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Inventory—Nomination Form

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Site No. 2

Photo Nos. 3 and 5

Name: William Bryant, Jr., House

Location: South Broad and Cooper
Cedar Hill, Texas

Owner of Property: Zula Wiley

Address of Owner: c/o Sarah Moor
P.O. Box 145
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104

BRIEF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Bryant House is a two-story wood-frame house, finished in cypress lap siding with a molded edge. Its wooden corner boards are topped with pilasters. The main unit is a three-room "I" house with a broad stair in the hall. The ell wing is also of two stories and has exterior entrances on both floors. The house has a gable roof and exterior chimneys on both ends of the main unit. Windows are two-over-two single-hung sash with simple drip molds.

Unlike most classic "I" houses, the front porch was built as a two-story portico. The portico is roofed with a steeply pitched gable finished in fish-scale shingles, and was decorated with bargeboard. The historic gable bargeboard will be copied and replaced as part of the recent refurbishing of the house. The porch posts are chamfered and the second-story rail is finished in latticework. The porch floor joists are masked by a simple decorative jigsaw piece in a double swan's neck curve. The rear ell porch is also of two stories, with square posts and rails finished in latticework.

Architectural Style: Victorian

Date of Construction: 1889

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

William Bryant, Sr., came to Cedar Hill with his wife, two daughters, and son William Bryant, Jr., in 1868. In 1872 Bryant bought a 640-acre farm east of Cedar Hill. By 1890, the elder Bryant owned more than 2 1/2 square miles of farmland in southwestern Dallas County. His son married Sarah Louisa McCan in 1877, and they moved into their new home on the southwest edge of Cedar Hill in November of 1889. William Bryant, Jr., was a successful cattle rancher and owned a commercial building on the town square.

The house is architecturally significant as the last of two unaltered "I" houses in Dallas County. It is the only "I" house with external end chimneys and formal central hall. Its pavilion substituted for a full front porch makes it a unique example of its type.

Acreage: Less than one acre

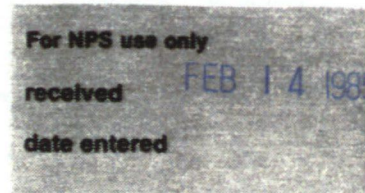
Verbal Boundary Description: Block 28,
Cedar Hill Original
Town

UTM Coordinates: 14 691760 3607030

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Cedar Hill, Texas

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Cedar Hill Texas Multiple Resource Area
State Dallas County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Roberts, Dr. Rufus A., House

Entered in the
National Register

Com Date/Signature *7/27/85*
for Keeper *Delores Byrd* 3/27/85

Attest

2. Bryant, Jr., William, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byrd* 3/27/85

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3. Hawkes, Z. T. (Tip), House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byrd* 3/27/85

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4. Angle, D. M., House

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5. Straus House

Substantive Review

Keeper *Linda McDelland* 7/12/85

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bryant, Jr., William, House (Cedar Hill
Texas MRA)
Dallas County
TEXAS

FEB 14 1985

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86

Date Due: 3-14-85 / 3-31-85

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3-27-85

☐ 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

- ☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ 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

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



Historic Resources of Cedar Hill
Cedar Hill, Dallas County, Texas

Site No. 2, Bryant House
S. Broad and Cooper streets

Photo by Andy Reisberg, November 1983, neg on
file with Andy Reisberg, Flying Horse Photography,
Dallas

Northeast oblique
camera facing southwest

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Southwest oblique
camera facing northeast

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Historic Resources of Cedar Hill
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Site No. 2, Bryant House
S. Broad and Cooper streets, ca. 1918

Original in Cedar Hill Public Library

East facade
camera facing west

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000832