



NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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**1. Name of Property**

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historic name Harris, Captain Andrew Jackson, House

other names/site number #3

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**2. Location**

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street & number 1001 West Tenth Street [NA] not for publication

city/town Belton [NA] vicinity

state Texas code TX County Bell code 027 zip code 76513

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**3. Classification**

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Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Contributing	
Property			
Noncontributing			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>    </u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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

Number of contributing resources  
previously listed in NR 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 [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.

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

29 Oct 1990
Date

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

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:

- [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):

[Signature]
Date of Action
Signature of Keeper

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

OTHER: Central Hall Plan  
Queen Anne-Eastlake

Materials

foundation STONE: limestone  
walls STONE: limestone

roof METAL

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[ ] See continuation sheet.

The Harris House is a 2-story limestone dwelling with a symmetrical five bay facade and a central hall plan, following the vernacular I-house form. Running along the principal eastern facade is a 2-story gallery with decorative jigsaw brackets and balustrade. The house is a stylistic hybrid of the late Greek Revival style with the later Queen Anne-inspired gallery applied to it. The house faces east on a small hill overlooking the campus of the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor in a residential neighborhood in the northeastern section of Belton. Numerous mature live oak trees and small shrubs surround the building.

The Harris House is constructed of locally quarried limestone, irregularly coursed with beaded mortar joints and rusticated quoins. It is covered with a side-gabled sheet metal roof with standing seams and cornice returns; on the north and south ends are two stuccoed limestone chimneys. The windows are 9/9 double hung sash with flat-arched openings and framed by wooden shutters. Both the main entrance door and second floor balcony door have transoms and sidelights and are set within flat-arched openings. Dominating the principal (east) facade is a 2-story, full length wooden gallery with intricate brackets and balustrade in an unusual jigsaw pattern of circles and darts.

Attached to the rear is a 1-story wooden frame addition and garage with rough stained cedar siding. Although stylistically out of character with the rest of the house, the addition does not seriously detract from the primary facade. The exteriors otherwise are in excellent condition. The interiors were largely destroyed during a period when the house stood empty and have been reconstructed.

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	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>Architecture</u>	<u>c. 1870 - 1910</u>	<u>c. 1870</u>
_____	_____	<u>c. 1885</u>
_____	_____	_____

_____	Cultural Affiliation
_____	<u>NA</u>
_____	_____

Significant Person(s)	Architect/Builder
<u>NA</u>	<u>unknown</u>
_____	_____

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

The Harris House, built around 1870, is one of the premier examples of the large dwellings built in Belton after the Civil War. Architecturally, the house is a hybrid; based on an established vernacular form, it originally reflected the late Greek Revival style but had an exuberant, Queen Anne gallery added which transforms the character of the facade. Contextually, the house is related to the Community and Regional Development in Texas, specifically to the early development of Belton during the years of the cattle boom following the Civil War. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of architecture as an early example of vernacular construction with later stylistic applications.

The Harris House was built by Captain Andrew Jackson Harris (1839-1910). Born and educated in Mississippi, Harris served in the Mississippi Cavalry during the Civil War. After the war he married and moved to Texas, settling in Salado where he taught for a time at Old Salado College. Around 1870 he moved to Belton and built this house on a large lot at what was at the time an undeveloped section on the outskirts of the city. Harris had a law practice in Belton and served for a time as Bell County Superintendent of Schools. In the late 1880s he played an important role in the effort to convince Baylor College officials to relocate the Women's branch to Belton from Independence; later he served as the school's legal advisor and a member of its Board of Trustees.

Constructed in the early 1870s, the house reflects the Greek Revival form that was dominant in Harris' former town, Salado. It also shows the late-century evolution toward an ornate architectural aesthetic, as evidenced by the jigsaw trim on the gallery. It was a fairly common practice in the Victorian era to update a Greek Revival house with such a treatment. The Harris House is one of the few surviving structures in Belton from the early post-Civil War era and is a wonderful example of the building patterns of the town's early prominent citizens.

9. Major Bibliographical References

[ ] 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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A [14] [646120] [3437880]

Zone Easting Northing

C [ ] [ ] [ ]

B [ ] [ ] [ ]

Zone Easting Northing

D [ ] [ ] [ ]

Verbal Boundary Description

[ ] See continuation sheet

Block 101, Original Plat of Belton

Boundary Justification

[ ] See continuation sheet

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

11. Form Prepared By

(based on research by Sally Victor, Victor & Victor Consultants)
Name/Title Chris Long, Historian (with Tory Laughlin Taylor, Architectural Historian)

Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990

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City or Town Austin state TX zip 78711

11/14/90

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Continuation Sheet

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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

Date Listed

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| 22. Harris, Capt. Andrew Jackson, House                           | Substantive Review | 12/26/90 |
| 23. House at 402 N. East St.                                      |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 24. House at 730 N. Beal St.                                      | Substantive Review | 12/26/90 |
| 25. Hudson, Dr. Taylor, House                                     |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 26. James House   |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 27. Kinchion, L. B., House  |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 28. Lee, Walter J., House   |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 29. McWhirter, George and Martha, House                           |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 30. Means, V. R., House   |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 31. Miller, J. I., House  |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 32. Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Bridge at<br>the Leon River | Substantive Review | 12/26/90 |
| 33. Morey House   |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 34. Mount Zion United Methodist Church                            |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 35. Naismith, Robert, House                                       |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 36. Potts, Arthur, House  |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 37. Venable, W. J., House   |                    | 12/26/90 |
| 38. Ware, H. A. and Helena, House                                 |                    | 12/26/90 |

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001871

Date Listed: 12/26/90

Capt. Andrew Jackson Harris House  
Property Name

Bell  
County

TX  
State

Historic and Architectural Resources of Belton, Texas  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for* *Antoinette Allee*  
Signature of the Keeper

*12/27/90*  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

**Statement of Significance:** The Period of Significance should be corrected to read, "c1870-c1885."

This information was confirmed with Bruce Jensen of the Texas State Historic Preservation Office.

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**DISTRIBUTION:**

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Harris, Capt. Andrew Jackson, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Belton MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Bell

DATE RECEIVED: 11/14/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/30/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/16/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/29/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001871

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 12/26/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Captain Andrew Jackson Harris House is significant as a particularly outstanding example of a large residential building of the post-Civil War era. Constructed of local limestone, the Harris House has a distinctive two story gallery addition fashioned of jigsaw brackets and balustrade.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept 1c  
REVIEWER Autumn 4-lee  
DISCIPLINE History  
DATE 12/26/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR (Y) N



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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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1001 W. 10TH

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS

HARRIS LYON HOUSE

1001 W. 10TH STREET

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 3 OF 38

Site No. 75, ROLL 44, #6

Address 1001 W. 10TH

View N.W. OBLIQUE

Belton, Texas

Historic Sites Survey, 1985

VICTOR AND VICTOR CONSULTANTS, INC.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500627