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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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REGISTER

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: Brenham High School
other names/site number: Community Education; #621

2. Location

street & number: 1301 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N/A not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input checked="" 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>0</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 X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.
David J. Pinnell
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. 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:)
Delores Byers
Signature of the Keeper
3/29/90
Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):
Education/Secondary School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):
Education/Community School

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions):
Classical Revival

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Concrete
walls: Brick/Veneer
roof: Flat/Built-up
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 locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B 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: 1927-28
Significant Dates: 1927-28

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:
N/A

Architect/Builder:

Giesecke, Bertram and Harris, August W.
(Austin, TX)

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

Designed by Austin architects Giesecke and Harris, Brenham High School illustrates the popularity of the Classical Revival style in Brenham during the early decades of the 20th Century. Featuring a balanced symmetrical composition typical of the style, the red brick structure displays stylized classical detailing rendered in contrasting stone. Monumental arched windows separated by colossal order pilasters with Corinthian capitals dominate the principal facade.

The Brenham High School is a 2-story building on a concrete slab foundation with steel structural components faced in red brick. The symmetrical rectilinear plan is covered by a flat roof faced by a brick and stone parapet. Multipane wood sash windows allow generous amounts of light into the classrooms contained within.

Featuring a balanced symmetrical composition typical of the Classical Revival style in Brenham, the red brick structure displays classical detailing rendered in contrasting stone. Colossal order pilasters feature stone bases and Corinthian capitals, while stone stringcourses delineate the water table and stylized classical entablature. Stone medallions and the repetition of arched openings executed in stone enhance the stylistic references.

The principal (west) facade's tripartite composition is comprised of a central block flanked by stepped wings. In turn, the central block consists of an arcaded grouping of windows framed by rectangular expanses of red brick. Five monumental arched windows at the center of the composition are bounded by six colossal order pilasters with bases and Corinthian capitals of stone. Square entry porticoes serve as the visual transition between the main block and wings. Each portico features an arched entry with stone quoining surmounted by two stone medallions. Grouped multipane wood sash with stone sills pierce the brick skin of the wings. Stone stringcourses at the water table and in the entablature serve to visually unify the structure and counterbalance the vertical thrust created by windows and pilasters.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

The Brenham High School (1927-28) is eligible under Criterion C as an institutional representative of the Classical Revival style in local architecture. Its large arched window, pilasters with Corinthian capitals, and symmetry are typical of the style. It is one of the best local examples of the style and is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion 1870-1941."

The Brenham High School was constructed in 1927-28 to serve as the principal high school from 1928 to 1964. In 1964, it was changed to the middle school and remained in that use until the mid 1980s. The school is now used as a community education center.

The property is an excellent representative of the Classical Revival style and one of a few remaining in Brenham. It is perhaps the finest in an institutional building. Many features contribute to its significance including the large arched windows and colossal order pilaster with Corinthian capitals on the west facade. The overall symmetry and handsome classical detailing further contribute to its stylistic strength.

The architectural firm of Giesecke and Harris were active from the 1920s to the 1930s largely in the central Texas area.

The high school is in excellent condition and retains its original architectural integrity.

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 / 751/100 / 333 9040
Zone Easting Northing
C / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

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

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: Keys 2nd Addition, Block E, Lot 3B in 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

2/16/80

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Brenham ~~County~~ MPS TEXAS Washington County

DATE LISTED

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COVER	3/28/90
1. Becker--Hildebrandt House	3/29/90
2. Blinn College Substantive Review	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 Brenham High School
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: 90000466

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

Signed _____ Phone _____
Date _____



BRENHAM HIGH SCHOOL (#621)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

CHARLES M. PEVETO

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



BRENHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MAY 19 1988
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BRENHAM, TEXAS 77833

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MILTON W. KRAUSE
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
FOR INSTRUCTION

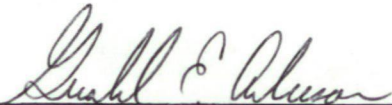
RAYMOND C. WERTH
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
FOR BUSINESS

May 19, 1988

Mr. Curtis Tunnell
State Historic Preservation Officer
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Tunnell:

Please note that the Brenham Independent School District is the sole owner of the Brenham High School/Community Education, 1301 Market, South, Brenham, Washington County, Texas and the Brenham High School Gymnasium, 1301 Market, South, Brenham, Washinton County, Texas and we do wish to object to the listing of these properties in the National Register in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60.



Gerald E. Anderson, Superintendent

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Gerald E. Anderson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 19th day of May, 1988.



Lois Holle, Notary Public

My commission expires: 10/31/88