NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:

King William Historic District

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
(See continuation sheet #1)

CITY OR TOWN:
San Antonio

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Texas 048 Bexar 029

3. CLASSIFICATION

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[ ] Educational [ ] Military [ ] Religious [ ] Scientific [ ]
[ ] Entertainment [ ] Museum [ ] [ ] [ ]

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Multiple

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
San Antonio City Hall

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Some, but not all, are listed in Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
[ ] Federal [ ] State [ ] County [ ] Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

(See continuation sheet #2)
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**DESCRIPTION**

The King William Historic District is a tree-shaded neighborhood of Victorian and turn-of-the-century homes, close to downtown San Antonio. The highest concentration of architecturally significant residence occurs along both sides of King William Street. Of the fifty structures on this five-block-long street, forty-three contribute to the nineteenth-century character of the district. Several buildings are particularly outstanding. The Wulff House, an 1873 pink stucco Italian Villa, is the principal north terminus for the district. Across from it is a stuccoed one-story house with wide inset front porch, typical of the vernacular building style of this region in the middle of the nineteenth century. The one-story Sartor House is an excellent example of a Victorian house that appears frequently in San Antonio. The Ike West House is a Victorian two-story home with a confection of iron cresting along the varying levels of its roof and turned balusters and spindles on its curved porches.

Three mansions on King William Street would be architecturally significant even isolated from the district: the eclectic Renaissance derived Polk Mansion; the Groos House, 1880, with elaborate Victorian tracery on its galleries and an Italianate cupola; and the Steves Homestead, 1876, another eclectic mix with French Renaissance touches on a sturdy symmetrical two-story house.

Guenther Street, and the San Antonio River behind it, forms the south boundary of the district. Across the river are the tall buildings of the Pioneer Flour Mills, on the site of the original 1859 mill. Madison and City Streets run parallel to King William Street. The houses on these streets are individually less important, but add substantially to the quality of the area.

There are three fine houses on the one-block-long Washington Street. The most important of these is the Newton Mitchell or Oge House, an imposing two-story late Greek Revival residence built for the Commanding Officer's Quarters for the nearby San Antonio Arsenal in 1860.
2. (contd.)

Beginning at the northwest corner of the district at a point on the west bank of the San Antonio River at the Durango Street bridge, east two blocks to St. Mary's Street, south on St. Mary's Street to the lot line behind the lots on the east side of Madison Street, thence southwest along the rear lot lines for five blocks to the San Antonio River, following the river northwest to the Guenther Street bridge, from the north to connect with an line formed by the lot line behind the lots on the west side of City Street, northeast along this line two blocks to Arsenal Street, east on Arsenal Street to the west bank of the river, north along the west bank of the river to the origination.
6. (contd.)

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State
Texas State Historical Survey Committee
108 W. 15th Street
Austin, Texas  048

Some, but not all, are listed in Texas Architectural Survey
State
Architecture Library
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas  048
Large trees, generous lawns, picket and iron fences frame the rows of Victorian houses and mansions of the King William Historic District. The area was primarily established by prosperous German businessmen in the second half of the nineteenth century. The district is only a few blocks south of the simple, vernacular La Villita Historic District and downtown San Antonio. In contrast, the King William homes are opulent Victorian buildings with Italianate towers, mansard roofs, or fancy scrollwork.

The lands now occupied by the King William Historic District are on the meandering San Antonio River and were once an irrigated farm belonging to Mission Concepcion. When the missions were secularized, the land passed to Pedro Huizar, Vicente Amador, and Juana Fuentes, and then was purchased in the 1840s by Thomas Jefferson Devine, a San Antonio lawyer and land speculator. Devine sold most of the northern section to Catherine Elder who transferred it to her husband, Newton Mitchell, when she married in 1857. Devine and Mitchell subdivided their properties into lots. Carl Guenther, a German miller, had purchased the southwestern section of the area, in 1859, and established a mill and his home there. These have been modernized and have grown, but still form the terminus of the King William District. (Taylor and Taylor. "The King William Neighborhood: An Appraisal." pp. 2-3.)

"(The King William District) prospered as Germans who had come to Texas in the great Auswanderung of the 1840s ... (and subsequently enriched themselves), followed Carl Guenther and his mill into what the rest of San Antonio began to call 'Sauerkraut Bend.' In 1873 Anton Frederich Wulff, a merchant and alderman, built an Italianate villa at the head of King William Street. During the 1880s the street acquired an unmistakable air of burgerlich respectability, as Robert Hansche, the editor of the Freie Presse Fuer Texas; Karl Wilhelm Groos, merchant and banker; Eduard (See continuation sheet #3)
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wayne Bell, Project Director
Roxanne Williamson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee
DATE: 5-25-71

ADDRESS: 108 W. 15th Street
CITY OR TOWN: Austin
STATE: Texas
CODE: 048

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [x]

Name: [Signature]
Title: State Liaison Officer
Date: 9-7-71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JAN 20, 1972

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register
Date: [Signature] 3/1972
Steves, lumberman; Edward Steves, Jr., firearms merchant; Carl Harnisch, confectioner; August Beisenbach, hardware merchant; Ernst Altgelt, land agent; and Charles Hummel all built imposing homes along it."(Taylor and Taylor. "The King William Neighborhood: An Appraisal." p.4)

Although all of the above were of German stock, not all King William residents were German. At the head of Washington Street the United States had built a fine two-story late Greek Revival residence as Commanding Officer's quarters for the San Antonio Arsenal nearby. This house is now known as the Newton Mitchell House or the Oge House, for the families that later owned the building. The Oge House, and the Norton Polk House, the Steves Homestead, the West House, Wulff House and Groos House on King William Street are the most outstanding residences in the district.

Madison Street was developed primarily in the 1890s although there are a few earlier buildings there also. Together with City Street, on the opposite bank of the San Antonio River from King William Street, it has somewhat less distinguished architecture than that on King William Street itself, but are one with the neighborhood in Victorian mood and provide a buffer for the core of the district.

In the early twentieth century suburban areas of San Antonio began to replace the King William District as choice residential areas, and by the 1930s and 40s the average number of tenants per house had greatly increased and there had been a general decline in the prestige of the neighborhood. Some of the homes continued to be occupied by the original families, however, and by the late sixties restoration had begun to revive the attractiveness of the area.
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**REVIEW**

Terrific district!

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**COMMENTS:**

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

Dan. Henry B. Gonzales

**WORKING NUMBER:** 9/13/71
NPS Number:  Jan. 20, 1972
Title:  King William
        Historic District
Loc.  Bexar Co., Texas
       Carl Wilhelm August
           Gross House
1. NAME

COMMON: King William Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

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STREET AND NUMBER: (See continuation sheet #1)

CITY OR TOWN: San Antonio

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4. IDENTIFICATION

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Carl Wilhelm August Groos House, 335 King William Street
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Stevens Homestead

Width 28

Focus 195

Depth 21

Jacket 533-1883

A. 268

[Signature: H. D. Ted.]

Kingman, H. O. - Ted.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  

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NPS Number: Jan. 20, 1972
Title: King William Historic District
Loc. Bejan Co., Texas
219 East Guenther
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KING WILLIAM HIST. DIST.
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King William Historic District
San Antonio, Texas
Bexar County, Texas
United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey

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  Bexar County        |

### Also Notified

- Hon. John G. Tower
- Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
- Hon. Henry B. Gonzales
- Hon. Olin Teague

**State Liaison Officer**  
Mr. Truett Latimer  
Executive Director  
Texas State Historical Survey Committee  
Post Office Box 12276  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

**Director, Southwest Region**  
HR  
NR: Rowland:mm 1/18/72
Mrs. Martha M. Marks  
332 West Commerce Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78205  

Dear Mrs. Marks:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, 1972, concerning restoration funds for La Villita and the King William Area in San Antonio.

The enclosed brochure and Fact Sheet will outline the requirements and procedures for requesting grants-in-aid under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 915), as amended. We recommend that you consult the State Liaison Officer for Texas, Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, in Austin, who will be glad to advise you in this matter. His complete address and telephone are typed at the bottom of the Fact Sheet.

We appreciate your interest in the National Park Service historic preservation program.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Thomas  
Grants Manager  

Enclosures  

cc:  
Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee,  
Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711  

EGCondit:ear  2/16/72  BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR
May 15, 1978

Mr. James Shea, Jr.
Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Shea:

We have been informed by Cecil L. Reynolds, President, King William Association, San Antonio, Texas, that the reassignment of Federal property bounded by South Main, Guenther, South Flores and Sheridan streets in San Antonio, an undertaking of the General Services Administration, may have an effect on the King William Historic District and the U. S. San Antonio Arsenal/Commander's House, properties included in the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of Mr. Reynolds' letter is enclosed.

Please investigate this matter to determine whether the nature of the effect requires that GSA obtain the comments of the Council in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320). Steps to determine this responsibility are set forth in Section 800.4 of the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

The Council requests that you report the results of your investigation to this office at the earliest opportunity. If you have further questions or require assistance, please call Michael H. Bureman at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Louis S. Wall
Assistant Director, Office of Review and Compliance, Denver

Enclosure
In Reply Refer To:
H32-NR

Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senate
912 Federal Building
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Senator Bentsen:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Cecil L. Reynolds concerning property owned by the General Services Administration (GSA) in San Antonio, Texas. I hope the following information is helpful.

Mr. Reynolds was correct to consult with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation about the impact of GSA's proposed property transfer on the King William Historic District and the Arsenal Property/Commander's House. Under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the Council, an independent Federal agency, must be provided the opportunity to comment on proposed Federal actions that affect properties listed in or determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register. Mr. Mike Bureman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Box 25035, Denver, Colorado 80225 (303-234-4946), can provide information about the Council's review of this project.

Conversations between the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, and the Texas State historic preservation office and GSA in Fort Worth have indicated that archeological resources may also be present in the project area. Executive Order 11593 and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, require Federal agencies to identify all historic resources in the area of an undertaking's potential impact and to request that the Secretary of the Interior determine their eligibility for inclusion in the National Register. GSA should consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to determine whether the remains of an acequia, part of San Antonio's 19th century irrigation system, in the project area are potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register, and should request an official determination of eligibility from the National Register if appropriate. The National Register will be advising GSA that archeological resources may be present in the project area.
I appreciate your interest in planning for the management of historic resources as part of Federal agency project planning. Mr. Ray Luce of the National Register staff (202-523-5483), can provide additional information about the determination of eligibility process.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Catron
Assistant to the Secretary
and Director of Congressional
and Legislative Affairs

cc: Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 21, 1978, concerning the building of an industrial garage and warehouse on Federal property in San Antonio, Texas.

The Council learned of this matter in early May. By letter of May 15, 1978, we requested the General Services Administration (GSA) to investigate the applicability of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320) to the possible effects the undertaking would have on the King William Historic District, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. By letter of June 5, 1978, GSA advised us that it had written the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to obtain his comments and would provide us further information once the SHPO had responded. Following receipt of this additional information we will determine what other steps are required to complete the process for compliance with Section 106.

Should you desire to discuss this matter further, please contact Michael H. Bureman of the Council's staff at P.O. Box 25085, Denver, Colorado 80225, or at telephone number (303) 234-4946. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Louis S. Wall
Assistant Director, Office of Review and Compliance, Denver
June 19, 1978

Mrs. Edward J. Masoro
221 East Guanther Street
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Dear Mrs. Masoro:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 29, 1978, concerning the building of an industrial garage and warehouse on Federal property in San Antonio, Texas.

The Council learned of this matter in early May. By letter of May 15, 1978, we requested the General Services Administration (GSA) to investigate the applicability of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320) to the possible affects the undertaking would have on the King William Historic District, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. By letter of June 5, 1978, GSA advised us that it had written the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to obtain his comments and would provide us further information once the SHPO had responded. Following receipt of this additional information we will determine what other steps are required to complete the process for compliance with Section 106.

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Sincerely yours,

Louis S. Wall
Assistant Director, Office of Review and Compliance, Denver
March 27, 1980

Colonel Donald J. Palladino  
District Engineer  
Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District  
Department of the Army  
P. O. Box 17300  
Fort Worth, Texas  76102

Dear Colonel Palladino:

During a recent visit to San Antonio to attend a meeting of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, I had an opportunity to inspect the King William Historic District and Arsenal Historic District, properties included in the National Register of Historic Places, which will be affected by the proposed San Antonio River channel improvements, an undertaking by the Corps of Engineers.

Please investigate this matter to determine whether your agency's involvement requires obtaining the comments of the Council pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320). Section 800.4 of the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), sets forth the agency's responsibilities. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. If you have further questions, please call Robert Fink at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Sincerely,

Louis S. Wall  
Chief, Western Division  
of Project Review
OCT 8 1980
Colonel Donald J. Palladino
District Engineer
Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District
Department of the Army
P. O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Colonel Palladino:

The Memorandum of Agreement for the channel improvements in the San Antonio River, Bexar County, Texas, affecting the Guenther Upper Mill Site and other buildings in the King William Historic District has been ratified by the Chairman of the Council. This document constitutes the comments of the Council required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment," and completes compliance with the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). A copy of the Agreement is enclosed.

In accordance with Sections 800.6(c)(2) and 800.9(e) of the regulations, a copy of this Memorandum of Agreement should be included in any environmental assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking to meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and should be retained in your records as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593.

The Council appreciates your cooperation in reaching a satisfactory resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. King
Director, Office of Cultural Resource Preservation

Enclosure
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth District, Corps of Engineers (Corps), proposes to make channel improvements in the San Antonio River, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the Corps, in consultation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer, has determined that this undertaking as proposed would have an adverse effect upon Guenther Upper Mill Site and other buildings in the King William Historic District, properties included in the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320), Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment," and Section 800.4(d) of the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council), "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), the Corps has requested the comments of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 800.6 of the Council's regulations, representatives of the Council, the Corps and the Texas SHPO have consulted and reviewed the undertaking to consider feasible and prudent alternatives to avoid or satisfactorily mitigate the adverse effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that the undertaking will be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations and the attached Proposal for Phased Mitigation of Adverse Effects, from Colonel Donald J. Palladino, District Engineer, Fort Worth District, Corps, to satisfactorily mitigate adverse effects on the above-mentioned properties:

Stipulations

1. In carrying out the attached Proposal for Phased Mitigation of Adverse Effects, the Corps will consult regularly with the Texas SHPO, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the attached letter of May 23, 1980, from the Texas SHPO to the Corps.

2. Phase I.D. of the Phased Mitigation of Adverse Effects will be carried out as follows.

   A. The Corps, in consultation with the Texas SHPO, will seek determinations of eligibility in the National Register for the houses that may be affected by the undertaking.
B. If the Secretary of the Interior finds the houses eligible for inclusion, the Corps, before the buildings are relocated or demolished, will record them so that there will be a permanent record of their existence. The Corps will first contact the National Architectural and Engineering Record (NAER) (Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20243; 202-343-6217) to determine the level of documentation required. All documentation must be accepted by NAER, and the Council in receipt of evidence of that acceptance, prior to their alteration, relocation, or demolition.

C. The Corps will cooperate with the owners of eligible houses in arranging to relocate the houses.

D. Should homeowners not elect to relocate the houses, the Corps will advertise the houses for sale, and cooperate with purchasers in arranging for their relocation.

E. The Corps will make homeowners and purchasers aware of the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation" (Standards), and encourage them to utilize the Standards in renovation of eligible houses.

F. If neither homeowners nor purchasers desire to relocate the houses, the Corps may demolish them after complying with Stipulation 2.B. above.

3. In instances where the Corps requests consultation with the Texas SHPO pursuant to the SHPO's letter of May 23, 1980, (Attachment 1) the SHPO will respond within ten working days. Concurrence may be assumed by the Corps if no response is received with that time frame.

4. Failure to carry out the terms of this Agreement requires that the Corps again request the Council's comments in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800. If the Corps cannot carry out the terms of the Agreement, it shall not take or sanction any action or make any irreversible commitment that would result in an adverse effect with respect to National Register or eligible properties covered by the Agreement or would foreclose the Council's consideration of modifications or alternatives to the channel improvements that could avoid or mitigate the adverse effect until the commenting process has been completed.

5. If any of the signatories to this Agreement determine that the terms of the Agreement cannot be met or believes a change is necessary, that signatory shall immediately request the consulting parties to consider an amendment or addendum to the Agreement. Such an amendment or addendum shall be executed in the same manner as the original Agreement.

6. Within 90 days after carrying out the terms of the Agreement, Corps shall provide a written report to all signatories to the Agreement on the actions taken to fulfill the terms of the Agreement.
Memorandum of Agreement
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
King William Historic District

Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
(date) 9/29/80

District Engineer
Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District
(date) 9/29/80

Texas State Historic Preservation Officer
(date) 2/4/57 SEP 80

Chairman
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
(date) 10/1-80
October 25, 1978

Mr. Paul Cromwell  
Deputy Director  
Office of Environmental Affairs  
Department of Health, Education and  
Welfare  
Washington, D. C.  20201

Dear Mr. Cromwell:

We have been informed that the transfer of Federal surplus property in San Antonio, Texas, to the San Antonio Independent School District for construction of a food processing warehouse facility, an undertaking of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, may have an effect on the King William Historic District and the U.S. San Antonio Arsenal/Commander's House, properties included in the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the San Pedro Acequia and properties along South Main between Guenther and Sheridan, properties that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register. A copy of the information provided the Council on this matter is enclosed.

Please investigate this matter to determine whether the nature of the effect requires that HEW obtain the comments of the Council in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320). Steps to determine this responsibility are set forth in Section 300.4 of the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

The Council requests that you report the results of your investigation to this office at the earliest opportunity. If you have further questions or require assistance, please call Mike Quinn at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Louis S. Wall  
Assistant Director, Office of  
Review and Compliance, Denver

Enclosure
Phase I

a. An archeological, historical, and architectural survey will be carried out along both banks of the affected segment to further identify prehistoric and historic features that may be directly affected by construction or landscaping efforts. Identification of potentially important features such as trash pits, building foundations, or cisterns will be followed by design changes to avoid damaging cultural resources whenever possible.

b. An archeological survey will be carried out along the proposed disposal area in Concepcion Park, utilizing subsurface techniques to probe below the fill placed there in the 1950's.

c. Since all proposed alternatives for the river will affect the Guenther Upper Mill site, located within the King Williams Historic District, it is proposed that the remains of the water wheel foundation be excavated by historic archeologists and removed from the stream channel under their supervision. Additionally, as soon as possible, the house at 247 Washington will be removed and excavations undertaken to uncover the Guenther Upper Mill foundations believed to exist under the house. The house is not of the same vintage as the rest of the King Williams District, and its removal will improve the character of the District.

d. Houses that would be affected by the proposed project along Arsenal, Aubrey, Woodward, and Guilbeau Streets will be evaluated for significance in terms of the National Register criteria. If eligible, the structures may be recorded or it may be possible to move them to new locations.

Phase II

a. Where impacts cannot be avoided during construction of the channel, a plan to lessen adverse effects will be developed in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council. This plan will be based on potential for historic and prehistoric information recovery in addition to architectural merit. Details will depend on the results of further investigations, but in general it is expected that avoidance, excavation, moving of structures, information recording, and public oriented interpretation will be suggested for significant properties.

b. All mutually agreed on measures will be carried out prior to the impact of construction on the properties.

c. Due to the concentration of historic resources in the San Antonio area, construction work will be monitored by trained personnel to minimize impact on any undiscovered resources. Monitoring will only occur when construction disturbs deposits likely to contain cultural resources.
May 23, 1980

Mr. Robert J. Burton
Archeologist
Department of the Army
Fort Worth District, Corps
of Engineers
P.O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Re: Proposal for Phased Mitigation of
Adverse Effects - San Antonio River
Channel Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Burton:

Regarding Colonel Palladino's request pursuant to the above, we agree with the preparation of a phased mitigation Memorandum of Agreement, with the consideration of the following:

1) In Phase I, a., design changes should only be carried out only when the area to be affected is a cultural property eligible for inclusion in the Register. Accordingly, we respectfully request documentation when design changes are offered to protect such features as discussed in (a). When design changes are not possible, these cultural properties will be afforded other mitigation alternatives, which will require consultation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer.

2) In Phase I, c., request participation in the scoping and review of results in draft report concerning Guenther Mill, its condition and significance. Methods of removal of foundation blocks, the site selected for the foundation and the methodology and configuration of placement shall be discussed and offered for review to Texas State Historic Preservation Officer and comments received before taking any action which would tend to sanction any of the proposed alternatives.

3) In Phase I, d., structures which are eligible and which can be moved should be relocated in a method which is most compatible with former settings. Further, the selection of sites should be done in consultation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer. We have previously requested that the four structures on Aubrey Street be removed and relocated in adjacent areas.

The State Agency for Historic Preservation
4) In Phase II, C. wherever possible, sub-surface survey using hand or machine technique – whichever is appropriate, should precede construction in deposits likely to contain cultural resources to learn about potential conflicts before precipitous recovery or delayed construction occur. After such investigation, monitoring would not be inappropriate where the work indicated conflicts during construction. Zones for monitoring should be explicit in the report, methodologies for dealing with the conflicts and the respective roles of the Archeologist, the Contractor, the Corp and SHPO in the decision making process clearly articulated.

5) We also request that personnel selected for work on this project to conform to standards established in 36 C.F.R., 61.5 (b) and (c), now 36 C.F.R., Chapter XII, Part 1201.5 (b) and (c).

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments pursuant to our responsibility consistent with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Procedures. If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

Truett Latimer
State Historic Preservation Officer

by

Alton K. Briggs
Director
Cultural Resource Management

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cc: Advisory Council
Pat Osborne
## NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION

### 1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER
511-19-800

### 2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

### 3. GRANTOR:
- **a. Federal agency**
  - Department of the Interior
- **b. Organizational unit**
  - National Park Service
- **c. Administering office — (1) Name**
  - Division of Grants
- **(2) Address — Street or P.O. Box**
  - 18th and C Streets, NW.
  - City: Washington, State: D.C., Zip Code: 20240

### 4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER:
- **a. Code**
  - 48-74-00084-05
- **b. Title**
  - King William Historic District: Edmund Steves Homestead Development, Phase I

### 5. PURPOSE
The preservation objective is to prepare plans and specifications, restore exterior and interior masonry walls, repair woodwork and provide for moisture protection.

### 6. GRANTEE:
- **a. Name**
  - Texas Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, TX State Hist. Survey Committee
- **b. Address — Street or P.O. Box**
  - P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
  - City: Austin, State: Texas, Zip Code: 78711

### 7. GRANT TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)
- a. New
- b. Continuation
- c. Supplemental
- d. Change in existing grant (identify agency in item 16)
  - (1) Increase in duration
  - (2) Decrease in duration
  - (3) Cancellation
  - (4) Increase in duration
  - (5) Decrease in duration

### 8. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION
- a. Federal — (1) Basic
  - $11,250
- b. State
  - $11,250*
- c. Local
  - $15,904
- d. Other
  - $0

### 10. ENDING DATE
- Year: 79, Month: 2, Day: 16

### 11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)
- a. New
- b. Continuation
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### 12. Authority
- a. Federal Budget Accounts
  - 10-58-1040-0-1-405
- b. Public Laws
  - Title: 89, Sec. 665
- c. U.S. Code
  - 16 U.S.C. 470

### 15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)
- a. City
  - 590 King William St., San Antonio
- b. County
  - Bexar
  - CD 20

### 16. REMARKS
*San Antonio Conservation Society

**Prepared by Division of Grants 523(139)-5054**

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