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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 Ferguson, James A., House

other names/site number #8

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2. Location

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street & number 1123 North Beal Street [NA] not for publication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>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> | 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: Curly Pennell Date: 29 Oct. 1990
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

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 _____

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
Signature of Keeper: Alton Byers Date of Action: 12/20/90

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

OTHER: Foursquare Plan

Materials

foundation WOOD

walls WOOD: horizontal siding

roof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The James A. Ferguson House is a 1 1/2-story frame foursquare plan house with a large hipped roof, a central front dormer, and a symmetrical facade. A clipped-gable barn sits to the northeast of the house. The house faces west on a very large lot in a residential neighborhood just north of downtown Belton, surrounded by large deciduous trees and low-scale shrubbery.

The Ferguson House takes the 1 1/2-story variety of the foursquare form that is characteristic in Belton. It is covered with a steeply pitched hipped roof with composition shingles. Running the full length of the west and south sides is a covered porch supported by box columns with inset panels. Lattice work trim frames most of the bays. Occupying the center on the west (main) facade is a large a single-windowed dormer; along the south facade is a second similar dormer. The windows are 1/1 with wooden sashes. A brick chimney pierces the roof line just to the right of the center. The house is in excellent condition with only very minor alterations. On the northeast corner of the property is a clipped-gable barn which is considered contributing. Along front curb on either side of the walkway leading to the front door are two hitching posts each with a 5-point star inside a raised circle.



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 1905 Significant Dates NA

Cultural Affiliation NA

Significant Person(s) NA Architect/Builder T. Hamp Birdwell, Builder

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

The James A. Ferguson House, built about 1905, is an example of a 1-story variation of the American Four Square type that was common in Texas and particularly characteristic of Belton. Contextually the house relates to the Community and Regional Development of Belton during the years of the cotton boom at the turn of the century. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of the architecture as an intact example of this distinctive regional variation on a nationally popular house type.

The James A. Ferguson House was built for James A. Ferguson by well-known local builder T. Hamp Birdwell around 1905. Ferguson was a local attorney and cousin of James E. Ferguson, who later served as Governor of Texas, as did his wife Miriam "Ma" Ferguson.

The property was built during an extended period of growth for Belton before and after the turn of the century. The design reflects the evolution of architectural trends at the time, when symmetry and classical influences were replacing the Queen Anne picturesque aesthetic, and Prairie School designs were permeating the popular literature on house design. The Ferguson House is an early example of the emerging four square type that became more popular from about 1910 to 1930. It is probably more accurate to attribute the design to the Classical Revival movement, seen in the boxed columns and pediment over the entryway, as applied to an established pattern for small houses; the house retains the wraparound porch and asymmetry of plan of a Queen Anne cottage. The house is significant as an unusually intact example of its type on its original site with outbuildings.

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] [647380] [3437660]
 Zone Easting Northing
 C [] [] []

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

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

All of Block H, 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)
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Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990

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11/14/90

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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

DATE LISTED

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12/26/90

Substantive Review

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Removed
8.30.94

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16. Ferguson, James A., House

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17. Ferguson, James E. and Mirian, House

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21. Hammersmith, John P., House

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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 Ferguson, James A., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Belton MPS
NAME:

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: 90001874

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

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



#205
1123 N. BEAL

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS

JAMES A. FERGUSON HOUSE

1123 N. BEAL STREET

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING WEST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 8 OF 38

Site No. 205, ROLL 17, #16

Address 1123 N. BEAL

View 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