

November 10, 2005

Re: Annual Review and Assessment of Preservation of Recorded Texas Historic Landmark [RTHL] Properties in Kinney County

Dear Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Property Owner,

Clearly the legislative intent of the Historic Site Exemption provision in the Property Tax Code is to provide an incentive and to encourage you as the owner of a *Recorded Texas Historic Landmark* property to restore, preserve, and maintain your property. Your property is one of twenty-two (22) RTHL properties in Kinney County. Since 1993, Brackett LS.D. and the Kinney County Commissioners Court have annually granted a 25% exemption on appraised value to owners of RTHL properties. Kinney County has required you to submit an annual letter request and Brackett I S.D. has required you to annually provide receipts for all repairs, maintenance, and improvements to your property. Neither process has used the incentive of property tax exemption to foster the restoration, preservation, or maintenance of Kinney County's historic properties to any historic preservation standard. The steady deterioration and in some cases outright neglect of several RTHLs in Kinney County has lead to a decision by these taxing units to discontinue their current procedures in favor of a more standardized approach to ensuring preservation of our irreplaceable historic buildings

Section 318.006(c) of the Texas Local Government Code states that the County Historical Commission " ... should establish a system for the periodic review and assessment of the condition of designated properties in the county, including Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks, State Archeological Landmarks, and individual historic properties or districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The commission should report the results of the review and assessment to the Texas Historical Commission "

Beginning in 2006 your RTHL property will be subject to an *Annual Review and Assessment* performed by the Kinney County Historical Commission. This review and assessment will utilize a simple uncomplicated checklist which determines the level of <u>exterior</u> restoration, preservation, and/or maintenance of your property The checklist will be developed from *"The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings."* Review and assessment results will be reported to the taxing units with a <u>pass</u> or <u>fail</u> (requiring written justification) recommendation for your property.

A copy of the *Annual Review and Assessment* will also be provided to you, as the property owner, with recommendations for repairs or maintenance, if any are noted. Failure to take corrective action by the next *Annual Review and Assessment* or recurring deficiencies would make your property ineligible for the annual property tax exemption until corrective action is taken.

LOGO OF THE KINNEY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The circular shape, lettering, and map of Texas are in harmony with the logo of the Texas Historical Commission. "<u>1850</u>" identifies the year Kinney County was formed. The <u>red star</u> locates Kinney County on the Texas map [the single most recognizable geographic shape in the world]. The <u>blue background</u> represents the cool waters of Las Moras Spring, the source and lifebioed of our community. A <u>stagecoach</u> facing west across Texas evokes the origins of Brackettville as a stage stop on the "Lower Road" to California. The "<u>U.S.S.</u>" [1903 branch insignia for United States Scouts] singles out Kinney County's long and proud relationship with the United States Army and specifically the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts. Fort Clark's most heroic unit and their four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried here

Please review the enclosed *Standards for Preservation & Guidelines for Preserving Historic Buildings*. Your application of these standards will form the basis for our review and assessment of your property. The first *Annual Review and Assessment* of your property will be performed before December 31, 2005 to determine your eligibility for the 2006 property tax exemption. Should you have any questions about this process please contact the Historical Commission at 563-2323. We thank you in advance for your preservation efforts.

Sincerely, Ailene D Reid

KCHC Chairperson

Enclosure: Standards for Preservation & Guidelines for Preserving Historic Buildings

## RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTIES KINNEY COUNTY 2006 HISTORIC TAX EXEMPTION

ID	DESIGNATION	RTHL	OWNER
15593	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 16	1991	CHRISTIAN, HARRIET E
15594	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 17	1991	CHRISTIAN, HARRIET E
15563	FORT CLARK GUARDHOUSE	1962	FT CLARK SPRINGS ASSO
15609	FORT CLARK POST THEATER	1997	FT CLARK SPRINGS ASSO
15601	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 25	1991	HAENN, WILLIAM F
15600	STAFF OFFICERS' QTRS (23-24)	1990	HALE, CECIL H
15591	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 14	1991	KEY, MARY HOBART
15592	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 15	1991	KEY, MARY HOBART
15598	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 21	1991	KOONTZ, KENNETH J
15595	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 18	1991	LYNCH, WROE W
15604	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 28	1991	MEEK, DUANE K
15589	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 12	1991	MEYER, PHYLLIS
11331	MONTALVO HOUSE	1979	MOONEY, SILK
15605	COMMANDING OFFICER'S QTRS	1963	MOORE, JAMES S
15603	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 27	1991	O'ROURKE, ELSA
15602	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 26	1991	OWENS, PAT W
15597	ADJUTANT'S QUARTERS QTRS 20	1999	PALMER, DAVID J
15588	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 11	1991	PERRY, DANIEL L
15599	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 22	1991	PINGENOT, ROZETTA H
15596	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 19	1991	WEBB, HALSTEAD L P
15587	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 10	1991	WILLIAMS, RUSSELL
15590	OFFICERS' ROW QTRS 13	1991	WOODS, PATRICIA ANN



## 2006 REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTIES IN KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS



Date of Assessment – December 5, 2005

Review and Assessment conducted by – Kinney County Historical Commission

**Property Information:** 

Address –	25 Colony Row
Legal –	UN 21, FCS, BLOCK 9, LOT NW PT 10, ACRES .25
Owner –	William F and Angela Haenn
Built –	1873-74
Age –	132 years
RTHL -	Officers' Row Quarters, 1991

Front - Screened

Side - Open

BUILDING EXTERIOR: MATERIALS	ТҮРЕ	CONDITION	REMARKS				
Masonry	Limestone	Fair	Portland cement should be removed and rock repointed on porches. Rock around kitchen window in urgent need of repair.				
Wood	Trim	Painted 2005	Trim rotted around dormers and at gable end.				
BUILDING EXTERIOR:							
Roof	Asphalt Shingles	New 1995	Shingles missing or damaged around dormers				
Windows	Wood, dbl hung Two [2] metal	Below Average	Individual windows in need of glazing; two windows rotted out and need replacement. Kitchen window frame needs rebuilding.				

Front Porch<br/>New 2003Side porch not compatible with building

OVERALL EVALUATION

ENTRANCES

AND PORCHES

PASS

Most urgent preservation needs are masonry repairs and window repair/replacement.

