

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service455
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Registration FormNATIONAL
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Reichardt-Low House
other names/site number: #160

2. Location

street & number: 609 South Austin
city, town: Brenham
state: Texas code: 048 county: Washington code: 477
N/A not for publication
N/A vicinity
zip code: 77833

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	3	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	3	objects
			1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources of
Brenham, TexasNumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau9 Feb. 1990
Date

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register.
See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.
other, (explain:)Entered in the
National Register

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions):

Victorian

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Brick Pier-and-Beam

walls: Wood/Clapboard

roof: Asphalt Shingles

other:

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Period of Significance:

c.1880

Significant Dates:

c.1880

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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7. Description

The Reichardt-Low House is a 1-story frame, L-plan dwelling with Victorian details. These details include a decorative balustrade, narrow 2/2 windows, and the asymmetrical facade and plan of the house.

The Reichardt-Low House is a 1-story frame dwelling facing west on South Austin Street in a mostly residential neighborhood developed in the late 19th Century. This L-plan house (now modified to a rectangular plan) rests on a brick pier-and-beam foundation and is covered in a hipped roof with composition shingles. Narrow clapboard siding sheaths the house. All windows are 2/2 with the exception of those on the porches which are 2/4. Wooden 4/1 decorative screens cover all windows. The long narrow lot runs a full block from South Austin Street to Church Street.

Late Victorian details include a decorative balustrade, narrow 2/2 windows, and the asymmetrical facade and plan of the house. These features are common to houses of this period and reflect a combination of influences, including Queen Anne, Eastlake, and Italianate.

The principal facade (west) is dominated by a polygonal bay front with paired windows in the center and single windows on flanking bays at the northwest corner. A noteworthy feature of this bay is the center gable that breaks the eaves above the paired window set. An inset porch at the southwest corner is supported by chamfered porch columns and a decorative sawn balustrade. Double front doors with Eastlake trim open onto the porch at the center of the house.

The owners renovated the house interior (date unknown) by lowering some of the 16-foot ceilings, adding two bedrooms on the south, closing the two fireplaces on the north facade and adding gas heat, closing the central hallway, and converting the breakfast room on the east end to another bedroom and bath. No significant exterior alterations were made except for the addition of a metal canopy extending from the front porch.

The interior of the house consists of a center hall with four rooms on the north and three rooms on the south, one separated by a porch. Pocket doors separate the music, dining, and living rooms on the north end.

Four outbuildings are on the property. A frame garage, servants quarters, and shed are Contributing; one newer garage is not.

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8. Significance

The Reichardt-Low House (c. 1880) is eligible under Criterion C for its representation of Victorian domestic architecture in Brenham. The house is an excellent example of a Victorian L-plan and retains its integrity. This property is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion, 1870-1941."

The Reichardt-Low House was built about 1880 by the Will Reichardt family who operated a hardware store in downtown Brenham. It was purchased by T.A. Low II for his son, T.A. Low III, and bride in 1929. T.A. Low III was born in Brenham in 1903 and was appointed local postmaster by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933.

The property is one of the finest examples of the Victorian style in an L-plan in Brenham. Examples of Queen Anne influence are present in the plan, massing, and balustrade; the Italianate style is present in the narrow windows; and the Eastlake influence is seen on the double front doors. The window screens, however, suggest an early 20th Century update when bungalows were popular.

Overall, the property has a high degree of integrity and is in good condition.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

☒ See continuation sheet

See bibliography of context statement

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing
(36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey #
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: less than one

UTM References:

A 1/4/ / 750/560/ 333/ 9460

Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / /

Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / /

Zone Easting Northing

D / / / / /

Zone Easting Northing

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Townsite, Block 95, Lot 2A1, City of Brenham, Texas

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the nominated properties and entire city lot
that historically has been associated with the property

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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date: 1984;1989
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state: zip code:
TX 78701

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Brenham ~~County~~ MPS TEXAS Washington County

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7. Brenham Water Works Substantive Review
8. Brockschmidt--Miller House
9. East Brenham Substantive Review
10. Holle, Edmund, House
11. Lenert, Dr. Robert, House
12. Matchett, Edgar, House
13. Mt. Zion Methodist Church Substantive Review
14. Reichardt--Low House
15. Santa Fe Railway Company Freight Depot Substantive Review
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17. Schlenker--Kolwes House
18. Schuerenberg, F.W., House
19. Schuerenberg, R.A., House
20. Seelhorst, W.E., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Reichardt--Low House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Brenham MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 2/16/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/27/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/15/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/02/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000455

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: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/29/90 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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 _____



REICHARDT - LOW HOUSE (#160)

BRENNHAM, TEXAS

CHARLES M. PEVETO

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING EAST



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CAMERA FACING WEST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628