

**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORM**

County WILLIAMSON

City/Rural Round Rock

Site Number 2-308

USGS Quad 3097-312

Date of Construction

Factual

Estimated 1850

Additions

Historic Name Old Stagecoach Inn

Address 901 Round Rock Avenue

Owner Southwest Federal Savings Association

Legal Desc. The Commons, Lot 1

Architect/Builder

Contractor

Historic Use Inn, Residence

Present Use Vacant

Property Type Commercial

Subtype Center Passage

Stylistic Influence

Integrity Of:

XX location

design

setting

XX materials

XX workmanship

association

feeling

History of Property Built in late 1840's or early 1850's to accommodate travelers on the Brownsville-Salado and the Helena(Arkansas) - San Antonio stages. The inn was owned by John Harris and wife Anna. The stagecoach business ended in 1876 with the coming of the railroads. The inn closed a few years later, after being known as the Harris Tavern. The Harris family used the building as their residence after the inn closed. John Harris' son, Jack, inherited the property in 1907. The surrounding rock wall was added by a later owner, V.C. Richards, who operated a small limestone quarry nearby. The building served as a residence during the 1960's and 1970's. It was included in a business park in the 1980's and is currently vacant.

Areas of Significance TRANSPORTATION: This building is one of the most well-preserved stagecoach stops remaining in the state, and is a reminder of Round Rock's past importance as a stop on the Chisholm Trail and other stage roads. COMMERCE: Housed first inn in the Brushy Creek area, one of area's first businesses.

Bibliography DiGesualdo, J. and Thompson, K., Historical Round Rock, pp. 230-233. City of Round Rock, Walk Historic Round Rock, p. 23. Carter, Kathryn T., Stagecoach Inns of Texas, Waco: Texian Press, 1972, pp. 176-178. Marker Files, Texas Historical Commission.

Surveyor/Date Surveyed R.E. Mitchell and P. Scott Brown / July and August 1992

Photo Data: Roll/Frame 9/26a, 9/27a, 15/25 - 15/28

Slides 925, 926, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527

Designations

NR

XX RTHL

HABS

Local

Other

Address: 901 Round Rock Ave.

Site Number: 2-308

Location:

original location
 moved (specify date)

NE building faces (N/S/E/W)

Stories:

1 specify # (1,2, etc.)

Construction:

frame
 solid brick (specify color)

solid stone (specify color)
(dark cream-colored limestone)
 other

Plan:

L-plan
 modified L-plan
 center passage plan
(2) (specify # of rooms deep)
 2-room plan
 T-plan
 bungalow plan
 shotgun plan
 asymmetrical plan
 other

Foundation Materials:

pier and beam
 stone
 brick
 other

Exterior Wall Surface:

weatherboard siding
 drop siding
 stucco
 stone
 board-and-batten siding
 fieldstone veneer
 brick (specify color)
 wood shingle
 synthetic siding
 rough-cut coursed limestone other

Porches:

1 specify # of bays
 specify N/S/E/W elevation
 shed roof
 hipped roof
 gable roof
 inset
 turned-wood posts
 square posts
 chamfered wood posts
 brick piers
 box columns
 classical columns (specify)
 tapered box supports
full-height
on piers
 fabricated metal
 squared-wood balusters
 turned-wood balusters
 jig-sawn brackets
 jig-sawn porch frieze
 turned-work frieze
 other

Windows: (not original)

wood sash
 aluminum sash
 double-hung
 casement
 fixed
 decorative screenwork
 6-pane light configuration
 other

Doors/Entries:

single-door primary entry
 double-door primary entry
 2 primary entrances
 with transom
 with sidelights
 other

Gable End Treatment:

same as wall surface
 stucco
 wood shingle
 wood siding
 decorative bargeboards
 windows
 vents
 other

Roof Type:

gable (side gable)
 hipped
 flat/with parapet
 gambrel
 dormers (specify #)
gable
hipped
shed
 other

Roof Materials:

wood shingles
 composition shingles
 tile
 metal (specify type)
 box eaves
 exposed rafter ends
 jig-sawn brackets
 stick brackets
 no overhang other

Chimneys:

2 specify number
 interior (specify placement)
 exterior (specify placement)
(on NW and SE ends of bldg.)
brick
 stone
 with corbelled caps
 stuccoed
 other

Outbuildings:

garage
 barn
 shed
 other

Landscape Features:

sidewalks
 terracing
 drives
 well or cistern
 gardens

Other: Appears to have rear addition (possibly from residence in 1960's). Also an addition on the left side of the structure. Rear addition has built-up bituminous roof materials. A rock wall surrounds the property.