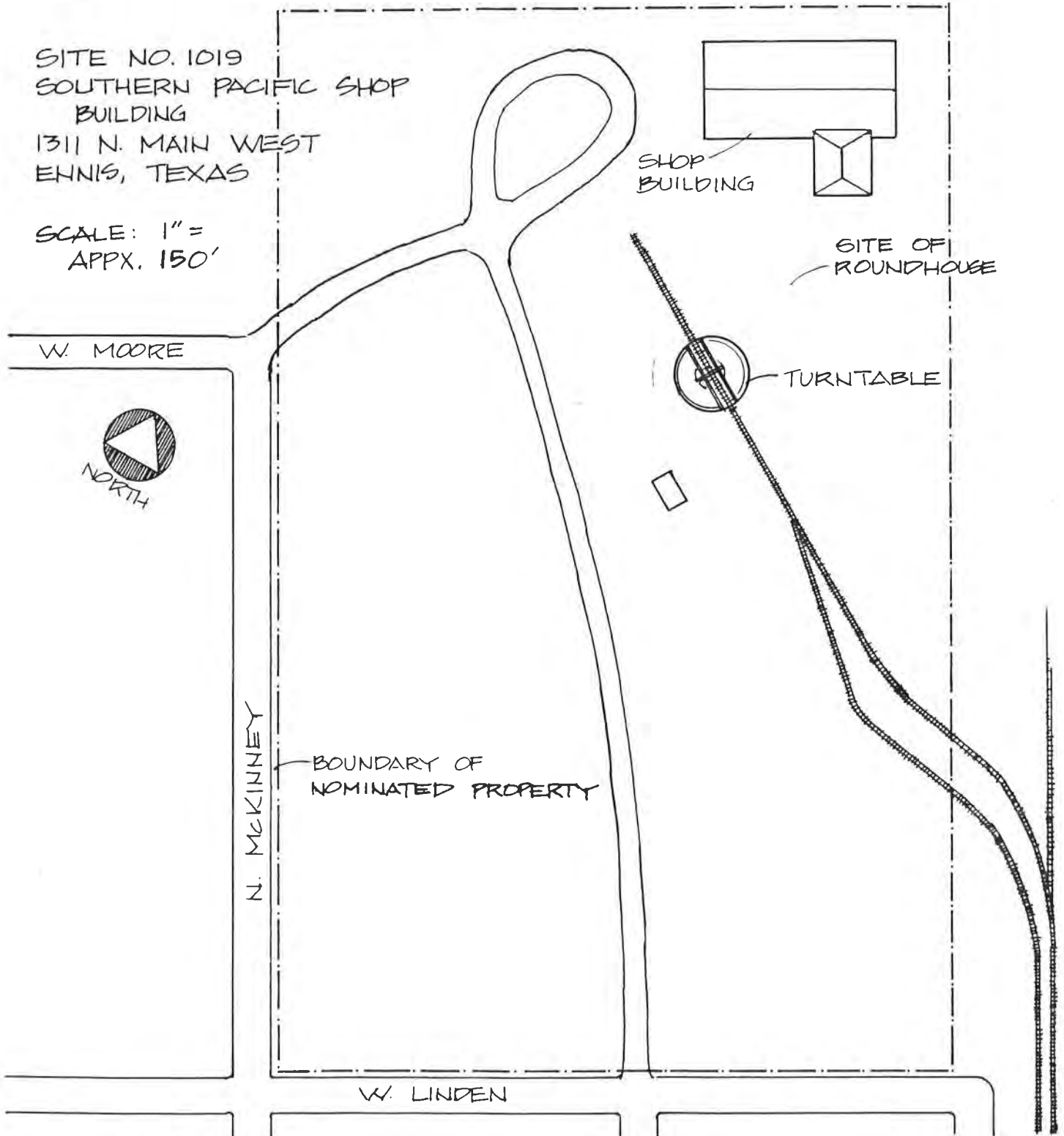


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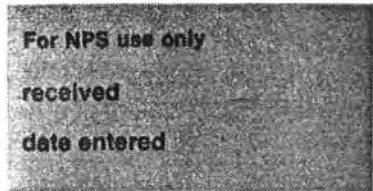
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 905  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Ransom House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1900  
 Address 501 N MCKINNEY 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Austin B. Beckham 8. Style/Type Modified L-plan  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 111/lot S 65 FT of 1 & 2 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Modified L-plan; two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding;  
hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows  
w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; five-bay porch  
w/ hip roof wraps around S. and E. elev. w/ Doric columns; sunburst motif  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This modified L-plan dwelling is a good local example of  
an elaboration of simpler vernacular forms. It is a less common two-story  
version of numerous, mostly one-story houses similarly designed and  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a mostly residentially  
area northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 905  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722960/3579300  
 2. Name Ransom House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: in porch pediment. Imbricated shingles in gable ends.  
Jig-sawn corner brackets.

Significance continued: conservatively embellished with Victorian and  
classical details. Mrs. Cora Ransom owned the house in the 1910s into the  
the 1930s.



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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 889  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579

2. Name Morton House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1900  
Address 1007 N MCKINNEY 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner Rose Marie Schovajsa 8. Style/Type U-plan  
Address Same 9. Original Use residential

4. Block/Lot OT5/Div. 13-1/lot 13, 14 Present Use residential

10. Description U-plan; two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/transom; three-bay porch w/ pent roof within front-projecting wings w/ squared wood balusters. Slender Doric columns support first

11. Present Condition good

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: An unusual U-plan dwelling, perhaps the only local example of this plan type. Originally an L-plan, changed to U-plan between 1909 & 1915. It was the home of C. S. Morton, who was a yard engineer for the

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area north of the CBD.

14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 889  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722700/3579760

2. Name Morton House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: floor porch; slender columns w/ jig-sawn brackets & frieze at the second story. Imbricated shingles in gable.

Significance continued: H. & T. C. Railroad in the 1920s.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1269  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 724-3578

2. Name Gillespie Farm 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1900  
Address 908 S MULBERRY 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

3. Owner Estelle Gillespie 8. Style/Type Modified L-plan dwelling  
Address 908 S. Mulberry, Ennis TX 75119 9. Original Use residential

4. Block/Lot James Jackson Survey/Lot 578 Present Use residential

10. Description One-story frame dwelling w/ modified L plan; weatherboard siding; hip roof w/ gable extensions; roof w/ composition shingles and box eaves; wood-sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; three-sided porch w/ shed roof and box columns wraps around W. elev.; jigsaw bargeboard.

11. Present Condition fair

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This local adaptation of a modified L plan, similar to a more elaborate version at 807 N. Preston, clearly shows the transition of a vernacular L-plan dwelling into the box massing of early 20th-century popular

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a semi-rural area southeast of the CBD; near the frontage road of Interstate Highway 45.

14. Bibliography City Directories 15. Informant Estelle Gillespie  
16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-241 Site No. 1269  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/724760/3578900

2. Name Gillespie Farm Acreage less than one acre

Significance continued: architectural forms.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 808  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3578  
2. Name Telfair House 6. Date: Factual 1902 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 209 N PRESTON 7. Architect/Builder Hix McCaless  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Owner Kathrine and Jessie Mae Telfair 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
4. Block/Lot OT5/Blk 204/lot 9, 10, E 1/2 B Present Use residential  
10. Description Two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding; hip roof w/ wood shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom and sidelights; eight-bay porch w/hip roof wraps around E. elev. w/ Doric columns; turned wood balusters; interior brick chimneys w/  
11. Present Condition good  
12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: A successful synthesis of a four square plan with Neoclassical Revival details, designed by prolific local architect Hix McCaless. This outstanding house, an example of a locally rare plan type,  
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD  
14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant Katherine & Jessie Telfair  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 808  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722920/3578980  
2. Name Telfair House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: corbeled caps; secondary entry at rear of porch. Moderate eave overhang, balanced facade, rectangular massing & classically influenced porch supports are distinguishing features of the Neoclassical Revival style. Outbuildings: metal shed/carport.

Significance continued: has been owned by two generations of the Telfair family, beginning with railroad man John Spier Telfair.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN City/Rural ENNIS

2. Name Fain House Address 403 N PRESTON

3. Owner Kathryn J. Blanchard Address Same

4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 206/lot 1, 2, 3

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 806  
UTM Sector 722-3579

6. Date: Factual 1909 Est. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

8. Style/Type bungalow

9. Original Use residential

10. Description Bungalow plan; two-story frame dwelling; w/ 117/121 siding; hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles and exposed rafter ends; wood sash, double-hung windows, multilight upper sash over single lower sash, single-door primary entrance, one-bay porch w/ gable roof across entry bay only w/

11. Present Condition good

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: Bungalow details of exposed beams, decorative rafter ends and broad, low porches and porte-cochere are fused with a four-square, plan-type dwelling to create a successful large-scale bungalow composition.

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD.

14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant Kathryn J. Blanchard

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
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2. Name Fain House

5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 806  
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Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: stuccoed brick piers; porte cochere at N. elev. Multiple roof planes, braced supports, extended rafter ends, horizontal emphasis and dissimilar treatment of sun room wing are distinguishing features of the bungalow. Stuccoed (brick; masonry block) porch piers. Outbuildings: garage apt., greenhouse.

Significance continued: This is one of the city's best examples of the melding of a four square house with bungalow detailing.

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 805  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
2. Name Weatherford House 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1917  
Address 501 N PRESTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Owner Louis E. Eisenwine 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
4. Block/Lot DTS/Blk 207/lot 1, 2, 3 Present Use residential  
10. Description Two-story, load-bearing masonry dwelling; brick; hip roof w/ gables  
w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows, multilight sash over  
single light sash; single-door primary entrance w/ sidelights; one-bay porch  
w/ gable roof across entry bay only w/ brick piers; squared wood balusters;  
11. Present Condition good  
12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: While the Neoclassical Revival style found wide expression  
in Texas, few examples were constructed, as this house, in brick. This is also  
one of the few load-bearing masonry residences in town. Home of Will Weather-  
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD; located on a corner lot.  
14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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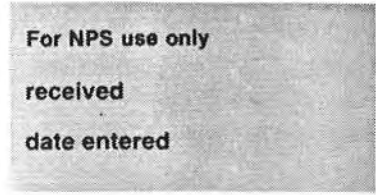
 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 805  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722780/3579180  
2. Name Weatherford House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: exterior brick chimneys; porte cochere w/ sleeping porch above. Portico piers which rise full two stories, symmetrical rectangular massing & moderate overhanging eaves w/ modillions are architectural features associated w/ the Neoclassical Revival style.

Significance continued: ford in the 1920s and 1930s.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN City/Rural ENNIS
2. Name E. K. Atwood House Address 605 N PRESTON
3. Owner Mildred J. Burden Address Box 368, Ennis
4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 1B-1/lot 1
5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 804  
UTM Sector 722-3579
6. Date: Factual 1925 Est. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
8. Style/Type Georgian Revival
9. Original Use residential  
Present Use residential
10. Description Center hall, two rooms deep; two-story dwelling; w/ brick veneer; gable roof w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 6/6 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom and sidelights; one-bay porch w/ flat roof across entry bay only w/ Doric columns and square wood piers; exterior
11. Present Condition excellent
12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This is the best local example of a Georgian Revival dwelling. Only a few similarly styled houses were erected in Ennis. Built for E. K. Atwood and his wife Stella.
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area northwest of the CBD
14. Bibliography Sanborn maps 15. Informant Mildred J. Burden  
16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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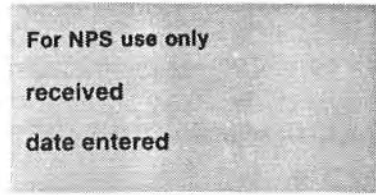
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2. Name E. K. Atwood House
5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 804  
UTM Pt. 14/722740/3579260  
Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: brick chimneys w/ corbeled caps. Symmetrical, rectangular block w/ side gable. Jack arches w/ (stone; stuccoed brick) keystones. Enclosed porch on S. elev. Symmetrically placed pedimented dormers typical of style.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 854  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Matthews-Atwood House 6. Date: Factual 1908 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 307 N SHERMAN 7. Architect/Builder Hix McCanless  
 Contractor A. Babb of Lavaca Co.  
 3. Owner Mrs. Felix Atwood 8. Style/Type Neoclassical Revival  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 157/Lot 9, 10 Present Use residential  
 10. Description Four square plan; two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding;  
hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows  
w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom & sidelights; three-  
bay porch w/ hip roof across S. elev. w/ fluted Ionic columns; square wood  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: Locally prominent architect Hix McCanless designed  
this Neoclassical Revival house, which illustrates a convincing familiarity  
with the style. This is a good local example of the style. Pearl C. Matthews,  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site  (describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA 15. Informant Mrs. Felix Atwood  
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 2. Name Matthews-Atwood House Acreage less than one acre

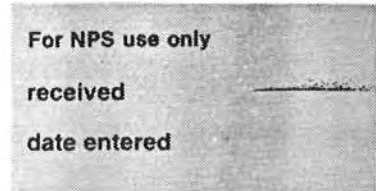
Description continued: balusters; interior brick chimneys. Finials cap hip & gable peaks. Center bay emphasized by two-story pedimented porch supported by fluted Ionic columns. One-story hipped roof porch supported by fluted Ionic columns. Pilasters mark corners. Outbuildings: gazebo; barn converted to garage; greenhouse.

Significance continued: co-owner of the Matthews Brothers Department Store in McKinney, Texas, built this dwelling soon after he and his brother opened a branch store in Ennis. He sold the house to Harry Atwood whose son Felix was a prominent attorney in Dallas. His widow Martha Templeton Atwood now resides in the house.



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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 117  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name McCanless-Williams House 6. Date: Factual 1910 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 402 W TYLER 7. Architect/Builder Hix McCanless  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Jeaneta Morris 8. Style/Type Neoclassical Revival  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 16-2/Lot R Present Use residential  
 10. Description Two-story frame dwelling; w/ brick veneer; hip roof w/ composition  
shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w l/l lights; single-door primary  
entrance; three-bay porch w/ flat roof across S. elev. w/ brick piers; squared  
wood balusters; contrasting brick used decoratively to create quoins, entry  
 11. Present Condition excellent  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: Well-known local architect, Hix McCanless, built this  
house for himself in 1910 with then popular Neoclassical Revival design  
elements in mind. Among his many extant buildings are the Knights of Pythias  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD.  
 14. Bibliography City Hall THC marker appl. TAX ROLL, CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN MAP 15. Informant Jeaneta Morris, Sugar Glaspy  
 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

TNRIS No. \_\_\_\_\_ Old THC Code \_\_\_\_\_ B&W 4x5s \_\_\_\_\_ Slides 4  
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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 117  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14722700/3579500  
 2. Name McCanless-Williams House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: architrave, pier pedestal. Segmental arches over windows. Second story balustrade design repeated at roof-line balustrade. Hipped roof dormer breaks facade roofline. Brick belt course. Paired modillions decorate deep overhanging eave. Outbuilding: wooden shed.

Significance continued: Building (Site No. 953), City Hall (Site No. 420), the 1905 John Rowe Building (Site No. 351) and the Telfair House (Site No. 953). McCanless also was a surveyor and was the city engineer for many years. By 1918 the house was owned by M.B. Williams who maintained ownership through the 1930s.



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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 830  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
 2. Name Neal House 6. Date: Factual 1901 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 704 N PRESTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner Jerry & Debbie Hammond 8. Style/Type Modified L-plan  
 Address Same 9. Original Use residential  
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 19-4/Lot C Present Use residential  
 10. Description Modified L-plan; two-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding;  
hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows  
w/ 1/1 lights; single-door primary entrance w/ transom; two-bay porch w/  
hip roof within front-projecting wing w/ squared wood balusters;  
 11. Present Condition good  
 12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This is a well-executed and intact example of a modified  
L-plan dwelling, the most common regional plan type. An austere appearance  
marks the near end for the use of ornate Victorian embellishment after 1900.  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant Jerry & Debbie Hammond  
TAX ROLL, CITY DIRECTORY, SANBORN MAP 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 830  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722720/3579400  
 2. Name Neal House Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: square wood posts; interior brick chimneys w/  
imbricated shingles in gable end; jig-sawn corner brackets; hipped roof  
w/ intersecting gables. Outbuildings: frame garage & shed.

Significance continued: This structure was the home of Fred W. Neal, who was  
a conductor for the H. & T. C. Railroad and remained in the family until  
1975.

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1. County ELLIS ELL  
EN 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 797  
 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1905  
 Address 807 N PRESTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown

3. Owner James and Linda McGee Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 807 N. Preston 8. Style/Type modified L-plan

4. Block/Lot DTS/Div. 17-1/80x200 FT TR of C 9. Original Use residential  
 Present Use residential

10. Description One-story frame dwelling; w/ weatherboard siding; hip roof  
 w/ gables w/ composition shingles; wood sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1  
 lights; single-door primary entrance; five-bay porch w/hip roof wraps around  
 S. & E. elev. w/ square wood posts; primary entrance set at angle; porch has

11. Present Condition good

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This house illustrates an unusual local variation of a  
 modified L-plan house, the region's most prevalent plan type. Placed on a  
 bias of 45 degree angle to the street, the primary entry at the intersection of

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) in a residential area  
 northwest of the CBD.

14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722600/3579580

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: been screened; carved tympanum at center bay gable; imbricated gable ends; E. elev. gable has sunburst motif; outbuildings: frame garage.

Significance continued: two equally massed ells is marked by a decorative gable and five-bay curved porch. This was the home of Dr. W. E. Campbell, a physician and surgeon, who maintained his office at the Moore Building on N. Main Street.

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 827  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Sector 722-3579  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1920  
Address 810 N PRESTON 7. Architect/Builder Unknown  
Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Owner Steven Thomas Davis 8. Style/Type Bungalow  
Address 810 N. Preston, Ennis TX 75119 9. Original Use residential  
4. Block/Lot OTS/Div. 16-4/Lot CC Present Use residential  
10. Description One-story frame dwelling w/ bungalow plan; wood-shingle sheathing and  
splayed base w/ 117 siding; gable roof w/ composition shingles, exposed rafter  
ends and timber brackets; wood-sash, double-hung windows w/ 1/1 lights; single-  
door primary entrance; one-bay porch w/ gable roof on W. elev.; brick piers and  
11. Present Condition good  
12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This is one of the most finely crafted and executed  
local examples of a bungalow. The mixture of cladding, triangular braces,  
multiple-roof planes, cantilevered window bays and porch urns are composed in  
13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site \*(describe) in a residential area  
northwest of the CBD.  
14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps, City Directories 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1985

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 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-242 Site No. 827  
City/Rural ENNIS UTM Pt. 14/722640/3579540  
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: and stoop; exterior brick chimney.

Significance continued: a prototypical bungalow fashion.

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ENNIS COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

LOCATION The area included within Knox, N. Main E., Ennis Avenue,  
S. Main W., Crockett, Brown and McKinney streets

CLASSIFICATION Category: Historic District  
Ownership: Private and Public  
Status: Occupied, Unoccupied and Work in Progress  
Accessible: N/A  
Present Use: Commercial, Governmental, Vacant

OWNER See attached INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES AND OWNERS

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Waxahachie, Texas

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Texas Historic Sites Inventory - State  
Texas Historical Commission - 1985  
Austin, Texas

DESCRIPTION Condition: Good  
Alterations: Unaltered/Altered  
Original Site: Yes, for each site  
Physical Description: see attached DESCRIPTION narrative

SIGNIFICANCE Period: 1800-1899; 1900-1935  
Areas of Significance: Architecture, Commerce  
Specific Dates: see attached INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES  
AND OWNERS

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Builder/Architect: See attached INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES

Statement of Significance: see attached SIGNIFICANCE  
narrative

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA Acreage: approximately 13 acres

UTM References: A. 14/723200/3579160

B. 14/723460/3579320

C. 14/723560/3579140

D. 14/723580/3578920

E. 14/723420/3578820

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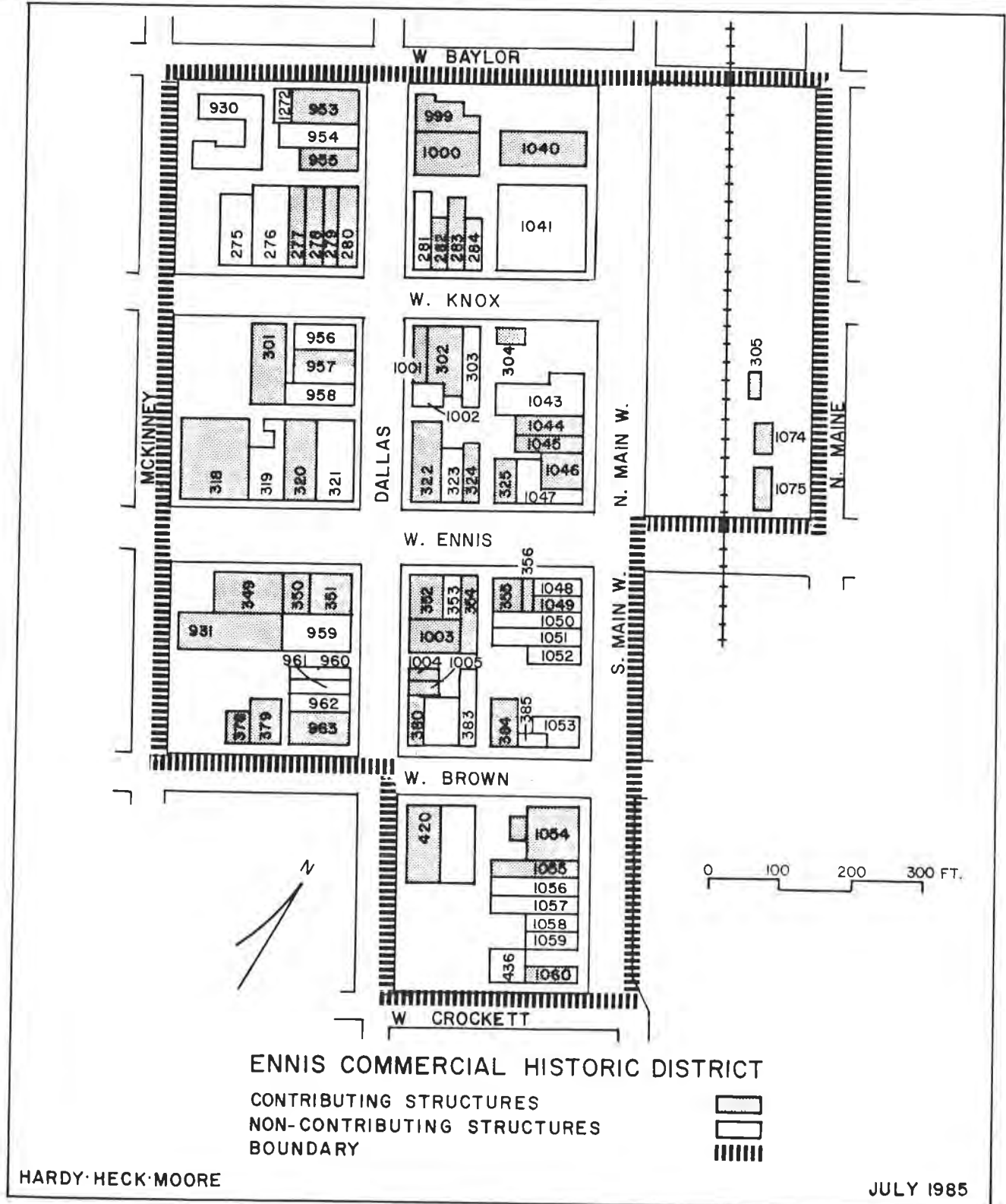
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INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES AND OWNERS

Unless otherwise noted, owners' addresses are in Ennis, Texas, 75119.

<u>Address, Date</u>	<u>Category*</u>	<u>Owner's Name and Address</u>	<u>Site No.</u>
104-06 W. Brown	N	Mrs. Joe Novy 1214 S. Paris	385
108-110 W. Brown 1930	C	W. L. Maroney c/o Mrs. J. Roy Glaspy 301 W. Denton	384
112 W. Brown 1925	N	Mrs. W. D. Jordan 909 Ralugh Rd. Glenview IL 60025	383
115 W. Brown 1915	C	City of Ennis c/o Steve Howerton PO Box 220	420
118 W. Brown 1925	C	Will Goldman 118 W. Brown	380
208-10 W. Brown 1930	C	Wesley F. Knize PO Box 428	379
212 W. Brown 1930	C	Wesley F. Knize PO Box 428	378
106-08 W. Crockett 1950	N	John P. Denny 709 N. Preston	436
112 N. Dallas 1900	N	Elvin W. Wright 112 N. Dallas	1002

\* C: contributing; see DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES  
N: non-contributing; see DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES

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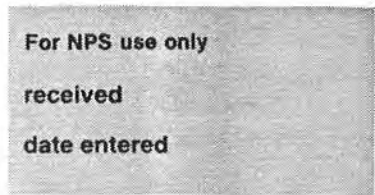
113 N. Dallas	N	Ennis State Bank PO Box 370	956
114-18 N. Dallas 1920	C	Tim Burns, et ux. 116 N. Dallas	1001
115-17 N. Dallas 1910	C	H. C. Rogers 601 N. Dallas	957
119 N. Dallas	N	J. C. McCrary PO Box 3264	958
208 N. Dallas 1915	C	Pollan Furniture Co. 210 N. Dallas	1000
211 N. Dallas 1905	C	A.F.& A.M. Lodge #369 Route 1 Box 48-A	955
212 N. Dallas 1925	C	Harvey L. Mitsche Route 5 Box 259-A	999
213 N. Dallas 1915	N	United Publishing Co. PO Box 100	954
215 N. Dallas 1910	C	Gladys L. Keever Est. c/o United Publishing Co. PO Box 100	953
101-05 S. Dallas 1904	C	Johnny R. Cody c/o Jack Howell PO Box 493 Duncanville TX 75116	351
106 S. Dallas 1910	C	Lawrence Burk c/o Irwin Shuckle 6307 Bandera Dallas TX 75225	1003
109 S. Dallas 1905	N	Martin Zapletal 107 S. Dallas	959



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110 S. Dallas 1920	C	unknown	1004
111 S. Dallas	N	Joe Kuchar 1307 Williamsburg	960
112 S. Dallas 1920	C	unknown	1005
113 S. Dallas	N	Sylvester G. Holy 113 S. Dallas	961
115 S. Dallas	N	Fred Bates Route 4	962
117-19 S. Dallas 1895	C	Wayne Gorman 1107 N. Preston	963
100 E. Ennis 1915	C	unknown	1075
105 W. Ennis 1895	C	Leroy Peyton PO Box 639	356
107-09 W. Ennis 1900	C	Bob Stone 2105 W. Baldrige	355
108 W. Ennis 1910	C	Billy Gillespie Route 2	325
110 W. Ennis 1883	C	Billy Miles Glaspy 606 W. Denton	324
111 W. Ennis 1900	C	Lawrence Burk c/o Irwin Shuckle 6307 Bandera Dallas TX 75225	354
112 W. Ennis 1920	N	Fannie Raphael Est. PO Box 232	323

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113 W. Ennis	N	Lawrence Burk c/o Irwin Shuckle 6307 Bandera Dallas TX 75225	353
115 W. Ennis 1915	C	Lawrence Burk c/o Irwin Shuckle 6307 Bandera Dallas TX 75225	352
116 W. Ennis 1917	C	unknown <i>Ennis Co.</i>	322
200 W. Ennis 1913	N	Hesser Drug Co. 200 W. Ennis	321
204-06 W. Ennis 1912	C	Allen & Rogers 107 N. Main	320
207 W. Ennis 1900	C	Wesley Knize PO Box 428	350
210 W. Ennis	N	Johnnie Hrabina Route 5 Box 29	319
213 W. Ennis 1925	C	Johnny R. Cody c/o Jack Howell PO Box 493 Duncanville TX 75116	349
218 W. Ennis 1920	C	Wesley Knize PO Box 428	318
110 W. Knox 1895	C	Lloyd & Norman J. Pool 1205 Crestridge	284
111 W. Knox 1895	N	Frank & Ann Feloman 111 W. Knox	303
112 W. Knox 1910	C	Frankie Feloman 111 W. Knox	283
113-15 W. Knox 1910	C	Stanley J. Liska 113-15 W. Knox	302

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114 W. Knox 1900	C	Jack Poff PO Box 579	282
116 W. Knox 1910	N	Jack Poff PO Box 579	281
200 W. Knox 1900	C	George A. Young 3812 E. 37th Odessa TX 79762	280
202 W. Knox 1900	C	Don Young PO Box 756	279
204 W. Knox 1900	C	W. L. Maroney c/o Mrs. J. Roy Glaspy 301 W. Denton	278
206 W. Knox 1900	C	R. J. Bonner, Jr. et al. 206 W. Knox	277
208-10 W. Knox 1905	N	Donald R. Stout et ux. PO Box 597	276
211 W. Knox 1910	C	Interior Ideas 211 W. Knox	301
212 W. Knox 1920	N	Johnny R. Cody c/o Jack Howell PO Box 493 Duncanville TX 75116	275
100 blk. N. Main E.	C	unknown	1074
100 blk. N. Main E.	C	unknown	305
101 N. Main W. 1910	N	Billy Gillespie Route 2	1047
103-05 N. Main W. 1905	C	Ronald E. Colvin et al. 400 N. Preston	1046
107 N. Main W.	C	James K. & Margaret Sue Curry c/o H. C. Rogers PO Box 189	1045

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109 N. Main W.	C	Ralph W. Denny 1701 Lexington	1044
111-13 N. Main W.	N	Frank Novotny 803 Country Club Dr.	1043
201 N. Main W. 1955	N	Wesley Honza and C. R. Holubar c/o Charles Holubar PO Box 171	1041
211 N. Main W. 1910	N	Pollan Furniture Company 210 N. Dallas	1040
101 S. Main W.	N	George R. Grimes 101 S. Main W.	1048
103 S. Main W.	C	John R. Cody c/o Jack Howell & Co. PO Box 493 Duncanville TX 75116	1049
105 S. Main W.	N	Sherwin Williams Co. 101 Prospect Ave. NW PO Box 6027 Cleveland OH 44101	1050
107 S. Main W.	N	Jackie D. Henning, Sr. PO Box 454	1051
109 S. Main W.	N	Lloyd C. Adams 610 N. Preston	1052
117-19 S. Main W. 1940	N	John R. & Bob Walker 119 S. Main	1053
same		Don Johnson PO Box 1060	
201-05 S. Main W. 1930	C	Johnny R. Cody c/o Jack Howell PO Box 493 Duncanville TX 75116	1054

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207 S. Main W.	C	Johnny R. Cody c/o Jack Howell PO Box 493 Duncanville TX 75116	1055
209 S. Main W.	N	Red & White Grocery c/o Wesley Parma 209 S. Main W.	1056
211 S. Main W.	N	Humbert Vazquez et ux. Route 5 Box 51 Waxahachie TX 75165	1057
213 S. Main W.	N	Gordon P. Taylor 1407 Munn	1058
215 S. Main W.	N	Marston E. White Route 3	1059
219 S. Main W.	C	Charles J. & Agnes Honza 509 S. McKinney	1060
210 N. McKinney 1947	N	First Presbyterian Church c/o Rev. Tom Porter 210 N. McKinney	930
106 S. McKinney	C	Alan Wood Horner c/o Mrs. Marie G. Horner 337 Benson Rd. Uvalde TX 78801	931
vacant lot		J. T. Austin PO Box 158	
vacant lot		Mark Slayton PO Box 178	
vacant lot		Ables Building and Sheet Metal Inc. PO Box 81	
vacant lot		Interfirst Bank of Ennis PO Box 430	

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vacant lot

W. Bruce McCrary and Bruce, Jr.  
PO Box 775

vacant lot

B. of L. E. Lodge  
c/o Secretary Treasurer  
PO Box 88

vacant lot

K. of P. Lodge  
c/o Hubert Rogers  
601 N. Dallas

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ENNIS COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT - DESCRIPTION

In surveying and plotting the new town site of Ennis, Houston and Texas Central Railroad civil engineer Theo Kosse provided a grid plan that was bisected by the tracks. Long, narrow lots of corresponding size on either side of the rail lines were set aside for commercial development. Kosse's original plan remains largely intact, and the town still is strongly oriented toward the rail tracks. Prior to 1875, mercantile activities were concentrated on the east side of the tracks, but following a fire in that year, the commercial district was rebuilt and remained on the west side. Subsequent building was almost entirely in brick, and the survival of brick streets further unifies the district.

The Ennis Commercial Historic District, encompassing most of current downtown Ennis, includes seven commercially developed city blocks and an area equivalent to two blocks that includes three railroad buildings along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. Bounded on all sides by dissimilar types of structures, new buildings, or severely altered historic buildings, the district includes one- to three-story brick commercial and public buildings which (with the exception of the railroad buildings) form fairly continuous street walls along West Knox, West Ennis, Dallas, and Main streets and the railroad tracks. New sidewalk surfacing of reddish brick pavers, similar in color to most district buildings, and recently installed late nineteenth-century-style street lighting complement the district's historic character.

Because of structural failure several buildings have been shorn of their upper story or corner tower and turrets, such as the Moore Building (N. R. Site No. 1047) and the Allen-Kendall Building (N. R. Site No. 320). Several others have been remodeled or covered by new metal or precast concrete panel facades. But the greatest number of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century structures, including the 1896 Rowe Building (N. R. Site No. 963) and the one-story structure at 113-115 W. Knox (N. R. Site No. 302), have survived with little alteration. Few exhibit stylistic influence, but instead are simply rendered with stepped parapets, corbeled brick cornices, and metal canopies suspended over first-floor openings. Others, especially the work associated with best-known local designer Hix McCanless, such as the Knights of Pythias Building (N. R. Site No. 953) and the Rowe Building (N. R. Site No. 351), are more stylistically conscious. McCanless' commercial work is illustrated by nine structures (N. R. Site Nos. 320, 321, 322, 324, 351, 420, 953, 955, and 1047) in the district.

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This nomination description is accompanied by an inventory of properties located within the Ennis Commercial Historic District. Site numbers were assigned during the survey and correspond to the survey base map and attached district map.



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ENNIS COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT - SIGNIFICANCE

The Ennis Commercial Historic District contains a high concentration of commercial structures, most of which were built in the early twentieth century. These buildings document the city's physical appearance during a time when the area flourished in the wake of rail activity and increased cotton cultivation. Of the eighty-two structures within the district's boundary, fifty-three are classified as contributing, reflecting the historic character of the area. A total of twenty-nine are presently categorized as noncontributing structures. (See Definition of Categories within this nomination).

During the 1860s and 1870s, the Houston & Texas Central Railroad founded a number of cities, including Ennis, from Houston north to Denison where the line linked to other railroads connecting the state to midwestern and eastern destinations. For more than seventy years the railroad and cotton industries acted as catalysts for demographic growth and economic prosperity in Ennis. The city was established as a rail station in 1871, but it was the relocation of the Houston & Texas Central northern division headquarters to Ennis in 1891 that brought about an era of prosperity and growth that has not been repeated. By the late nineteenth century large-scale cotton production also strengthened the local economy, and the city became a regional agricultural and commercial center. Attracted by the burgeoning market, entrepreneurs opened businesses to service the local market. Joseph Baldrige founded the city's first banking house, the Ennis National Bank (N. R. Site No. 324), in 1883. The Matthews brothers from McKinney expanded their business interests to include an Ennis branch of their department store that operated from the 1905 Rowe Building (N. R. Site No. 351). Fraternal organizations hired local architect Hix McCanless to design the Knights of Pythias Building (N. R. Site No. 953) and the Masonic Lodge (N. R. Site No. 955). A dense concentration of handsome brick structures is clearly evident in turn-of-the-century photographs. This district remains the primary commercial center, as no competing concentrations of businesses or malls have been constructed.

The eastern boundary was drawn to include three rail-related structures (N. R. Site Nos. 305, 1074 and 1075). The remaining boundaries define the city's historic business center. Modern commercial development has been confined largely to the area west of the historic district. The areas north and south of the district are residential. Light industry, commercial development, and less significant historic structures are found beyond the eastern boundary.

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ENNIS COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT - DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES

**CONTRIBUTING:** Contributing properties are those which add to the historic character of the district. These structures are at least fifty years old and retain most of their original architectural integrity and fabric. The majority of the structures in this category were constructed between 1890 and the late 1920s. Some of the city's commercial buildings have lost upper stories and architectural detail because of structural failure, but as in the case of the Moore Building (N. R. Site No. 1047), the original form and details are discernible and the structure was judged compatible. Commercial structures whose first-floor opening patterns had been changed, but which retained the original bay rhythm and basic organization, were also judged contributing.

**NON-CONTRIBUTING:** Non-contributing structures are those which detract from the historic character of the district and are regarded as intrusive, or incompatible with the scale, materials, and architectural styles that characterize the district. Some of the properties in this category are not fifty years old and have no architectural or historical significance. Others were constructed prior to 1935, but like the Jolesch Building (Site No. 1048), have been so severely altered that little original form or fabric remain. The structure at 107-109 W. Knox (Site No. 304) has been hidden behind a modern metal facade, although its original cornice is still in view.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the southwest corner of E. Baylor and N. Main E., proceed south two blocks along N. Main E. until reaching the northwest corner of N. Main E. and E. Ennis; thence west along E. Ennis for one block until reaching the northwest corner of W. Ennis and N. Main W; thence south along S. Main W. for two blocks until reaching the northwest corner of S. Main W. and W. Crockett; thence west along W. Crockett for one block until reaching the northeast corner of W. Crockett and S. Dallas; thence north along S. Dallas for one block until reaching the northeast corner of S. Dallas and W. Brown; thence west along W. Brown for one block until reaching the northeast corner of W. Brown and S. McKinney; thence north along S. & N. McKinney for three blocks until reaching the southeast corner of N. McKinney and W. Baylor; thence east along W. & E. Baylor for three blocks until reaching point of beginning. .

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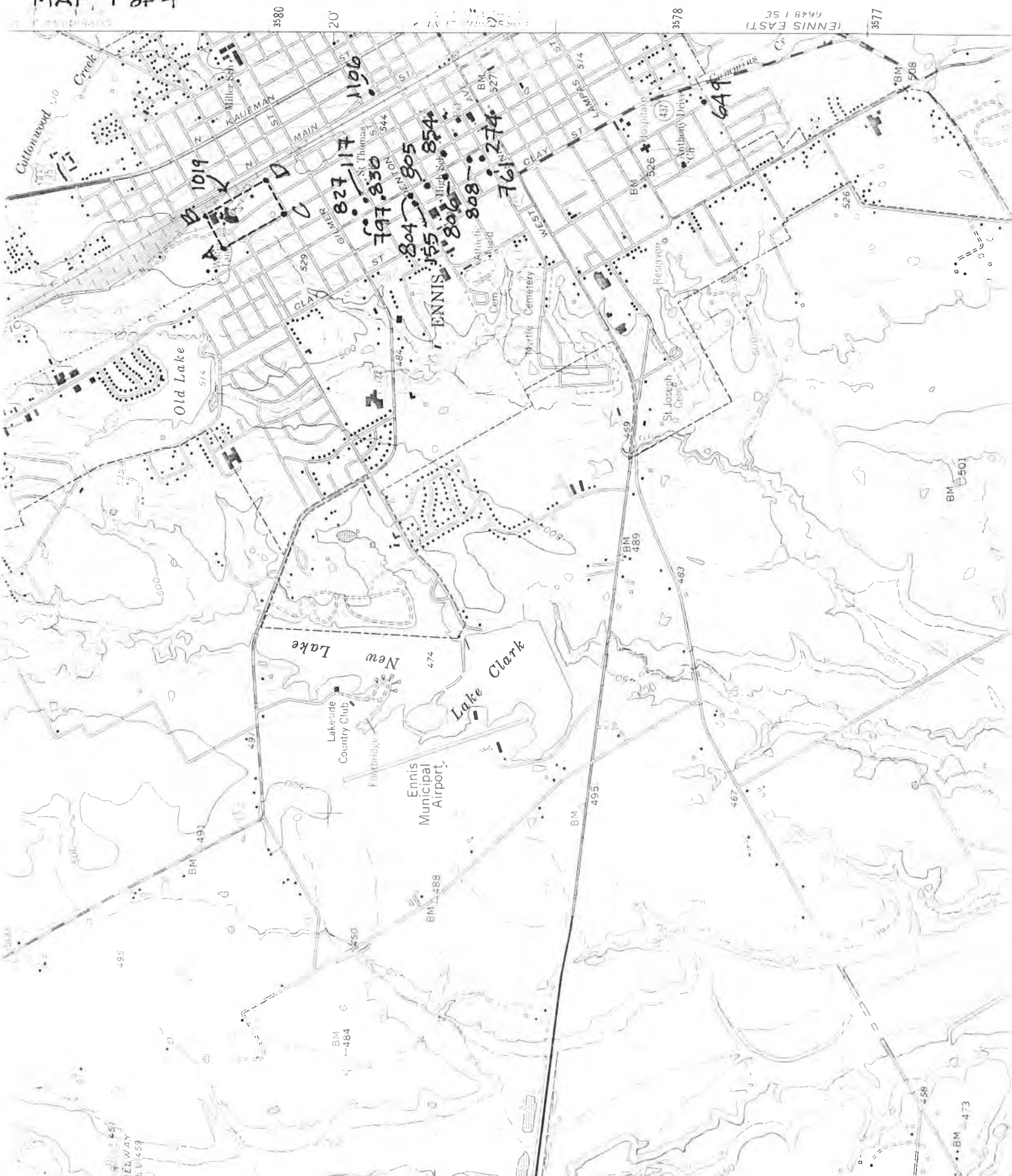
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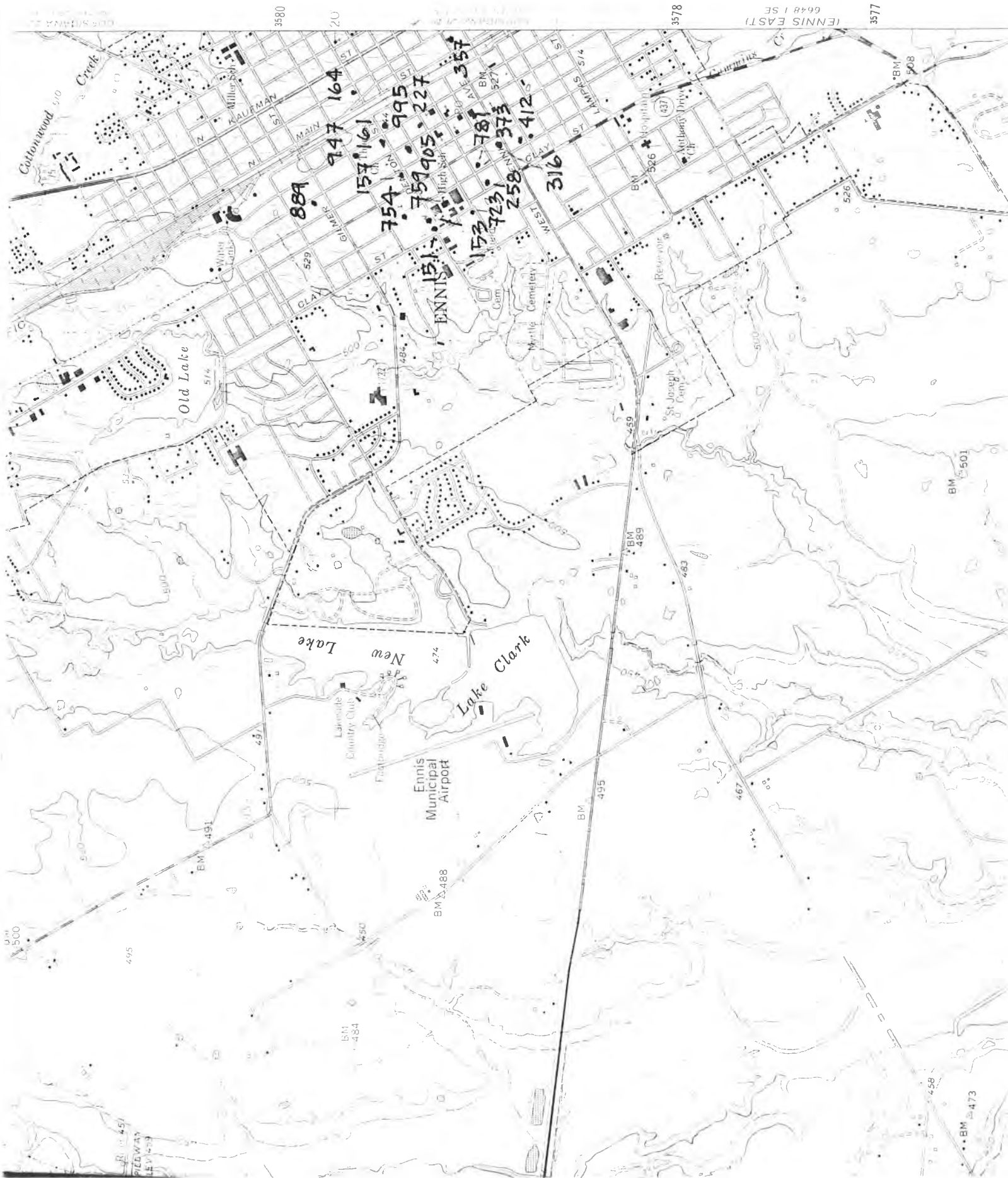
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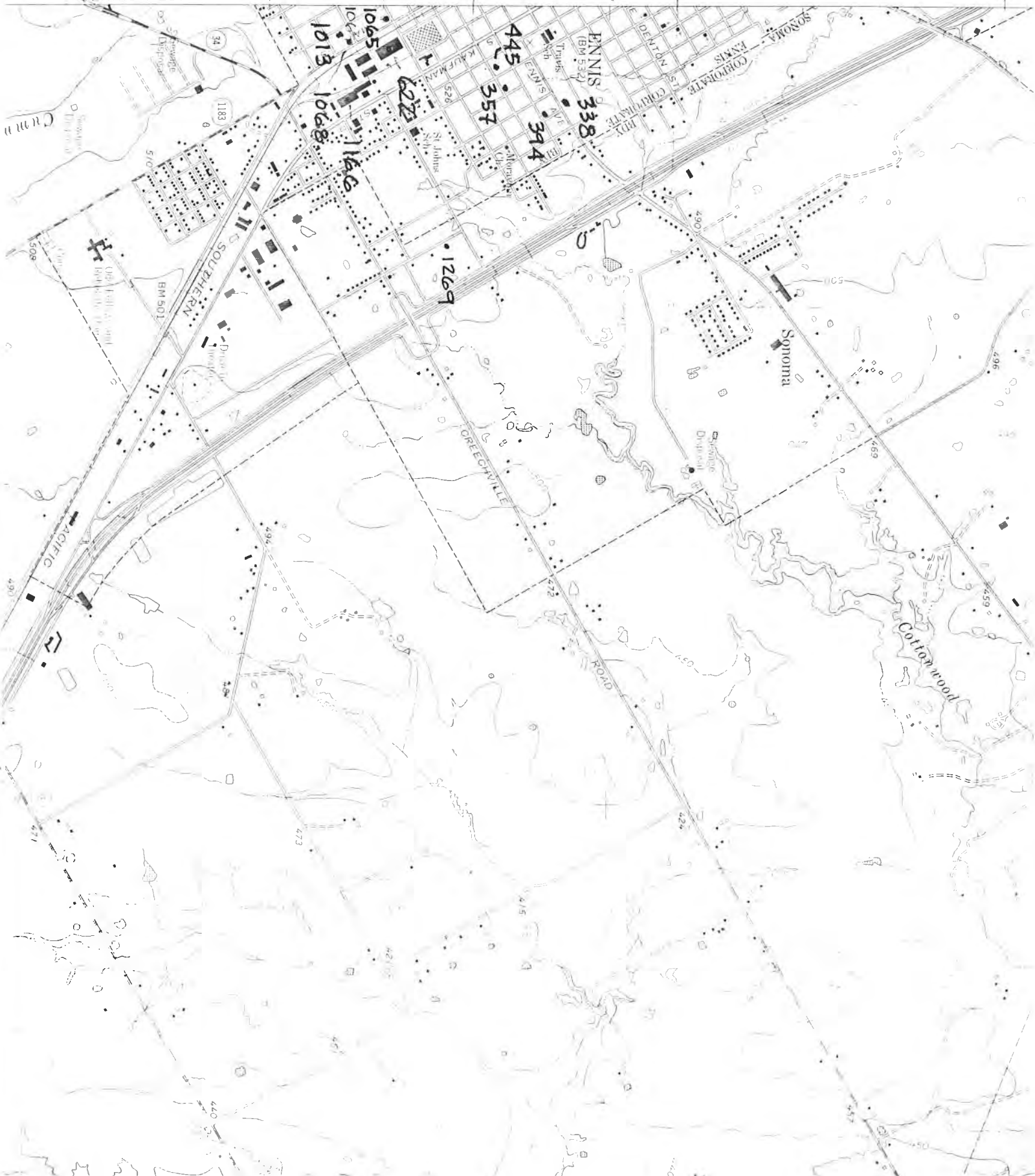
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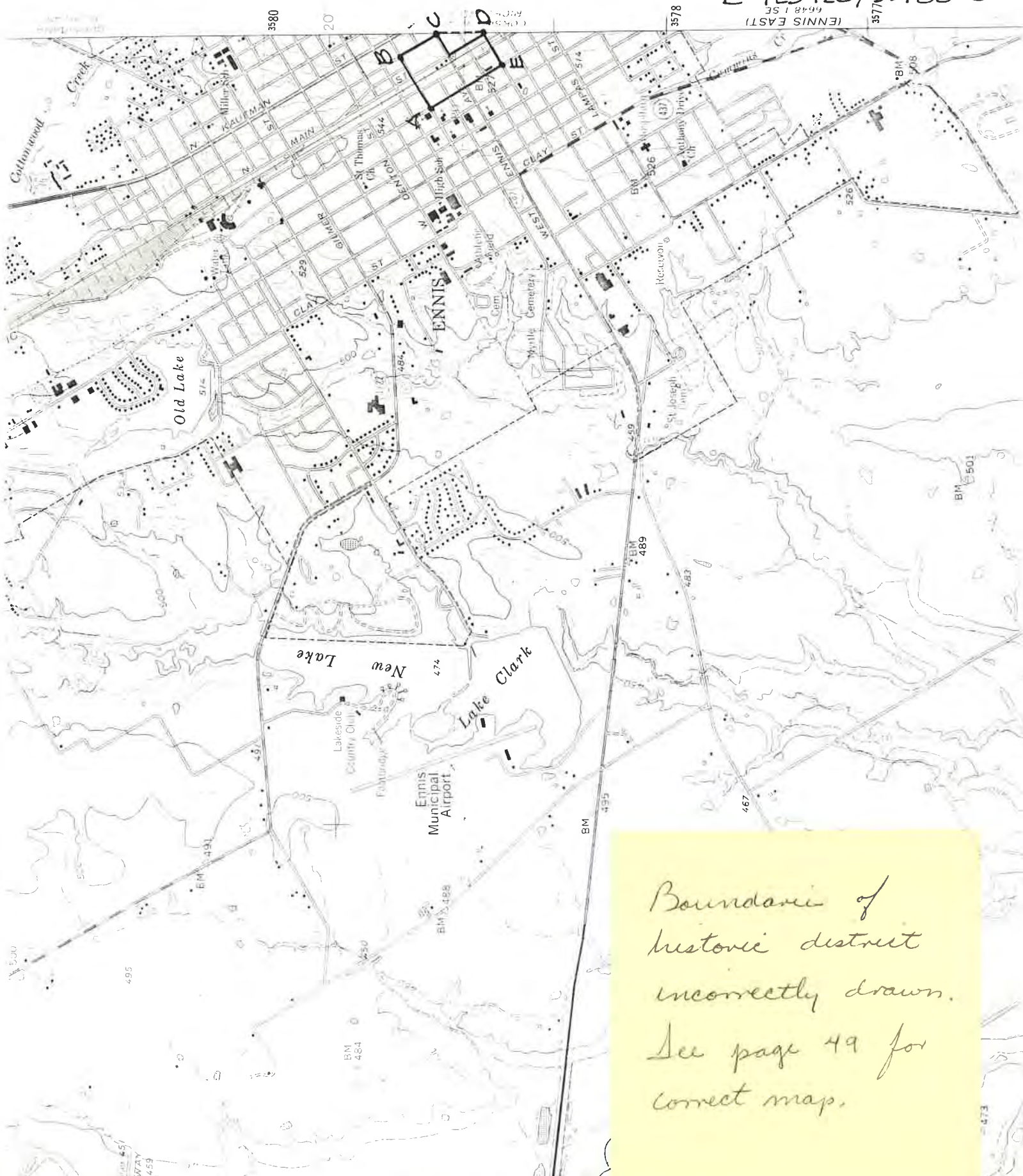
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