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United States Department of the Interior
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Baggett, Ele, House

other names/site number #17

2. Location

street & number 1019 North Main

[NA] not for publication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)

1 buildings

[] public-local

[] district

sites

[] public-State

[] site

structures

[] public-Federal

[] structure

objects

[] object

1 0 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

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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.

County Tunnell
Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

29 Oct. 1990
Date

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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

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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): _____

for Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

Entered in the
National Register

12/20/90

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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

Materials

foundation WOODwalls WOOD: weatherboardshinglesroof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other _____

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Ele Baggett House is a 2 1/2-story, L-plan frame structure with a projecting chamfered bay and corner tower. Designed in the Queen Anne style, the house is one of a pair of Baggett houses that mirror one another across Main Street. It faces west on a large lot in a neighborhood of late 19th- and early 20th-century houses in North Belton. Numerous large deciduous trees and shrubs surround the house.

The house is based on a modified L-plan with a projecting gable on the northwest facade and a square tower on the southwest corner. The principal facade is asymmetrically composed with a large 2-story gallery at the center and flanked on either side by the gable and tower. The house is covered with an asymmetrical hipped roof of asphalt shingles with lower cross gables. The wall finish is primarily weatherboard with decorative use of shingles and milled trim. The windows are 2/2 double hung sash with wood frames. The southwest and west bays have art glass windows on the first floor. The main entry has a transom and ornamental hood mold and the various gables are decorated with typical Queen Anne sunburst or fishscale ornament.

During the 1930s much of the original ornamentation was stripped from the house. In the early 1980s the present owners restored the house and replaced much of the missing ornament. The original screened porch has been enclosed and an additional 1 1/2 bathrooms have been added. At some time in the past the interior walls were covered with sheetrock and the original pinewood floor was covered with oak hardwood. The structure is currently in very good condition.

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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

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture1895NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person(s)

Architect/Builder

NAunknown

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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 Ele Baggett House, built in 1895, replicates the Silas and Ellen Baggett House which it faces, and together they illustrate the Queen Anne aesthetic popular within the prosperous middle class in the late 19th century. Contextually, the property relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growth and prosperity of Belton as a result of the cattle boom after the Civil War. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as one of a significant pair of houses embodying the popular Queen Anne style for houses in the late 19th century.

The Ele Baggett House was built by farmer and rancher Ele Baggett in 1895. Baggett was the son of Silas Baggett, one of the early settlers of Bell County. The two made their fortune in the cattle drives after the Civil War and built mirror image houses across North Main Street from one another. Baggett lived in this house until 1900.

The Ele Baggett House exemplifies the prosperity of Belton during the 1880s and '90s related to ranching. The house is only one of a number of similar mansions that once lined North Main Street. It is distinctive as one of a pair of houses facing one another on either side of North Main and probably was based on a pattern-book or mass marketed design.

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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

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A [14] [646960] [3437740]

Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] []

B [] [] []

Zone Easting Northing

D [] [] []

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Southwest 115 feet x 215 feet of Lot 3, Block 62, 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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11/14/90

21. Hammersmith, John P., House

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Baggett, Ele, 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: 90001882

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS
ELE BAGGETT HOUSE
1019 N. MAIN ST.
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
CAMERA FACING SOUTHEAST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT
PHOTO 17 OF 38

Site No. 291
Address 1019 N. Main
View SE 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