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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 Burford, R.F. and Lena, House

other names/site number #31

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2. Location

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street & number 920 North Penelope [NA] not for publication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>2</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>2</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

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: Curtis J. 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: Helene Byer, Date of Action: 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

Prairie School

Materials

foundation STUCCO

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Burford House is a 2-story, frame foursquare-plan dwelling with Prairie School details. It has a low hipped-roof and a wide, 2-story L-shaped porch. The house faces east on a large lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton. A few mature deciduous trees flank the house.

The foursquare-plan Burford House rests on a pier-and-beam foundation with a stuccoed masonry skirting. It is faced with weatherboard and is covered by a hipped asphalt shingle roof pierced on the south and north by two pairs of brick chimneys. The symmetry of the house is broken by the broad 2-story porch that wraps around the front and south facades. It is detailed with paired boxed columns, a simple balustrade, and joinery echoing the Arts & Crafts style. The main entry is on the right and consists of a glass panel door with a transom and sidelights. The paired windows of the house are simple 1/1 double-hung sash. On the second floor the pocket windows allow access to the upper terrace of the porch. The broad eaves of the hipped roof are closed, but paired decorative brackets adorn them.

Interior details include oak woodwork in the entry hall, living room, dining room, and stairway. The house is in very good condition with most of its original architectural features intact. On the northwest corner of the property is a one-car frame garage that is defined as Contributing.

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 1909 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 Burford House is a textbook example of a Prairie School foursquare house. Contextually it relates to Community and Regional Development, illustrating the boom in middle class house construction of the early 20th century. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as a Belton example of the proliferating Prairie School architecture of the time.

The Burford Residence was built around 1909 for R. F. and Lena Venable Burford. Mrs. Burford's family, the Venables, was engaged in the construction industry as partners in the Belton New Lumber Company. This would explain why the Burford House is a classic example of Prairie School design, broadly promoted through the building industry in the early 20th century. The Burford House is an early local example of the American Foursquare house that was popular in Texas from about 1910 to 1930. The name is derived from the roughly square plan of the house, with four rooms per floor. Foursquare houses appeared with a variety of stylistic details, including Arts & Crafts, period revival styles and Prairie School design. This house, with its broad eaves and simple geometrical ornament is an excellent example of the latter, incorporating Arts & Crafts details in the joinery of the porch beams.



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] [647080] [3437560]
Zone Easting Northing
C [] [] []

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

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Lot 17, Block 61B, 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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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

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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: Burford, R. F. and Lena, 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: 90001893

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

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 _____



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BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING EAST

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 31 OF 38

Site No. 432, ROLL 19, NO. 15

Address 920 N. PENELOPE

View W. FACADE

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