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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

Round Mountain Stage Coach Inn & Stable

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Ranch Rd. 962, 3/10 mi. east off Hwy 281

CITY, TOWN

Round Mountain

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

CODE
048

COUNTY

Blanco

CODE
031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Col. & Mrs. Richard T. Hernlund

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 27

CITY, TOWN

Round Mountain

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas 78663

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Blanco County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Johnson City,

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE recognizing Elitha Smith Martin who built this property. Marker is in front of the old Methodist Church on land donated by Mrs. Martin 100 yds west of the inn.

DATE

1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Round Mountain Stage Coach Inn and livery stable is in a pastoral setting of gently rolling farm land punctuated by 19th century dwellings and large native trees with the 19th century Methodist church built on land donated by Elitha Martin to the west and bounded by clear, active Cypress Creek to the east which still bears traces of wagon and coach wheels at the stage coach crossing. What is now the driveway between the livery stable and inn was once the stage route.

The inn is separated from the driveway with a dry-laid stone wall defining the spacious front yard on the north. The two-story L-shape plan house with gabled tin roof and two of its original four chimneys still in place was built of locally quarried limestone, with 19' thick walls. All of the woodwork is of cypress milled at Cypress Mill seven miles east on Cypress Creek. There are still traces of scored plaster on the exterior of the inn. Interior walls are plaster over cypress lath. Adjacent to the original separate kitchen on the southwest is a stone well, and a jug-shaped underground stone cistern is still in good condition near the east screened porch.

The north facade of the inn is missing its original double front gallery, posts and railings. The second story roof is now supported by new rough-sawn cedar posts two-storys high. There are four equally spaced 6-over-6 sash windows flanking the arched central entry with a panelled door and side lights replaced with amber bottle glass. The arch above the main entry has been replaced with concrete. French doors directly above originally opened onto the second story gallery.

The east elevation shows a two-story window bay which once housed a fireplace. Six-over-six sash windows, one upstairs and one down, have been installed in the center of the bay. The east facade of the south wing shows a two-story screened porch with the one-story bathroom addition on the end, with two small, evenly spaced amber bottle glass casement windows on the curved bathroom wall.

The south elevation shows four evenly spaced 6-over-6 sash windows, two upstairs and two down, at the east end of the northern portion of the house. The prow-shaped end of the flat-roofed bathroom addition is below the gable end of the southern wing's second story which has one centered 6-over-6 sash window with the second story of the screened porch visible to the east.

The west elevation originally had ten evenly spaced 6-over-6 sash windows with a chimney at the peak of the north wing's gable end, and another chimney centered in the south wing. The two windows just north of the chimney were left out when that wall and fireplace were rebuilt in 1973.

The central entry hall behind the north facade contains the original cypress stair with simple but well-proportioned posts and railings leading to the second floor. The fireplace on the east wall of the

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parlor to the east of the entry has been replaced with a window bay. The parlor on the west of the entry has had its west wall and fireplace rebuilt. The original cypress mantle is missing. The south wing of the house, probably added soon after the inn was first built in 1874, contains a diningroom with a fireplace on the south wall with its original cypress mantle and a screened porch to the east. The kitchen (once a small family diningroom) is south of the diningroom with a massive corbelled stone fireplace on the north wall. A 1973 one-story prow-shaped stone addition to the kitchen contains a large bathroom, dressingroom and laundry facilities.

Upstairs the floor plan follows that of the ground floor, except that the ceiling and floor of the room above the northwest parlor was removed, leaving a balcony effect above the parlor. The three back bedrooms can only be reached from the screened porch on the east side of the south wing.

The large rectangular stone livery stable with meeting house above has a hipped wood shingle roof with a few ornate brackets still under the wide eaves and a single chimney centered on the east elevation. A hay loft and tackroom above the stalls was reached by an interior stair, with the large meeting room above reached by an exterior stair. The meeting room had two flues for stoves, plastered walls, bead ceiling, and chair rails around the walls.

The south elevation of the stable, which originally faced onto the old stage route, has a large arched central opening with flanking unglazed openings, all three with massive concrete lintels replacing the original stone, on the ground floor, and three evenly spaced 4-over-4 sash windows above.

The east elevation has evenly spaced slits in the stone of the ground floor to ventilate the stalls, with a door near the north corner, formerly reached by an exterior stair, and three evenly spaced 4-over-4 sash windows on the second floor.

The north elevation has one central arched opening on the ground floor wide enough for carriages to pass through.

The west elevation has evenly spaced slits in the stone of the ground

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floor to ventilate the stalls, with four evenly spaced 4-over-4 sash windows on the second story.

Besides the changes already mentioned, dark green operable shutters were originally on the west elevation of the inn. Pieces of these have been found and saved. The original separate stone kitchen and ice house on the southwest has been removed, with stone from the kitchen being used for the new bathroom addition. The outline of the kitchen foundation is still visible.

When William Anderson bought the property in 1971 it had not been inhabited for almost thirty years. All of the window panes were missing, hackberry trees had caused damage to the northwest parlor so that the wall and chimney had to be rebuilt. Plaster and flooring had to be replaced or refinished throughout.

The present owners are refinishing woodwork and walls. Three rooms have had new floors laid of wide center-matched pine to conform to the original floors. Much work is still to be done on hallways, the northwest parlor, and upstairs bedrooms.

Decay and water damage to the stable is extensive. The stone walls need to be repointed before a new roof can be installed.

The owners hope to restore the stable, and plan to replace the inn's upper gallery and restore the interior of the inn. The property will be used permanently by the Hernlunds as their home and will be maintained properly by them.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
— PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION		
— 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE		
— 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE		
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
— 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER		
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— 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	— OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		— INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1874; 1882

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Elitha Smith Martin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Round Mountain Stage Coach Inn, livery stable and general store, built and operated by widowed Elitha Martin and her son David, was the hub of the small Round Mountain community until well into the 20th century, as well as being the overnight stop on the stagecoach line from Austin to Llano. Located at a crossroads, the inn served cowboys moving their cattle north, drivers hauling cotton from Johnson City to Marble Falls, as well as miscellaneous travelers from all directions, including an overnight stop by Gov. James Hogg. The local post office was in the store with David and Elitha Martin serving as postmasters from 1876 to 1896. Besides the commercial aspects of the inn, livery stable, post office and store, the Martins maintained the large room above the livery stable as a community gathering place. Local citizens voted there, held dances, and lodge meetings, as well as church meetings. While the store and several smaller outbuildings are no longer there, the inn and stable are exceptionally fine examples of architecture of the period with a strong Georgian influence and refinements unusual to rural Texas buildings at the time, such as lath and plaster walls inside the inn, with exterior walls plastered and scored, and the bracketed eaves of the well-proportioned livery stable.

John and Elitha Smith Martin came to Texas in 1856 from Virginia and settled in Llano with their four children, where they built a home and fort for protection from Indians. Five more children were born to them in Texas. After John Martin died in 1869, Elitha moved with her children to Round Mountain in Blanco County. Round Mountain was originally called Birdtown for the Rev. Joseph Bird, one of the first settlers. The house he built there in 1854 still stands, but is in poor condition. The town's name was changed to Round Mountain with establishment of its first post office (the second post office in Blanco territory), on June 29, 1857.

Elitha Martin built and operated the inn, livery stable, general mercantile store and post office with the help of her son David. David Martin was postmaster from October 2, 1876 to December 1877, with

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 2.7 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Round Mountain, Tex.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 563420 3366220
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Approximately 2.7 acres, Lot ten of Block one West Division, Town of Round Mountain, Texas.

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 **Joe Williams, Project Director**
Binnie McCreary, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION **Texas Historical Commission** DATE **November 22, 1977**

STREET & NUMBER **1511 Colorado** TELEPHONE **475-3094**

CITY OR TOWN **Austin** STATE **Texas**

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE **Texas Historic Preservation Officer**

DATE 1-6-78

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

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3-8-78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 3-16-78

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Elitha as postmistress from December 4, 1879 to May 16, 1896. David Martin founded the Martin Telephone Co. which was the first to serve Blanco, Llano, Burnet, Mason, and San Saba Counties for about 20 years.

An instrument dated August 21, 1882, in Vol. 5, page 176 of the Blanco County Deed Records indicated that the Frontier Lodge No. 195, I.O.O.F., erected the second story of the livery stable at their own expense and would continue to maintain the space jointly with the Martins forever as long as the lease remained in force. The lodge no longer exists.

The property remained in the family, operated by sons-in-law Eli Shelley and N. C. Galloway, until May 3, 1909 when it was sold to a batchelor named Herman Glass. He used the inn as a residence and ran the store until his death June 12, 1930. Soon after his death the store was demolished and a rancher moved the stone to his ranch to construct a barn. Mr. Glass willed the property to Robert Desmond. Mr. Desmond sold the property to Dr. Lewis Helfer of San Antonio. Dr. Helfer sold it to A. J. Sharp of Round Mountain. After his death it was sold to W. W. Johnson of Suffolk County, Massachusetts. It was during this ownership, apparently, that alterations were made to the inn. Mr. Johnson sold the property in 1955 to Mrs. Edgar Tobin, Tobin Map Co., San Antonio. Dr. James Baurle of San Antonio purchased the property in 1969 and sold it August 17, 1971, to William E. Anderson of the Marble Falls Highlander. When Anderson started teaching at The University of Texas at Austin, he sold the property to Col. Richard T. Hernlund and his wife Mae, the present owners, on June 16, 1975.

¹According to an interview with Mrs. Martin's grandson, Tot Galloway, in April, 1976.

Property Round Mountain Stage Coach Inn + Stable

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State Texas

Working Number 1.10.78.2205

Blanco

TECHNICAL

Photos 6

Maps 1

CONTROL

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1.10.78

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
2.22.78

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Bravman
2.16.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Leovich
3/15/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

3/31/78

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 5.2.78

Re-submit _____

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Northeast oblique of Inn

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Northwest oblique of the Inn

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Southeast oblique of Inn

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Southwest oblique of Inn

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North elevation of Livery Stable

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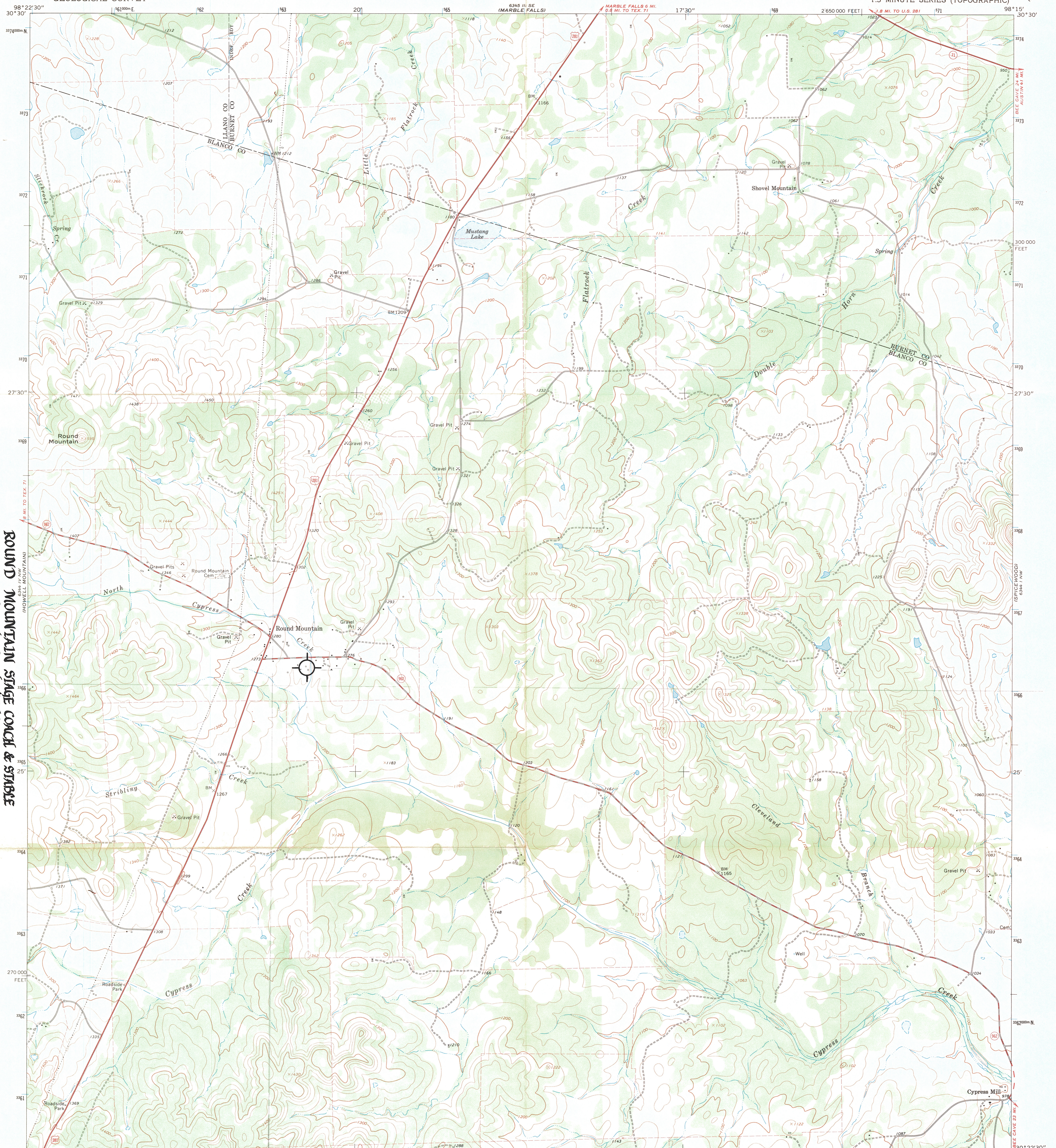
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Southwest oblique of Livery Stable

Photo #6 86

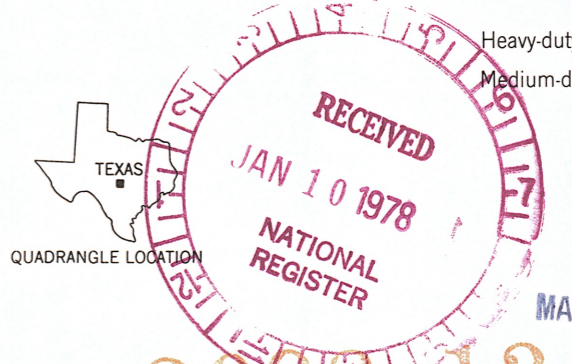
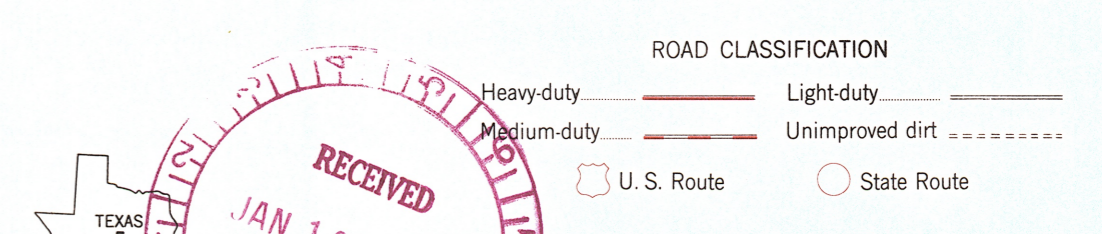
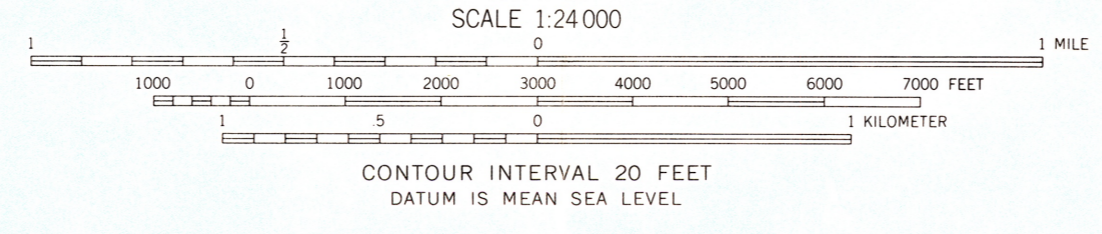
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ROUND MOUNTAIN STAGE CONC& STABLE
Round Mountain, Blanco County, Texas
UTM Reference: 14/563420/3366220

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



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

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

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Name

Location

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Round Mountain
Blanco County

Also Notified

Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen

Hon. John G. Tower

Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle

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Mott/js

4/13/78

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

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① NAME as it appears on federal register: Round Mountain Stagecoach Inn and Stable
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: MAR 31 1978
 ④ county code: 31

⑤ LOCATION street & number: SR 962 off U.S. 281
 city / town: Round Mountain
 vicinity of: TX
 state: TX
 county: Blanco
 ⑥ NPS REGION: SW

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

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

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

⑯ CONDITION deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 ⑰ features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

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

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE :
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
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 AGRICULTURE-3 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
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 ART-5 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 TRANSPORTATION-25
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

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

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

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

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

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP