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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 Ware, H.A. and Helena, House

other names/site number #20

2. Location

street & number 401 North Pearl [NA] not for publication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

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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.

Curtis Linnell
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:

- [☒] 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

Sharon Bryan

12/26/80

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-EastlakeItalianate

Materials

foundation CONCRETE: masonry blockwalls WOOD: weatherboardshinglesroof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other _____

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Ware House is a 2-story, L-plan frame dwelling detailed in the Eastlake and Italianate styles. The house faces west on a large corner lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton with houses from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Ware House takes the vernacular L-plan form but is embellished by a hipped-and-gabled roof, porches with milled trim, and a variety of decorative elements characteristic of the late Victorian era. It rests on a pier and beam foundation and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Each of the house's two main wings has a projecting Italianate bay with decorative brackets. The gables and cornice are decorated with ornate bargeboards, brackets and dentil trim. Within the elbow of the two wings is an ornate 1-story porch with turned Eastlake-style columns, spindle fretwork and banisters. The main entrance is at the intersection of the two wings. Directly above it is a small second story porch tucked in the intersection of the wings with decorative screening creating ogee arched openings. On the south side is an enclosed porch with a hipped roof. The house is sided in weatherboard with decorative shingles used in the gable ends. All of the windows are double hung with Queen Anne-style perimeter stained glass panels.

The interior of the house has been partially modernized, but most of the original woodwork is intact. The ceilings in several rooms have been lowered and the bathrooms and kitchen modernized. Otherwise, the house is well preserved.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria 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

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

The Ware House, built about 1895, is a product of the spread of the Eastlake and Italianate styles at the end of the 19th century and their application to accepted vernacular house forms. Contextually, the house relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growth of Belton during the cotton boom years around the turn of the century. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as a well preserved example of the of a popular house type of the late Victorian era.

The Ware House was built around 1895 for H. A. and Helena A. Ware. Ware was a prominent banker and major stockholder in the Belton Water Company. The house was among the first in town to be served by electricity. In 1927, it was bought by Roy Smith and members of the Smith family have owned it ever since. For a time the house served as a boarding home for students at Baylor College for Women (now the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor). During World War II, the house was remodeled into apartments for the families from nearby Fort Hood.

The Ware House illustrates the way that popular stylistic details were applied by local builders to established vernacular house forms. It is a catalogue of the architectural embellishments readily available in the late 19th century: jigsawn and spindle porch details, decorated bargeboards, fancy brackets and dentil trim, as well as the "Queen Anne style" decorative-pane windows. While decorated L-plan houses were once quite common in Texas, few survive with their details intact. The Ware House is notable for its state of preservation.

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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] [646640] [3437040]

Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] []

B [] [] []

Zone Easting Northing

D [] [] []

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Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

South 176 feet of Lot 3, Block 52, 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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Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programsdate August 1990Street & Number P.O. Box 12276 Capitol Stationtelephone 512-463-6094City or Town Austinstate TX zip 78711

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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 |
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| 34. Mount Zion United Methodist Church | | 12/26/90 |
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| 37. Venable, W. J., 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 Ware, H. A. and Helena, 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: 90001885

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
H.A. & HELENA WARE HOUSE
401 N. PEARL
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT
PHOTO 20 of 38

Site No. 349
401 N. Pearl
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Belton, Texas
Historic Sites Survey, 1985
HUTCHINSON 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