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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: Seelhorst, W.E., House
other names/site number: Lehrmann, Henry, House; #737

2. Location

street & number: 702 Seelhorst
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N/A not for publication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)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		objects
		1	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 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.

Caroline J. Powell
Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

7 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
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

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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3/29/90

for
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions):

Material (enter categories from instructions):

Victorian/Italianate

foundation: Pier-and-Beam/Brick

walls: Stucco

roof: Standing Seam Metal

other: Wood Front Porch

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):

Period of Significance:

Significant Dates:

Architecture

c.1880

c.1880

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

Architect/Builder:

N/A

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

The W.E. Seelhorst House is a 2-story, 5-bay masonry dwelling designed in the Victorian period with largely Italianate features. Its center-passage, double-pile plan is highlighted with narrow 2/2 windows, arched window moldings, a decorative cross-hatched balustrade, and a projecting 2-story portico. Surrounded by many mature plantings, the approximately six acre site includes a large front yard and fenced pasture to the rear.

The W.E. Seelhorst House is a 2-story, 5-bay masonry dwelling facing north on approximately six acres in southeast Brenham. A hipped standing-seam metal roof covers the center-passage, double-pile plan resting on brick piers. A band of denticulation is found below the cornice while the broad eaves of the roof are highlighted by small brackets. All exterior walls are three bricks deep, 13 inches thick, and plastered both inside and out. A 1-story frame addition with hipped roof extends from the south facade. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung with arched window moldings and flanking shutters.

The house represents many popular Victorian architectural themes, particularly Italianate. These include the narrow 2/2 windows, slender portico columns, decorative balustrade, and overall vertical thrust and presence.

The principal facade (north) is dominated by a projecting 3-bay, 2-story portico with hipped roof supported by slender Doric columns. A cross-hatched wooden balustrade connects the columns. Double wooden doors with transom are centered on the first floor and approached by wide steps; a single wooden door is centered on the second floor. All other bays are filled with windows.

A number of large ash, pine, magnolia, and cedar trees surround the house and cover the lot. An unpaved driveway extends along the western boundary of the property to a Noncontributing garage to the southwest of the house.

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8. Significance

The W.E. Seelhorst House (c. 1880) is eligible under Criterion C for its representation of Victorian architecture from the late 19th Century. The property is an excellent example of the style and one of the best in Brenham. The house is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion, 1870-1941."

The W.E. Seelhorst House was built for the Seelhorst family, German immigrants, around 1880. It was sold to Adolph and Louisa Seelhorst in 1891, nephew of the original owner. They lived in the house until 1944 when it was purchased by the present owner Henry Lehrmann.

This property is an excellent example of Victorian architecture from the late 19th Century. Its vertical and symmetrical emphases are typical elements of the Italianate style. The house is one of the finest buildings in Brenham of this style. It has a high degree of integrity.

(See context statement and property type for more information.)

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: 6.2 acres

UTM References:

A 1/4 / 751 / 240 / 333 / 9840
Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

D / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: A. Harrington Survey, TR-103, City of Brenham, Texas

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the nominated property and entire acreage
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: TX zip code: 78701
city or town: 1511 Colorado, Austin

2/16/90

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Brenham ~~County~~ MPS TEXAS Washington County

DATE LISTED

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COVER	<u>3/28/90</u>
1. Becker--Hildebrandt House	<u>3/29/90</u>
2. Blinn College <i>Substantive Review</i>	<u>3/29/90</u>
3. Blue Bell Creameries Complex <i>Substantive Review</i>	<u>3/29/90</u>
4. Brenham High School	<u>3/29/90</u>
5. Brenham High School Gymnasium	<u>3/29/90</u>
6. Brenham School	<u>3/29/90</u>
7. Brenham Water Works <i>Substantive Review</i>	<u>3/29/90</u>
8. Brockschmidt--Miller House	<u>3/29/90</u>
9. East Brenham <i>Substantive Review</i>	<u>3/29/90</u>
10. Holle, Edmund, House	<u>3/29/90</u>
11. Lenert, Dr. Robert, House	<u>3/29/90</u>
12. Matchett, Edgar, House	<u>3/29/90</u>
13. Mt. Zion Methodist Church <i>Substantive Review</i>	<u>3/29/90</u>
14. Reichardt--Low House	<u>3/29/90</u>
15. Santa Fe Railway Company Freight Depot <i>Substantive Review</i>	<u>3/29/90</u>
16. Schlenker, Almot, House	<u>3/29/90</u>
17. Schlenker--Kolwes House	<u>3/29/90</u>
18. Schuerenberg, F.W., House	<u>3/29/90</u>
19. Schuerenberg, R.A., House	<u>3/29/90</u>
20. Seelhorst, W.E., House	<u>3/29/90</u>

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Seelhorst, W. E., 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: 90000470

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 _____



SEELHORST, W. E., HOUSE (#737)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

DWAYNE JONES

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING SOUTH



SEELHORST, W.E., HOUSE (#737)

BRENNHAM, TX.

CHARLES M. PEVETO

JANUARY 1990

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CAMERA FACING SOUTH-WEST



SEELHORST, W.E., HOUSE (#737)

BRENHAM, TX.

CHARLES M. PEVETO

JANUARY 1990

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CAMERA FACING WEST

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628