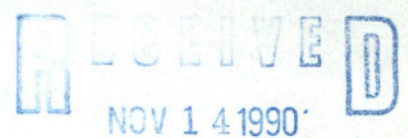


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name James House  
other names/site number #7

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2. Location

street & number 805 North Beal [NA] not for publication  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

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>2</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>2</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 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 of Keeper

Entered in the National Register
12/26/90
Date of Action



6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Queen Anne-Eastlake

Materials

foundation WOOD

walls WOOD: horizontal siding

roof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[ ] See continuation sheet.

The James House is a 1-story, L-plan wood frame dwelling with a hip-and-gable roof and a front gallery with Eastlake-style details. The house faces west on a large corner lot in a residential neighborhood of late 19th and early 20th century houses in north Belton. Numerous mature deciduous trees dot the property.

The design of the James House is based on the vernacular L-plan form but reflects the influence of popular house forms in the complex hip-and-gable roof and the generous use of manufactured trim. The 1-story house rests on a pier and beam foundation and is clad in horizontal V-groove wood siding with decorative shingle infill in the gables. The hip and valley roof has gables projecting from the north side of the facade and the south end of the house. A small gabled dormer is in the center of the front slope of the roof. Along the ridges of the roof is a decorative sheet metal roof cresting. A brick chimney rises on the south gable end and a second chimney pierces the roof on the north end. All the windows are 1/1 double hung wooden sash with corbeled hood molds. The porch, which extends across the facade ending at the projecting gabled wing, has turned porch posts and ornate jigsawed and turned trim in the Eastlake style. On the northeastern corner of the lot is a wagon barn with clipped gables which is also contributing.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [XX] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria [ ]A [ ]B [XX]C [ ]D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) [ ]A [ ]B [ ]C [ ]D [ ]E [ ]F [ ]G NA

Areas of Significance: Architecture Period of Significance: c. 1895 Significant Dates: NA

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Cultural Affiliation: NA

Significant Person(s): NA Architect/Builder: Schmidt, Builder

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

The James House, estimated to have been built in the 1890s, illustrates the dissemination of nationally popular house styles in Belton through pattern books and stock materials. Contextually, the house relates to the Community and Regional Development of Belton, specifically to the growth of Belton during the cotton boom years around the turn of the century. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as an intact example of a typical late-Victorian cottage showing the influence of the Queen Anne-Eastlake style.

The James House was built in the 1890s by a local contractor named Schmidt for the James family who lived in the house for a time and then used it as a rental property. The design was probably largely borrowed from pattern books and indicates the local availability of milled trim based on the popular Eastlake style. The James House illustrates the increasing influence of nationally popular styles on local house designs, a reflection of Belton's increasing sophistication and communication with the outside world during its period of growth and prosperity at the end of the 19th century. Small Eastlake-influenced houses like this were once quite common, but few have survived in the pristine condition of the James House. The original carriage house is also intact and is an important Contributing building to the property.

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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] [647320] [3437460]
Zone Easting Northing
C [ ] [ ] [ ]

B [ ] [ ] [ ]
Zone Easting Northing
D [ ] [ ] [ ]

Verbal Boundary Description

[ ] See continuation sheet

Lot 1 and 2, except northeast 30 feet x 120 feet, Block 4, Alexander & Hanna Addition

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

Street & Number P.O. Box 12276 Capitol Station telephone 512-463-6094

City or Town Austin state TX zip 78711

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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

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22. Harris, Capt. Andrew Jackson, House <u>Substantive Review</u>	12/26/90
23. House at 402 N. East St.	12/26/90
24. House at 730 N. Beal St. <u>Substantive Review</u>	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 the Leon River <u>Substantive Review</u>	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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY James House  
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: 90001873

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_





#199  
805 N. BEAL

## HISTORIC &amp; ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS

JAMES HOUSE

805 N. BEAL

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING WEST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 7 OF 38

Site No. 199, ROLL 17, #10Address 805 N. BEALView E. FACADE

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