

United States Department of the Interior  
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: Matchett, Edgar, House  
other names/site number: #560

2. Location

street & number: 502 West Main  
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N/A not for publication  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	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		sites
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		structures
		3	0
			objects
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification Brenham, Texas

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

2 Feb. 1990  
Date

Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Entered in the  
National Register

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.

Signature of the Keeper

3/29/90

removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)

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):

Bungalow

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Brick

walls: Brick/Veneer

roof: Asphalt/Shingles

other: Wood

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.1910

Significant Dates:

c.1910

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.

[ X ] See continuation sheet

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7. DESCRIPTION

In an unusual blending of Prairie School detailing and forms associated with the Bungalow style, the Edgar Matchett House features a pyramidal hipped roof with broad overhanging eaves, gabled dormers and two corbelled chimneys. The full-width porch features square brick piers with stylized Sullivanesque capitals of terra cotta, a motif repeated on the primary dormer.

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The Edgar Matchett House is a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling with buff brick veneer walls on a brick skirted pier-and-beam foundation. The bungalow floor plan is surmounted by a pyramidal hipped roof and gabled dormers sheathed in asphalt shingles.

The dwelling exhibits a plan and detailing typical of bungalows in Brenham, and in massing it shares the horizontal expression typical of the Prairie School. Characteristic features include paired and triple windows and a broad porch supported by brick piers. The roofscape features a pyramidal roof with a gabled dormer, cross gables, wide eaves, and exposed rafters. Corbelled chimneys and stylized Sullivanesque capitals of terra cotta on the porch piers are unusual to the style, however, and distinguish the house from others in Brenham.

The principal (south) facade consists of five bays delineated by massive brick porch piers which support the low hipped roof. Linked by a well-crafted wood balustrade, the piers feature terra-cotta capitals with stylized Sullivanesque ornamentation. Low brick walls with stone coping project from the entry bay to form a stoop. A gabled dormer surmounts the entry bay, which is given further emphasis by the extension of the brick piers through the roof line. The dormer features a gable roof with pent eaves, exposed brackets, and piers with detailing similar to those of the porch. Stylized rafter ends occur in the eaves of the porch and the pent eaves of the gabled dormer. Two slender brick chimneys rise above the ridgeline to corbelled caps. They are anchored to the roof with decorative tie rods.

Dormers formed by the cross gables dominate the side elevations and feature broadly kicked eaves. The stylized rafter motif is repeated and triple windows are centered in each gable end. The porch extends along the right side for two bays, one of which has been screened in.

To the rear of the property two frame outbuildings occur, one of which serves as a garage. They contribute to the historic character of the property.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

The Edgar Matchett House (c. 1910) is eligible under Criterion C for its representation of the Bungalow style. The broad overhanging eaves, gabled dormers, and square brick porch piers are typical examples of bungalow architectural features. The property has a high degree of integrity and is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion 1870-1941."

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The Edgar Matchett House, constructed about 1910, is an good example of a bungalow in Brenham. Many features contribute to its architectural significance including the broad overhanging eaves, square brick porch piers, and corbelled chimneys. Also, the full-width porch and gabled dormers add to the stylistic characteristics of the bungalow. The Prairie School influences on the porch and Sullivanesque capitals of terra cotta further strengthen the house's architectural significance in the Brenham context.



## 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 /120/ 333/ 9840  
Zone Easting Northing  
C / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

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

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: West Main Addition, Block 68, Lot A, 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

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TX 78701



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Brenham ~~County~~ MPS TEXAS Washington County

	DATE LISTED
COVER	
	Substantive Review
1. Becker--Hildebrandt House	3/28/90
2. Blinn College	3/29/90
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
12. Matchett, Edgar, House	3/29/90
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  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Matchett, Edgar, 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: 90000462

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 \_\_\_\_\_





MATCHETT, EDGAR, HOUSE (#560)

BRENNHAM, TEXAS

CHARLES M. PEVETO

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE. TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING NORTH





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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628