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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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: Lenert, Dr. Robert
other names/site number: Methodist Parsonage; #608

2. Location

street & number: 602 South Market
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N/A not for publication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	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Brenham, Texas
Number 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.

Curtis J. Howell
Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

9 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
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

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

3/29/90

Date of Action

for

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions):

Victorian/Italianate Influence

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Pier-and-Beam/Brick

walls: Wood/Clapboard

roof: Asphalt Shingles

other:

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[X] See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

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

[] nationally [] statewide [X] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria []A []B [X]C []D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) []A []B []C []D []E []F []G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Period of Significance:

Significant Dates:

Architecture

c.1886

c.1886

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

Architect/Builder:

N/A

Unknown

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

[X] See continuation sheet

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7. Description

The Lenert House is a 2-story, L-plan frame structure designed with Italianate influences. Italianate features include narrow windows and slender, chamfered columns. The house is in good condition and is a modest, but handsome, representative of the style and Victorian period.

The 2-story, L-plan frame Lenert House faces east on a large lot on South Market Street in a neighborhood of mixed land uses. It rests on brick piers and is covered in an asphalt shingled roof of intersecting gables. All windows are 4/4 double-hung wooden sash with wood framed screens. One large deciduous tree is at the southeast corner of the house; other plantings are less significant.

Overall, the house reflects Italianate influences typical of the Victorian period. These influences are found in the strong vertical emphasis, through columns and windows.

The principal (east) facade is highlighted by a 2-story open gallery with jigsaw balustrade supported by slender chamfered columns with molded caps. Full-length windows open onto the gallery. A 2-story polygonal bay punctuated by single windows on each side dominates the northeast corner. Double doors of cypress with recessed panels and two-part transom serve as the principal entryway.

A Non-contributing garage at the rear of the lot is the only outbuilding on the lot.

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8. Significance

The Lenert House (c. 1886) is eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a Victorian L-plan house with Italianate influences. This property is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion in Brenham, Texas, 1870-1941."

The Lenert House (c.1886) was built as the parsonage for the Giddings Memorial Church (Methodist, demolished at an unknown date) which was immediately north of the house. One of the most distinguished ministers to reside in the house was the Reverend Nathan Powell. His respect and influence was so widespread he entertained noteworthy guests including U.S. Presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan about 1904. Powell later moved to Dallas to establish the Powell University Training School in 1915.

Shortly afterwards (c. 1920), Dr. Robert Lenert purchased the house. Lenert was a prominent physician and graduate of The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 1899. He had attended the New Orleans Polyclinic (1900, 1902) and New York Polyclinic (1903, 1913) to specialize in eye, ear, nose, and throat medicine. The house remains in the Lenert family.

The house is an excellent example of a Victorian period residence that shows restraint in the use of ornament, but is still stylish and distinctive for its period. The simplicity and restraint in ornament reflect its original use as a parsonage.

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 / 860 / 333 / 9580
Zone Easting Northing
C / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing
D / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Townsite, Block 88, Lot LOA, City of Brenham, Texas

See continuation sheet

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

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Dwayne Jones/Preservation Planner date: 1984; 1989
organization: (with assistance from Sally Victor) telephone: 512/463-6094
street & number: Texas Historical Commission state: zip code:
city or town: 1511 Colorado, Austin TX 78701

2/16/90

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Brenham County MPS TEXAS Washington County

	DATE LISTED
COVER	3/28/90
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7. Brenham Water Works Substantive Review	3/29/90
8. Brockschmidt--Miller House	3/29/90
9. East Brenham Substantive Review	3/29/90
10. Holle, Edmund, House	3/29/90
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13. Mt. Zion Methodist Church Substantive Review	3/29/90
14. Reichardt--Low House	3/29/90
15. Santa Fe Railway Company Freight Depot Substantive Review	3/29/90
16. Schlenker, Almot, House	3/29/90
17. Schlenker--Kolwes House	3/29/90
18. Schuerenberg, F.W., House	3/29/90
19. Schuerenberg, R.A., House	3/29/90
20. Seelhorst, W.E., House	3/29/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Lenert, Dr. Robert, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Brenham MPS

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: 90000457

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
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



LENERT, DR. ROBERT (#608)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

APRIL 1984

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628