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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: Schuerenberg, F.W., House  
other names/site number: Marek House; #137

2. Location

street & number: 503 West Alamo  
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N/A not for publication  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	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> 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

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.

*Laurie J. Jurell*  
Signature of certifying official  
Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau  
Date 2 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:)

*Andrew Byers*  
Entered in the National Register 3/29/80

*for*  
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):

Victorian/Queen Anne/Eastlake

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Pier-and-beam/Brick

walls: Wood/Clapboard

Wood/Shingle

roof: Wood/Shingle

other: Concrete Stoop

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.1895

Significant Dates:

c.1895

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

Griffen, Alex

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 F.W. Schuerenberg House is a 2 1/2-story frame dwelling designed in a Victorian eclecticism combining Queen Anne and Eastlake elements. Queen Anne features include the turret, multiple exterior finishes, and cresting at the northeast corner of the roof while the Eastlake features include the spindle and ball and jigsawn fretwork on the first and second story open galleries. Although in fair condition, the house retains most of its original architectural elements and continues to reflect the eclectic and asymmetrical spirit of this styling.

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The 2 1/2-story, rectangular plan Schuerenberg House faces north on a large lot in a mostly residential neighborhood of West Brenham. It rests on brick piers and is covered in a wood shingled roof of intersecting gables. The frame structure consists of clapboard siding on the first story and decorative wood shingles on the second story which slightly overhangs the first. Numerous 1/1 double-hung wooden windows, many with original wooden screens, are found around the house with the first floor windows being slightly taller than the second floor ones. Large deciduous trees and shrubbery surround the house almost obscuring the view from West Alamo Street.

Overall, the house reflects the typical characteristics of Victorian residential buildings. It is asymmetrically arranged with the Queen Anne features of decorative gables, dormers, and a turret dominating the building. Two-story, open wraparound galleries on the north and east facades with turned columns, balustrades with turned balusters, wide fan brackets, and ball/spindle and jigsawn fretwork complete the composition with a strong Eastlake influence.

The principal (north) facade presents the boldest architectural statement. At the northwest corner an closed gable pediment with sunburst woodwork highlights the entryway under the gallery. Multiple concrete steps with side stoops lead under the gable to the double front doors with transom. Ornate Victorian screens and Queen Anne entry doors complete the design features. A second closed gable pediment with sunburst defines the northeast corner above the second story and below the multi-sided turret. The turret is characterized by multi-light windows and a pointed top with cresting that rises significantly above the attic 1/2 story. A third closed gable pediment with sunburst is centered on the roofline above the second story and serves as a screened porch. A corbelled brick chimney stands just to the south of the turret.

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The exterior of the house shows signs of neglect (painting, roof and siding deterioration) but is in generally fair condition. Most of the original architectural features are present and no loss of integrity is evident.

A frame, hipped roof one-car garage with metal shingles at the southwest corner of the lot contributes to the property.

No information is available on the interior spaces.

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8. Significance

The F.W. Schuerenberg House (c. 1895) is eligible under Criterion C and is significant as one of two exceptional residential interpretations of the Victorian Queen Anne and Eastlake styles in Brenham. This property is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion in Brenham, 1870-1941."

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The Schuerenberg House (c. 1895) was built for Frederick William Schuerenberg, II, and Bertha Reichardt Schuerenberg in one of the first additions along Peabody, Jackson, and Alamo Streets in West Brenham by local contractor Alex Griffin. Schuerenberg purchased a number of lots on Peabody, Jackson, and Alamo Streets and built eight rental houses, reserving this large lot on West Alamo for his own residence.

Schuerenberg's father, Captain Frederick William Schuerenberg, was a successful local businessman who established "The Old Forge" blacksmith shop and farm implement business on West Main in 1875. About 1884 Frederick W. and his brother, R.A. (Site No. 612), took over and began to expand the business to carry carriages, surries, hardware, guns, crystal, china, and other household merchandise. After motor vehicles became available, the business served as the local dealership for Ford vehicles and John Deere machinery. The business grew to include five downtown buildings.

This property was built during the growth and prosperous years of the Schuerenberg business. The use of the popular and ostentatious Queen Anne and Eastlake styles suggests that the owners were aware of decorative trends and interested in making a statement to the community. Probably borrowed from pattern books of the day, the house is an exceptional interpretation of the styles that remains relatively intact. One other property, the Wood-Hughes House (Site No. 161A at 614 South Austin), is similar in design and form and also was constructed by Alex Griffen at about the same time. These are the two finest houses representing Victorian styling and this period in Brenham.

After being disabled in an accident, F.W. and Bertha Schuerenberg moved to his wife's family home immediately east of this house. This house was purchased by the daughter of the Schuerenberg's, Mrs. J.J. Marek, in 1919. She was married to a veterinarian Dr. J.J. Marek. Many years later the widows of F.W. and R.A. built two bungalows to the west of this house. Heirs of the Schuerenberg's currently own the property, but it is unoccupied.

## 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/ / 750/140/ 333/ 9760  
Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

D / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description: West Main Addition, Block 36, Lot A 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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Schuerenberg, F. W., 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: 90000469

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



SCHUERENBERG, F.W., HOUSE (#137)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

WILLIAM BEAN

APRIL 1984

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING SOUTHEAST



SCHUERENBERG, F.W. HOUSE (#137)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

WILLIAM BEAN

APRIL 1984

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST



SCHUERENBERG, F.W., HOUSE (GARAGE) (#137)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

CHARLES M. PEVETO

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING NORTH

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628