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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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: Schlenker, Almot, House
other names/site number: #319

2. Location

street & number: 405 College
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N/A not for publication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	2	0 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	2	0 objects
			0 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. Jernell
Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau
Date: 9 Feb. 1990

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: 3/29/90

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):
Bungalow

Material (enter categories from instructions):
foundation: Brick
walls: Brick

roof: Tile
other: Wood
Concrete

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):
Architecture

Period of Significance:
c.1914

Significant Dates:
c.1914

Cultural Affiliation:
N/A

Significant Person:
N/A

Architect/Builder:
Ginn, Moses

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 Almot Schlenker House is a 1 1/2-story masonry bungalow with asbestos tile roof and distinctive influences from early 20th Century architectural architect/designers such as Gustav Stickley in the Craftsman Magazine and Greene and Greene of California. A frame hipped roof double garage is at the southeast corner of the property.

The Almot Schlenker House is a 1 1/2-story bungalow built of tan brick and facing north in a residential neighborhood with properties of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It rests on a brick foundation and is covered with a hipped tile roof intersected by wide gable dormers. Broad sweeping eaves with exposed rafter ends and tile ridge capping complete the roof details. All windows are double-hung wooden sashes with 6/1 lights. A darker brick soldier course runs around the house above the foundation line. A brick chimney pierces the roof at the southwest ridgeline.

The house displays many common bungalow features such as sweeping roofline, inset front porch, bracketed eaves, and massive porch columns on piers. Influences of both Gustav Stickley from the Craftsman Magazine and Greene and Greene of California from the early 20th Century are present and include the bracketed eave supports and gable-front, low-pitched dormer and small balcony.

The 3-bay principal facade of the main block is dominated by a center gable entry with three supporting knee brackets on the first floor and a low-pitched, gable dormer with three small windows opening to a small balcony in the 1/2 story (the balcony is boxed in with wood shingles). A fourth bay, slightly recessed from the main block at the southeast corner, consists of three grouped narrow windows. The first and third bays of the main block are identical with a large center window flanked by smaller narrow windows. The second bay projects a few feet from the main block with a grouping of multi-paned single door, sidelights, and tripartite transom. The inset full-width porch of the main block is supported by four square wooden columns that rest on brick piers and are connected by a simple wooden balustrade; a fifth support consists of three simple wooden posts connected by a trellis and balustrade combination covers the recessed fourth bay. The porch ceiling is pressed metal in a coffered pattern with ornamental details along the exterior edges (garland, dentils, floral motifs). Brick stoops extend from the main entryway and the northeast corner of the porch. Ornamental rain gutters with lancehead straps are attached to the main roof line.

A rear frame double-width garage contributes to the site and is at the southeast corner of the lot accessed by a driveway along the eastern edge of the house.

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8. Significance

The Almot Schlenker House (c.1914) is eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of the bungalow configured as a substantial, somewhat symmetrical design. Its broad sweeping roof, gable-front dormers, knee brackets, and tile roof are exceptionally nice details for houses of this style in Brenham. The property has a high degree of integrity and is in excellent condition. It is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion 1870-1941."

The Almot Schlenker House was built about 1914 and reportedly designed by the local builder, Moses Ginn (discussed in the context statement). Mr. Schlenker was born in Brenham at 1304 S. Market (Schlenker-Kolwes House, Site No. 622), but built this house prior to his marriage to Mrs. Schlenker in 1920. He served as an officer of the First National Bank of Brenham in 1907 and on the board of directors of Blinn College after 1937. He also was active in the Young Men's Association (later the Brenham Chamber of Commerce). Mr. Schlenker died in 1980; Mrs. Schlenker still lives in the house (1989).

The attention to detail and overall expression of the bungalow style of architecture are some of the finest in Brenham. Knee brackets, interlocking gable and hipped roofs, gable-front dormers, and flat-tile roof are some of the elements adding significance to this house.

The property is in excellent condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

(See context statement for more discussion on the period and style.)

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 / / 751 / 360 333 / 9200
Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

D / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description: Keys 1st Addition, Block 5, Lot 2A of the 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	
	Substantive Review
1. Becker--Hildebrandt House	3/28/90
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3. Blue Bell Creameries Complex	Substantive Review 3/29/90
4. Brenham High School	3/29/90
5. Brenham High School Gymnasium	3/29/90
6. Brenham School	3/29/90
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
11. Lenert, Dr. Robert, 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
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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

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Schlenker, Almot, 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: 90000461

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 _____



SCHLENKER, ALMOT, HOUSE (#319)

BRENNHAM, TEXAS

CHARLES M. PEVETO

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING SOUTH

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628