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**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. 3096-424 Site No. 263
City/Rural Bryan UTM Sector _____

2. Name Humpty Dumpty Store 6. Date: Factual _____ Est. 1925
Address 218 N BRYAN 7. Architect/Builder Unknown
Contractor _____

3. Owner Robert & Elizabeth Starling 8. Style/Type Vernacular commercial structure
Address P.O. Box 831, Morgan City, La. 9. Original Use commercial

4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 120/Lot 5 70380 Present Use commercial

10. Description 1-story, load-bearing, commercial building with brick exterior walls;
flat roof w/ built-up tar-and-gravel covering; 3-bay facade w/ double-door
central entrance and fixed wood-sash display windows; wood canopy w/ rod
supports; parapet w/ small band of basketweave pattern in brickwork; 1940s

11. Present Condition fair

12. Significance Bryan, like most cities in Texas, at one time had a large number
of small grocery stores, but the advent of large supermarkets in the
post-World War II era caused the abandonment of many of these smaller

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date _____ or Original Site in the central business
district; located on a street corner X(describe)

14. Bibliography Sanborn Maps, City Directories 15. Informant _____
Tax Rolls (RDS) Bryan Eagle 1936 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 3
35mm Negs
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2. Name Humpty Dumpty Store Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: signage on front display windows.

Significance continued: operations. The Humpty Dumpty store, founded in 1927, provides a vivid reminder of the type of grocery businesses that once were quite common. City directories state that W.A. Stassney was proprietor of the business from the 1930s through the 1960s. This structure is also representative of the many small businesses that operated in Bryan. The interior, with its wooden shelves, is also noteworthy and possibly is original. Area of Significance: COMMERCE.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Bryan MRA
State Brazos County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
✓ 21. House at 407 N. Parker	Substantive Review for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
22. House at 600 N. Washington	Entered in the National Register for Keeper <u>Alvares Byrum</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____
✓ 23. House at 603 E. Thirty-first	Substantive Review for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
24. House at 604 E. Twenty-seventh	Entered in the National Register for Keeper <u>Alvares Byrum</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____
25. Humpty Dumpty Store	Substantive Review for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
26. Jenkins, Edward J., House	Entered in the National Register for Keeper <u>Alvares Byrum</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____
✓ 27. Jones, J. M., House	Substantive Review for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
28. Kemp, E. A., House	Entered in the National Register for Keeper <u>Alvares Byrum</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____
✓ 29. McDougal--Jones House	Substantive Review for Keeper <u>William B. Bushong</u> Attest <u>9/25/87</u>
30. Moore House	Entered in the National Register for Keeper <u>Alvares Byrum</u> 9/25/87 Attest _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Humpty Dumpty Store (Bryan MRA)
Brazos County
TEXAS

Substantive Review

Working No. AUG 20 1987

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:

Significant for commerce as a rare local example of the once-common neighborhood grocery store. The interior is also significant and may be largely original. No interior photographs included.

Recom./Criteria Accept - A

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"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<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

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: _____



HUMPTY DUMPTY
GROCERY MARKET
Royal Crown
Cola

HUMPTY DUMPTY
STOOOP NO MORE

FROZEN FOODS

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HUMPTY DUMPTY
STOOOP NO MORE



"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: Humpty Dumpty Grocery Store, Site No. 263
218 N. Bryan

View: Camera looking southwest
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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