

**United States Department of the Interior
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 DEWITT DEW
CU 5. USGS Quad No. 2997-121 Site No. 137
City/Rural CUERO UTM Sector 666-3219

2. Name BELL, JOHN Y., HOUSE 6. Date: Factual 1896 Est. _____
Address 304 E PRAIRIE 7. Architect/Builder Unknown

3. Owner Jack M. Wheat Contractor _____
Address 304 E. Prairie Cuero TX 77954 8. Style/Type T-plan dwelling

4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 45/SW cor, 150x270.5 ft 9. Original Use residential
Present Use residential

10. Description 2-story frame dwelling w/ T plan; exterior walls w/ weatherboard siding; hip roof w/ gables w/ composition shingles; wood-sash double-hung windows w/ 1/1 and 2/2 lights; 2, single-door entrances w/ transoms and carved-wood detailing; 4-bay, 2-story porches on each side of front wing;

11. Present Condition good; alterations: rear additions, partial enclosure of west side porch

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: Although Cuero boasts many vernacular plan types, few T-plan houses, a variation of the L-plan, were ever built. This is one of the city's best examples. It features ornate jigsawn & turned-wood detailing,

13. Relationship to Site: Moved _____ Date _____ or Original Site in a residential area north of the CBD; at the northeast corner of Prairie and Clinton streets.

14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant Mrs. Mrs. J. Mike Wheat

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 Cuero M-R Nomination

Other _____

B&W 4x5s 1976 - 2 Slides 5

35mm Negs

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME		ROLL	FRME
		23	9	to		
		65	26	to	65	29
				to		

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2. Name BELL, JOHN Y., HOUSE Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: turned-wood posts and balusters; 2 interior brick chimneys w/ corbeled caps at and offset from center; 2-story polygonal bay on front-projecting wing; gable ends w/ imbricated shingles; rear additions.

Significance continued: It was built for John Y. Bell and remained in the Bell family until 1970.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cuero MRA
State DeWitt County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Carol D. Shull 10-31-88</u>
1. Bates-Sheppard House	for Keeper <u>Delores Byan 10/31/88</u>
	Attest _____
2. Bell, John V., House <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Carol D. Shull 10-31-88</u>
	Attest _____
3. Bennett, M.D., House	for Keeper <u>Delores Byan 10/31/88</u>
	Attest _____
4. Billow-Thompson House <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Carol D. Shull 10-31-88</u>
	Attest _____
5. Breeden-Runge Wholesale Grocery Company Building	for Keeper <u>Delores Byan 10/31/88</u>
	Attest _____
6. Buchel, Floyd, House <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Carol D. Shull 10-31-88</u>
	Attest _____
7. Burns, Arthur, House	for Keeper <u>Delores Byan 10/31/88</u>
	Attest _____
8. Burns, John W., House <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Carol D. Shull 10-31-88</u>
	Attest _____
9. Callaway-Gillette House	for Keeper <u>Delores Byan 10/31/88</u>
	Attest _____
10. Chaddock, J.B., House <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Carol D. Shull 10-31-88</u>
	Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bell, John Y., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Cuero MRA

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, De Witt

DATE RECEIVED: 9/16/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/27/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/13/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/31/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001982

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 10/31/88 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Property is architecturally significant as a rare example of a T-plan house in the community.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept - C
REVIEWER Noble
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 10/31/88

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



"Historic Resources of Cuero, Texas" Multiple-
Resource Nomination; city limits of Cuero,
DeWitt County, Texas.

Photo: David Moore of Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc.
1986; negative with Texas Historical
Commission, Austin, Texas.

Subject: John Y. Bell House, Site No. 137
304 E. Prairie

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: 64000839