

COUNTY	QUAD	BLOCK	BAS	NE	NW-18
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NAME: Prince Elzner House

ADDRESS: 1303 Pecan St.

COUNTY: Bastrop

CITY: Bastrop

PERIOD: FDT

DATE: c. 1910

THEME: AA

STYLE: Victorian

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER: Robert Carpenter

DESCRIPTION: 1-story frame Victorian residence w/ projecting front bay w/ console over coupled windows, porch in the ell on turned cols. w/ jig-saw cut brackets and balusters.

SIGNIFICANCE: Late example of a small one-story Victorian home in Bastrop.

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER OTHER: A

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Same

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Good

Altered/unaltered: Addition to S.E. Corner

CONSTRUCTION: wall: wood frame roof: Tin

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: Faces w. on N.E. corner Pecan at Beech sts.

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA:

INFORMANT:

RECORDED BY: MY/SK

DATE: 12-20-76

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA:

SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES:

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY resource area is approx. 4,000 acres

UTM REFERENCES (no map available with UTM markings---Latitude & Long. below)

A	30								B								
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING							ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					
C									D								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(A) 30°05'30"/97°16'38" (B) 30°05'30"/97°19'50"
 (C) 30°08'14"/97°16'38" (D) 30°08'14"/97°20'30"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Marie Deacon Landon, Historian Stan Klein, Draftsman
Joe R. Williams, Project Director

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____

STREET & NUMBER _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY OR TOWN _____ STATE _____

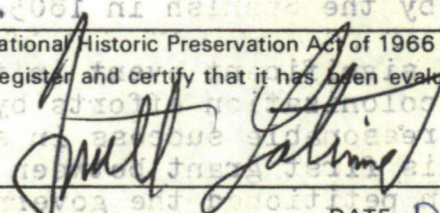
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE Dec 13, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <u>12/22/78</u>
ATTEST: <u>William L. Lovell</u>	DATE <u>12/20/78</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000828

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N.P.S.
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1303 Pecan St.
Bastrop, TX 78602

March 7, 1978

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

BASTROP, TX

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the documents we are submitting to the Texas Historical Commission to secure a historical marker for the Klockman/ Elzner House. The house is an excellent example of a "turn of the century", victorian, middle class dwelling. We feel that it is a suitable candidate for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Carpenter
Betsy Carpenter
Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Carpenter

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D **MAR 13 1978**

REPLY DATE RESPONSE (FBI) (MED)

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REPLY DATE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

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KLOCKMAN-ELZNER HOUSE

Prior to 1867 when C. B. Maynard, Sr. purchased the land as a large farm lot section, the land that the Klockman-Elzner house sits on was owned by at least three different men.¹ He built his homestead on the northern part of this large section.² At his death in 1892, he willed the section that the Klockman-Elzner house sits on to his daughter Lula Hood.³ Mrs. Hood, a widow, sold the land in 1894 to Mrs. Henry Klockman.⁴ Bastrop Tax Records show that taxes increased appreciably on the land and improvements in 1895, which indicates the house was built in that year.⁵ Further proof of this can be gathered through information from oral and written interviews with Mrs. Lela Smith of Bastrop, Mrs. E. N. Sowell of Georgetown, and Mrs. Virgil Gray of Bastrop.⁶ The land and residence was kept by Mrs. Klockman until 1910 when she sold it to Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Elzner, Jr.⁷, son of P. O. Elzner, Sr. who was a prosperous business man of Bastrop. The Elznors kept the house until 1926, when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Holland.⁸ The house remained with the Hollands until Mrs. Holland's death when she willed the house and land to the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.⁹ The church kept the property until 1960 when Clyde Clardy purchased the land and house.¹⁰ The property was sold twice more before being sold to the present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Carpenter.¹¹

The present property is one and one-fifth acres of land more or less, being a part of farm lots 17 and 18, East of Main Street in the town of Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas. Currently the address is 1303 Pecan, the land being bound on the west side by Pecan Street and the south side by Beech Street. The house faces west toward Pecan Street.

The original house is a one story frame ornate Victorian residence with projecting front bay window console over coupled windows. The original front porch was L-shaped conforming to the lines of the front of the house with the step approach at the right angle.¹² A mirror image sun porch was present on the southeast corner of the house. The house is constructed of pine from the local area; its 36" high brick pier and pine beam construction with open sill box board walls and large attic helps to allow cooling. The exterior siding is 6" beveled pine with corners framed and molded with 1 x 6 pine and quarterround. The roof was originally cedar shingle; its highest point being 26' above ground. There were originally five (5) large rooms with a large dog run hall.

There were three (3) porches, a large walk-in pantry, a lean-to type bathroom and three (3) coal burning fire places. The rooms boast cooling transits and decorative sills with button corners around the 7' windows and the doorways. There were 12' ceilings and hardwood floors, and the interior walls were wallpapered. There were three (3) out buildings, one being a blacksmith shop on the south side of the property.

It cannot be proven as to whether Mr. Henry Klockman, the original owner of the house, built the house himself or had it built by another contractor. It is known that Mr. Klockman ran the blacksmith shop that he built until his death in 1897.^{13,14} Mr. Klockman was born in 1852 and little geneology is available except through his wife's nieces. He left one son at his death for his widow to care for, and she did this by taking in boarders. After her son left home, her nieces stayed with her at night because of the male boarders. She married Mr. Reinhart Gemeinert, who died a few years later, in 1908. She sold and financed the property to P. O. Elzner, Jr. in 1910 and held the note until 1926 when D. P. Holland purchased the property.

The first remodeling was done on the house in the fall of 1926¹⁵, after a fire had done some damage to the southeast side in the spring of 1926.¹⁶ The remodeling was to repair fire damage, expand the front porch to the present day look of turned columns with jigsaw cut brackets and balusters, screen the southeast sun porch, and make a second indoor bathroom out of part of the southeast porch.¹⁷ After Mr. Holland's death, Mrs. Holland made an apartment from the southwest part of the house. She kept an extensive diary about these renters, and a number of interesting things can be read about some of Bastrop's leading citizens who lived there as young adults.¹⁸

No further work was done on the house until the 1960's when Clyde Clardy purchased the property. Work was done on the foundation, and lathing was put around the base of the house. Further work was done by removing the lean-to bathroom and making another bathroom out of part of the dining room. The walk-in pantry was removed to enlarge the kitchen area.¹⁹

The last remodeling occurred in 1976 by the present owners, Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Carpenter. The southeast porch was removed and a 424 square foot den with woodburning fireplace was added. The east porch was enclosed to gain a 100 square foot utility space. The exterior siding to the new additions were specially milled to match the old siding. There was renovation of both the interior and exterior. A covered walkway to a 800 square foot garage, built to resemble a carriage house, was added to the east of the house.

Landscaping is being done to return beauty to the tree shaded lawn. An effort is being made to plant an orchard like the one that once stood on the east property line.

With the remodeling that has been done over the 82 years that the house has stood, actually very little has been changed as can be seen from the present floor plan and that drawn by Mrs. Sowell who hadn't seen the house in approximately 70 years.²⁰

The Klockman-Elzner house has great architectural and historical significance for Texas as demonstrated by its being selected as one of Bastrop's homes in the National Registry of Historical Places. By awarding the Klockman-Elzner house an official Texas Historical Building Medalion, the Texas Historical Commission would be adding a fine old home to the list of historical structures preserved for the future.

Footnotes:

1. Bastrop County Deed Records show Jno. Carmer et al. sold to P. R. Turner (Volume L, Page 350) the land, P. R. Turner sold P. R. Smith the land (Volume N, Page 30) and P. R. Smith sold C. B. Maynard, Sr. the land (Volume N, Page 391).
2. Oral interview with Mrs. Earl Denison granddaughter of C. B. Maynard, Sr.
3. After a settlement through probate court, Lula Hood inherited said section of land (Volume K, Pages 577-580 Probate Court Records).
4. The deed is recorded in Volume 23, Page 131 of the Bastrop County Deed Records.
5. A copy of Tax Records is enclosed which shows the tax listing of the land and improvements.
6. Mrs. Lela Smith of Bastrop, niece of Mrs. Klockman, and Mrs. Virgil Gray, niece of Mrs. P. O. Elzner, Jr. of Bastrop, were orally interviewed in August 1977. Mrs. E. N. Sowell of Georgetown, who is the niece of Mrs. Klockman and lived with her aunt when she took in boarders, added greatly to information on the house through correspondence.
7. This deed transaction is recorded in Volume 48, Page 325 in the Bastrop County Deed Records.
8. This transaction can be found in Volume 81, Page 615 of Bastrop County Deed Records.
9. The deed transaction is found in Volume 153, Page 105 of the Bastrop County Deed Records.
10. This transaction is recorded in Volume 153, Page 170 of the Bastrop County Records.
11. This transaction is recorded in Book D, Volume 243, Page 328 of the Bastrop County Records.
12. This view is seen in the old photograph taken in 1912 which appeared in a Bastrop County Fair Book of Old Homes and Fair events. A copy of this photograph is enclosed.

13. Smith and Sowell, op. cit. note the letter dated August 3, 1977.
14. This is taken from gravemarker in Fairview Cemetary, Bastrop, Texas. He died interstate; thereby he left no exact date.
15. During the remodeling of 1976, a removed siding board was discovered to have the names of three Bastrop carpenters and the date December 6, 1926, written on it.
16. The fire is local history and was told by Mr. Robert E. Jenkins, Sr. in an oral interview in August 1977.
17. This information was given by Mrs. Holland's nephew Mr. William Higgins, who lived with his aunt from time to time.
18. Mrs. Holland's diaries are preserved in the Bastrop County Museum.
19. These statements were made in August by Clyde Clardy.
20. Sowell, op. cit., note letter August 3, 1977.