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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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The Director of the National Park Service is pleased to inform you of our determination pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and Executive Order 11593 in response to your request for a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Our determination appears on the enclosed material.

As you know, your request for our professional judgment constitutes a part of the Federal planning process. We urge that this information be integrated into the National Environmental Policy Act analysis and the analysis required under section 4 (f) of the Department of Transportation Act, if this is a transportation project, to bring about the best possible program decisions.

This determination does not serve in any manner as a veto to uses of property, with or without Federal participation or assistance. The responsibility for program planning concerning properties eligible for the National Register lies with the agency or block grant recipient after the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has had an opportunity to comment.

We are pleased to be of assistance in the consideration of historic resources in the planning process.

Attachment

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E.O. 11593

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION

National Register of Historic Places

National Park Service

Name of property: *May House*

Location: *Somervell County*

State: *TX*

Request submitted by: *NRC/B. J. Youngblood*

Date received: *3-16-83*

Additional information received:

Opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer:

☒ Eligible

☐ Not Eligible

☐ No Response

Comments:

The Secretary of the Interior has determined that this property is:

☐ Eligible Applicable criteria:

☒ Not Eligible

Comments:

Please see attached sheet for comments.

☐ Documentation insufficient

(Please see accompanying sheet explaining additional materials required)

Linda McClelland
for Keeper of the National Register

Date: *4-12-83*

May House

Comments:

Built in 1882 as a Southern stone "I" house with Italianate features, the Benjamin May House is not eligible for the National Register as a distinctive example of its style, period, and method of construction. Due to the extensive remodeling and enlargement of the house in 1937, it no longer possesses integrity of workmanship, overall design, setting, feeling, and association. The building's architectural merit has seriously been compromised by the raising of the 2nd story, which entailed the addition of four windows, the noticeable reworking and elimination of original stonework, vertical extension of the front facade, and raising of the roofline. Furthermore, the encasement of the historic stone house in the larger frame house and the addition of the front porch have obscured the resource's identity as a significant 19th-century type, style, and method of construction in Texas.