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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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: Schuerenberg, R.A., House  
other names/site number: Wilder, Donald, House; #612

2. Location

street & number: 703 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N/A not for publication  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)	1	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		1 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.

*Carole J. Jurell*  
Signature of certifying official  
Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

2 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. Entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet. *Alourey Byers* 3/29/90  
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
Signature of the Keeper  
Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions):

Victorian (Queen Anne)

Classical Revival elements

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Brick Piers

walls: Wood/Clapboard

roof: Metal (standing seam)

other: Concrete

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

 See continuation sheet

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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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:

1886

Significant Dates:

1886

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

Unknown

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

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7. Description

The R.A. Schuerenberg House is a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling designed in with eclectic Victorian details. The predominate style is Queen Anne as seen in the asymmetry, tower, shingled gables, and roof form. The property is in good condition.

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The R.A. Schuerenberg House is a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling facing west in a largely residential neighborhood of South Brenham. It rests on a brick pier-and-beam foundation with a hipped and intersecting gable roof covered in standing seam metal. All windows are 1/1 double-hung wooden sashes. A corbeled brick chimney is on the north facade. The house is in a modified L-plan with the projecting gable front at the northwest corner. Mature vegetation surrounds the house on this elevated site.

The house is largely reflective of Victorian domestic architecture with strong Queen Anne influences. The roof tower, shingled gable end, and asymmetrical plan and facade are all typical Queen Anne features. The porch detailing, however, is influenced by the Classical Revival period of the early 20th Century. This suggests that when relocated about 1910, the porch was rebuilt and the Classical Revival features replaced original Victorian ones.

The principal facade is asymmetrically composed. A full-width front porch wraps around the southwest corner and is supported by wooden columns with Corinthian capitals resting on brick piers all connected by a turned balustrade. A projecting gable-front is decorated with fishscale wooden shingles around a single window. Paired windows are in the projecting front, a single window on the projecting ell facing the porch, and triple windows (the center slightly larger) highlight the porch area. Double wooden doors with large leaded glass lights and transom with an elaborate pedimented door surround provide access to the interior. A tower with finial over a small balcony dominates the southwest corner while a hipped-roof dormer with paired windows highlight the center roof.

A Noncontributing garage is on the property.

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8. Significance

The R.A. Schuerenberg House (1886) is eligible under Criterion C for its representation of Victorian Queen Anne style architecture later modified with Classical Revival details. Although relocated about 1910, the property retains a high degree of integrity and is an excellent representative of the transition in domestic architecture at the turn of the century. It is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion 1870-1941."

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The R.A. Schuerenberg House was built in 1886 as the primary residence for this prospering businessman. R.A. was the son of Captain Frederick William Schuerenberg who established the "The Old Forge" blacksmith shop and farm implement business on West Main in 1875. R.A. Schuerenberg and his brother Frederick William II took over the business in 1884 and expanded it to carry carriages, surries, hardware, guns, crystal, china, and other household items. They later offered Ford and John Deere products. Their business had five buildings in downtown Brenham.

The house was moved about 1910 from a site 1/2 block north from the corner of Pecan and South Market. Few alterations or additions are present. The property retains a high degree of integrity and is an excellent representation of the transition of Victorian architecture with Queen Anne influences to early 20th Century Classical Revival domestic architecture.

## 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

Acreeage of property: less than one

UTM References:

A 1/4 / 750/940 / 333/9460  
Zone Easting Northing  
C / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

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

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: Keys 2nd Addition, Lots 1B, 2B, 1C, 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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date: 1984;1989  
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COVER	3/28/90
1. Becker--Hildebrandt House	3/29/90
2. Blinn College <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
3. Blue Bell Creameries Complex <b>Substantive Review</b>	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 <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
8. Brockschmidt--Miller House	3/29/90
9. East Brenham <i>Substantive Review</i>	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 <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
14. Reichardt--Low House	3/29/90
15. Santa Fe Railway Company Freight Depot <i>Substantive Review</i>	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

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Schuerenberg, R. A., 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: 90000463

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 \_\_\_\_\_





SCHUERENBERG, R.A. HOUSE (#612)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

DWAYNE JONES

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING EAST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628