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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Naismith, Robert, House

other names/site number #26

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2. Location

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street & number 440 North Penelope [NA] not for publication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> | 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: | | Number of contributing resources | |
| <u>Community Development in Belton, Texas, 1850-1945</u> | | previously listed in NR <u>0</u> | |

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 Jurnell
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
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12/26/90

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

OTHER: center-passage vernacular

Materials

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof ASPHALT: composition shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Naismith House is a 1-story, center-passage house with modest Eastlake detailing. The house faces east on a small tree-studded lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton.

The Naismith House is side gabled with a hipped-roof porch applied to the width of the facade. It is faced with weatherboard siding and covered with a simple side-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. The porch has turned Eastlake-style wooden columns and decorative spindle lattice and brackets. The entry door is centered in the facade with a small transom above it. Windows are 2/2 double hung with simple hood molds. The structure rests on a pier and beam foundation and has a brick foundation skirt. The original porch deck has been replaced by a concrete slab and steps.

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 1876 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 Naismith House, built in 1876, is an example of the vernacular center-passage house common in Central Texas in the mid- to late-19th century. Contextually, the property relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growth of Belton during the last years of the cattle boom. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as a representative example of the evolutionary center-passage house.

The Naismith House was built in 1876, probably for Primus Crawford. It was purchased in the late century by Robert Naismith whose family and descendants have occupied the house for many years. Naismith was born in Scotland and moved to Belton with his wife around 1892. He founded the Central Manufacturing Company, a large machine and blacksmith shop.

The house is significant as an illustration of the center-passage vernacular house form and its adaptation with stylistic decoration that later became popular and widely available in the Eastlake fashion. This house retains most of its original architectural features and is a good surviving example of its type.

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] [646920] [3437080]
Zone Easting Northing
B [] [] []
Zone Easting Northing
C [] [] []
D [] [] []

Verbal Boundary Description [] See continuation sheet

South 1/2 of Lot 3 plus North 10 feet of adjacent lot to South, Block 2, Alexander Addition.

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

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11/14/90

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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

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| 24. House at 730 N. Beal St. <u>Substantive Review</u> | 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 |
| 30. Means, V. R., House | 12/26/90 |
| 31. Miller, J. I., House | 12/26/90 |
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| 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 NAME: Naismith, Robert, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Belton MPS

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: 90001888

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 _____



#418
440 N. PENELOPE

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS

ROBERT NAISMITH HOUSE
440 N. PENELOPE
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
CAMERA FACING EAST
NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

Site No. 418, ROLL 24, #14
Address: 440 N. PENELOPE
View W. FACADE

Belton, Texas
Historic Sites Survey, 1985
VICTOR AND VICTOR CONSULTANTS, INC.
P.O. Box 26189
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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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