

APPLICATION
THE TEXAS HISTORICAL BUILDING MEDALLION

County Harrison Town Marshall Date of Application: Jan 4, 1965

Address: (If the Building is not in town indicate number of miles and direction from center of town and number or name of highway or road.)

Center of Public Square

Present Owner: Harrison County

General Designation: Public Building known as
the Old Courthouse

Date Built: 1900, cream brick & pink granite

Present Condition: in process of being
renovated

Interest: Excellent example of Roman
Architectural classic arch-style

Historical Seat of County government for 64 years

Organization or Individual Assuming Responsibility of Building: Harrison County Commissioners Court

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX

Date Received: _____

Date Approved,
Rejected: _____

Committee Ruling: _____

Area Representatives: _____

Committee Members: _____

No. Assigned _____

Date Mailed _____

Additional Remarks: Two large rooms on the main floor will
house the Harrison County Historical - tentative
opening date June 1, 1965

Sources of Information: County Records, local newspaper files

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Patterson

Signature — Owner or Authorized Representative

(see below)

Address

UNLESS THE FOLLOWING IS SUPPLIED, THE BUILDING MEDALLION COMMITTEE CANNOT ACT UPON THIS APPLICATION:

- ✓ 1. Complete information asked for above
- ✓ 2. Kodak picture of building attached to application
\$15.75
- ✓ 3. Check for ~~\$14.75~~ made payable to TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

I hereby certify the above application has been approved by the Harrison County Historical Survey Committee:

Mrs Elizabeth R. Patterson

County Chairman

200 Riggs Circle

Address

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TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
COMMITTEE

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE
George W. Hill, Executive Director
112 East 18th Street
Austin, Texas

Jan 4, 1965



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F. LAWRENCE OAKS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 18, 2000

The Honorable Rodney Gilstrap
Harrison County Judge
200 West Houston Street
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: *Project review under the Antiquities Code of Texas*
Historic Harrison County Courthouse, Marshall, Harrison County
(CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, permit HS 167)

Dear Judge Gilstrap:

Thank you for having your project architect provide the completion report for permit HS 167 on the historic Harrison County Courthouse. This letter presents the comments of the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission, the state agency responsible for administering the Antiquities Code of Texas.

The review staff, led by Linda Roark, has completed its review and accepts the completion report in fulfillment of the permit and state Antiquities Code requirements.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this state review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Linda Roark at 512/463-9122.**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Roark", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Linda Roark, Preservation Specialist
for F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Gary Scotnicki, ArchiTexas, project architect
Margaret Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission
FLO/LR

HARRISON



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October 23, 1998

Mr. Gary Scotnicki
ArchiTexas
1907 Marilla
Dallas, Texas 75201

TRANSMITTED VIA FAX:
214/748-4241

Re: *SAL permit application for rehabilitation of
historic Harrison County Courthouse,
Marshall, Texas (CH, NR, SAL, RTHL)*

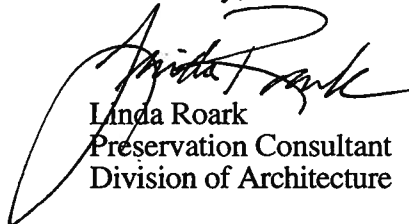
Dear Mr. Scotnicki:

Thank you for your letter, and the information regarding the subject project. Texas Historical Commission reviews projects proposed for properties designated as State Landmarks under the Texas Antiquities Code.

The plans and specifications we received for review are not complete. Please provide a complete set for the permit application review. The documentation set we received does not include information on proposed festival lighting or electrical plans, and is missing some or all of the following specification sections: 04520 masonry restoration, 04525 terra cotta restoration, 05500 metal fabrication.

Thank you for your interest in the cultural heritage of Texas, and for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project in accordance with the Texas Antiquities Code. We look forward to receiving the full project documentation for review. **If you have any questions or concerns about this review please contact me at 512/463-9122.**

Yours truly,



Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

c: Conover Hunt, project representative, Harrison County
Margaret Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission

16" x 12" Medallion Plate
Harrison County

DP, 5-17-65
This is copy
conformed to
Marker Committee
Approval of 5-1

HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE.*
BUILT 1900.COST \$62,000.THIRD ON
THIS SITE.(LITTLE VIRGINIA,1851;
BRICK GOTHIC,1889,BURNED IN 1899.)

THIS ONE OF GRANITE,BRICK AND
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IN 1964 BECAME SITE OF HARRISON
COUNTY MUSEUM,IN SPACE ALLOT-
MENT AFTER NEW COURTHOUSE WAS
OPENED ON WHETSTONE SQUARE.**

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK,1965.***

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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**3/8" lettering
***1/4" lettering

COUNTY Harrison TOWN Marshall

#935
Medallion

NAME OF MEDALLION STRUCTURE Old Courthouse

MEDALLION PLATE SIZE 16 " X 12 "

OUR SUGGESTED INSCRIPTION FOR PLATE:
(please type or print)

See
attached
sheet



TEXAS STATE CAPITOL

NATION'S LARGEST STATE
CAPITOL BUILDING. FINANCED BY
EXCHANGE OF 3,000,000 ACRES
OF PANHANDLE LAND. BUILT OF
TEXAS PINK GRANITE 1882-88.

(Copy must meet State requirements; the Texas State Historical Survey Committee reserves the right to change suggested inscription)

DO YOU DESIRE TO BE CONTACTED RE FINAL INSCRIPTION? ☒ YES ☐ NO

AUTHORITY FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE INSCRIPTION:

County Records, Local newspaper files

WHO PREPARED THE INSCRIPTION?

(name) Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson (address) (see below)

THE PLATE WILL BE ^{displayed} AFFIXED TO on lawn of the old Courthouse

PLEASE SHIP PLATE TO Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson
200 Riggs Circle
Marshall, Texas 75670

DATE Jan 7, 1965

I hereby certify the above application has been approved by the Harrison
County Historical Survey Committee:

Mrs Elizabeth Patterson
(name)

200 Riggs Circle
(address)



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May 6, 1997

The Honorable Rodney Gilstrap
Harrison County Judge
Harrison County Courthouse
West Houston
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: *Project documentation development for Historic Harrison County Courthouse
rehabilitation, Marshall, Texas (CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)*

Dear Judge Gilstrap:

Thank you for sending the additional project proposal documentation we requested. On behalf of the Texas Historical Commission, I am pleased to announce that the **\$15,000** Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant, initially allocated in October 1996, for development of the above-referenced project, can now be conditionally approved. Please consider this letter as authorization to proceed with the grant-assisted project as described in the project proposal dated February 1997.

We have reviewed the proposed contract provided for development of the project work; in our opinion, it meets the requirements of Texas Preservation Trust Fund regulations. You may sign the contract and proceed with project work.

Allowable project expenses equal to three times the grant amount must be incurred by August 1, 1997. Proof of these expenses, and all other required documentation for reimbursement, as well as five copies of the contracted Planning Document, must be received by the Texas Historical Commission by 5:00 p.m. August 15, 1997. Please note that grant-assisted project work must begin within 60 days of the assigned grant project **Start Date, May 6, 1997**. Deadlines shall be strictly observed. Failure to comply shall result in forfeiture of the grant.

Preservation project documents are a highly valuable tool to be used in planning work at historic sites. Projects selected for grant funding have demonstrated a timely need, and will affect a valuable historic resource which is deserving of this level of planning. Because this plan can have effects far into the future, it is essential and required that draft plans and specifications be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission for review and comment prior to completion of the project documents.

Texas Historical Commission appreciates your interest in the preservation of this historic building. Please feel free to contact me at 512/463-9122, if you have any questions about this letter or our grant requirements. We anticipate a successful project and are pleased to be a part of the effort to preserve this valued landmark.

Yours truly,

Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

c: Craig Melde, project architect
Conover Hunt, Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission



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April 7, 1997

The Honorable Rodney Gilstrap
Harrison County Judge
Harrison County Courthouse
West Houston
Marshall, Texas 75670

TRANSMITTED VIA FAX:
903/935-4813

Re: *Historic Harrison County Courthouse rehabilitation, Marshall, Texas*
(CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)

Dear Ms. Hunt:

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 1997, and the draft contract for architectural services for the subject Texas Preservation Trust Fund Planning Grant. The following changes/additions need to be made to the draft contract in order to meet Texas Historical Commission (THC) requirements (see the enclosed Project Proposal excerpt from the Planning Grant Manual for additional information):

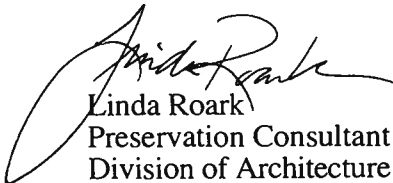
- The contract should specify:
 - A. A contract end date not to exceed August 1, 1997; and
 - B. A maximum fee for the services.*(NOTE: The contract beginning date should be left blank until the Project Proposal has been approved by the THC.)*

We also need to receive the remaining Project Proposal information as soon as possible:

1. Brief evaluation of the need for the project, prepared by the grant recipient.
2. A brief explanation by the grant recipient of the interview procedures used to select a project professional.

Texas Historical Commission appreciates your interest in the preservation of this historic building. We look forward to receiving the additional information requested, and to working with you toward the successful completion of this project. Please feel free to contact me at 512/463-9122, if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours truly,


Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

Enclosure: excerpt from Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant Program Planning Project Manual
c: Craig Melde, project architect
Conover Hunt, Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission



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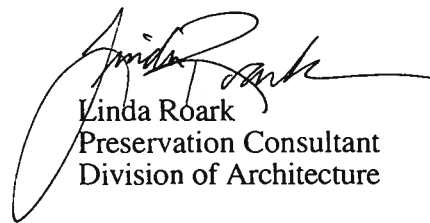
Re: *Historic Harrison County Courthouse rehabilitation, Marshall, Texas*
(CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)

Dear Ms. Hunt:

This letter is an amendment to our earlier letter of today. I apologize for not realizing that your letter dated March 4, 1997, included the information on the architect selection process and a description of the need for the project within the body of the letter. That being the case, the only remaining Project Proposal requirements are the changes to the draft contract noted in our earlier letter.

Texas Historical Commission appreciates your interest in the preservation of this historic building. We look forward to receiving the additional information requested, and to working with you toward the successful completion of this project. Please feel free to contact me at 512/463-9122, if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours truly,


Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

c: Craig Melde, project architect
Conover Hunt, Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission



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February 27, 1997

Ms. Conover Hunt
Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Old Harrison county Courthouse
Peter Whetstone Square
Marshall, Texas 75670

TRANSMITTED VIA FAX:
903/935-4379

Re: *Old Harrison County Courthouse rehabilitation, Marshall, Texas*
(CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)

Dear Ms. Hunt:

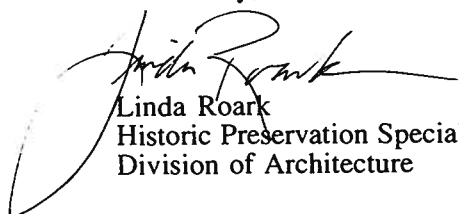
Thank you for your letter regarding the remaining project proposal information required. As we discussed on the telephone, Texas Historical Commission (THC) will not be able to continue the development grant over to the next fiscal year. However, we propose converting the historic Harrison County Courthouse grant funding to a planning grant towards development of the rehabilitation project plans and specifications. If this plan is amenable to the County, please provide our office with the following additional Project Proposal information as soon as possible (see the enclosed Planning Grant Manual for additional information):

1. Brief evaluation of the need for the project, prepared by the grant recipient.
2. A commitment to the development of a planning document (plans and specifications) containing recommendations consistent with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, 1992, and the Texas Accessibility Standards.
3. Brief explanation by the grant recipient of the interview procedures used to select a project professional.
4. An *unsigned* copy of the contract specifying:
 - A. A description of the services contracted;
 - B. A contract end date not to exceed August 1, 1997; and
 - C. A maximum fee for the services.

NOTE: The contract beginning date should be left blank until the Project Proposal has been approved by the THC.

Texas Historical Commission appreciates your interest in the preservation of this historic building. We look forward to receiving the additional information requested, and to working with you toward the successful completion of this project. Please feel free to contact me at 512/463-9122, if you have any questions or concerns about this review.

Yours truly,


Linda Roark
Historic Preservation Specialist
Division of Architecture

Enclosure: Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant Program Planning Project Manual
c: Craig Melde, project architect
Rodney Gilstrap, Harrison County Judge
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission



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February 10, 1997

Ms. Conover Hunt
Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Old Harrison county Courthouse
Peter Whetstone Square
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: *Old Harrison County Courthouse, rehabilitation of dome, Marshall, Texas*
(CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-D-1)

Dear Ms. Hunt:

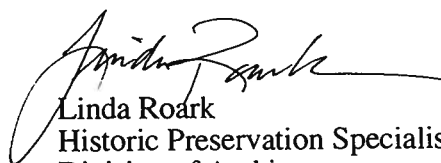
Thank you for sending the project proposal information. There are some items we still need to complete our review of the Project Proposal:

1. We understand that the work being funded by this grant is part of a larger project, for which the plans and specifications are still under development. However, unless a written extension is requested and granted from the Texas Historical Commission, the deadline for completing the project work is August 1, 1997. You may want to request an extension at this time. Please have your architect provide the project plans and specifications as soon as possible, so that we may review them for accordance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.
2. The historic Harrison County Courthouse is designated as a State Archeological Landmark, therefore a permit will be required for the proposed rehabilitation work. Enclosed please find a State Archeological Landmark permit application form. Please fill it out and return it with the above outstanding project proposal information, so that we may issue a permit with when we approve the project proposal.

The TPTF Project Manual states that a Performance Bond is required for projects over \$25,000. This should be changed to require a Performance Bond for projects over \$100,000.

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Yours truly,


Linda Roark
Historic Preservation Specialist
Division of Architecture

Enclosures: SAL permit application form
Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant Program Development Project Manual

c w/ encl.: Craig Melde, project architect
c: w/out encl.: Rodney Gilstrap, Harrison County Judge
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2276

(TELEPHONE) 512-463-6100

(FAX) 512-463-6095

(RELAY TX) 1-800-735-2989 (TDD)

March 15, 1995

Ms. Audrey D. Kariel
Harrison County Historical Commission
503 Lansdowne
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: *Preservation Plan for the Old Harrison County Courthouse, Marshall, Texas*
(CH, RTHL, NR, SAL, THPG-1985)

Dear Ms. Kariel:

Thank you for sending the copy of the *Preservation Plan* for our review and comment. We understand that this is the final draft, and the opportunity for revisions to the document has passed; however, had we had the opportunity to review a preliminary draft, we would have made the following comments and recommendations:

- There is a lot of architectural jargon used to describe the building. Since this document is to be used by a fairly wide audience, we recommend that the descriptions be illustrated with labeled sketches or photographs that define the building elements referenced.
- Overall historic photographs are included, as are detail shots of current conditions. Good overall photographs of the current condition of the building are also needed, showing each side of the building in its entirety.
- The floor plans should be rotated 90° on the page, and enlarged 50% to be easier to read. In addition to the existing and proposed floor plans, it would be helpful to have plans that show the original construction to assist in review of the proposed changes. New openings in the historic walls, and other new features, would need to be carefully reviewed.
- The stair to the basement at porch number 4 is not shown on the existing basement floor plan; however it is shown on the existing ground floor plan. If this is an existing element it should be shown on the existing basement floor plan.
- We recommend that a new "ticket" window not be planned for the hall wall next to the gift shop and visitor center, but that tickets be sold inside visitor center. The entrance doors could be monitored by a bell alarm system, that sounds at the counter when the door is opened, and a remote camera if necessary. Signs could direct visitors to the gift shop.

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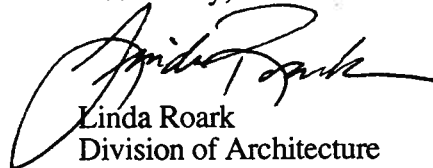
- As you know, we recommend removing all of the screws in the exterior masonry, and patching the holes with soft mortar that matches the color of the masonry. Non-damaging attachments could then be made for the festival lighting. We believe this is preferable to waiting until each individual attachment fails and damages the masonry. We recommend this in part because it is unlikely the entire exterior will be monitored that closely, but also because it avoids further costly damage to the masonry. In addition, if an application is made for grant funding, it would be reasonable to request funding for all of the restoration work needed rather than delay this work indefinitely.
- For the purposes of Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) funding, remember that only exterior building and landscaping, visitor center, and travel museum work might be funded. Funding of a visitor center or travel museum is only for the room that serves that function.

Because the award for an ISTEA project cannot be increased if project estimates are too low, estimates should be very accurate, and include administration costs and contingencies. A clear budget is very important. Parts of this Plan would be good to submit with an ISTEA funding application. These parts should be carefully selected for relevance to the items of work for which funding is requested. Clear original photographs should be included.

The recommendations made in the Plan look generally good. Texas Historical Commission encourages that Harrison County and the museum lend their full support to move forward with this project. The historic Harrison County Courthouse is an asset the community cannot afford to lose.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this document, and having it for our files. Please feel free to contact me at 512/463-6094, if you have any questions or concerns about this review.

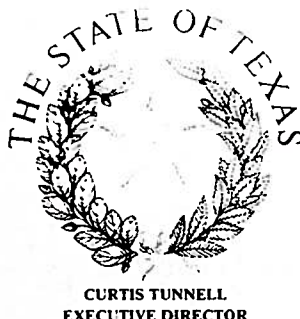
Yours truly,



Linda Roark
Division of Architecture

c: Rodney Gilstrap, County Judge, Harrison County

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

October 27, 1989

Mrs. Audrey D. Kariel
Harrison County Historical Commission
503 Lansdowne
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: Harrison County Courthouse, Marshall, Texas (CH, NR, RTHL, SAL)

Dear Mrs. Kariel:

I enjoyed meeting with you last week and taking the tour of your historical county courthouse. As Gerron and I observed and discussed with you and the others on the tour, there are several problems that need to be addressed in order to insure the preservation of this fine building.

1. Water standing in the window wells is causing deterioration of the walls and interior finish. These wells may have originally had drains which were not maintained, became clogged, and were eventually covered with cement. The drains need to be investigated and reopened or new ones installed.
2. Inadequate roof drainage is causing rust of metal building elements, deterioration of walls and interior finishes, and contributing to the humidity problem. Temporary tar patch upon temporary tar patch has been applied over time until many of the roof drains have been covered over and the slope of the roof is no longer down toward the drain. The tar cracks, holds water in deep crevices and allows it to enter the building. All of this tar must be removed. The drains must be opened and a new standing seam metal roof with a positive slope toward the drains installed. Regular maintenance should then be performed in order to keep the drains and gutters clear of debris and in good working order.
3. Metal beams supporting the porch roofs are rusting. This is due to water infiltration as discussed above. These beams should be carefully monitored and replaced if the deterioration becomes severe.
4. Metal balustrades on the roof are rusting. These should be repaired if the damage is minimal, or replaced if the damage is severe. Regular maintenance by painting should then be performed.
5. The eagle statues on the roof should be cleaned and repaired.
6. The condition of the exterior metal dome should be investigated, and repairs performed as necessary.

7. The condition of the interior stained glass dome should be investigated and repairs performed as necessary. The missing and covered windows should be restored.

8. The courthouse has a humidity control problem. This is expressed by peeling plaster and paint, and mold and mildew on valuable and irreplaceable museum objects and county records. Individual air-conditioning units and dehumidifiers in selected spaces cannot control the building as a whole, and window units often cause moisture problems because of condensation. Inhibiting water infiltration problems as discussed above will help, but there needs to be a building-wide climate control. A sensitively designed and installed central air system is needed.

9. The conditions of the electrical and plumbing systems need to be assessed, and repaired or replaced as necessary.

10. Because the exterior brick and limestone were sandblasted, they are now very susceptible to moisture absorption. Sandblasting removes the hard fired protective coating from brick, and the smooth quarry face from the stone, resulting in material which absorbs moisture like a sponge rather than repelling it.

A water-proofing agent was applied to the exterior in the 1970's in order to try to remedy this problem. This is another contributing cause to the moisture problems in the courthouse. Water-proof coatings do not allow the brick and stone to breathe. As the water-proof coating wears unevenly in rough spots such as mortar joints, water infiltration occurs. The water is then trapped in the wall due to the coating. If there is a freeze the water can cause the brick and stone to break and spall, otherwise water is forced to migrate through to the interior surface, causing spalled plaster, peeling paint, and other humidity problems.

At this point it is probably best to let the current coating wear off naturally. If problem areas appear they can be selectively treated with a water repellant, which will allow the materials to breathe but help to slow the erosion process. This coating would have to be renewed every few years in order to retain effectiveness.

11. This last problem, which is very serious, has apparently occurred recently, and unfortunately without the consultation with our office which is required by state law. Screws have been inserted into the face of brick and limestone at approximately six inch intervals over the entire building. The potential for damage to the building as water enters these penetrations, and perhaps freezes, is extreme. Cracked and spalled masonry may be the future of this courthouse. While we understand and endorse the concept of the festival of lights which centers attention on the courthouse, we could have suggested less damaging ways of attaching the lights to the building. This incident points to necessity of contacting our office when any action that might affect the architectural or historical integrity of the courthouse is contemplated.

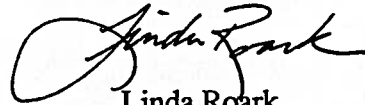
The question now is: what is to be done to try to remedy the damage? Each of the screws must be removed, and the holes filled with a soft mortar mix, *not* a high portland cement mixture, which should match the color, texture and surface finish of the brick and limestone respectively. New, less damaging supports for the lights could then be constructed.

Because there is such a wide scope of work that needs to be undertaken on the courthouse, Geron and I have recommended that you employ a preservation architect to preform a masterplan and structural report. This report will prioritize the work which needs to be done, recommend good preservation techniques, and give general cost estimates. It represents a very sound investment, and will allow you to solicit grants and donations for specific projects. In the long run the report will probably save you money by reducing waste and false starts on projects.

A good foundation for this report can be laid by having much of the historical research done by community members and made available to the preservation architect. Many communities have had great success with a picture collection day. Local people are invited to bring any historic photographs they have to a gathering on the courthouse square. A photographer copies the historic photographs and returns them to the owner. The owner is then given a card with the negative number of the picture, and proceeds to a historian station where he is interviewed about what the photograph depicts. This activity can bring wonderful additions to your county archives and foster community pride.

Enclosed please find some additional information on various issues we have discussed. We appreciate your interest in and dedication to the preservation of your fine courthouse. Please do not hesitate to contact me when I can be of any further help.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Roark", with a large, stylized initial "L".

Linda Roark
Project Reviewer
Division of Architecture

cc: Geron Hite, THC
Stan Graves, THC
William D. Power, Harrison County Commissioner

May 18, 1965

Mr. Bill Southwell, Jr.
The Southwell Company
P. O. Drawer 299
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Southwell:

Enclosed please find application for Official Texas
Historical Building Medallion # 935 with attached
16" x 12" Medallion plate.

We would appreciate a rubbing on this inscription.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George W. Hill
Executive Director

by: Mrs. Thomas M. Keefe
Research Assistant

BK/s1
Enclosures

16" x 12" Medallion Plate
Harrison County

HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE.*

BUILT 1900.COST \$62,000.THIRD ON
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BRICK GOTHIC,1889,BURNED IN 1899.)

THIS ONE OF GRANITE,BRICK AND
MARBLE.CAPITOL-STYLED,CLASSIC
ROMAN ARCHITECTURE,WITH A DOME
CLOCK AND BELFRY SURMOUNTED BY
A SYMBOLIC FIGURE OF JUSTICE.

IN 1964 BECAME SITE OF HARRISON
COUNTY MUSEUM,IN SPACE ALLOT-
MENT AFTER NEW COURTHOUSE WAS
OPENED ON WHETSTONE SQUARE.**

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK,1965.***

*1/2" condensed lettering
**3/8" lettering
***1/4" lettering

May 25, 1965

Mr. Pat Taggart
Waco News Tribune
Waco, Texas

Dear Mr. Taggart:

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$73.25 in payment for a Medallion with 16x12 plate, Old Harrison County Courthouse, Harrison County.

This was paid for by Harrison County Historical Society, Marshall.

Sincerely,

Truett Latimer

Enclosure

CC: Mr. John Ben Shepperd



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DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE

June 8, 1998

Mr. Gary Skotnicki
ArchiTexas
1907 Marilla
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: *Historic Harrison County Courthouse festival lighting proposal (80%),
Marshall Texas (CH, NR, SAL, RTHL) TPTF-97-004-P-1)*

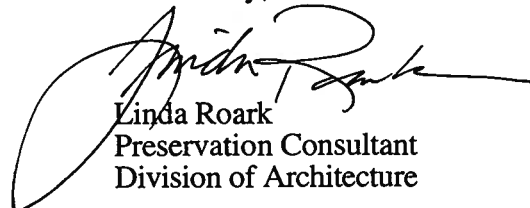
Dear Mr. Skotnicki:

Thank you for having information regarding the subject project provided to our office. Texas Historical Commission has reviewed the documentation provided. In an effort to prevent possible damage to this historic courthouse, we have the following questions and recommendations regarding the proposed work:

- We recommend that attachment to metal areas be made with adhesives (no drilling or holes created in metal cornices or other metal areas).
- We recommend that the dome channel lighting structure not be attached with any mechanical attachment (e.g., bolts, screws, etc.), and that the dome be protected from abrasion by the lighting structure in some fashion (cork backing, plastic cushions, etc.?).
- We recommend that fiber optic lighting, which would create holes in the cupola dome, not be used.
- We recommend that attachment to masonry be made with mechanical fasteners (wire type) into grout joints, and that the minimum possible number of fasteners be used.
- We recommend that all lights around windows, in addition to the other lights indicated, be removed after each festival.
- Will the building be rewired to support the new lighting?
- How will electricity be supplied to each part of the lighting design?

Thank you for your interest in the cultural heritage of Texas, and for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project in accordance with Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, State Archeological Landmark, and Historic Courthouse legislation. We look forward to receiving and reviewing revised project documents. An SAL permit application form is enclosed for your use. If you have any questions about this review please contact me at 512/463-9122.

Yours truly,


Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

Enclosure: SAL permit application form
c: Rodney Gilstrap, Harrison County Judge
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission
Conover Hunt, Centennial Courthouse Campaign



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April 7, 1998

Ms. Conover Hunt
Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Peter Whetstone Square
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: *Historic Harrison County Courthouse roof rehabilitation plan, Marshall, Texas*
(CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)

Dear Ms. Hunt:

This letter is to inquire of Harrison County's intentions regarding requesting reimbursement for the \$15,000 Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant, initially allocated in October 1996, for development of the above-referenced project. The grant was initially awarded for development work ("bricks and mortar"), but Texas Historical Commission agreed to change the allocation to a planning grant when Harrison County could not complete the development work on the required grant schedule.

The initial deadline to request reimbursement and submit completed copies of the planning document was August 15, 1997. An extension on this deadline was requested and received, with a revised deadline of January 30, 1998. Five copies of the completed planning document were received from the project architect on January 30, 1998, as required, but the reimbursement request information was not received.

On February 25 our office contacted you, and received your assurance that the reimbursement request documentation would be forthcoming soon. It has not been received to date. Please advise us if the County intends to request reimbursement on this project. You may contact me, or my staff member Linda Roark, at 512/463-6094, if you have any questions about this letter or our grant requirements.

Yours truly,

Stan Graves, AIA, DSHPO
Director
Division of Architecture

SG/LR

c: Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission
John Nau, Texas Historical Commission



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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

October 20, 1997

Mr. Gary Skotnicki
ArchiTexas
1907 Marilla
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: *Project documentation development for Historic Harrison County Courthouse
rehabilitation, Marshall, Texas (CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)*

Dear Mr. Skotnicki:

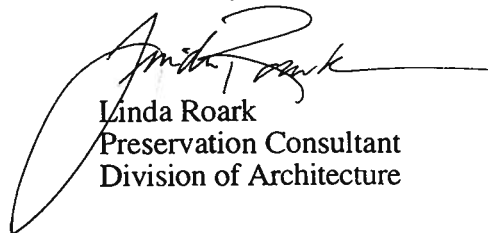
Texas Historical Commission (THC) is in receipt of your letter with additional information regarding the subject Texas Preservation Trust Fund Planning Grant project. THC also reviews projects proposed for properties designated State Archeological Landmarks, Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and historic courthouses. Thank you for providing us with the sample shingle and comparative cost estimates for roofing. We have the following recommendations and requests for additional information regarding the proposed project:

Keynote list

- 1.02: This response is unclear. Do you mean no, the fixtures are not historic, and/or no, they will not be reinstalled?
- 1.44: We are concerned about the historical appropriateness and durability of a modified bituminous sheet roof as overlayment on an existing standing seam roof. Please address these concerns.
- D1.01, note 1.42: I apologize if I did not make myself clear when requesting additional information on the roof. We request clear copies of any historical documentation of the appearance of the original slate roof for review and comparison with the appearance of the proposed simulated slate.
- A6.01, note 5.27: Please provide us with product information or detail drawings of the new festival lighting proposed.

We look forward to receiving the modified project documents and additional information requested for review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project in accordance with Texas Preservation Trust Fund regulations, State Archeological Landmark, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, and historic courthouse legislation. Please contact me at 512/463-9122, if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours truly,



Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

c: Rodney Gilstrap, Harrison County Judge
Conover Hunt, Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission



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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

August 4, 1997

The Honorable Rodney Gilstrap
Harrison County Judge
Harrison County Courthouse
West Houston
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: *Project documentation development for Historic Harrison County Courthouse
rehabilitation, Marshall, Texas (CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)*

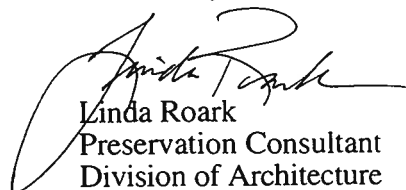
Dear Judge Gilstrap:

We have received and reviewed the request for extension of the August 1 deadline for completion of the subject Texas Preservation Trust Fund grant project work, and the August 15 deadline for providing the deed covenant and Project Completion Report to our office. By this letter we authorize an extension of the above deadlines until January 30, 1998, no later than 5:00 p.m., by which time the project must be completed and all required information for the reimbursement request provided to our office.

Any changes in the previously approved project work and/or any change in the approved project cost (greater than 10%), must be submitted to the Division of Architecture of the Texas Historical Commission as a project amendment. Prior to implementation of such a change, written approval of the amendment from the Texas Historical Commission is required.

Texas Historical Commission appreciates your interest in the preservation of this historic building. Please feel free to contact me at 512/463-9122, if you have any questions or concerns about this letter. We anticipate a successful project and are pleased to be a part of the effort to preserve this valued landmark.

Yours truly,



Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

c: Craig Melde, project architect
Conover Hunt, Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission



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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

September 10, 1997

Mr. Craig Melde
ArchiTexas
1907 Marilla
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: *Project documentation development for Historic Harrison County Courthouse
rehabilitation, Marshall, Texas (CH, NR, SAL, RTHL, TPTF-97-004-P-1)*

Dear Mr. Melde:

Thank you for your letter, and the draft documentation regarding the subject Texas Preservation Trust Fund Planning Grant project. Texas Historical Commission reviews projects proposed for properties designated State Archeological Landmarks, Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and historic courthouses.

We have the following recommendations and requests for additional information regarding the proposed project:

Keynote list

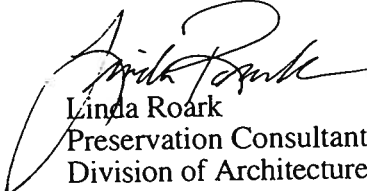
- 1.02: Are these existing light fixtures historic, and if so, will they be reinstalled?
- 1.28: We recommend that any required replacement hardware match the historic hardware as closely as possible.
- 1.44: What type of new roof is proposed to overlay the existing standing seam roof?
- D1.01, note 1.42: Asbestos shingles are being removed, and are proposed to be replaced with cement fiber simulated slate shingles to resemble the original slate shingle roof. Is there information on the appearance of the original slate roof? Would the proposed simulated slate shingles match the historic appearance? Have cost comparisons been made for the estimated cost of a new slate roof and the simulated roof, considering the projected life spans of each type of roof, installation and maintenance costs? Please provide us with a sample of the proposed simulated slate and information on cost comparisons with a traditional slate roof.
- A2.04, note 6.08: When were the plastic balusters installed? What percentage of the existing balusters are plastic? Do they match the historic balusters? Are they in good condition?
- A4.01, note 5.04: What is this cable's purpose?
- A6.01, note 5.27: What is the nature of the new festival lighting proposed?

Texas Historical Commission appreciates your interest in and work towards the preservation of this historic building. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project in accordance with State Archeological Landmark, Recorded Texas

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Historic Landmark, and historic courthouse legislation. Please contact me at 512/463-9122, if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours truly,



Linda Roark
Preservation Consultant
Division of Architecture

Enclosure: State Archeological Landmark permit application
c: Rodney Gilstrap, Harrison County Judge
Conover Hunt, Centennial Courthouse Campaign
Margaret O. Agnor, Harrison County Historical Commission

BRYAN BLALOCK--A HAPPY SOUL

Because of professional interests, I used to visit the Borden Company in New York with some frequency in the 1940's and the early 1950's. As on each visit I would meet new people in the Company, those people would invariably say to me, "You're from Texas--then you must know Bryan Blalock.!"

By the time I finally did meet Bryan Blalock he had been built up to me like some of these saturation advertising campaigns extolling the virtues of a forthcoming epic movie. But whereas more often than not the movie does not turn out to be as good as its advertising, Bryan exceeded his paeans. I never met a man who made me feel more instantly like a life-long friend, and one to whom I stayed warm in friendship more consistently. We say each other rarely, wrote in spasms with long intervals of silence in between, and telephoned now and then when in need of comfort. Through the long desert stretches of our acquaintance we never lost the feeling of being in touch. You don't run into many men of whom you can say that.

I saw him in action on several occasions. An after-dinner speaker of national dimension, he made actually hundreds of speeches a year, ready to go where he was wanted and ready to talk sense in a way that makes people want to listen. He was a roving good-will ambassador for the Borden Company, the sort of unique employee who defies any organizational chart. The company had enough intelligence to realize that it had fallen heir to a man with a broad, enormous appeal who could also talk mild and business, and let him write his own ticket. He was accountable to no one in The Borden Company with its 30,000-plus employees, to no one, that is, except Bryan Blalock. With this sort of loose rein, he never let his employer down.

But Bryan Blalock was more than a business man available for speeches. He had a style of mixing in gay good humor with nuggets of hard-nose intelligence that came across to audiences as diverse as the whole of the United States. I have heard him speak only in New England, in Texas, and in Colorado. Under all three circumstances he was little short of sensational. I went away proud to know him.

More than that, Bryan Blalock was a man of great heart. He believed in the region from which he emanated, and in that region as a part of the total American experience. He believed in people. He took his work and his ideas seriously, but he never took himself so seriously that he lost sight of the humor of life.

I well remember one time when he and I had attended a convention in Colorado Springs. He and Mrs. Blalock returned home by car, only to be caught in the Raton Pass area in southern Colorado and New Mexico by an unseasonal blizzard. His car skidded into a snowbank, and there he was, marooned. He wrote me, who had taken the coward's way of flying home, a most hilarious letter in uproarious detail about his prospects of becoming an icy cadaver only to be rescued eventually by a New Mexican policeman of Mexican ancestry. Enclosed in my account was a letter he had written the governor of New Mexico suggesting that that worthy resign and turn over the Governorship of New Mexico to this policeman. He felt that His Excellency would not want to continue in office when the greatest of all human beings was traveling around on a cold highway serving his State in a subordinate position. He intimated that the patrolman might also be recommended to serve coterminously as President of Mexico, which would implement the Good Neighbor Policy. If His Excellency coveted his office, then Bryan ventured to suggest that New Mexico would want to build a monument to the brave patrolman somewhere along the Pass. I didn't see the Governor's reply, but I did watch the papers to ascertain that he never resigned. The letter was so spritely and so typical of Bryan's approach to life that I'm sure that the Governor enjoyed it as much as I did.

Bryan Blalock had the quality of taking the zest in life and refining it into a rare art. He and I frequently disagreed, particularly on politics, but the more we disagreed, the closer we drew together. To him goes all the credit for being able to endure honest difference of opinion and come out with bonds that were stronger than ever. He was in the words of a seventeenth century poet:

"A happy soul, that all the way
To heaven hath a summer's day."

Dr. Joe B. Frantz, Chairman of the Department of History at the University of Texas, penned the above tribute to his friend the late Bryan Blalock. William Bryan Blalock was the distinguished son of a prominent pioneer Harrison County family who came to Texas in the early days of the Republic. His father W. M. Blalock served three terms in the State Legislature.

Blalock, born in Harrison County in 1895, was a man of many parts. He was County Tax Collector before he was twenty-one. In 1919 he joined Veteran newspaperman Homer M. Price in establishing the Marshall Morning News. In 1921, he was elected manager of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental in securing Darco Corporation--now Atlas Chemical Industries, and the Central East Texas Fair while serving as Chamber Manager. In 1930 he organized the Texas Milk Products Co. When the company was sold to the Borden Co. in 1943, Blalock became director of public and industry relations. As Vice-President of the Southern Division of the company, he gained national prominence as a public speaker.

His crowning work before his untimely death on June 13, 1964, was his leadership in the successful bond election to build the New Harrison County Courthouse. A bronze plaque will soon be placed in the foyer of the new courthouse to his memory. (Editor)



HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1851-1888



HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1900 -
A BRIEF HISTORY OF HARRISON
COUNTY COURTHOUSES

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The County Court is the branch of state government closest to the people. The County Courthouse--seat of justice, taxes, and records becomes an integral part of the history and traditions of the people.

Since its establishment on January 28, 1839, by the Republic of Texas, Harrison County has had seven houses of justice. Three of these were of log construction. The last four, pictured in this issue of the HERALD, have been imposing permanent type structures of brick and stone.

The first County Seat was located at Greensborough on the Sabine River twelve miles south of the present county seat. The first chief justice was George B. Adkins of Port Caddo appointed by President Mirabeau B. Lamar. After one year the seat of government was moved; because of unhealthy climate, to Pulaski, about thirty miles southeast of Marshall on the east bank of the Sabine and presently in Panola County. This court was presided over by John T. Mills. In 1841 the Congress of the Republic of Texas passed an act dividing the county into two districts. The northern district established a courthouse in Peter Whetstone's league of land which became the city of Marshall. The act dividing the County was declared unconstitutional and for a time there was much confusion as to which county officers and location was the legal county seat. Pulaski claimed to be the county seat, but because it was so far from the center of the county and population, Marshall was eventually recognized as the county seat of Harrison County. The first courthouse was a log one located on the southeast corner of the square. The square was then a lovely grove of oaks.

On April 10, 1848, a committee was appointed by the Commissioners court to inspect and superintend erection of a courthouse. Chief Justice A. T. Patillos' court approved a bond issue of \$12,000 to construct the new House of Justice and William B. Brittain was awarded the contract to build it. This beautiful "Red Brick" building known as the "Little Virginia" Courthouse was occupied in 1851. It served its purpose well until the question of building safety caused the county commissioners to appoint a committee to examine the courthouse and report to the court on their finding. On April 3, 1888, these commissioners accepted plans and specifications for a new and enlarged courthouse not to exceed \$50,000. James Higgins was low bidder at \$42,500. He also received a contract to pull down the old courthouse and level the ground for the new for \$1,000. W. T. S. Keller was County Judge at the time; and McQuirke, Dallas, were the architects. Upon its completion in August, 1889, the building was acclaimed one of the most beautiful in Texas. Ten years later on June 8, 1899, a fire completely destroyed this structure and all of its contents except the county records which were in a fire proof vault.

The third brick courthouse which now dominates the public square was built in 1900 at a cost of \$62,500. Henry Thomas Lyttleton was the county judge. Architects were J. Riley Gordon of Dallas and C. G. Lancaster of Marshall. The August 17 edition of the local paper carried this statement, "Our new courthouse is a thing of beauty and will be a joy forever. Our citizens can sit back and point with pride at a building that would be an honor to any state."

Although this building has been replaced as the official courthouse by the imposing new "House of Justice" dedicated this month, the Old Courthouse is still "a thing of beauty and a joy forever" to many citizens of the county. Its usefulness will continue since it will house county and state offices and the Harrison County Historical Museum.

Harrison is the only County in Texas that can boast four County courthouses all of them in use. The same bond issue which provided for the new courthouse also provided for a sub-courthouse in Hallsville and Waskom. In order to avoid confusion, the County Commissioners court recently designated the new courthouse as the New Harrison County Courthouse, and the old building the Old Harrison County Courthouse.



HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1889-1899

NOTES AND COMMENTS OF
HISTORICAL INTEREST

Names of persons receiving complimentary copies of the HERALD will be removed from the mailing list after this issue due to the expense of printing and postage. Persons carried on the mailing list will include the following: dues paying members (\$5.00), corresponding members who reside outside Harrison County (\$3.00), honorary members, and those who have paid \$1.00 for Volume 1. The remaining five issues of Volume 1 may be purchased for \$1.00, or remaining issues at 25¢ per copy. Because of limited space the list of new members will be delayed until the January issue.

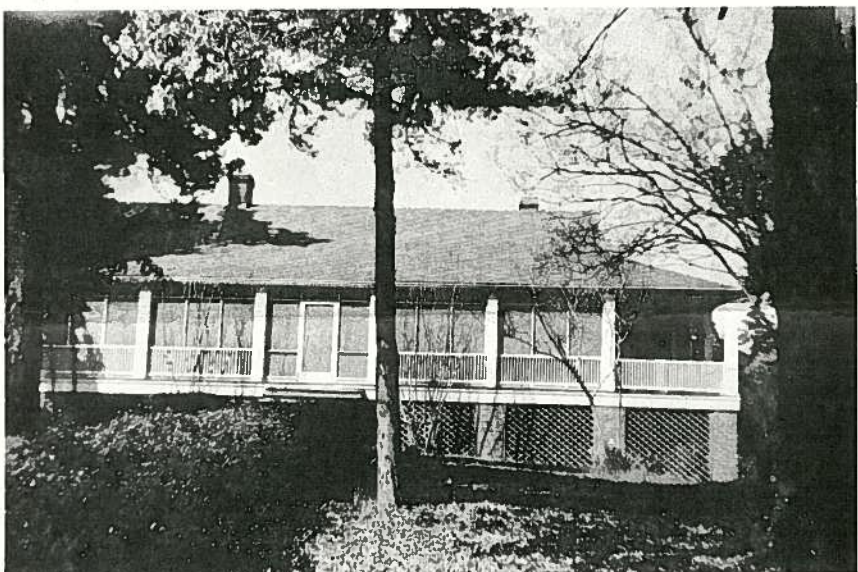
The January meeting of HCHS will be held in the new Sub-Courthouse in Waskom, Texas at 7:30 P.M. January 21, 1965.

The County Commissioners Court has turned the space set aside in the old Courthouse for a historical museum over to HCHS. Seth Walton, general chairman of the museum committee, will announce plans to begin work on the project by the first of the new year.

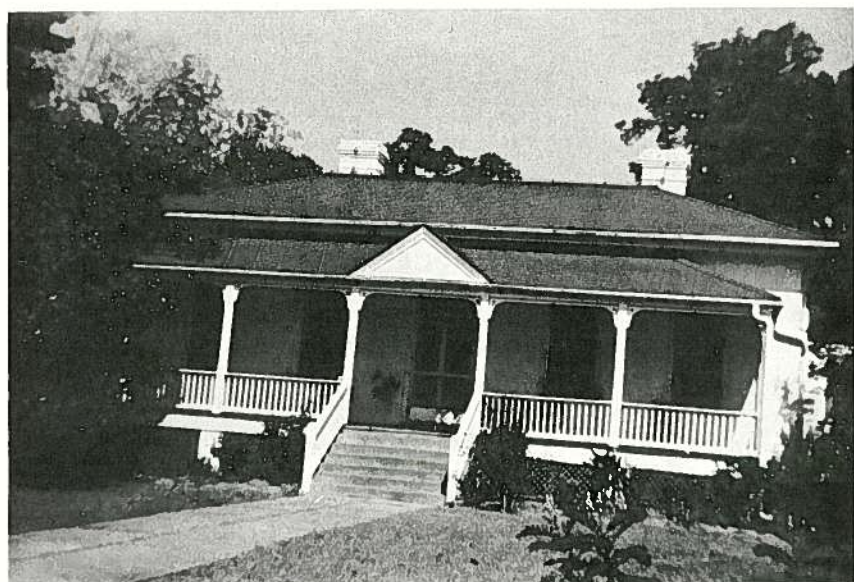
The January issue of the HERALD will feature our historical marker program, "Harrison County History in metal and stone".

HERALD editor, Eugene Spruell, had an opportunity to express appreciation of the HCHS to the First Lady for her gift to the Society during her recent visit to East Texas. She expressed interest in the work of the Society and a desire to see the museum when it opens. It is the hope of the editor that the museum will be ready by the first of the summer and that Mrs. Johnson can be our special guest for the formal opening.

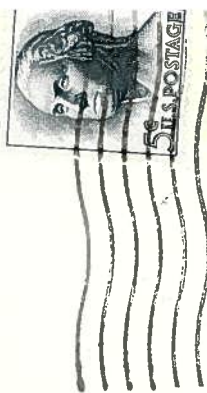
September, October, and November issues of the HERALD are not available. We have only printed enough copies each month for our regular mailing list. A few copies of each issue have been reserved for our files and several key libraries.



Scott House in Old Scottsville was built in 1840 by William Thomas Scott, one of the earliest pioneers in Harrison County. It is a raised cottage with broad steps and deep porches. The ground floor has a single room which was originally the dining room. The upper structure is frame with clapboards. Doors and mantles are hand hewn oak. The House, grounds, and adjoining cemetery are maintained by the Betty Scott Youree Park Foundation. A 1936 Centennial granite marker may be seen on the highway in front of the house which has also been awarded a Texas Building Medallion.



Frazier House, 409 West Grand, Marshall, was built in the 1840's by George B. Adkins for his friend, Judge Charles A. Frazier. Later owners were S. D. Rainey and W. A. Adair. This is a raised cottage built entirely of brick. The ground floor rooms on the rear were originally used for kitchen and dining room. The chimneys set in the interior of the house are massive; the roof is hipped and truncated. The porch has its separate hipped roof, six dainty columns, and a simple balustrade. The entrance has double doors with a transom light. Dr. R. G. Granbery is the present owner.



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NEW HARRISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Dr. Howard C. Bennett, President of East Texas Baptist College, will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the new Harrison County Courthouse Saturday, December 19, at 11 A.M. The modern brick and glass structure is located on the Southwest side of the square facing East. Local veterans organizations will participate in the program with a flag raising ceremony and pledge of allegiance. County Judge John D. Furrh will serve as master of ceremonies. District Judge Sam B. Hall, Sr. will introduce the speaker. Architect for the \$1,215,000 four story structure was Turnbull, Inc. A. P. Kasch and Son of Rigg Springs served as contractor. County Commissioners are: Fred Metcalf, precinct one; Will Power, precinct two; Sidney Keasler, precinct three; and Z. T. Craver, precinct four.

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AND
THE HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

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AWARDING A STATE LANDMARK MEDALLION
TO THE OLD COURTHOUSE

FORMAL OPENING OF THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

SUNDAY, THE THIRD OF OCTOBER
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

OLD COURTHOUSE, EAST LAWN, WHETSTONE SQUARE
MARSHALL, TEXAS

MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS FROM THREE TO SIX P.M.

OLD COURTHOUSE

THIS BUILDING WAS HARRISON COUNTY'S THIRD BRICK COURTHOUSE. FIRST, THE "LITTLE VIRGINIA" COURTHOUSE BUILT IN 1851. SECOND, A LARGER ONE BUILT IN 1889 WHICH BURNED IN 1899. THIRD, THIS STRUCTURE IN ROMAN CLASSIC STYLE WAS ERECTED IN 1900 AT A COST OF \$ 62,000. IN 1964 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT ALLOTTED SPACE IN THE BUILDING TO THE HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR A MUSEUM.



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see
suggested
revision
attached

I approve of the inscription for
the Old Harrison County Courthouse
as submitted to me by your office
on May 5, 1965.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Patterson
(Signed)

Harrison
(County)