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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dial-Williamson House

AND/OR COMMON

"Pine Hill"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(4.2 mi) 3 miles west of Rd.)

Marshall on the Old Longview Rd. (Hynson Springs)

CITY, TOWN

Marshall

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Texas

VICINITY OF

CODE
048

COUNTY

Harrison

CODE

203

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

X YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

COMMERCIAL

PARK

EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gregg

STREET & NUMBER

10 Waverly Court

CITY, TOWN

Houston

VICINITY OF

STATE

TX 77005

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 Recorded Texas Historic Landmark; Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1967; 1972 & 1977

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE
Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prominently sited on a hill amidst 100-year old cedars, magnolias, oaks, bois d'arcs, hickories and crepe myrtles, the Dial-Williamson House stands as one of Harrison County's exemplary Greek Revival plantation houses. Built between 1841-44, the Dial-Williamson House was originally constructed as a two-room, dog trot log house, typical of early Texas frontier architecture. During the ownership of G. C. Dial the house was enlarged to a square form with hipped roof. Resting on a foundation of bois d'arc piers and native red field stone, the enlarged house was framed by heavy hand-squared timbers and sheathed on the exterior in board and batten siding, all of which remain today.

To the simple form were added well-proportioned and finely articulated Greek Revival details. Across the main (south) facade extends an inset gallery supported by six handsomely proportioned square columns. These supports rest on a molded base, have square chamfered shafts and are topped by a molded capital. The symmetrical, five-bay main facade displays a wide, central double door, surrounded by sidelights of three rectangular lights over a molded panel and a six-light transom. A beautifully proportioned entablature crowns the composition. Flanking the door are four narrow, double-hung, floor length windows containing six-over-nine lights and crowned by an entablature identical to that of the main entrance.

The sides and rear facades have few Greek Revival ornamentations and the additions made to the house during the 1870's and again in the 1960's conceal some of the symmetrical arrangement of the basic square block. The east facade displays the formal symmetry of the front elevation in its five-bay composition. The central double door is slightly inset and contains only a simple two-light transom. Flanking both sides of the east entrance are two simply framed six-over-six light windows and between each pair of windows is an exterior brick end chimney. Originally the west facade was identical to the east, but the arrangement at the northwest corner of the house has been altered by an addition. Across the rear (north) a two-room addition was attached in the 1870's. The original chimney remains on the east end of this addition. At the northwest corner of the house the present owners have built a hip-roofed kitchen wing and a screened porch extends across part of the north facade.

The interior plan of the original Greek Revival house, whose front portion incorporates the original log structure, varies from the usual Greek Revival plan of a central hall with rooms on each side. Instead, the hall is perpendicularly bisected yielding one central hall from south to north and another from east to west, dividing the house into four rooms. The molded baseboards, door and window cornices and the board and batten ceilings attest to the craftsmanship of the builder. In addition, two of the original classically molded mantles remain, and have been used as models for other reconstructed mantles. On each side of the interior double doors which open from the parlor onto the central hall, panels have been revealed to show the log construction of those rooms.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built as a double log, dog-trot cabin between 1841-44 and enlarged to a Greek Revival house in the mid-19th century, the Dial-Williamson House is an excellent example of the mid-19th century Greek Revival plantation houses built in Harrison County. Although simple in ornamentation, the house displays some notable architectural features such as the refinement of details in the molded columns and the classically molded entablatures above the south (front) door and windows, as well as the perpendicularly bisecting cross hall variation on the standard Greek Revival central hall plan.

The Dial-Williamson House derives its name from two prominent 19th century owners, G. C. Dial, a wealthy and influential planter in the mid-19th century and J. B. Williamson, a powerful local politician in the years following the Civil War. The two original log rooms were probably built by the first landowner, Henry Morgan, who had been awarded a land grant by the Republic of Texas. G. C. Dial acquired the property in 1844 and lived in the house until 1869. He enlarged the house from the early Texas log structure into a refined four-room Greek Revival residence. Dial was one of Harrison County's significant early landowners and cotton farmers. When he was courting Anna Raguet of Marshall, Sam Houston was a frequent visitor in Dial's home. J. B. Williamson, a Republican politician and county judge during Reconstruction, bought the Dial house in 1869. Williamson was the first and only Republican county judge of Harrison County until the 1970's. After Williamson's death in 1883, the house was occupied until the 1940's by his descendants. In 1962 the current owners, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gregg, bought the property and restored the house to use as their retirement home.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gregg, D. H. Historical and architectural notes included in application for National Register nomination, based upon the title abstract, as well as personal papers of J. B. Williamson.

Campbell, Randolph B., "Planters and Plain Folk: Harrison County, Texas, as a Test Case, 1850-1860," The Journal of Southern History, V. XL, No. 3

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 5 1/2

QUADRANGLE NAME Marshall West, Texas

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 36164815 36102220

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marie D. Landon, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Texas Historical Commission

DATE

October 10, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 12276, Capitol Station

TELEPHONE

512-475-3094

CITY OR TOWN

Austin

STATE

TX 78711

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

December 29, 1978

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

DATE

12-79

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-26-79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Outbuildings included on the nominated property are described below:

Barn: southwest of the main house. This structure is a wood frame building (13' x 12') with hipped roof. Although the date of construction is uncertain, this is the oldest outbuilding on the property, and likely dates from the same period as the house.

Carriage House: immediately west of the main house. This one-story frame building with clapboard siding was built from wood of the old kitchen outbuilding. It has a pitched roof with a cupola. The pitch of the roof changes at both the east and west ends to form an open shed.

Slave or Servants' Quarters: southeast of the house. This building is a one-story pitch-roofed cottage with one main room and a shed room at the rear. The two-bay main facade with a single door and window is sheltered by a gallery supported on three square columns with molded trim. Although it was removed from its original location at 203 W. Grand Avenue in Marshall in 1964, the building did serve as servant quarters there at the Key family plantation, which had been in existence since before the Civil War. The present owner believes it may also have housed slaves before the War.

Well House: north of the house. A new brick well-house covering a deep water well dug by the Greggs.

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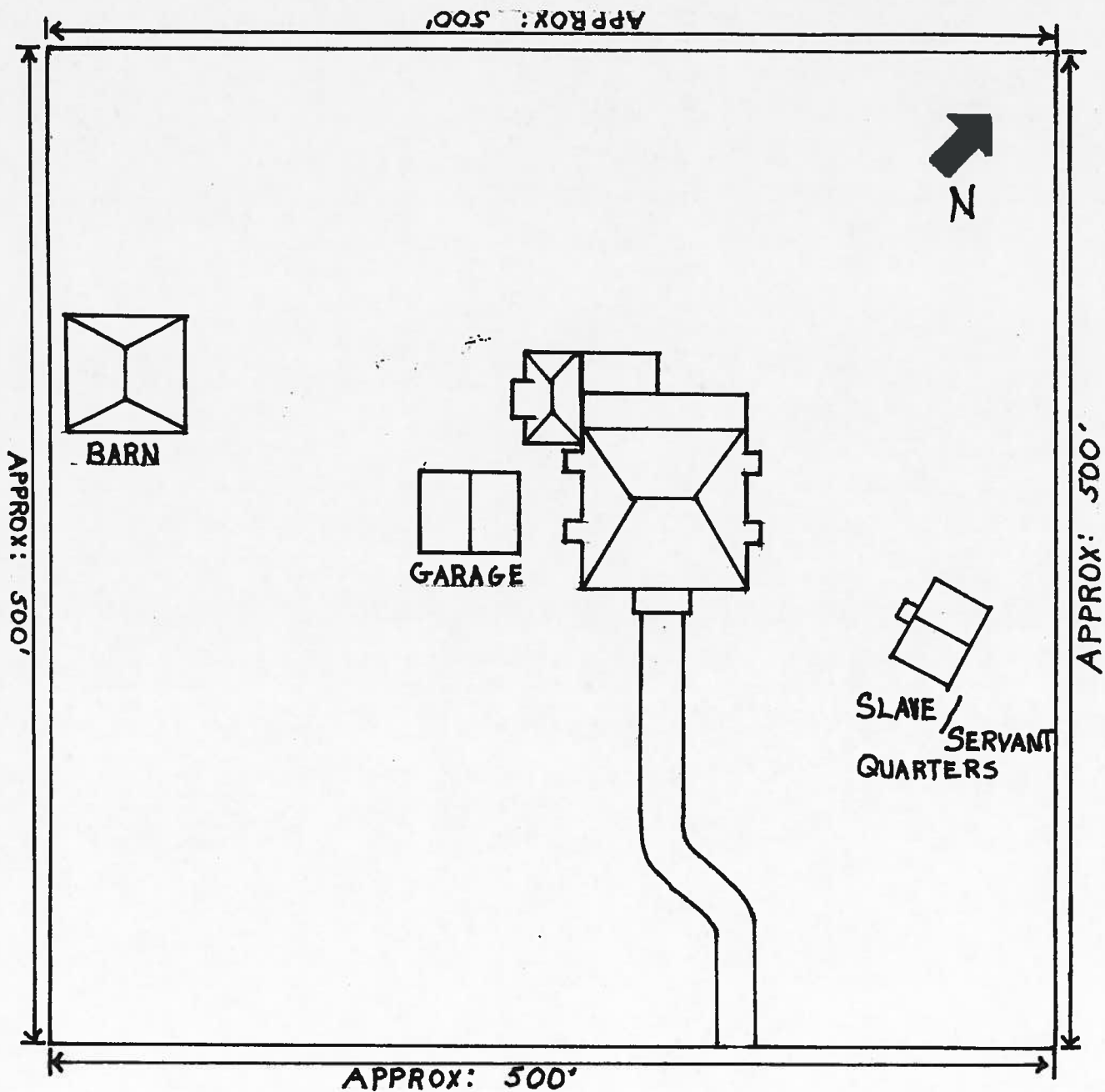
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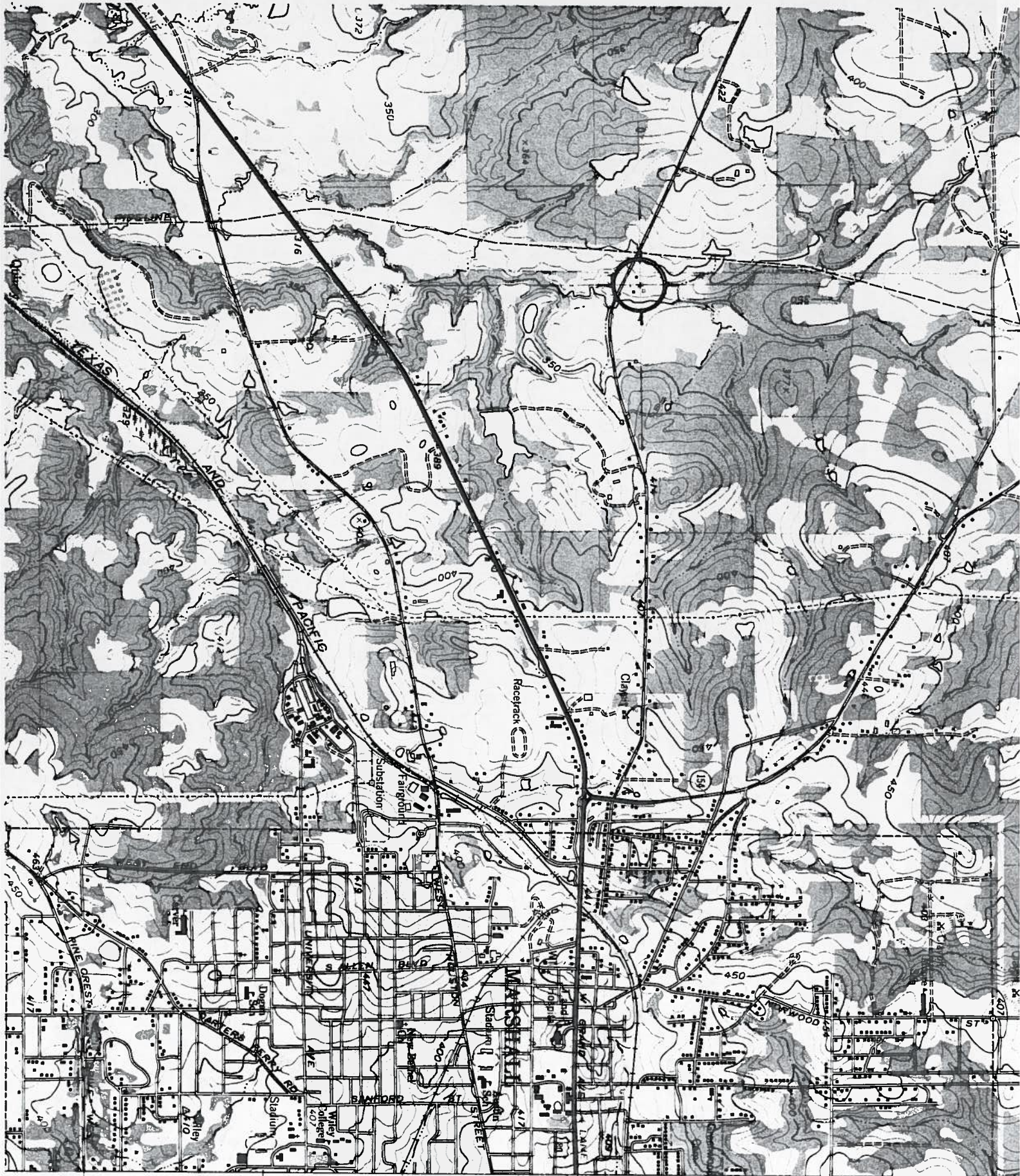
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The nominated property is enclosed by a fence forming a rectangle approximately 500 feet on each side, the southeast corner of which is described as the "fence corner post in the west margin of the Hynson Springs Road (FM 449) and formerly known as the Marshall and Gilmer Road (50 feet wide), said corner posts being the south southeast corner of the 80 acre tract conveyed to Eleanor Attebery Cooper by deed dated December 15, 1936 from W. H. Attebery et al, recorded in Volume 221, Page 282 of the Deed Records of said county and also being the south southwest corner of a 10 acre tract conveyed to J. M. Chambliss by S. M. Mullican by deed dated August 25, 1942 recorded in Volume 250, Page 303 of the Deed Records of said county.." (From Volume 696, Page 431, Deed Records of Harrison County).



DIAL-WILLIAMSON HOUSE
(PINE HILL PLANTATION)
MARSHALL VICINITY,
HARRISON COUNTY,
SITE PLAN





"PINE HILL"
MARSHALL, HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS
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