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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name Belton Standpipe

other names/site number #38

2. Location

street & number Hillcrest Addition [NA] not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u> </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> 1 </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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 29 Oct, 1990
Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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
[Handwritten Signature] 12/20/90

Signature of Keeper
Date of Action



6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

GOVERNMENT: public works

Current Functions

VACANT: not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Classical Revival

Materials

foundation CONCRETE

walls CONCRETE

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[] See continuation sheet.

The Belton Standpipe is a large cylindrical-shaped reinforced concrete structure with subtle decorative treatment. It occupies a dominant position on a small rise in South Belton. The area immediately around the structure is bare of vegetation making it visible from many parts of the town.

The Belton Standpipe is constructed of poured, reinforced concrete. It is cylindrical in shape: approximately 70 feet in height and 30 feet in diameter. At the top is a cantilevered ring extending out several feet that supports a service walkway. The tower is decorated below the service walkway with raised concrete rectangles that suggest crenelation or dentils. The standpipe is in poor condition with cracks and surface spawling of the concrete.

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 [XX]A []B [XX]C []D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) []A []B []C []D []E []F []G NA

Areas of Significance: Community Planning & Development, Engineering; Period of Significance: 1914 - 1940; Significant Dates: 1914

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 Belton Standpipe is a product of early 20th century engineering design and the growth in municipal services in the early 20th century. Contextually it relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the provision of Belton city services prior to World War I. It is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A, in the area of Community Planning and Development, for its association with the initial provision of public services in Belton; and under Criterion C, significant in the area of Engineering, as a rare surviving example of an early reinforced concrete public works structure. The standpipe relates to the "infrastructure" property type.

The Belton Standpipe was built in 1914 as a water tower for the city of Belton. No longer in use, the tower once was a crucial element water of the town's water system and one of its great points of pride. It was built at a time when Belton was experiencing rapid growth and its city leaders were attempting to modernize the town's utilities (see Historic Context for more information). Concrete stand pipes such as this were once fairly common, but most were later replaced by steel water towers. The Belton Standpipe is a rare surviving example of its type. It is also significant as an early example of reinforced poured concrete construction, a technology which in the early 1900s was just coming into wide use.

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] [646060] [3435860]
Zone Easting Northing
C [] [] []

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

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

Block 4, Hillcrest 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

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Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990

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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: Belton Standpipe

MULTIPLE NAME: Belton MPS

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: 90001900

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

ARCHIVA

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 STAND PIPE

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS
BELTON STAND PIPE
300 W. AVENUE J
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST
NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 38 OF 38

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Site No. 159, ROLL 40, #14

Address BELTON STAND PIPE

View N.E. 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