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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Hudson, Dr. Taylor, House

other names/site number #14

2. Location

street & number 324 North Main Street [NA] not for publication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>	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):

Entered in the National Register

Signature of Keeper

12/26/90
Date of Action

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Queen Anne

Romanesque

Materials

foundation BRICK

walls BRICK

roof ASBESTOS

other

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

The Hudson House is a 2 1/2-story painted brick residence in an eclectic Queen Anne style with Romanesque and Eastlake detailing. It is asymmetrical in plan, with protruding corner bays, a variety of roof forms and a large, elaborately ornamented wraparound porch on the east and south sides. The house sits on a small hill facing east in a prominent location near downtown Belton.

The design of the Hudson House borrows from a variety of influences, most apparent in the Richardsonian Romanesque and Eastlake detailing--an unlikely combination. The house is asymmetrical in plan; the main mass of the building has a steeply-pitched hipped roof, and on the northeast and southwest corners are two projecting bays, while the prominent southeast corner is occupied by a hooded tower. Running along the east and south facades is a 1-story wraparound gallery with Eastlake columns, heavy ball and spindle fretwork, and turned balusters. The roof of the gallery is patterned pressed metal. All of the windows are arched: segmental on the first floor and round-head on the second. Romanesque details include a continuous string course on the second floor that creates a hood mold over each of the windows. A wide basketweave spandrel separates the first and second floors, and the same pattern is used as brick infill in the gable on the northwest bay. The house is in very good condition with virtually all of its architectural details intact.

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 1890 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 Hudson House, built in 1890, is a fine example of the Queen Anne style with Eastlake and Romanesque detailing. Contextually, the house relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growing wealth of Belton due to the cotton boom beginning in the late 19th century. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as one of the best surviving mansions of the cotton boom, exemplifying high-style architecture as it was interpreted in Belton.

The Hudson House was built in 1890 by prominent local physician Dr. Taylor Hudson (1854-1938). Hudson, a graduate of the University of Virginia, was a charter member of the Texas Medical Association and served as president of the organization in 1902. The house combines an unusual mixture of Queen Anne and Eastlake detailing, with elements of the Romanesque style, which at the time was just gaining popularity in Texas. It is built of locally produced brick from the Beamer Brick Works, and the house is one of very few large Queen Anne residences in Belton constructed entirely of brick. The house is also distinguished by its prominent siting near the courthouse square.

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] [646680] [3436960]
Zone Easting Northing
C [] [] []

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

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Lot 3, Block 50, 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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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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| 24. House at 730 N. Beal St. | Substantive Review | <u>12/26/90</u> |
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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 NAME: Hudson, Dr. Taylor, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Belton MPS

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: 90001879

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 _____



#265
324 N. MAIN

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS

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BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST

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Site No. 265, ROLL 10, #2

Address 324 N. MAIN

View N.W. OBLIQUE

Belton, Texas

Historic Sites Survey, 1985

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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