



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 Hammersmith, John P., House

other names/site number #18 Clark House

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2. Location

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street & number 520 South Main [NA] not for publication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>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<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

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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.

Signature of certifying official: Curtis Junnell, 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: _____ Date: _____ State or Federal agency and bureau: _____

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: Melorus Byler, Date of Action: 12/26/90

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Queen Anne Eclectic

Materials

foundation WOOD

walls WOOD: weatherboard shingles

roof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Hammersmith House is a 1-story, H-plan frame dwelling with an eclectic combination of details, including Shingle Style and Eastlake influences. A porch with decorative brackets and balustrade fills the area between the two projecting gambrel-roofed wings. The house faces east on a large lot in a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood in South Belton. Several large deciduous trees are on the lot.

The Hammersmith House is atypical of houses of its period in both form and detailing. The gable ends of the projecting wings of the H-plan house have a shingled sheathing that stands away from the house, giving a gambrel hood to the wings. In the gable ends this "hood" is cut away in an arch to create curved bargeboards with a scalloped shingle edge. A large central porch fills the area between the projecting wings of the H and has decorative milled brackets and a geometric patterned balustrade. The porch columns have battered bases sheathed in shingles. The walls of the house are weatherboard, with the exception of the shingled bargeboards. The windows are 1/1 double hung; the windows on the front porch are full length. All of the windows have corbeled hood molds and operating shutters. Above the main entry is a characteristic Queen Anne style multi-light transom. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and is capped by a modern widow's walk in the location of an original ornamental widow's walk of quite different design. The building is in good condition with only minor alterations.

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. 1890 Significant Dates NA

Cultural Affiliation NA

Significant Person(s) NA Architect/Builder New Lumber Company ?

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

The Hammersmith House, built about 1890, reflects an unusual combination of late-Victorian architectural influences, including that of the Shingle and Eastlake styles. Contextually, the house relates to Community and Regional Planning, specifically to the growth and development of Belton during the cotton boom years of the late 19th century. The property meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as a unique example of an architectural hybrid that was the product of late-Victorian eclecticism and the proliferation of patternbook design throughout the country.

The Hammersmith House was probably built for John P. Hammersmith in what was at the time a rapidly developing area of modest homes in south Belton. Peter Hammersmith, a Belton shoe merchant and partner in the local New Lumber Company, appears to have had the house built for his son John around the time of his marriage. The property was deeded to John by Peter Hammersmith in 1895. The younger Hammersmith sold the house to Mrs. Frances Meyer Clark in 1899. The house remained in the Clark family until 1970.

The Hammersmith House, with its unusual arched bargeboards and twin gambrel roofs, appears to be a vernacular adaptation of the Queen Anne/Eastlake style. In contrast to the larger, Queen Anne homes built along North Main Street at the same time that represent more sophisticated designs, the Hammersmith House is an unusual variation on the Queen Anne style. Interestingly, it shows an awareness of the development of the Shingle Style in the northeast during the 1880s, which is rarely reflected in Texas houses of the period.

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] [646440] [3436240]
Zone Easting Northing
C [] [] []

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

Verbal Boundary Description [] See continuation sheet

South 100 feet of Lot 4, Block 31, 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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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

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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 Hammersmith, John P., House
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: 90001883

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 _____



HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS
JOHN P. HAMMERSMITH HOUSE
520 S. MAIN ST.
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT
PHOTO 18 OF 38

Site No. 307

Address 520 S. Main

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Belton, Texas

Historic Sites Survey, 1985

VICTOR AND VICTOR CONSULTANTS, INC.

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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