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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 Morey House

other names/site number #15

2. Location

street & number 328 North Main Street [NA] not for publication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			
[XX] private	[XX] building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
[] public-local	[] district	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
[] public-State	[] site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
[] public-Federal	[] structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	[] 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

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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.

Curtis J. Russell
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

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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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~~

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12/26/90

for
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

Queen Anne/Eastlake

Materials

foundation WOOD: vertical boardwalls WOOD: weatherboardshinglesroof WOOD: shingles

other _____

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Morey House is a 2-story, L-plan frame dwelling with an ornate 2-story gallery running most of the length of the front facade. Designed in the Queen Anne style with Eastlake details, the house faces east on a large grassy lot near the Courthouse Square in Central Belton near other substantial Victorian-era houses.

The Morey House follows the 2-story L-plan form common to vernacular architecture, but it is highly embellished with Queen Anne detailing. Instead of the usual gabled roof, the main roof mass is hipped with gables projecting over the wing ends. The projecting bay on the main facade has chamfered corners and is topped with a prominent pedimented gable. Two interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps pierce the roof. Running along almost the full length of the front facade is a 2-story gallery with elaborate turned posts, carved balusters, and scroll-shaped brackets in the Eastlake style. The walls take a variety of finishes in the Queen Anne style: the east facade features ship-lap siding, with fish-scale siding on the spandrel between the first and second floors and on the gable pediment; the sides and rear of the structure are clad in somewhat wider lapped siding. All of the windows have wooden frames and simple hoods molds. The windows on the east and north facades are 1/1 double hung; those on the south side are 8/8. The entry door has a "Queen Anne" window with decorative perimeter glass and an overhead transom. The house has two sets of exterior stairs on the northwest and southwest corners and a small, 1-story enclosed porch on the west facade. About 1950 the house was remodeled into apartments and two sets of exterior stairs were added. It has recently been rehabilitated.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G NA

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1895

Significant Dates

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person(s)

NA

Architect/Builder

unknown

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

The Morey House, built about 1895, is one of the largest and best preserved of the popular Queen Anne houses in Belton. Contextually, it relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growth and prosperity of Belton during the cotton boom years around the turn of the century, and the contemporaneous availability of mass-marketed house plans and manufactured details. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, because it typifies the popular Queen Anne house of the late 19th century.

Prominently sited near downtown Belton, the Morey House was originally one of a row of large Victorian-era residences which lined north Main Street. Because of the visibility of this thoroughfare it attracted some of the finer houses constructed late in the century. With its exuberant gallery and fine Eastlake-inspired detailing, the house ranks among the finest Queen Anne structures in Belton and survives as testimony to the prosperity of the town during the peak years of the cotton boom. The house was built for the Morey family who lived in the house until 1914 when it was purchased by Frederick William Guffy. Guffy was for many years Postmaster of Belton.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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[] 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

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A [14] [646700] [3437000]

Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] []

B [] [] []

Zone Easting Northing

D [] [] []

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Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Lot 4, Block 50, Original Plat of Belton

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Boundary Justification

[] See continuation sheet

The legal description consistent with current ownership and most closely associated with historic ownership of the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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(based on research by Sally Victor, Victor & Victor Consultants)
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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Belton MPS

Bell County, TEXAS

Date Listed

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| 22. Harris, Capt. Andrew Jackson, House | Substantive Review | 12/26/90 |
| 23. House at 402 N. East St. | | 12/26/90 |
| 24. House at 730 N. Beal St. | Substantive Review | 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 |
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| 31. Miller, J. I., House | | 12/26/90 |
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the Leon River | Substantive Review | 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 Morey 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: 90001880

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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF BELTON, TEXAS

MOREY HOUSE

328 N. MAIN ST.

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 15 OF 38

Site No. 266

Address 328 N. Main

View South

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