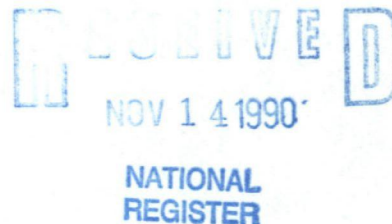


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Ferguson, James E. and Miriam, House

other names/site number #27

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2. Location

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street & number 604 North Penelope [NA] not for publication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>	<u>1</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>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Community Development in Belton, Texas, 1850-1945

Number of contributing resources previously listed in NR 0

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
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

Signature of Keeper

12/20/90
Date of Action

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Queen Anne

Classical Revival

Materials

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof ASPHALT: composition shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Ferguson House is a 1-story, L-plan frame dwelling with Queen Anne and Classical Revival details. The house faces east on a large corner lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton. Several large deciduous trees dot the property.

The Ferguson House rests on brick piers with a wooden foundation skirt and is faced with horizontal 105-type wood siding. It is arranged on an L-plan with a gabled roof of composition shingles. A screened-in front porch with boxed columns and a simple entablature fills the area between the wings of the L. On the right of the main facade is a projecting bay with characteristic Queen Anne chamfered corners and ornamental scroll brackets. Other Queen Anne details include fancy butt shingles on the gable ends and art glass windows. Most of the windows are 1/1 double hung with simple hood moldings. The entry door has a single light, egg and dart trim, and a transom window above it. On the north and south facades are external brick chimneys. The house is in good condition; the only significant alterations have been the screening of the porch and the construction of concrete steps. At the rear of the property is a nonhistoric garage defined as Noncontributing.

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 1900 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 Ferguson House, built in 1900, is good example of a late Victorian vernacular house with modest stylistic detailing. Contextually, the house relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growth of Belton during the peak years of the cotton boom around the turn of the century. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as a representative example of a vernacular L-plan dwelling from the turn of the century.

The Ferguson House was built in 1900 for newlyweds, James E. and Miriam Ferguson, both of whom later served as governors of Texas. The Ferguson's sold the house in 1907 and since that time it has had a number of different owners.

The house is a good example of the late Victorian house that shows remnants of the Queen Anne style still popular at the turn of the century, but also illustrates the move toward classical forms, visible in the pedimented gable and classical columns and entablature of the porch. The Ferguson House typifies the modest builder house of the end of the 19th century that was based on established vernacular forms but made use of popular building details.

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] [646960] [3437240]
 Zone Easting Northing

B [] [] []
 Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] []

D [] [] []

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Lot 2A, Block 8, 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

(based on research by Sally Victor, Victor & Victor Consultants)
 Name/Title Chris Long, Historian (with Tory Laughlin Taylor, Architectural Historian)

Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990

Street & Number P.O. Box 12276 Capitol Station telephone 512-463-6094

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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

DATE LISTED

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8.30.94

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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 NAME: Ferguson, James E. and Miriam, 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: 90001889

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
 JAMES E. & MIRIAM FERGUSON HOUSE
 604 N. PENELOPE
 BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
 CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST
 NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

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Site No. 424
 Address 604 N. Penelope
 View NW 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

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