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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: Brenham High School Gymnasium
other names/site number: #870

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N/A not for publication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)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<input type="checkbox"/> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
			<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 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.

Carrie J. Jundt
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

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

3/29/90

Date of Action

for

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Education/Gymnasium

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Education/Gymnasium

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions):

Other: Rustic

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Concrete

walls: Stone/Veneer

roof: Asphalt Shingles (with foam)

other: Tar and Paper (on 3-story
block)

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 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:

1939-40

Significant Dates:

1939-40

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

~~Architect/Builder:~~Works Progress Administration

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

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7. Description

Constructed with locally available building materials in the traditions of the Rustic Style, the Brenham High School Gymnasium combines a native fieldstone veneer with metal factory-sash and massing reminiscent of the International Style. Ranging from 1 to 3 stories, the structure is composed of geometric building blocks which express the different functions housed within.

The Brenham High School Gymnasium is a 1- to 3-story building on a concrete slab foundation with steel structural components faced with a native stone veneer. The generally rectangular plan rises in one story increments that articulate the functions of various spaces within the structure.

While the expressive plan, planar surfaces, and crisp linearity of this structure are indicative of the influence of the International Style, the use of locally available building materials reflects the traditions of the Rustic Style employed by labor-intensive New Deal era programs in Washington County. Combining features such as metal factory-sash and concrete sills and lintels with native stone facing and red brick detailing leads to an interesting synthesis of two generally diametric styles.

The principal (north) facade consists of a series of rectangular blocks joined to form an asymmetrical composition faced in random laid fieldstone. A 3-story block at the northwest corner features a stepped arch double-door entry detailed with red brick. Narrow vertical ribbon windows are offset above and adjacent to it. Access to the entry is gained by a stair featuring divergent landings and fieldstone walls with stone coping. The main body of the gymnasium is formed of a 3-story rectangular block fronted by a 2-story block on the north facade. Both are rhythmically pierced by metal factory-sash windows. Crisp rooflines are delineated by single courses of red brick similar to that used in the entry arches.

Similar detailing characterizes the side elevations. The east elevation features a stepped parapet that delineates the change in roofline. A small 1-story block occurs at the southeast corner, approximating the dimensions of the adjacent 3-story block. The west elevation features vertical ribbon windows that descend diagonally from the northwest corner. An arcade comprised of three arches detailed with a single course of red brick pierces this elevation.

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8. Significance

The Brenham High School Gymnasium is eligible under Critrion C for representing Rustic architecture from the 1930s. The use of local stone and emphasis on function rather than style are common features of Rustic architecture. The property is an excellent example of this type of building and is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion 1870-1941."

The gymnasium was constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1939-40. It is similar to the WPA constructed gymnasium on the Blinn College campus.

The property is an excellent example of Rustic architecture that characterized labor-intensive craftsmanship, government building in the 1930s. Its use of local stone as a veneer siding and attention to the utilitarian aspect of the building are typical features of the period.

The gymnasium retains a high degree of integrity and is essentially unaltered.

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/ / 751/200 333/9120
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 E3B 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

2/16/80

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Brenham ~~County~~ MPS TEXAS Washington County

DATE LISTED

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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
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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: Brenham High School Gymnasium

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: 90000467

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

Signed _____ Phone _____
Date _____



BRENHAM HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM (#870)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

CHARLES M. PEVETO

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

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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RAYMOND C. WERTH
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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, Washington 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