

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Historic Sites Inventory  
(Adapted from THC HSI Form, 10-83)

6. USGS Quad No. 2897-441 Site No. I-169  
7. UTM Sector No. 394-3187  
8. Date: Factual 1839 Est 1885 (bandstand)

1. DeLeon Plaza/bandstand  
2. 100 blk. W. Constitution  
3. Owner City of Victoria Contractor  
4. Address P.O. Box 1578, Victoria 77902 10. Original Use public square  
5. Legal Description OTS Constitution Square 11. Present Use park  
Description: 12. Type park/bandstand 13. No. stories 1  
14. Const. Materials (bandstand) wood frame w/ composition shingle roof  
15. Plan octagonal 16. Roof type octagonal  
17. Roof/cornice details wooden spire at peak w/ jigsaw brackets  
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27. Context: Moved x Date 1923 or original site 28. Area description in N. portion of central business district

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30. Informant(s)

31. Designations: HABS (no.) TEX-  
x RTHL; File name Old Band Stand  
NR; File name

32. Other UTM: 14/694600/3187200

33. Recorder DH/HHM Date 1983

34. YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME		ROLL	FRME
THC		31	19	to	31	20
				to		
				to		

Photos: 35. Slides 2

36. 35mm B & WI-84:15-18,  
34-35

37. Other

VIEW:



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

DeLeon Plaza and Bandstand (Victoria MRA)  
Victoria County  
TEXAS

Working No. AUG 11 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 9/11/86 - 9/25/86

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 9-22-86

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*significant for community planning - must be  
returned for reasons noted on reverse*

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Patrick Andrews

Discipline Historian

Date 9/22/86

\_\_\_\_\_ 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
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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"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

The area of landscape architecture is selected as an area of significance but is not directly justified - please explain what were "the early twentieth century plantings of J.D. Mitchell" and why these are considered to be historically significant in the development of Victoria

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### X 10. Geographical Data

X Acreage of nominated property Please provide acreage

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 Patrick Andrews Date 9/22/86 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETDeLeon Plaza and Bandstand (Victoria MRA)  
Victoria County  
TEXAS

Substantive Review

Working No. 8/11/86

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 12/19/86Action: ACCEPTRETURN 12-9-86REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Landscape architecture selected as area of significance, but not adequately justified. Please explain what "the early twentieth century plantings of J. D. Mitchell" were and why they are considered to be historically significant in the development of Victoria.

Recom./Criteria ReturnReviewer NobleDiscipline HistorianDate 12/8/86

\_\_\_\_ 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  
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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
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*See reviewer's comments*

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- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Bruce Noble, Jr. (202) 343-9547

Signed William B. Bushong Date 12/9/88 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Victoria, Victoria County, Texas

DeLeon Plaza and Bandstand. Site No. I-169.

Significance: COMMUNITY PLANNING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE. (continued)  
J. D. Mitchell, a noted naturalist, is credited with the effort to formalize "Constitution Square", now known as DeLeon Plaza. He replaced hackberry trees, which are brittle and considered messy and unsightly, with other more graceful and sturdy indigenous trees, pecans (Item 7 page 11). Many of those pecans still stand around the perimeter of the block. Through his efforts, the image of the public square changed from that of an open block mostly utilitarian in use, to one of a recreational appeal, offering a shaded respite from the multiple-season south Texas heat. This gesture seems significant for the time, when landscaped urban parks without a buiding centerpiece were uncommon in small Texas towns.



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Victoria MRA  
State TEXAS

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for Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

12. Calhoun Bakery

Substantive Review

for Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

13. Clark House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 12/8/86

Attest

14. Clark, Robert, House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

15. Clegg, John H., House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

16. City of Victoria  
Pumping Plant--Workworks

Substantive Review

for Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

17. Crain, F.H., House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

18. DeLeon Plaza and  
Bandstand

Substantive Review

for Keeper

William B. Bushy 3/24/87

Attest

19. Diebel--Hyak House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

230 20. Farmers and Merchants  
Cotton Gin Warehouse

Substantive Review

for Keeper

William B. Bushy 12/9/86

Attest

Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 12/8/86



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DeLeon Plaza and Bandstand (Victoria MRA)  
Victoria County  
TEXAS

Substantive Review

Working No. 8/1/86

Fed. Reg. Date: 3/2/88

Date Due: 3/26/87

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3-24-87

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Technical and substantive corrections  
made as requested. The DeLeon Plaza  
and Bandstand is significant for landscape  
architecture and community planning.

Recom./Criteria Accept - AEC

Reviewer Noble

Discipline Historian

Date 3/24/87

\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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☐ 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	

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
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- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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date

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_







"Historic Resources of Victoria"

Multiple Resource Nomination

Victoria, Victoria County, Texas

Site I-169

100 block W. Constitution

DeLeon Plaza

Photographer: Daniel Hardy, 1984

Negative filed with Victoria Preservation Inc.

Camera facing Northwest

Photo

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"Historic Resources of Victoria"  
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Bandstand in DeLeon Plaza  
Photographer: Daniel Hardy, 1984  
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Photo

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000855