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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 Beamer, William, House

other names/site number #9

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2. Location

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street & number 1202 South Beal Street [NA] not for publication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>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>	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: Laurie J. Russell
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date: 29 Oct. 1990

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:

- 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: Alcous Byer

Entered in the National Register

Date of Action: 12/30/90

for Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification

Second Empire

Materials

foundation BRICK

walls BRICK

roof WOOD: shingles

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Beamer House is a 2-story brick L-plan residence emulating the Second Empire style with a prominent mansard roof encompassing the second story. A porch wraps around porch on the east and south sides with a flat roof supported on simple columns. The house takes many of the features of an Italianate cottage but with the additional affectation of the Second Empire style. It has been well maintained and retains its original appearance, with the exception of an extension on the rear of the building. The house faces east on a large, wooded lot, occupying an entire city block in a residential neighborhood of South Belton.

The Beamer House takes the L-plan form which was probably the most established vernacular pattern for late-19th century houses in Texas. The walls and foundation are constructed of load-bearing brick. The influence of the Italianate style is evident in the chamfered bay on the main facade and the segmental windows with hood moldings. The wraparound porch with Doric columns is also not typical of the Second Empire style. On the north facade is a smaller porch serving a secondary entrance. The mansard roof is covered with fish scale and diamond wood shingles. In the roof are a series of single dormer windows with a decorative pedimented gable and wooden surrounds. The roof is pierced by two corbeled brick double chimneys. All of the windows are 1/1 double hung with wooden sashes; the larger first floor windows are full length with screens which open out providing access to the porch. The interior walls are of brick and there are arched crawl spaces in each wall of the foundation. A cistern located near the kitchen and fed by copper tubing which collects water from concealed gutters in the roof is still in use. The house is very good condition with only minor alterations, including the extension of the back porch. Surrounding the large yard is a wooden picket fence.

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 1897 Significant Dates NA

Cultural Affiliation NA

Significant Person(s) NA Architect/Builder William Beamer, Builder

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

The Beamer House, built in 1897, is an interesting illustration of the late-19th century vogue for the Second Empire style, which makes it architecturally distinctive in Belton. Contextually it relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growth of Belton at the end of the 19th century. The house is eligible for inclusion in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, typifying the Second Empire style as interpreted in domestic architecture in the late Victorian era.

The Beamer House was built in 1897 by William Beamer, local builder and owner of the Belton brickyard. This would explain its brick construction and somewhat naive combination of architectural influences. The house is an example of the Second Empire style applied to a modified vernacular form, and one of the few such surviving residences in the Central Texas. The style was popular in Texas for high-style homes and public buildings from about 1870 to 1890. This house, built just before the turn of the century, represents a late use of the style, in this case applied to a common small house form, dressed up with stylistic affectations. It is notable for its full brick construction and its unusual state of preservation.

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] [646580] [3435400]
Zone Easting Northing

B [] [] []
Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] []

D [] [] []

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 4, Wilson 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)
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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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Beamer, William, 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: 90001875

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

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 _____



#216
1202 S. BEAL

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS
 WILLIAM BEAMER HOUSE
 1202 S. BEAL STREET
 BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
 CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST
 NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT
 PHOTO 9 OF 38

Site No. 216, ROLL 35, #13

Address 1202 S. BEAL

View N.W. OBLIQUE

Belton, Texas Beamer / Jones House
 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