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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC \* EDGEMONT

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 3 miles west of Marshall on the Longview Rd. (W. Houston)  
south side of road

CITY, TOWN Marshall VICINITY OF --- NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1

STATE Texas CODE 048 COUNTY Harrison CODE 203

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Richard M Anderson

STREET & NUMBER PO Box 550 103 North Franklin St

CITY, TOWN Marshall VICINITY OF --- STATE Tx 75670

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harrison County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Marshall STATE Texas

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1972  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Austin STATE Texas

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Three miles west of Marshall on the old Henderson stage-coach road, Highway No. 15, stands a porticoed, two-story brick antebellum home, Edgemont, built by W. R.D. Ward for Montreville Hall between 1844 and 1847. This Greek Revival plantation house, with hipped roof and interior chimneys, stands on a hill, surrounded by trees. Facing north, Edgemont has an excellent view of the country side.

The dominant focal point of the north facade is the central, pedimented portico supported by two two-story, white, fluted octagonal columns. Pilasters repeating the column configuration are affixed to the brick facade. Both entrances on the first and second floor consist of a single door with transom and side lights. Eight six over six light windows with wooden lintels are symmetrically arranged with four windows to either side of the portico. The walls are made of brick from native clay.

The symmetrical arrangement is present in the plan as well. Each floor has a central hall 15 feet wide with two rooms to either side measuring 20 feet by 20 feet. Each room has its own fireplace. Two massive chimneys of brick, located on the centerline equidistant from the midpoint of the roof, accommodate all eight fireplaces. The interior walls are still covered with the original plaster made from sand, lime and animal hair. Other than the ceiling, the plaster is in excellent condition.

The three foot thick walls support 16' ceiling, The original wide board heart pine flooring and joists plus the original molding, woodwork trim, mantels and their pilaster, doors, hinges, and hardware are still intact. Also remaining are the original stairs and stairwells.

The upstairs hallway has collapsible triple doors at the rear, closing off the central hall on the second floor. This feature enables cross-ventilation for each of the four rooms. Montreville Hall had a dumb waiter installed for convenience during his frequent entertaining.

In the twentieth century some additions were made without

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1840's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

W.R.D. Ward

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edgemont, an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture, is located in Harrison County, with several century old plantation houses. Many of the mansions and raised cottages share the native materials of brick from local clay and hardwood timber. In the mid 1840's Montreville Hall, a prominent lawyer and Texas politician, contracted W.R.D. Ward to build Edgemont near Marshall, a city in Harrison County. Ward had constructed several structures in Marshall, such as Magnolia Hall (Nat'l Reg. submission "Old Pierce House", 4-13-73) a First Methodist Church of Marshall. Edgemont entertained prominent Texas leaders, including the ex-governor Edward Clark, in grand style.

Montreville Hall, born 1819 in Alabama, studied law at the University of Virginia before he left for Texas. When he arrived in Marshall, Texas in 1844 he bought 640 acres of land three miles west of Marshall from Clark & Barton for \$1000. This land was originally owned by George W. Morgan, who received it from the Republic of Texas for his service in the Republic's army. While W.R.D. Ward was building the house, during the mid 1840's, the Halls lived in a house built by William Barton, circa 1830. Slave labor built Edgemont of hand pressed bricks made on the premises from native clay.

Montreville Hall was a prominent farmer, lawyer, and community leader of Harrison county. Highly regarded in the community he received numerous political appointments. He represented the people of Harrison county as a delegate to a people's convention for secession. When Gov. Houston called a special legislative session to empower the people's convention for secession Hall was the representative from Harrison county again.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C				D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Joe Williams Project Director/ research asst. Shelley Sass

ORGANIZATION Texas Historical Commission

DATE Dec. 1976

STREET & NUMBER Box 12276 Capitol Station

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CITY OR TOWN Austin

STATE Texas 78711

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE February 22, 1977

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

Charles A. ...  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 9-22-77  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: W. ...

DATE 9-22-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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structural changes. Since 1930 a partition has closed off the stairway at the second floor in order to minimize heating and cooling. The south end of the downstairs hall was partitioned off to form a room, though no structural walls were disturbed. The rear entrance was altered and a porch was added. Around 1950 a family type one story room was added to the northeast side.

The present owner, Richard M. Anderson, has plans to restore the house to its original condition. The family room to the northeast and the rear porch were removed recently in an initial effort to restore the house.



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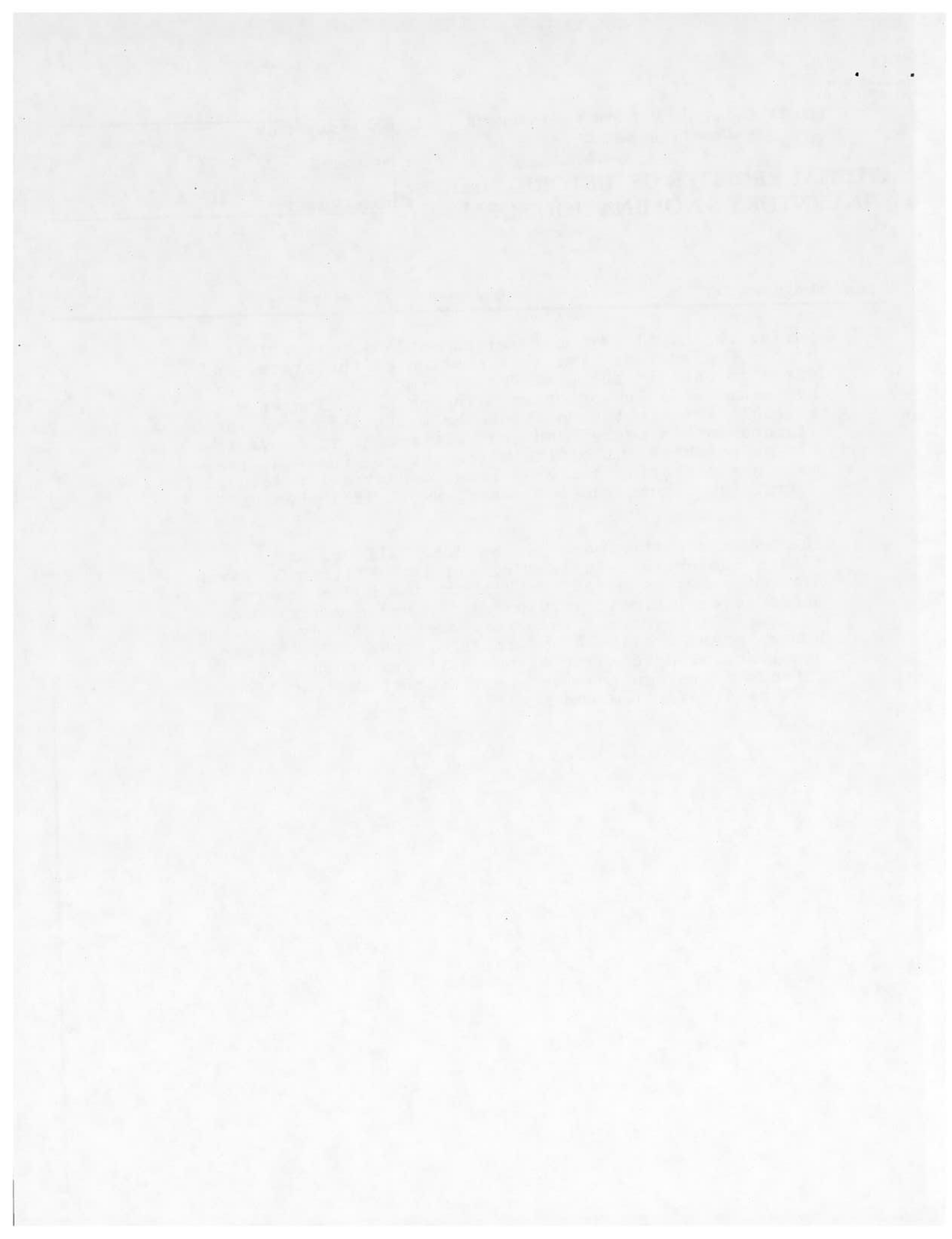
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During the Civil War Hall served as Asst. Treasurer of the Confederacy, for this section of the state, and was a colonel in the Confederate Army. After the war he resumed his law practice. Though he no longer was eligible for elected positions he maintained much influence in his county and actively sought to prevent dis-enfranchisement of the white voter. Edgemont remained a gathering place of local conservative leaders during the Reconstruction years, until 1871 when Hall died.

The house was then occupied by M.J. Hall Jr. and his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. William C. Gwynn. After the Gwynns moved to Oklahoma the house changed hands several times, serving as the private residence for various farmers. When Leo Anderson Melady died the house became available and in 1976 Richard M. Anderson, a collateral descendant of the builder, bought it. He intends to return Edgemont to its original condition and has already removed some later additions.







Heavy-duty  
Light-duty

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

4000 2500 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET 1 MILE  
 25'  
 DARCO 7 MI. TATTUM 15 MI.  
 369000m. E. INTERIOR-GEOD. CONTROL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 1983  
 32°30' 94°22'30"

3597000m. N.

**EDGEMONT**  
**3 MILES WEST ON FM 968**  
**MARSHALL VICINITY, HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**UTM REFERENCE:**  
**15 / 366700 / 3600200**

DARCO 1:625





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