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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM — TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev.8-82)

1. County Brazos BRA
BR 5. USGS Quad No. 3096-423 Site No. 1382
 City/Rural Bryan UTM Sector _____
 2. Name Astin, R.Q., House 6. Date: Factual _____ Est. 1921
 Address 508 W 26TH 7. Architect/Builder Unknown
 Contractor _____
 3. Owner Nolan D. Shipman 8. Style/Type _____
 Address 508 W. 26th, Bryan, TX 77803 9. Original Use residential
 4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 177/Lots 1-2,9-10 Present Use residential
 10. Description 2 1/2-story frame dwelling w/ symmetrical plan; exterior walls of brick; hip roof w/ composition shingles; box eaves; wood-sash double-hung windows w/ 6/6 lights; double-door primary entrance w/ transom and sidelights; 1-bay entry portico inset on S. elev.; paired composite columns; 2 massive
 11. Present Condition good
 12. Significance This expansive eclectic design was built by R. Q. Astin for his family in the early 1920s. It is perhaps the grandest dwelling constructed in Bryan during the period and incorporates Renaissance and other revival styles.
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date _____ or Original Site *(describe) _____
 14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant _____
City Directory (RDS) 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1986

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

TNRIS No. _____ Old THC Code _____
 RTHL HABS (no.) TEX _____
 NR: *Individual Historic District
 Thematic Multiple-Resource
 NR File Name _____
 Other _____

B&W 4x5s _____ Slides 10
 35mm Negs

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME		ROLL	FRME
		14	17	to		
		65	30	to	65	35
		66	1	to		

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Description continued: interior brick chimneys offset from center w/ corbeled caps; symmetrical massing, coupled w/ classical detailing, indicates Palladian influence; detailing executed in stone includes entablature w/ console brackets; garlands and an escutcheon at entry portico; porte cochere at N. elev. w/ composite pilasters set into brick piers; w/ a stone balustrade at second level; end pavilions marked by sun porches w/ stone frames and composite columns -- west sun porch is open while east one is enclosed; entry portico is flanked by French doors w/ fanlights above to realize an arcaded effect; grouped windows, broad, overhanging eave; hip dormers; similarly detailed garage and playhouse to the rear of the property. Area of Sign.: ARCHITECTURE

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Bryan MRA
State Brazos County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover Substantive Review	9/25/87 for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u>
1. Allen Academy Memorial Hall Substantive Review	for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
2. Allen Block Substantive Review	for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
3. Allen, R.O., House-Allen Academy Substantive Review	for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
4. Armstrong House-Allen Academy Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alvord Byers</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____
5. Astin, R.Q., House Substantive Review	for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
6. Blazek, E.J., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alvord Byers</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____
7. Bryan Compress and Warehouse Substantive Review	for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
8. Bryan Ice House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alvord Byers</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____
9. CSPS Lodge--Griesser Bakery Substantive Review	for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
10. Chance, James O., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Alvord Byers</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Astin, R. Q., House (Bryan MRA)
Brazos County
TEXAS

~~Substantive Review~~

AUG 20 1987

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 9/17/87 - 10/4/87
Action: ACCEPT 9-25-87
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Nomination states that this house is perhaps the grandest dwelling constructed in Bryan during the historic period encompassed by the MRA. The house combines Renaissance with other revival styles.*

Recom./Criteria Accept - C
Reviewer Noble
Discipline Historian
Date 9/25/87
_____ 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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

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: _____



"Historic Resources of Bryan, Texas" Multiple-
Resource Nomination; city limits of Bryan,
Brazos County, Texas.

Photo: Daniel Hardy of Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc.;
1985; negative with Texas Historical
Commission, Austin, Texas.

Subject: R.Q. Astin House, Site No. 1382
508 W. 26th

View: Camera looking northeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000831