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#44, PHOTOS 14,15

NAME: E. King Felder House

DATE: 1910

ADDRESS: Haller Street

BLOCK/LOT: See Verbal Boundary
Description

PRESENT OWNER: Mr. Roger Dresch
P.O. Box 175
Chappell Hill, Texas 77426

ACREAGE: Approximately 1

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

CURRENT USE: Residence

U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: 7.5' Chappell Hill, Tx

U.T.M. REFERENCE: 14/763560/3337400

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Physical Condition: Good

Dates of Alterations: 1952 (composition roof)

Built by J. W. Heartfield for \$5,000, the King Felder House is a one-and-a-half story transitional Queen Anne/Colonial Revival frame residence with a combination roof covered with composition shingles. The front of the house is dominated by an attached encircling porch supported by slightly tapered Doric columns and a projecting gabled bay on the north end. This chamfered bay contains two scroll brackets at the eaves and a plain pediment with clapboard siding above. Rising from the main hipped part of the roof are two large dormers, each of which contains a single-sash window and hipped roof. Simple wooden surrounds face all windows. Oversized side lights and transom belong to the single entry that opens onto the main hallway. The modern transomed entrance door displays a fanciful diamond pattern. Windows in the front bay also contain leaded glass. Original 6/6-light, double-hung, wooden windows have recently been replaced by single-sash wood windows.

The interior of the structure is distinguished by the decoratively carved wooden features of the main hallway, which extends through the width of the house. Access to the stairway is through an elaborate wooden archway carved with scrolls, garlands, and with bead and real borders. The arch is supported by elaborately carved Corinthian columns resting on coffered paneled pedestals. The single outbuilding on the property is a small, modern clapboard garage with a gable roof constructed in 1956/1957, which should not be considered contributing. The exterior of the house has remained virtually unaltered, as evidenced by an historic photograph taken shortly after construction was completed.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Period: 1900-

Areas of Significance: Architecture

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Architecturally, the King Felder residence is significant for its elaborately carved interior wooden detailing and because it is a good representation of an early 20th-century transitional house form. Only one other comparable example of this form, although not as refined, exists in Chappell Hill. Constructed by J. W. Heartfield in 1910, the present house is notable for its sound construction and fine workmanship. The original owner of the home also owned a large lumber yard and had access to some of the finest lumber in the area. All the construction is pegged, with square nails employed as necessary. The integrity of the structure's setting on its original landscaped large lot is rare. Only the fence has changed, from wooden picket to chain link. Large trees on the lot have been retained, while a new hedge lining the fence has been planted.

The residence is locally significant, too, for its association with the Felders, an early and prominent Chappell Hill family. Both Mattie Cooke and King Felder were descended from prominent pioneer families who came to the Chappell Hill area. J. H. Cocke, grandfather of Mattie Cocke, served as Customs Collector for the Republic of Texas before moving to Chappell Hill. King Felder was descended from the Chappell Hill family of prominent clergyman Jacob Matthews. After 1910 Edgar King Felder (1871 - 1952), together with his brother and father, Rufus King Felder, engaged in the hardware and lumber business under the name R. K. Felder and Sons. Lumber for some of the town's finest early 20th-century residences was furnished by their company. Rufus King Felder had managed the plantation of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Felder, in South Carolina until 1871, when he moved to Chappell Hill and purchased a tract of land on the Stevens League. The Felder family gradually amassed large land holdings as a result of their profitable agricultural, stockraising, and shipping endeavors. King Felder married Mattie Cocke in 1903 and built this fine house as their new residence. Two years after King Felder's death in 1952, his son Edgar sold the house to George Alexander, a rice farmer. Roger Dresch, the current owner, acquired the property in 1976. The house remains today as physical evidence of the prosperity Chappell Hill enjoyed at the turn-of-the-century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Correspondence from Edgar Felder, son of E. King Felder, January 1984.

Washington County Deed Records, Brenham, Texas.

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: Residential neighborhood; situated on large corner lot between two streets.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Chappell Hill, Washington County, Texas, being described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the lot conveyed by M. W. Baker and Wife to Soule University; thence west 349 feet to the line of a lot formerly owned by W. A. Dorsitt; thence south with said line 235 feet to a street; thence east with the north line of said street 349 feet to corner; thence north 235 feet to the place of beginning.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Chappell Hill Multiple Resource Area
State Washington County, Texas

Cover account.

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|---|---|--------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Main Street Historic District | Substantive Review | Keeper | <i>Linda McClelland 5/15/85</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 2. | Applewhite, Isaac, House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <i>Shelene Byers 2/20/85</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 3. | Chappell Hill Circulating Library | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <i>Shelene Byers 2/20/85</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 4. | Chappell Hill Methodist Episcopal Church | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <i>Shelene Byers 2/20/85</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 5. | Chappell Hill Public School and Chappell Hill Female College Bell | Substantive Review | Keeper | <i>Linda McClelland 2/20/85</i> |
| | | | Attest | |
| 6. | Felder, E. King, House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <i>Shelene Byers 2/20/85</i> |
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| 7. | Rogers, William S., House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <i>Shelene Byers 2/20/85</i> |
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| 8. | Routt, J.R., House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <i>Shelene Byers 2/20/85</i> |
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| 9. | Smith, John Sterling, Jr. House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <i>Shelene Byers 2/20/85</i> |
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| 10. | | | Keeper | |
| | | | Attest | |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Felder, E. King, House (Chappell Hill MRA)
Washington County
TEXAS

Working No. JAN 14 1985
 Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-85
 Date Due: 2/4/85 - 2/28/85
 Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2-20-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
 Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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

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

Walter E. King House (Chappel Hill MRA)
Washington County
Texas

Entered in the
National Register

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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Historic Resources of Chappell Hill
Chappell Hill, Washington County, Texas

#44 E. King Felder House
Haller Street

Photo by Julie Edwards, April 1984, neg on file
Texas Historical Commission

East facade, camera facing west

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E. H. Felder. 1911.

Historic Resources of Chappell Hill
Chappell Hill, Washington County, Texas

#44 E. King Felder House (Historic Photo)
Haller Street

Photographer unknown, 1911, neg on file at
Texas Historical Commission

Southeast elevation; camera facing northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000834