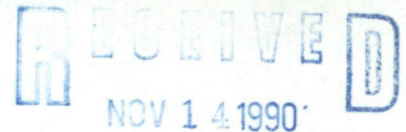


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NATIONAL
REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Belton Farmers' Gin Coop

other names/site number #1

2. Location

street & number 219 S. East Avenue, Building 4 [NA] not for publication

city/town Belton [NA] vicinity

state Texas code TX County Bell code 027 zip code 76513

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Contributing	
Property			
Noncontributing			
[XX] private	[XX] building(s)	1	buildings
[] public-local	[] district		sites
[] public-State	[] site		structures
[] public-Federal	[] structure		objects
	[] object	1	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Community Development in Belton, Texas, 1850-1945

Number of contributing resources
previously listed in NR 0

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [XX] 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 [XX] meets [] does not meet the National Register Criteria. [] See continuation sheet.

Barth Russell
Signature of certifying official

29 Oct. 1990
Date

Texas Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

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In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

~~entered in the~~
National Register

[X] 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): _____

for
Signature of Keeper

12/26/90
Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions

AGRICULTURE: processing

Current Functions

AGRICULTURE: processing

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification

NO STYLE

Materials

foundation CONCRETEwalls BRICKMETAL: steelroof METAL: steel

other _____

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Belton Farmers' Gin Coop is a 2-story, rectangular-plan industrial building with common bond brick load-bearing walls. It is covered with a sheet-metal hipped roof and has a small cupola near the center. Attached to the north side is a covered driveway. It is prominently sited along Nolan Creek in the southeast corner of the central business district, a short distance from the Bell County Courthouse.

The building's brick walls rest on a heavy poured concrete foundation. On the south facade on both floors is a series of small irregularly-spaced windows with 6/3 steel casement windows. The sheet metal roof has exposed rafters ends and the cupola which rises from the south face of the hipped roof is clad with corrugated metal. On the north face of the gin is a covered driveway with three loading bays and a sign reading "Farmers Coop Gin" and dated 1953. An additional small rectangular building is connected to the drive-through.

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 NA

Areas of Significance

Industry

Architecture

Period of Significance

1927 - 1940

Significant Dates

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person(s)

NA

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. ☐ See continuation sheet.

The Belton Farmers' Gin Coop, built in 1927, is a rare example of a surviving brick cotton gin in Central Texas. Contextually, it relates to the growth of the cotton industry in Belton and to the wider statewide context of Agriculture. The building meets National Register Criterion A, significant in the area of industry, for its association with the cotton processing industry that was central to Belton's economy from the late 19th century until the Great Depression. It also meets National Register Criterion C in the area of architecture as a rare example of a masonry cotton gin and because it is characteristic of the utilitarian agricultural processing facilities built during the boom years of the cotton industry in Texas.

The Belton Farmers' Gin Coop (1927) was built by an association of local cotton farmers to replace an earlier gin which apparently burned down in the 1920s. Several earlier cotton processing structures occupied the site, including the Ware and Lee Belton City Mills (1885) which burned down in 1891. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries Bell County was an important cotton-producing area with Belton as its center of cotton processing, commerce and shipping. The Farmers' Coop Gin was only one of as many as four gins operating in and around Belton in the 1920s. This building is a rare example of a brick cotton gin in Central Texas; most cotton gins built in the region were frame structures with wood or sheet metal cladding. The cotton industry in the county collapsed in the 1930s and 1940s, and this building is one of the few surviving examples of the numerous cotton processing businesses which once formed a central part of the town's economy. The gin was closed sometime after World War II and has been vacant for some years. The structure is in fair condition but, unfortunately, most of the processing equipment has been removed.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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[] See continuation sheet.

Please see bibliography accompanying context statement "Community Development in Belton, Texas, 1850-1945."

Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
[] previously listed in 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:

- [XX] State historic preservation office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[] Other

Specify repository:

Texas Historical Commission

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A [14] [646700] [3436500]
Zone Easting Northing

B [] [] []
Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] []

D [] [] []

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 & 12, Block 47, Original Plat of Belton

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Boundary Justification

[] See continuation sheet

The legal description consistent with current ownership and most closely associated with historic ownership of the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

(based on research by Sally Victor, Victor & Victor Consultants)
Name/Title Chris Long, Historian & Tory Laughlin Taylor, Architectural Historian
Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990
Street & Number P.O. Box 12276 Capitol Station telephone 512-463-6094
City or Town Austin state TX zip 78711

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Bell County, TEXAS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Belton Farmers' Gin Coop
NAME:

MULTIPLE Belton MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Bell

DATE RECEIVED: 11/14/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/30/90
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/29/90

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001870

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 12/26/90 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

ARCHIVAL

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 _____



CBD-65
FARMERS COOP GIN

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS

BELTON FARMERS GIN COOP

219 S. EAST AVENUE, BLDG. NO. 4

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 1 OF 38

Site No. CBD-65, ROLL 9, #18 2

Address FARMERS COOP GIN

View N.E. OBLIQUE

Belton, Texas
Historic Sites Survey, 1985
VICTOR AND VICTOR CONSULTANTS, INC.
P.O. Box 26189
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500627