



NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name House at 402 North East Street

other names/site number #13

2. Location

street & number 402 North East Street [NA] not for publication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			
<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 of certifying official: Carlis J. Jernell  
Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date: 29 Oct. 1997

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): \_\_\_\_\_

entered in the National Register

Signature of Keeper: Alonzo Byers

Date of Action: 12/20/90

for

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Italianate

Materials

foundation BRICK  
walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. [ ] See continuation sheet.

The 402 North East Street House is a 1-story stuccoed brick L-plan dwelling with Italianate detailing. The house faces east on a small sloping site in a residential neighborhood near downtown Belton. Large deciduous trees and shrubs surround the property.

The house takes the vernacular L-plan form common in late 19th century dwellings. It is constructed of load-bearing brick which has been plastered and painted. The gable roof has cornice returns and a series of ornate scrolled double brackets beneath the cornice. It is covered with an asphalt shingle roof. Running along the front of the house is a narrow gallery supported by simple wood columns. This porch shows none of the ornate detailing of the rest of the house, suggesting that it replaced the original sometime in the 20th century. In the gable end facing the street is a single window crowned by a projecting window hood with a bell curved metal roof and fretwork brackets. The windows are 2/4 with wooden sashes and operating shutters. On the south wall is an enclosed brick chimney. The house is in poor condition with significant alterations, including the plastering of the original brick exterior and changes to the interior fixtures and details. A 2-story frame garage apartment on the west end of the lot is Noncontributing.

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. 1875 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 house at 402 North East Street, built in the 1870s, is an early Belton example of a small vernacular house that is distinguished by its high-style Italianate details. Contextually the house relates to Community and Regional Planning, specifically to the growth of Belton in size and sophistication prior to the arrival of the railroads. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as one of the older surviving houses in Belton and a unique example of Italianate domestic architecture.

The 402 North East House is estimated to have been built sometime in the 1870s. Nothing is known about the house's builder or early owners. At the time that it was built the house would have represented a substantial and stylish addition to the residences of Belton. The simple gabled L-plan design of the house is a common vernacular form of the late 19th century; however, the elegant detailing, particularly the paired brackets along the cornice and the concave front window hood, is not typically found on such a modest dwelling and distinguishes the house. The house is distinctive also for its brick construction; brick did not become a common building material in Belton until around 1890. Although the house is presently in poor condition and has lost some of its original elements, it remains a substantially intact, rare example of Italianate domestic architecture in Belton.

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] [646780] [3436960]
Zone Easting Northing
C [ ] [ ] [ ]

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

Verbal Boundary Description [ ] See continuation sheet

Lot 3, Block 53, 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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Belton MPS

Bell County, TEXAS

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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
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33. Morey House	12/26/90
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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 House at 402 N. East St.  
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: 90001878

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 \_\_\_\_\_





#245  
402 N. EAST

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS  
HOUSE AT 402 N. EAST ST.

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS  
CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT  
PHOTO 13 OF 38

Site No. #245, ROLL 7, #10

Address 402 N. EAST

View N.W. 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