



Historic Resources Survey of Aransas County

Virtual Public Meeting

June 22, 2021

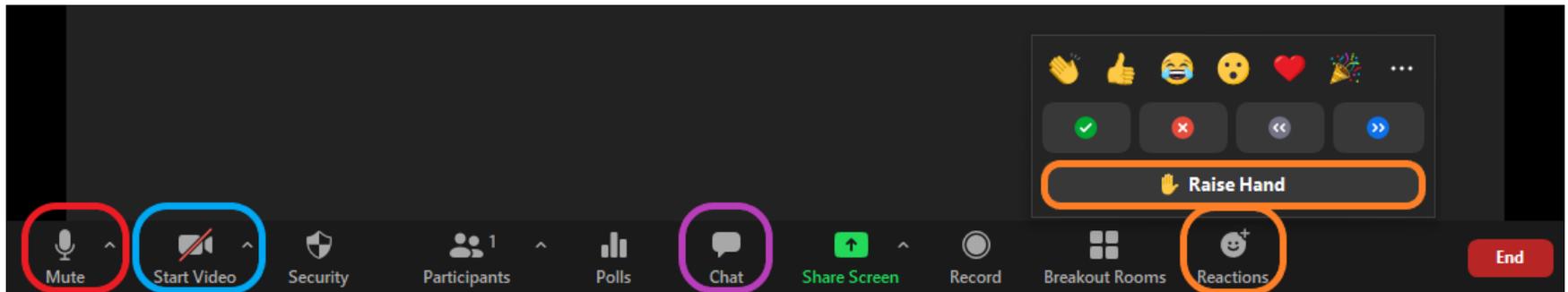
Meeting Objectives

- Introduce the Texas Historical Commission and project team
- Overview of the historic resources survey project and its goals
- Describe the survey process
- Show how you can participate
- Opportunity for feedback, comments, and questions

- This meeting is being recorded
- The presentation will be available on the project website (<https://www.thc.texas.gov/HarveySurvey>) or by email
- Audio for the meeting is also available via telephone
 - **1-833-548-0282**
 - Meeting ID **82961000391** and Passcode **174876**
- Please mute your microphone and feel free to turn your camera off
- Questions or comments? Use the chat or raise your hand in Zoom (if possible) to make sure we get to you

The Zoom toolbar allows you to:

- Mute/unmute your microphone
- Turn your video on/off
- Join the meeting chat
- Raise your hand if you have a question or comment



Justin Kockritz

- THC History Programs Division
- Lead Reviewer and Harvey Survey Project Manager

Lisa Hart

- THC Division of Architecture
- Disaster Assistance Program Coordinator

Leslie Wolfenden

- THC History Programs Division
- Historic Resources Survey Coordinator

Introductions – Harvey Survey Contractors

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT)

- Mary Alfson Tinsman
 - Vice President & Survey Contract Manager
- Sara McLaughlin
 - Senior Architectural Historian & Survey Project Manager
- Ben Buckley
 - Deputy Project Manager

Cox McLain Environmental Consultants

- Emily Reed
 - Deputy Project Manager
- Amy Dase & Sandy Shannon



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Our Mission

To protect and preserve the state's historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future generations.

- State Historic Sites
- Texas Main Street Program
- Heritage Tourism
- Markers & Designations
- State & Federal Reviews
- Financial Incentives & Grants



Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant

- The National Park Service (NPS) awarded THC **\$12.3 million** from the Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF) to address the consequences of Hurricane Harvey on historic properties.
- THC has awarded over **\$8.3 million** in sub-grants.



THC proposed to NPS to conduct historic resources surveys in Aransas, Calhoun, and Refugio Counties

- Based on lack of existing historic resources surveys
- Likelihood of finding historic properties
- Threat of future hurricanes

Grant-Funded Historic Resources Surveys

- Inventory properties that were built before 1975 across the county, not just properties damaged directly by Hurricane Harvey
- Goal to develop a historic context and to identify historically significant properties, neighborhoods, and communities
 - Raise a community's awareness of its cultural heritage
 - Create a lasting record of a community's history
 - Recognize those properties with potential for historic designation
 - Take historic resources into account for future federal undertakings, including disaster recovery, and potentially for local community planning efforts

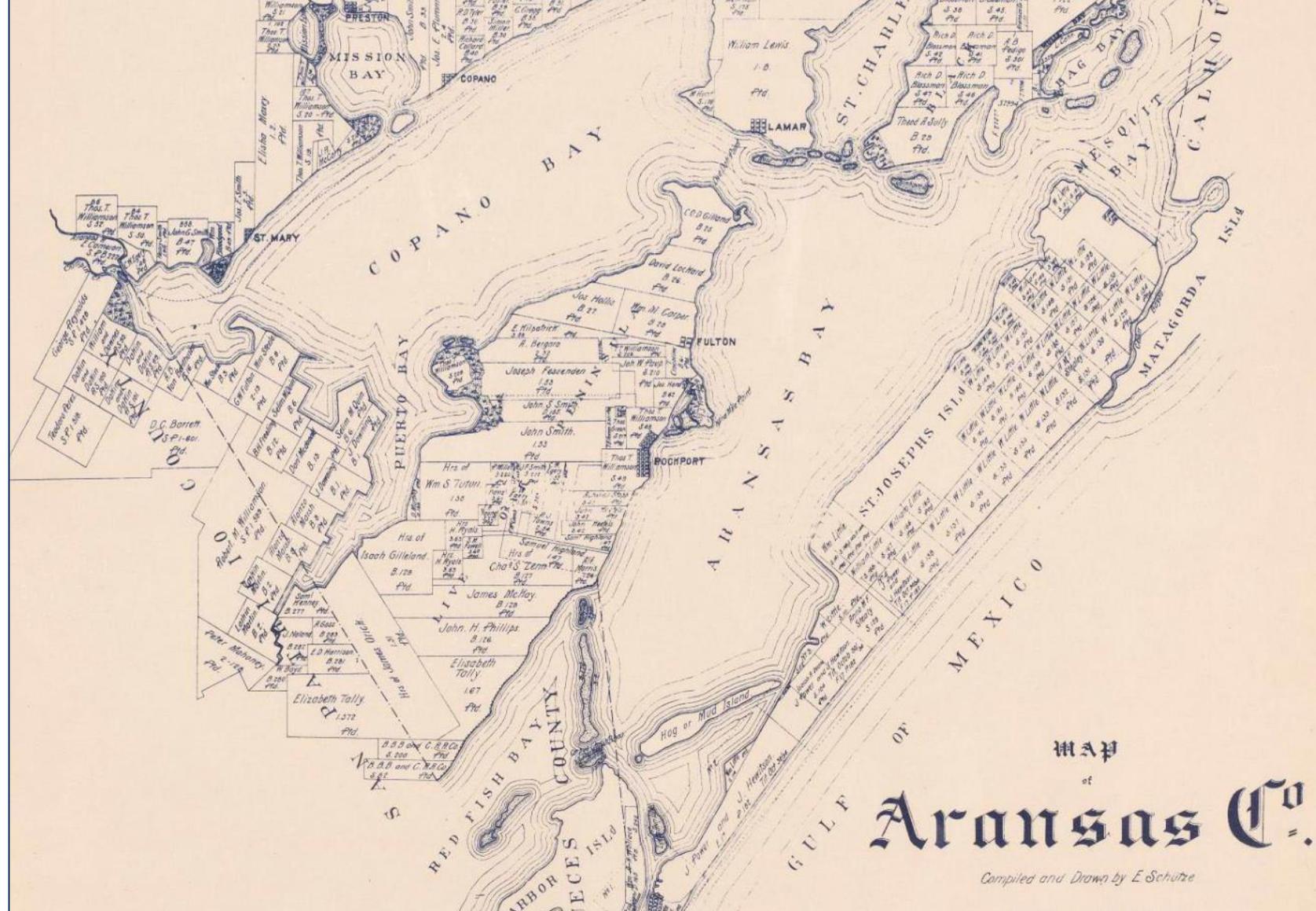
Important Survey Notes

- These surveys will require *no* county funds, resources, or other commitments.
- These surveys will *not* designate any historic properties. Although properties may be identified as being *eligible* for such designation, private property *cannot* be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark over the objection of the owner.
- Second meeting planned in summer/fall of 2022 to share results and findings.

COUNTY-WIDE HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY



PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 22, 2021



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About our Team

All meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (36 CFR 61) for the positions they hold.

Architectural History

The minimum professional qualifications in architectural history are a graduate degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation, or closely related field, with coursework in American architectural history, or a bachelor's degree in architectural history, art history, historic preservation or closely related field plus one of the following:

1. At least two years of full-time experience in research, writing, or teaching in American architectural history or restoration architecture with an academic institution, historical organization or agency, museum, or other professional institution; or
2. Substantial contribution through research and publication to the body of scholarly knowledge in the field of American architectural history.



Downtown Rockport Circa 1930

Research Design

Provides Background Information and Proposed Research

The Research Design outlines the methodology that will be used in creating the Historic Contexts. Research included:

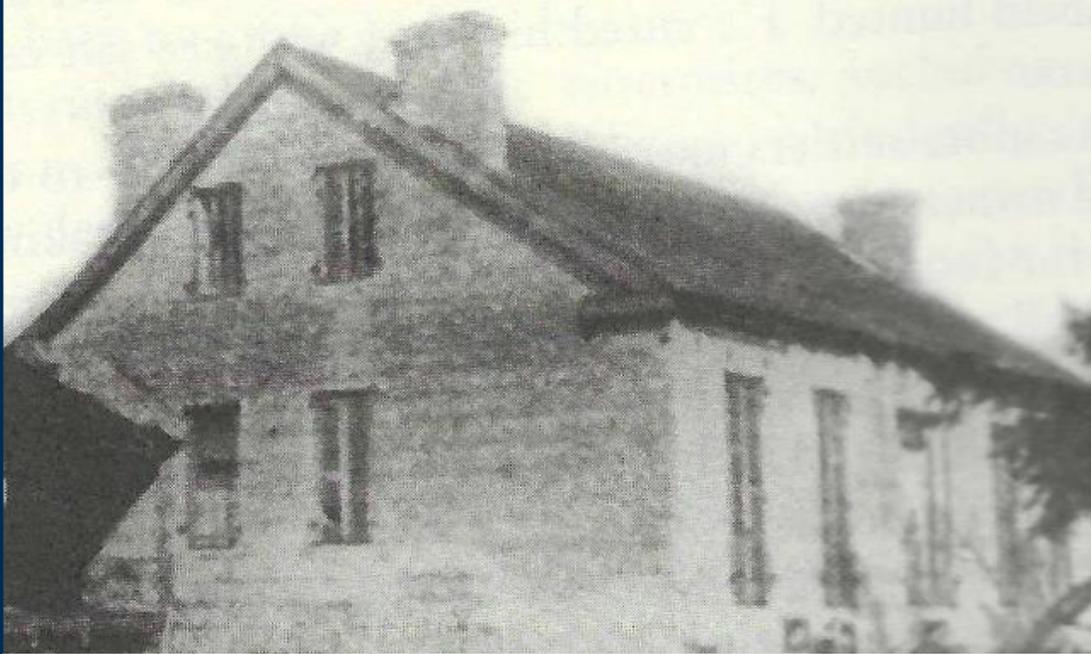
- Maps and Aerial images
- Previous historical studies
- Census information
- Newspaper archives
- Local history collections



Aransas County Courthouse
Constructed 1889



Stella Maris Chapel
Constructed 1858



Shellcrete Dwelling
Constructed in Lamar

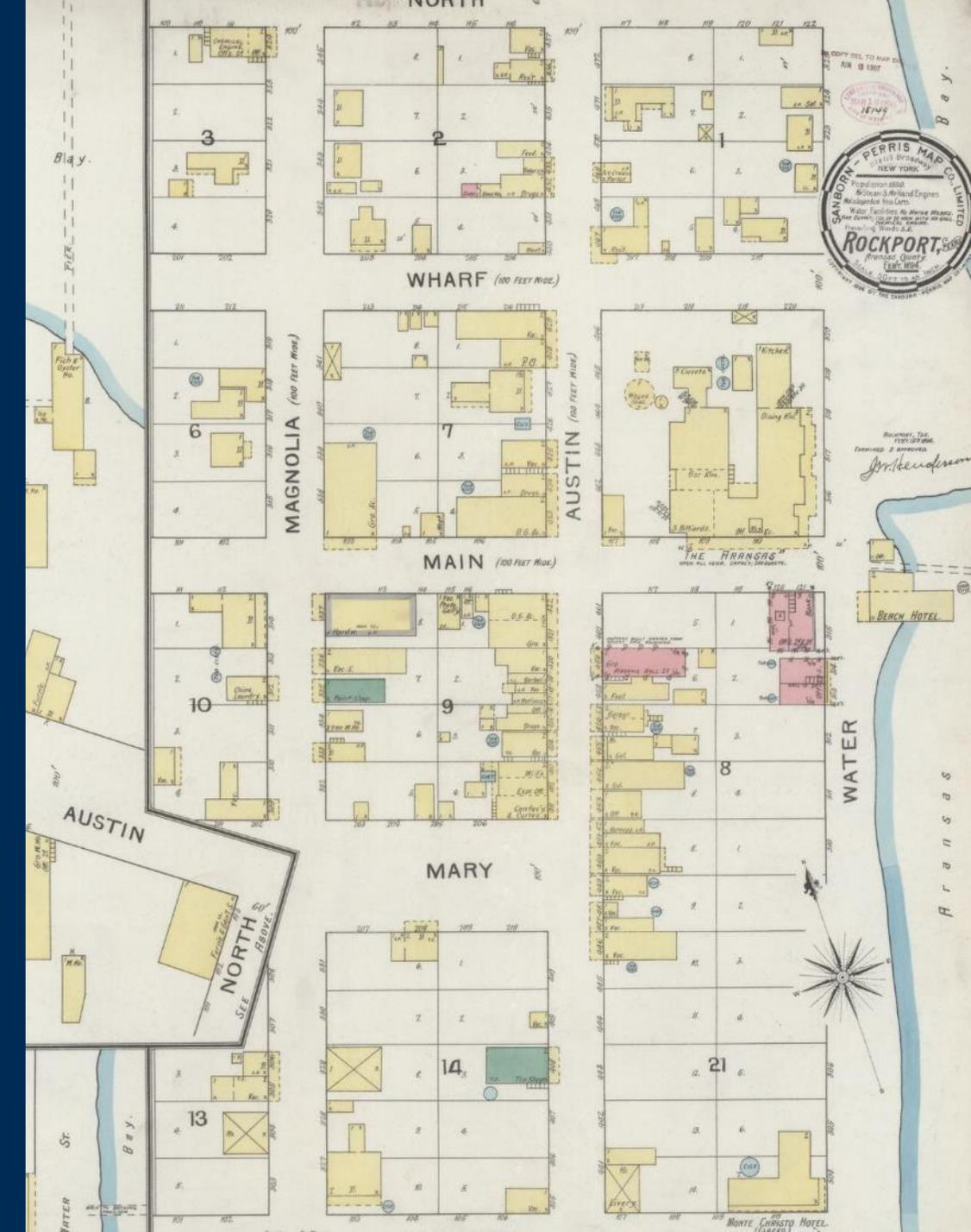
Draft Historic Context

Themes

- Architecture
- Community Planning and Development
- Economic Development
- Ethnic Heritage
- Public and Private Institutional Development



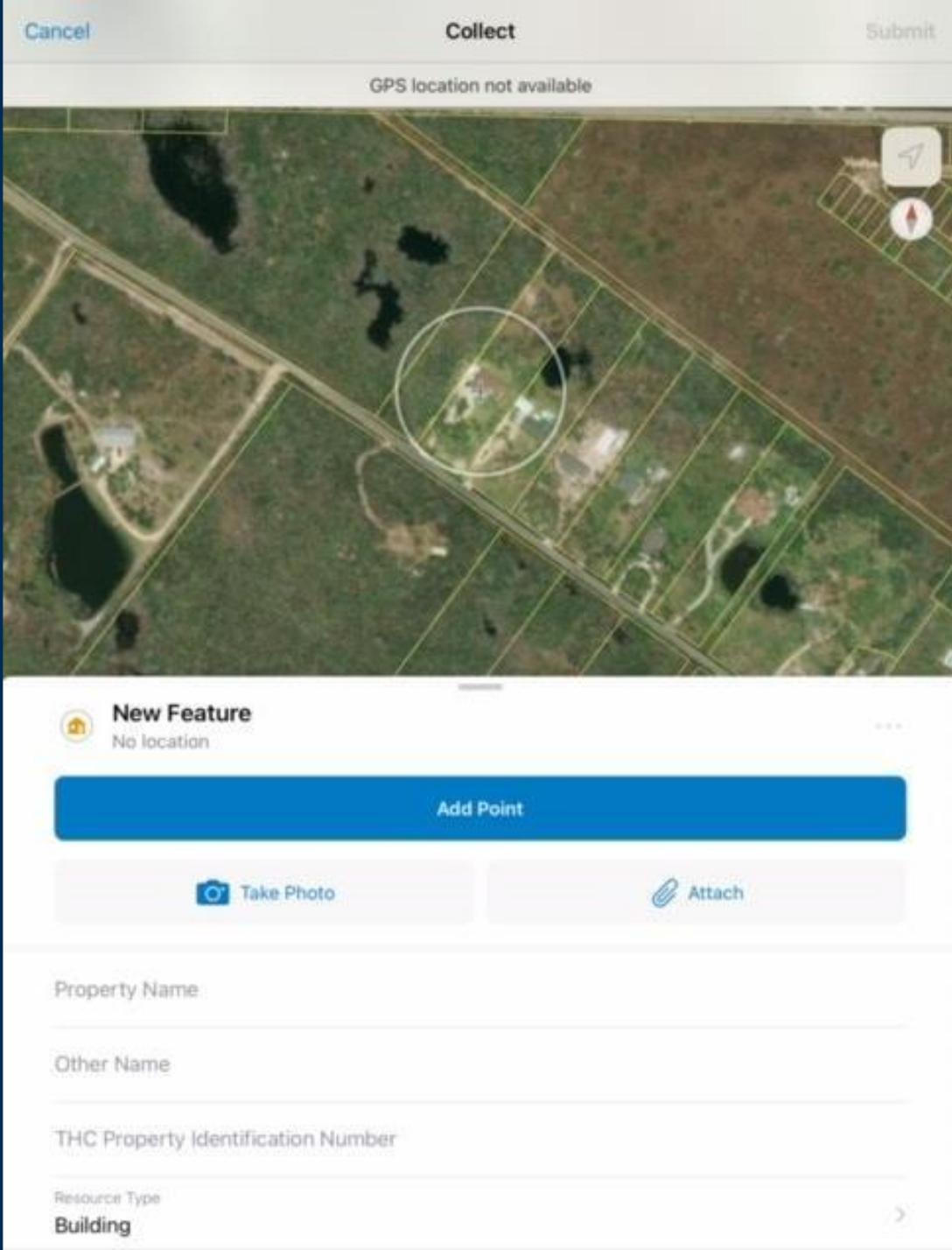
Rockport School
Constructed 1935



Draft Geographic Survey Scope

Where do we start?

- 3,000 resources
- Prioritized areas:
 - Rockport
 - Fulton
 - Aransas Pass (portion in Aransas County)
 - Lamar
 - Remainder of the county



Fieldwork Methodology

How do we actually do this?

- Multiple teams of 2
- Surveyors will document resources determined to have been constructed in or before 1975
- Data collection using iPad and customized application
- Photos taken on the iPad
- Properties identified through public meetings will be visited

Cancel

Collect

Submit



New Feature

No location

Vicinity >

Zip Code >

County >

State >

Texas

Address Explanation >

Survey Notes

Surveyor Name >

Date of Current Survey

Is Build Date Approximated? >

Date Constructed

Resource Condition Assessment >

Number of Stories Above Ground

Form >

Does the Resource Exist? >

Cancel

Collect

Submit



New Feature

No location

Site Description

Architectural Description

Address Notes

Survey Status >

Number of Stories Below Ground

Photo Comments

Owner Name

Owner Address or Contact Information

Previous Designations >

Architect or Builder

Landscape Notes

Period(s) of Significance

Level(s) of Significance >

National Register Eligibility Recommendation >

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HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY FORM

PROJECT # _____ DATE _____
County _____ City _____
Address _____

SECTION 3

Historical Information

Associated Historical Context:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts
<input type="checkbox"/> Mining and/or Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Law/Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Linguistics	<input type="checkbox"/> Land
<input type="checkbox"/> Early State Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade/Cultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Applicable National Register (NR) Criteria:

A Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history

B Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past

C Embodies distinctive architectural style, period or method of construction, represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic value, or represents a significant and distinctive entity whose components lack individual significance

D Has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history

Areas of Significance:

Periods of Significance:

Level of Significance: National State Local

Integrity: Location Design Materials Workmanship

Context Feeling Association

Integrity notes:

Individually Eligible? Yes No Undetermined

Within Potential NR District? Yes No Undetermined

Is Property Contributing? Yes No Undetermined

Priority: High Medium Low Explain:

Other information:

Is prior documentation available for this resource? Yes No Not known Type: HRS Survey Other

Document details

Questions?
Contact Survey Coordinator
History Programs Division, Texas Historical Commission
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www.thc.state.tx.us

Fieldwork Methodology

What are we collecting?

- Resources will be assigned a 'Tier'
- What data we collect depends on Tier. For example:
 - Style
 - Date of Construction
 - Materials
 - Outbuildings
 - Windows

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SECTION 2

Architectural Description

General Architectural Description:

1. Additions/modifications specify date, former location

Style(s) Influences:

<input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne	<input type="checkbox"/> Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Colonial Revival	<input type="checkbox"/> Greek Revival	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
<input type="checkbox"/> Greek Revival	<input type="checkbox"/> Italianate	<input type="checkbox"/> Gothic Revival	<input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne	<input type="checkbox"/> Neoclassical
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonial Revival				
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Structural Details

Roof Form: Gable Gambrel Shed Mansard Flat Other

Roof Materials: Shingles Slate Tile Other

Wall Interiors: Plaster Brick Stone Other

Windows: Double Hung Single Hung Casement Other

Doors (Primary Entrance): Single Double Other

Porches/Canopies: None Other

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Fieldwork Methodology

What's a Tier 1?

These resources are the most significant in the survey area. This grade will be assigned to any resource deemed potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP based on the surveyor's professional judgement.



Fieldwork Methodology

What's a Tier 2?

These are resources that lack historical or architectural significance to be individually eligible for the NRHP but are good architectural examples that retain most aspects of integrity.



Fieldwork Methodology

What's a Tier 3?

These are historic-age resources that do not have architectural or historical significance and/or lack integrity.

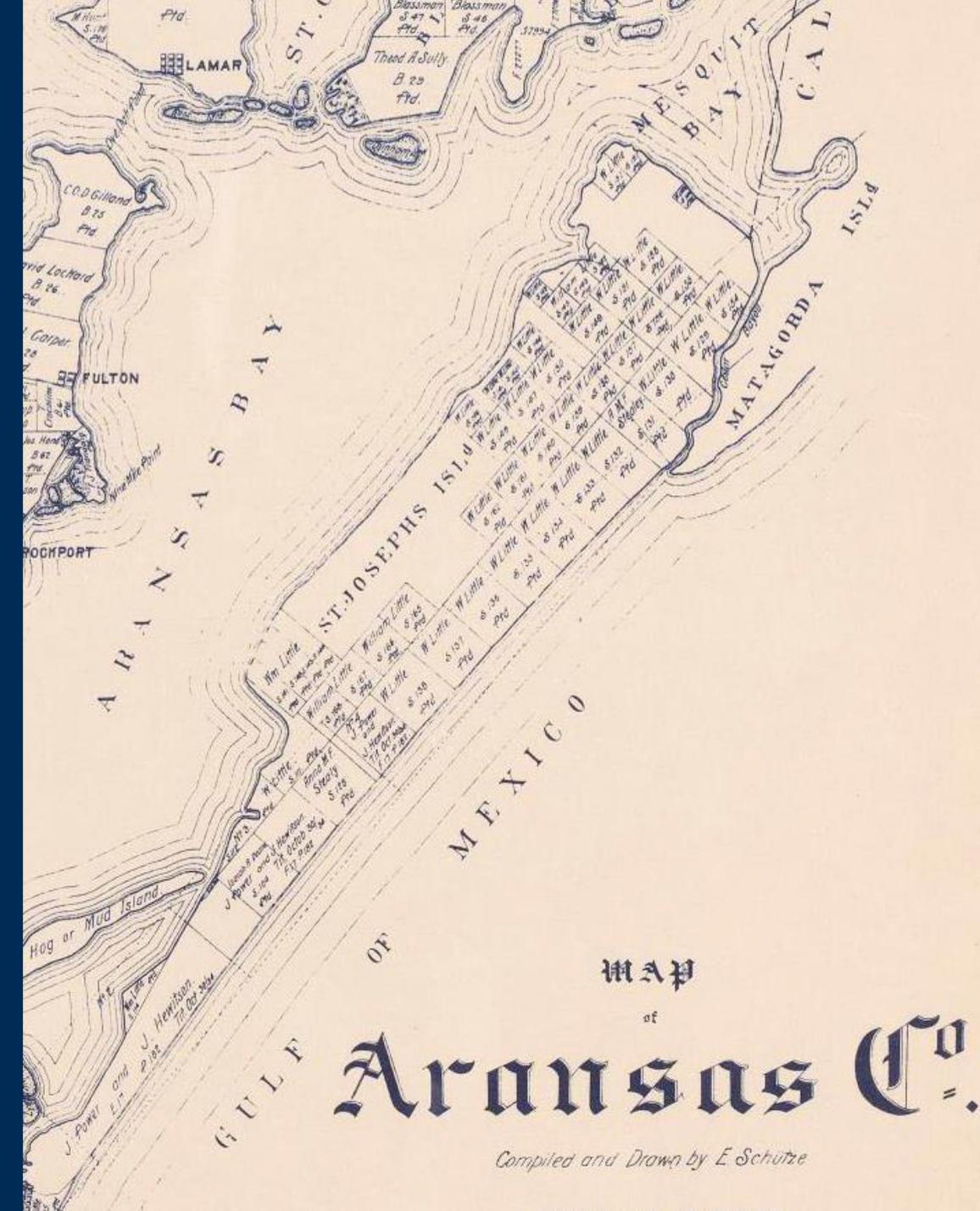


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A few last things to note:

- Bridges and Linear Transportation Corridors will be excluded from the survey
- Post-war residential neighborhoods containing 10 or more historic-age residential properties, will be documented and evaluated collectively as a potential historic district
- Individual mobile and manufactured homes will be excluded from the survey unless they are part of a development with ten (10) or more historic-age mobile or manufactured homes
- Irrigation and Drainage Districts—Historic-age irrigation, drainage, and other water improvement districts will be documented as a single system
- Industrial complexes will be documented as a single resource





How can you help?

Share your insider knowledge! Let us know of any resources you're aware of. Be sure to provide us with as many details as possible, especially in regard to location.

- Email the project team at — eshpf_survey@thc.texas.gov
- Justin Kockritz— justin.kockritz@thc.texas.gov
- Sara McLaughlin— smclaughlin@jmt.com

Project website: thc.texas.gov/HarveySurvey

Contact Us

- Have any questions about the survey project? Have any comments or feedback for the THC and project team? Want to share any information about historic resources that are important to you? We want to hear from you!
- **Email the project team at: eshpf_survey@thc.texas.gov**
- THC
 - Justin Kockritz—justin.kockritz@thc.texas.gov or 512-936-7403
- JMT
 - Sara McLaughlin—smclaughlin@jmt.com or 215-496-4747
- Visit the project webpage for more information:
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/HarveySurvey>



Thank you!