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Property No. 11

Historic Resources of Stamford

Stamford Historic Structures Survey Identification number, STA-078

Name of property- Buena Vista Hotel

Address of property- 123 North Wetherbee

Owner of property- Margaret E. Chase

Owner's Address- 59478 46th St. Reynolds Lake
Lawrence, MI 49064

Acreage- Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description- (Legal Description) Original Town;
Block 18, N. 82 1/2' of Lots, 15,
16, 17, 18, 19, 20

UTM Coordinates- 14/425240/3645000

Description

(unaltered, good condition)

The Buena Vista Hotel was constructed in 1928 as a rooming house. The two-story house is a brick-veneered tile structure with a metal-tile roof. All rafters are exposed. The rooms are arranged along two long central hallways which are evident on the outside because of the central doors in the front facade.

The main feature of the simple structure is the porch. The roof of the porch is flat to form the wrought-iron railed porch opening off the second-floor hall. A metal-tile hipped roof surrounds this deck and covers the first-floor porch. Four large brick pedestals and square wooden posts support the porch. It is in an older residential/commercial area.

Significance: local level, commerce, 1928

The Buena Vista Hotel is the last remaining example of the family operated "rooming house" in Stamford. Between 1900 and 1930 many of these small two- and three-story buildings were built to serve the transient labor force associated with the railroad and local industrial operations. All have been demolished, have burned, or have been moved away except for the Buena Vista.

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The Buena Vista Hotel was built in 1928, by D.D. and Vista Duncan, to capitalize on the local housing needs. The two-story tile structure with brick veneer was built by E.D. Jones, a local contractor, for \$9,500. It contained 21 rooms and two baths. Since its construction, it has served faithfully as a rooming house and stands as a reminder of what was once a flourishing "cottage industry" in Stamford.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Stamford Multiple Resource Area

State Jones County, TEXAS

Substantive Review

*Accept Patrick Andrus 9/24/86
Attest Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86*
Date/Signature

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Astin, J.P., House

**Entered in the
National Register**

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 9/24/86

Attest

2. Buena Vista Hotel

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Patrick Andrus 9/24/86

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Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

3. Bunkley, Dr. E.P.,
House and Garage

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4. First Baptist Church

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for Keeper

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Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

5. House at 501 North Swenson

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6. House at 502 South Orient

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7. House at 610 Oliver

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8. House at 709 East Reynolds

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Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

9. House at 710 East McHarg

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrus 9/24/86

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Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

10. House at 719 East Reynolds

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrus 9/24/86

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Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Buena Vista Hotel (Stamford MRA)
Jones County
TEXAS

Substantive Review

Working No. AUG 11 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 9/11/86 - 9/25/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-24-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *This is Stamford's only extant example of a 1900-1930 period family operated rooming house. The Buena Vista Hotel was originally built to serve transient laborers working on the railroad and involved with local industrial development.*

Recom./Criteria Accept A
Reviewer Bruce J. Noble, Jr.
Discipline Historian
Date 9/24/86
_____ 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: _____



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Jones County, Texas

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123 N. Wetherbee, looking NW

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

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