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18. Name: ☒ Episcopal Rectory

Location: ☒ 225 West Hopkins Street

Classification: Category - building; Ownership - private; Status - occupied;
Accessible - yes, restricted; Present use - private residence.

Owner of property: Mr. and Mrs. Archie F. Weatherford
225 West Hopkins Street
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Description: Condition - good; Altered; Original site.

An embellished ABA facade is the most noticeable characteristic of the Episcopal Rectory. The house is a two-story, white frame structure, the main part of which is a narrow, four-room (two upstairs, two downstairs) rectangle. Behind this part is a one-story dining room-kitchen wing, which forms an ell filled in later with a bedroom and screened porch. The main gabled roof, with crossing hipped roof, is covered with corrugated metal.

The West Hopkins Street (north) side features a double-level entrance porch. Its three open sides are decorated with beaded boards, scallops, brackets, chamfered posts, and spindle rails. Porch ceilings are dark brown. Both upstairs and down are doors with two round-arch panes and transoms. Eight windows with two-over-two lights are arranged symmetrically over the facade.

On the side walls are one-story, squared bays containing two windows with two-over-two lights and held by brackets like those on the porch. Above the bays and additional windows with two-over-two lights are tapered roof beams with returns. Windows and doors are capped by classical moldings.

A central-hall plan is evident, with a stairhall separating the house into halves. Beyond the living room is a dining room with a curious gambrel-shaped beaded ceiling. The kitchen in back has undergone some slight modernization, and evidence from the window indicates that it post-dates the remainder. A section of board-and-batten on the east wall, however, adds confusion. A small bathroom, also board-and-batten, has been added to the stairhall's rear.

There are back-to-back fireplaces in the living room and dining room. Extensive beading is found on ceilings and wainscoting. Some surfaces have been covered with modern finishes. Also on the property is a noncontributing, but unobjectionable, garage apartment.

Significance: Period - 1800-1899, 1900- ; Areas of significance - architecture.
Specific dates - 1889.

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The Episcopalian Rectory is an excellent example of the hybrid style created by the combination of Greek-Revival and Victorian-period lines. Its late date illustrates an important point in Texas architectural history, that major American styles were late in arriving and sometimes slow in replacing popular tastes.

N.K. and Tennie Faris sold lot 5 of block 15 to the "Bishop and Standing Committee of the Missionary District of West Texas" for \$550 in 1889. This seems to be the same year that St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church erected the house, to be used as a rectory. A verbal account says that an existing cottage on the lot was demolished and part of the lumber was reused.

St. Mark's Church was located across the street where a supermarket now stands. It was built in 1902, with funds secured by using the rectory as collateral, and demolished in 1955. St. Mark's first church had been built in 1875.

During the first part of this century the church underwent a difficult period with low membership and, occasionally, an empty pulpit. It must have been at this time that St. Mark's began renting out the Rectory. By about 1925 the house was rented by the Calvin Tuttle family of Martindale. A son, James, went on to hold various offices in St. Mark's organization, and to found the Tuttle Lumber Company in 1950.

For a while around 1935, when St. Mark's did not have a rector in residence, one bedroom upstairs at 225 W. Hopkins was reserved for the supply pastor, as was the added bathroom.

How many families rented the house is not known. The present owners, who rented from 1935 until they purchased the house from the church in 1940, moved in after a family that sold Singer Sewing Machines from the house vacated. The 1940 sale was to raise money to repair the church.

Bibliography:

Clara Louise Cape, A Century with St. Mark's: an Informal History. Privately printed, San Marcos, 1979. p. 9.

Deed Records of Hays County, Volume X, p. 321, book L, p. 229.

August Koch, Birdseye View Map of San Marcos, 1881, in possession of Henry Kyle, Jr.

Interviews with Dorothy Weatherford, April 13, 1982, and August 12, 1982.

Geographical data: Acreage - less than one acre.

UTM reference - B 14 / 602060 / 3306060

Verbal Boundary Description - Original Town Site, Block 15, Lot 5.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Episcopalian Rectory (San Marcos MRA)
Hays County
TEXAS

Working No. 7-14-83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 8/11/83 - 8/28/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 8/26/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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North facade, camera facing south.
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Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest.
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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