

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Site No. 8

Photo No. 8

Name: Pleasant Hill

✓Historic Name: Grimes House

Address: ~~Southeast Corner of Country  
Club Road & Corporation Street~~

Date: 1926-27

Block/Lot: See Verbal Boundary Description

Present Owner: Fred O. Grimes, Jr.  
P.O. Box 451  
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Acreage: 2 1/3 acres

Current Use: Residence

Original Use: Residence

UTM Reference: 678130/3543220

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Hillsboro East

Architectural Description:

Physical Description: Good

Dates of Alterations: Unaltered

This brick, Georgian Revival, residence of two-and-a-half stories features a gable roof and three shingled dormers. Fenestration consists of slightly arched 6/6 windows with dentil detailing above. Exterior brick chimneys rise from the roof at both ends. The focal point of the residence is the monumental circular portico of two stories supported by Doric columns and crowned by a balustraded balcony and full entablature. The single, front entrance displays sidelights and an elliptical fanlight. There is a center window on the second level with a balcony. Some single 6/6 windows contain shutters. The grounds surrounding the house are beautifully landscaped with a terraced yard and a large pond in front.

Significance:

Period: 1900-

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Commerce, Landscape Architecture

One of the most imposing and architecturally significant residences in Hillsboro, the Grimes House is also important for its landscaped grounds with large terraced yard, numerous trees, and pond. Constructed in 1926 in the Georgian Revival style, the house is the only one of its kind in the region and clearly reflects the prosperity and prestige of the businessman who built it. Fred O. Grimes, Sr., (1885-1972) was a prominent business and civic leader in the town and state, and a pioneer in automotive service and the development of Texas highways. (See information on Grimes in Significance No. 38).

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Old Brandon Road and the east line of Corporation Street, proceed south with the east line of Corporation Street 209 feet to corner in the north line of 60 foot street; thence, east with the north line of said street 340 feet; thence north 397 feet to the south line of Old Brandon Road; thence west with the south line of Old Brandon Road 373.5 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2 1/3 acres of land.



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Hillsboro Multiple Resource Area  
State Hill County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Farmers National Bank

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

Attest

2. Gebhardt Bakery

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

Attest

3. Grimes House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

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4. Grimes Garage

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

Attest

5. Hill County Cotton Oil  
Company

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Eligible - Beth Grosvorn 3/30/84

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

6. Hillsboro Cotton Mills

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

Attest

7. Hillsboro Residential  
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Grosvorn 7/9/84

Attest

8. Old Rock Saloon

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National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 3/30/84

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9. Sturgis National Bank

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National Register

for Keeper

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10. Tarlton Building

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Attest



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Grimes House (Hillsboro MRA)  
Hill County  
TEXAS

Working No. 2-15-84  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85  
Date Due: 3/15/84 — 3/31/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 3/30/84  
 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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_





Historic Resources of Hillsboro  
Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas  
Site No. 8, Grimes House, southeast of Country  
Club Road and Corporation Street  
Photographer: Barbara Nagel, October 1982  
Negative on file, Texas Hist. Commission,  
Austin  
View: west facade, camera facing east  
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000846