



CUERO MULTIPLE PROPERTY NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

With a grant-in-aid from the Texas Historical Commission, the City of Cuero hired HHM to prepare a multiple-property nomination for the City as part of a multi-year, multi-phase effort to identify, document, and assess historic resources within the community. As the county seat of DeWitt County, Cuero has been a regional hub of trade and commercial activity since its founding in 1872. Some of the community's oldest buildings actually pre-date the city and were moved from Indianola, a former port city on the Texas Gulf Coast that major hurricanes almost completely destroyed in 1875 and 1886. Many of the hurricane survivors dismantled their residences and rebuilt them in Cuero, which was the terminus of the only railroad that serviced Indianola. Although Cuero experienced rapid growth during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the community developed at a slower pace in subsequent years, which enabled Cuero to retain much of its historic character and noteworthy collection of historic resources. The multiple-property nomination identifies 49 individual properties and three historic districts that are significant under Criteria A, B, and C. HHM gathered and prepared all nomination materials, which were submitted to and subsequently accepted by the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas State Board of Review, and the National Park Service. The multiple-property nomination was listed in the NRHP in 1988. That same year, HHM received the Texas Award for Historic Preservation for the high-quality work demonstrated in the preparation of the Cuero Multiple-Property National Register nomination.

KEY SERVICES

- ▶ NRHP Eligibility Assessments
- ▶ Preparation of National Register Nomination
- ▶ Historical Research
- ▶ Community Planning and Development
- ▶ Vernacular Building Traditions
- ▶ Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Architecture
- ▶ Ethnic History
- ▶ Architectural Evaluations and Historic Integrity Assessments
- ▶ Architectural Photography
- ▶ Coordination with Main Street Program
- ▶ Public Speaking

PROJECT

- ▶ Client: City of Cuero, Texas
- ▶ Location: Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas
- ▶ Date: 1986-1988
- ▶ Contract Type: LS/FF