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United States Department of the Interior  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Miller, J.Z., House

other names/site number #30

2. Location

street & number 804 North Penelope [NA] not for publication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	
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:  
Community Development in Belton, Texas, 1850-1945

Number of contributing resources  
previously listed in NR 0

LANCASHIRE COUNTY  
100% COTTON FIBRE

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: [Handwritten Signature]
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: [Handwritten Signature]

Date of Action: 12/26/90

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Italianate

Queen Anne

Materials

foundation STONE: limestone

walls BRICK

roof METAL: pressed metal shingles

other Limestone trim

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[ ] See continuation sheet.

The Miller House is a 2-story, asymmetrical plan brick and limestone dwelling with Italianate influences and Queen Anne detailing. The house faces east on a large lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton. It is surrounded by a number of very large live oak trees. A low concrete curb runs around the property line.

The 2-story, brick Miller House has an asymmetrical plan and is covered with a low hipped-and-gabled roof. The structure rests on a limestone foundation with beaded mortar joints. The walls are common bond brick with limestone quoins, lintels and sills. On the southeast corner is a 1-story wrap around porch with ornate turned wood columns and balusters. A small porch on the north side has similar decorative trim. On the south facade is an enclosed porch. The windows are 1/1 double hung sash and the protruding limestone lintels and corner blocks create a hood mold over the windows. The gable ends on the east, north and west facades are decorated with fish scale shingles. The roof is composed of pressed metal shingles and topped by finials and decorative cresting. Three brick chimneys pierce the roof. The structure is in very good condition with 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. 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 Miller House is an interesting example of the late Victorian amalgamation of widely varying architectural styles. Contextually it relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the increasing wealth in Belton during the late 19th century cotton boom. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, showing emerging classical influences with the vestiges of the Queen Anne style that remained popular in Texas through the turn of the century.

The Miller House was built around 1895 by Dallas architect W. H. Harrell for Joseph Zacariah Miller, Sr. (1834-1920). Miller was a longtime Belton resident and served as a colonel in the Confederate army. After the Civil War he founded Miller, Chamberlain and Company, one of the town's leading wholesale and retail mercantile firms. He was also one of the founders of the Belton National Bank and served from 1895-1900 as the president of the Texas National Bankers Association. Miller's son continued to live in the house until the 1940s.

This house, one of the largest and most expensively-detailed dwellings built during the peak cotton boom years, survives as testimony to the prosperity of late 19th century Belton. The design clearly departs from the ornate Queen Anne style, showing classical formality in the arrangement of windows, the massing, and the quoins; yet it retains an asymmetrical plan and minimal Queen Anne embellishments, as if the architect or client could not quite break from Victorian ornament. The house is noteworthy for its brick and limestone construction; most houses built in the 1890s in Belton were wood frame structures.

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] [647020] [3437420]  
 Zone Easting Northing  
 C [ ] [ ] [ ]

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

Verbal Boundary Description

[ ] See continuation sheet

Southeast 167 feet x 125 feet of Block 61C, 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)  
 Name/Title Chris Long, Historian (with Tory Laughlin Taylor, Architectural Historian)

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11/14/90

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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                           | <u>Substantive Review</u> | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 23. House at 402 N. East St.                                      |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 24. House at 730 N. Beal St.                                      | <u>Substantive Review</u> | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 25. Hudson, Dr. Taylor, House                                     |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 26. James House   |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 27. Kinchion, L. B., House  |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 28. Lee, Walter J., House   |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 29. McWhirter, George and Martha, House                           |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 30. Means, V. R., House   |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 31. Miller, J. I., House  |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 32. Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Bridge at<br>the Leon River | <u>Substantive Review</u> | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 33. Morey House   |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 34. Mount Zion United Methodist Church                            |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 35. Naismith, Robert, House                                       |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 36. Potts, Arthur, House  |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 37. Venable, W. J., House   |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |
| 38. Ware, H. A. and Helena, House                                 |                           | <u>12/26/90</u> |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Miller, J. Z., 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: 90001892

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage               verbal boundary description  
 UTM's               boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





#430  
804 N. PENELOPE

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS

J. Z. MILLER HOUSE

804 N. PENELOPE

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 30 OF 38

Site No. 430, ROLL 19, #9

Address 804 N. PENELOPE

View S.W. 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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500627