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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 House at 730 North Beal

other names/site number #6

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2. Location

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street & number 730 North Beal [NA] not for publication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>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>	<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: [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):

Signature of Keeper: [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

OTHER: Center Passage
Greek Revival

Materials

foundation STONE: limestone
walls WOOD: weatherboard
roof ASPHALT: composition shingles
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. [] See continuation sheet.

The house at 730 North Beal Street is of simple construction based on a common vernacular house form and taking subtle decorative influences from the Greek Revival style. It is a 1-story, side-gabled house with lapped wood siding and rubble limestone foundation and chimneys. It faces east on a large wooded lot in a neighborhood of houses from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The house at 730 North Beal is a 1-story frame vernacular dwelling based on a center passage plan with a side gable and an intersecting gable wing addition off of the rear. The foundation of the main house is rubble limestone and the rear wing sits on concrete blocks. The house is clad with wood lap siding and has stone chimneys at the north and south gable ends. The roof is now covered with composition shingles. A modest Greek Revival-influenced porch is centered on the main facade with two boxed columns supporting an entablature and a shed roof. The windows are arranged symmetrically; all are 6/6 double hung wood sash and are capped with a simple hood molding. The house is in good condition with only minor alterations.

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. 1870 - 1900; Significant Dates: c. 1870

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 house at 730 North Beal, built in the 1870s, is significant as a well-preserved vernacular center passage house common to 19th century Texas communities. Contextually it relates to the Community and Regional Development context, specifically to the growth of Belton during the years of the cattle boom just after the Civil War. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of architecture, for embodying the characteristics of an early house type once common to Belton.

This house is believed to have been built during the 1870s, coinciding with the cattle boom in Belton just after the Civil War. The center passage house was a very common dwelling type in 19th century Texas. It was a natural evolution from the earlier dog trot form which incorporated the passage as a hall inside the house, flanked by the two major rooms. Additional rooms were commonly added later on the rear of the house. With its Greek Revival-influenced front porch, 730 North Beal is a good illustration of the way in which vernacular builders borrowed from high styles, often resulting in a minimalist interpretation of stylistic details. This type of center passage house was once very common in the region, but most of the structures have been razed or significantly altered; therefore, this house is a significant surviving example of its type.

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] [647240] [3437360]
Zone Easting Northing
C [] [] []

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

Verbal Boundary Description

[] See continuation sheet

West 1/2 of Lot 5, Fractional Block 3, Alexander 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

(based on research by Sally Victor, Victor & Victor Consultants)
Name/Title Chris Long, Historian (with Tory Laughlin Taylor, Architectural Historian)

Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990

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11/14/90

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Belton MPS

Bell County, TEXAS

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26. James House		<u>12/26/90</u>
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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: House at 730 N. Beal St.

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: 90001936

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12/26/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The House at 730 N. Beal Street is significant as a intact and relatively unaltered center passage house, a once common vernacular house type in Texas.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / c
REVIEWER Antonieta J. Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 12/26/90

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

THE HOUSE AT 730 N. BEAL

BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST
NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 6 OF 38

Site No. 198

Address 730 N. Beal

View SW 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