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NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Austin, F.K. and Mary, House

other names/site number #29

2. Location

street & number 702 North Penelope [NA] not for publication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	
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:
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: Courtney Russell
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
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: Arlene Dyer

Date of Action: 12/26/80

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Italianate

Materials

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof WOOD: shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Austin House is a 2-story, L-plan frame structure in the Italianate style. The main facade is dominated by a 2-story porch with a projecting bowed end and a hexagonal front bay. The house faces east on a large lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton. A number of mature deciduous trees dot the property.

The 2-story Austin House is built on an L-plan with shallow-pitched hipped roofs covering the two wings. The house rests on a pier and beam foundation that is skirted in brick. The walls of the house are clad with weatherboard and the roof is wood shingled. The classically-inspired 2-story porch is the focus of the main facade; it has simple Tuscan columns, a Renaissance Revival-style balustrade and culminates in a bowed end which projects beyond the south facade. The second level terrace of the porch has a squatter version of the balustrade. On the east and south wing ends of the house are projecting 2-story partial hexagonal bays. These are embellished with Italianate-style paneled trim beneath the windows. This trim is also carried as a frieze around the house beneath the cornice. The windows are elongated 2/2 double hung sash: those opening onto the porch are full length with simple hood molds, while those on the second floor are foreshortened and have pedimented hood molds in the Italianate manner. Along the west facade is a second story terrace. The structure is in very good condition with only minor alterations to the interior and exterior.

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. 1885; 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 Austin House is an excellent example of the High Victorian Italianate style. Contextually it relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the wealth accrued in Belton during the early cotton boom years. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as one of the preeminent examples of Italianate design in the region.

The Austin House was built around 1885 for local merchant F. K. Austin. Austin moved with his family to Belton around 1854 and opened a grocery store on the courthouse square. In 1878, he moved the business to North East Street. Members of the Austin family lived in the house until 1950.

The Italianate style was popular in Texas from about 1860 to 1890. The style falls into two roughly chronological phases: an earlier phase with simple detailing applied to vernacular houses and commercial building forms, and a later phase with highly decorative detailing, usually referred to as High Victorian Italianate. This house, with its prominent 2-story porch and elaborate projecting bay is an intact example of the decorative exuberance of the latter phase.

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

Acreeage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A [14] [647000] [3437340]
 Zone Easting Northing
 C [] [] []

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

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

East 178 feet of Lot 21, Block 61D, 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

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: Austin, F. K. and Mary, 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: 90001891

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

F. K. & MARY AUSTIN HOUSE

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BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING EAST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 29 OF 38

Site No. 427, ROLL 25, #6 42

Address 702 N. PENELOPE

View W. FACADE

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