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National Park Service

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28. Name: Hofheinz, Augusta, House

Location: 1104 West Hopkins Street

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

Owner of property: Fred and Karen Wigginton  
1104 West Hopkins Street  
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Description: Condition - good; Altered; Original site.

Reflecting the impact of the Beaux Arts-style exposition buildings on domestic architecture, the August Hofheinz House is a two-and-a-half-story, white, frame residence dominated by eight colossal Corinthian columns that hold up a hipped portico, and by short Ionic columns above that support a small, gabled, pedimented dormer. The appearance of a full extra floor is achieved by the dormer, which has been screened in flush with its post rail, and opens to the spacious attic floor. There is a small fanlight within the pediment. Attached to the second floor is a semicircular balcony on carved brackets with a spindle rail. Architraves occur below the bracketed eaves of both the dormer and the main roof. The facade is symmetrical in effect.

The hipped roof, with its cross gables, was once covered with wooden shingles, but is now under composition shingles. Extensions from the side walls are decorated with large oval windows filled in with a curvilinear beveled-glass design. Two rectangular beveled windows pierce the dining room's northwest wall. Other windows have one-over-one lights, those on the front facade being extra wide. A bay window on the northeast wall has twelve-over-twelve lights but is modern. The double front door contains long panels of beveled glass and is topped by a beveled transom.

Upstairs, there are four bedrooms, two baths, and a hall. Downstairs, a very large living room leads to a dining room on the east and a kitchen, breakfast room, butler's pantry, and utility porch toward the rear. This section was once an open porch, as indicated by the back stairs, but has been enclosed. There are two rear doors, one with its own small porch.

To the southeast of the living room is a stair embellished with a small egg-and-dart molding, and with lathed balusters of a stick-and-ball configuration. The ceiling of the large room is deeply coffered, with moldings creating rectangular shapes within the coffers. A freestanding fireplace leads to one of the two red brick chimneys. Window lifts and doorknobs are original brass and copper.

The only disruptive exterior alteration is the brick porch which replaced a wooden one. The present owners may paint the brick white, while contemplating further restoration of it.

A garage apartment from the 1940s is behind the house.



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Significance: Period - 1900- ; Areas of significance - architecture;  
Specific dates - 1908-09. Mead and Eastwood, architects,  
Horace Leffingwell and sons, contractors.

Among the handful of monumental Colonial Revival houses in San Marcos, the Augusta Hofheinz House is particularly notable for its dramatic vertical lines. The high and narrow design is accented with colossal Corinthian columns. Augusta Hofheinz was the widow of an early hotel owner.

Daniel Hofheinz had built the town's first real hotel in 1887. To supply his hotel's dining room, he constructed extensive gardens, some of the stone terrace walls of which still remain on the north edge of the city. His wife, Augustus Voges Hofheinz, ran a millinery shop in the hotel. Following Mr. Hofheinz' death in 1903, his widow had the imposing house on West Hopkins built by Mead and Eastwood Lumber Company, with Horace Leffingwell as contractor. Mrs. Hofheinz' son Walter supervised construction.

During this period, the West Hopkins Street area was becoming a popular residential section for well-established citizens. Mrs. Hofheinz' home towered over the neighborhood, however, because of its height. Use of many classical motifs also made it a particularly dignified structure.

Handwork displayed in the construction is exceptionally fine. For example, the ceiling is coffered, and the stair is finished with ball-and-rod rails and a tiny egg-and-dart molding. The leaded-glass doors and oval windows were imported from France.

Mrs. Hofheinz lived here until her death in 1924. The next year the house was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene de Steigher, a wealthy farming family. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kercheville bought it in 1952. The present owners are conducting a careful rehabilitation.

**Bibliography:**

Information provided by Frances Stovall and Tula Townsend Wyatt.  
Interview with Fred and Karen Wigginton, April 14, 1982.

Geographical data: Acreage - less than one acre.  
UTM reference - 14 / 601170 / 3305370

Verbal Boundary Description - H.E. McAllister Addition, Block 7, lots 1 and 2.  
The property measures 142.55 by 144.44 ft.



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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hofheinz, Augusta, House (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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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



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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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

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**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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#28. Hofheinz, Augusta, House

Photo by Melinda Koester/Stuart Strong, 1978  
Negative on file at Texas Historical Comm.

East oblique, camera facing west.  
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South oblique, camera facing north.  
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Detail of southeast facade, camera facing west  
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Livingroom interior, camera facing west.

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Detail of livingroom - front door.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000853