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Property No. 17

Historic Resources of Stamford

Stamford Historic Structures Survey Identification number, STA-116

Name of property- J.P. Astin House

Address of property- 111 E. Campbell

Owner of property- Dr. R. Mark and Robbye Probst

Owner's Address- 111 E. Campbell
Stamford, TX 79553

Acreage- Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description- (Legal Description) Original Town;
Block 61, Lots 8, 9, 10

UTM Coordinates- 14/425060/3645720

Description (unaltered, excellent condition)

This elaborate Neo-Classical Revival home is of wood-frame construction with wooden detailing. The two-story house has a hipped roof now covered in composition shingles.

A widow's walk on the roof provides a view for many miles in all directions. Large, square dormers project from each side of the roof, each with lozenge windows and parapet; the cornice detailing repeats that found elsewhere on the house. The boxed eaves of the roof have modillions, a row of dentils, and a wide and simple frieze. Three interior chimneys are found on the roof.

The two-story flat-roofed entry portico is supported by matched pairs of wooden fluted columns with Ionic capitals. The portico is topped with a wooden railing consisting of slat balusters and a decorative pattern representing St. George's cross.

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Independent one-story porches are found on each side of the house. These hipped-roof porches have slender Ionic columns and cornice detailing similar to the main roof line. The porch that passes under the full-height entry forms a porch for the second story. The balustrade of this porch repeats the railing motif of the portico.

Bay windows are found under the east and west porches. A porte cochere with similar detailing extends from the west porch.

Lozenge windows are found in most of the large rectangular openings, while a lozenge-paned wooden door with sidelights and heavy wooden surrounds is found at the main entry. A similar door arrangement opens onto the second-floor porch.

A stable and servants quarters are located at the rear of the grounds. The quarterblock on which the house stands is surrounded by a low iron fence. A portion of the side yard is enclosed by a white lattice-work fence.

Significance: local level, architecture, about 1909

The J.P. Astin House, built between 1908 and 1913 (probably 1908-1910), is one of the most significant structures in Stamford. It is an architectural gem, a fine example of the Neo-Classical Revival style as it is interpreted on a very large house. Also, its builder and first occupant was J.P. Astin, a very early Stamford pioneer and civic leader.

The Neo-Classical Revival style was a popular residential style in the U.S. from the mid-1980s until World War I. It was particularly adaptable to the large-house format. The Astin House is an outstanding example of the style, which is rare in the city. It is one of Stamford's largest and most impressive homes, and one of its best preserved and unaltered early twentieth-century dwellings.

J.P. Astin, the builder of the house, came to Stamford in 1908 to participate in the building of the town as a real estate agent, speculator, and developer. He was apparently quite successful at these enterprises, and built his magnificent residence after approximately ten years in the city. Since its construction, the house has remained basically unaltered. The present owners conducted a thorough restoration/modernization in 1983 and early 1984 which is extremely sympathetic to the original fabric and character of the house.

The house is prominently sited on a corner lot in an older residential neighborhood.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Stamford Multiple Resource Area

State Jones County, TEXAS

Substantive Review

Accept Patrick Andrews 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

Melvin Byers 9/24/86

Attest

2. Buena Vista Hotel

Substantive Review

for Keeper

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Attest

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

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

**Entered in the
National Register**

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4. First Baptist Church

Substantive Review

for Keeper

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Attest

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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for Keeper

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Attest

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

7. House at 610 Oliver

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8. House at 709 East Reynolds

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for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/24/86

Attest

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

9. House at 710 East McHarg

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrews 9/24/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

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

10. House at 719 East Reynolds

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 9/24/86

Attest

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Astin, J. P., House (Stamford MRA)
Jones County
TEXAS

Working No. AUG 11 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 9/4/86 - 9/25/86

Action: ACCEPT 9-24-86
 RETURN
 REJECT

Entered in **National Register**

Federal Agency: _____

- 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

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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Historical Commission, Austin

Property No. 17 (Sta-115), J.P. Astin Home,
111 E. Campbell, looking NW

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000854