



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name Potts, Arthur, House

other names/site number #33

2. Location

street & number 445 North Wall [NA] not for publication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				
[XX] private	[XX] building(s)	1	1	buildings
[] public-local	[] district			sites
[] public-State	[] site			structures
[] public-Federal	[] structure			objects
	[] object	1	1	Total

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

Number of contributing resources
previously listed in NR 0

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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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.

Charles Munnell
Signature of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

29 Oct. 1990
Date

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In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification

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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

Helene Byers

12/29/90

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification

Architecture

Materials

foundation CONCRETEwalls BRICKroof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other _____

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Potts House is a 1 1/2-story, H-plan brick dwelling with details drawn from various historic revival styles. Dominating the main facade is a steeply-pitched, hipped roof with lower intersecting gables. The structure faces west on a large lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton.

The Potts House is built of beige brick and rests on a poured concrete foundation. Two gabled wings extend from the hipped-roof mass, dominating the main facade. The entry door is set in the right gable end, surrounded by a Georgian frontispiece. A pair of 4/4 elongated windows are in the corresponding spot in the left gable end. Between these wings the eave of the main roof rises in an eyebrow with a shed-roofed dormer centered in the hipped roof directly above it. The 6/6 double-hung sash windows are regularly spaced throughout the house. At the peak of each of the front gable are matching Tudor Rose medallions of cast stone. The hipped and gabled roof is covered with composition shingles and is pierced near the center by a single brick chimney. The house is in good condition with its original architectural features intact. A garage at the rear of the house is classified as Noncontributing.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G NA

Areas of Significance

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture1929NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person(s)

Architect/Builder

NAunknown

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. ☐ See continuation sheet.

The Arthur Potts House illustrates the influence of architectural revivals of the 1920s spread across the country with the proliferation of patternbooks and architectural publications. The Potts House shows the influence of several styles that became popular after the First World War, notably Tudor and Georgian Revival. The property relates to the Community and Regional Development context, representing the slow middle-class growth of Belton between the World Wars. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as an example of the patternbook historic revival house of the 1920s.

The Potts House was built in 1929 by prominent local builder T. Hamp Birdwell for Arthur Potts. Potts was a well-known local merchant and owner of Potts Hardware Store on Avenue A. This house replaced an earlier house owned by Potts that was destroyed by fire.

The Potts House is a product of the historical revival movement which dominated residential construction during the 1920s. The movement drew on various historical styles with Colonial Revival, Georgian, and Tudor Revival being the most popular. Unlike most of the period revival houses produced during these years that tended to be relatively pure copies of a particular style, the Potts house is a stylistic hybrid awkwardly composed, suggesting that the builder borrowed freely from his patternbooks and combined to suit his or his client's personal tastes. This unusual combination of stylistic idioms make the house noteworthy.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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[] 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

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A [14] [647060] [3437040]

Zone Easting Northing

C [] [] []

B [] [] []

Zone Easting Northing

D [] [] []

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Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

All of Lot 4 and West 50 feet of Lot 3, Block 4, Alexander Addition

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Boundary Justification

[] See continuation sheet

The legal description consistent with current ownership and most closely associated with historic ownership of the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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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
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 Potts, Arthur, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Belton MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Bell

DATE RECEIVED: 11/14/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/30/90
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/29/90

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001895

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 _____



#488
445 N. WALL

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS
ARTHUR POTTS HOUSE
445 N. WALL
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
CAMERA FACING WEST
NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 33 OF 38

Site No. 488, ROLL 26, #10
Address 445 N. WALL
View E. 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