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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Neumann, William, House
other names/site number: Site No. 1

2. Location

street & number: Navasota Street
city, town: Burton
state: Texas code: TX county: Washington code: 477
n/a not for publication
n/a vicinity
zip code: 77835

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	6	1
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	0	0
		6	1
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0
Burton, Texas

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Arthur J. Powell
Signature of certifying official
State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission
Date: April 30, 1991
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

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:
 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:)

Arthur J. Powell
Signature of the Keeper
6/18/91
Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions):

Other: American Four Square

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Brick

walls: Wood: Weatherboard Siding

roof: Asphalt Shingle

other: Concrete Steps

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[X] See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

[] nationally [] statewide [X] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria []A []B [X]C []D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Period of Significance:

c.1912

Significant Dates:

c.1912

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

William Neumann

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

[X] See continuation sheet

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The William Neumann House (c. 1912) is a 2-story frame, single-family residence. Its plan, low hipped roof, and block-like proportions define it as an early 20th century American Four Square house.

The 2-story frame residence is on 27.33 acres of land in the original outlots platted for Burton. Situated on the west side of Navasota Street just before its bend around the Oak Hill Cemetery, the house and its six outbuildings are surrounded by mature oak trees. The residence exhibits blocky proportions associated with the American Four Square. Restrained detailing is well proportioned and echoes the cube-like proportions of the dwelling. A one-story, projecting porch wraps the south and east elevations, with an angled entry bay at the intersection of the two main elevations. Four square columns with simple caps support the hipped-roof porch. A railing composed of slender vertical slats relieves the overall sobriety of the house. Windows are symmetrically arranged with 1/1 wood sash. Trimmed with wide flat moldings capped with simple drip molds, the windows appear to retain their original screens.

A hipped roof with box eaves caps the building, although exposed rafter ends are visible on the small 1-story room projecting on the north elevation. Four narrow 1/1 windows accent a square bay with hipped roof on the main (east) facade. A portion of the west porch was enclosed in the early 1950s, although it is not visible from the street.

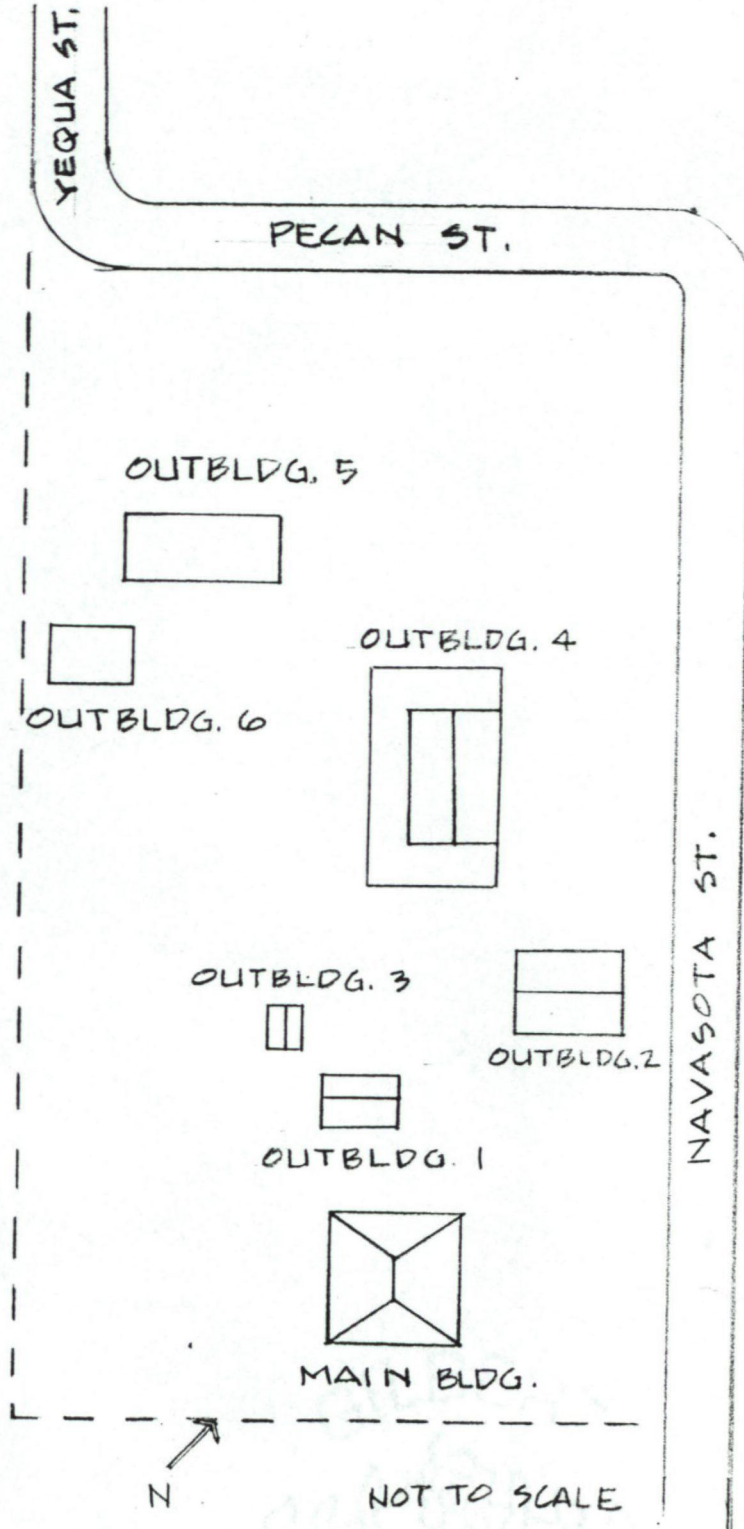
The William Neumann House is prominently located on a rise overlooking the town of Burton to the northeast. Improvements to the property are clustered near Navasota Street, with a gravel drive giving access to the site. Fences segregate the house and some of its associated outbuildings (pump house, smoke house, and garage) from a pasture. A barn and sheds are either within the fence line or just outside of it in the pasture. Five of these six outbuildings are contributing components of the property.

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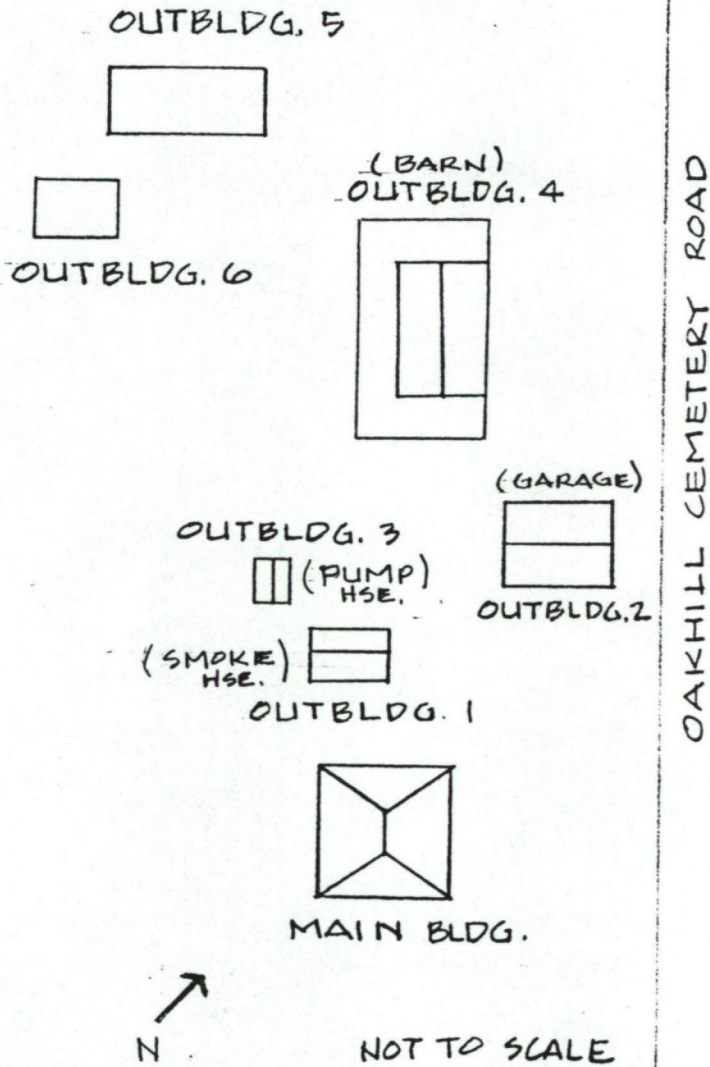
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WILLIAM NEUMANN HOUSE

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The William Neumann House is nominated under Criterion C for its association with William Neumann, a respected and skilled carpenter who made significant contributions to the 19th- and 20th-century architectural landscape of Burton. It also is nominated under Criterion C as a good example of the American Four Square popular dwelling. With its collection of six agriculturally related outbuildings, the complex typifies the late-19th century tradition of agricultural activity in the outlots platted surrounding Burton.

A German immigrant, William Neumann arrived in Burton by the 1880s. Active well into the 20th century, Neumann is one of two known professional carpenters working in Burton in the 19th century. He is believed to have built the center-passage dwelling (c. 1898) on the northeast corner of Cedar and Brazos Streets, although several additions obscure much of its original form. Neumann bid on the contract for the construction of the Burton Farmers Gin in 1913, and built its seed house in the early 1920s. Although few extant buildings can now be identified as his work, Neumann's reputation as a skilled craftsman survives among Burton's older, longtime residents. He is said to have trained Will Weeren and Bonham Blackburn, two of Burton's most important carpenter/builders of the next generation.

Neumann built the house on Navasota Street for his family, living there between about 1912 and his death in 1926. As the 1912 house replaced an older house destroyed by fire, it is possible that some associated buildings predate the existing residence. The house is the only American Four Square house in Burton and is part of a well preserved example of a farm complex in the outlots surrounding Burton. The main house, five historic outbuildings, and some fencing are still intact on a large tract of 27.33 acres. An important local land use pattern dating from Burton's earliest years, local examples of farm complexes are decreasing in numbers, with only a handful reflecting enough of their original components to be recognizable. Such properties represent the demarcation between the urban and rural landscape of Burton, and their respective components physically embody that duality.

The William Neumann House is in excellent condition and exhibits a high level of integrity. This may in part reflect the carpentry skills of its builder. The integrity of the interior is not known.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

See Bibliography of Context Statement.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the 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:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: 27.33 acres

UTM References:

A 1/4 / 730/840 / 334/0640
Zone Easting Northing
C / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing
D / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: A0016 Borden, Thos. H., Tract 5

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: Boundaries are those historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

(with Bruce Jensen, Architectural

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Amendment to the Historic and Architectural Resources of Burton, Texas:
Neumann, William, House (Site No. 1)

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property: 2.57 acres

UTM Reference A [14] [730740] [3340740]

Verbal Boundary Description: A portion of the tract identified as *A0016 Borden, Thos. H., Tract 5*, consisting of 2.57 acres within the following parameters: Beginning at the south corner of the intersection of Navasota Street with Pecan Street, thence southwesterly along Pecan Street for a distance of 280 feet to the south corner of the intersection of Pecan Street with Yegua Street. Thence southeasterly for a distance of 400 feet to a point 280 feet southwest of Navasota Street. Thence northeasterly for a distance of 280 feet until reaching the right-of-way of Navasota Street. Thence northwesterly along Navasota Street until reaching the point of beginning.

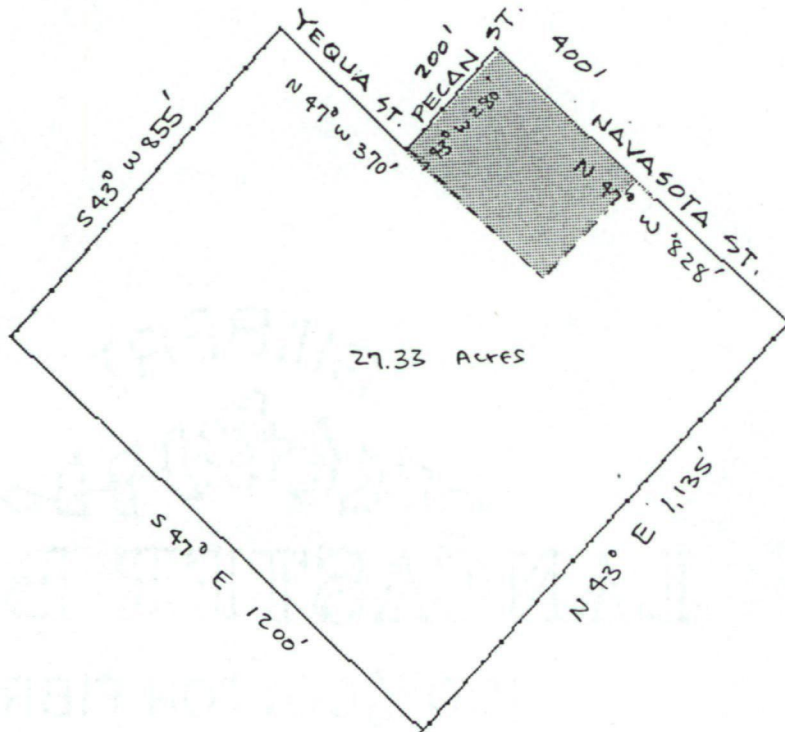
Boundary Justification: The nominated portion of the land historically associated with the property includes the homestead and associated outbuildings.


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 NOMINATED AREA (2.57 AC.)

 NORTH 1 IN. = 400 FEET

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Burton MPS

Washington County, TEXAS

		Date Listed
COVER	Substantive Review	6/11/91
1. Burton Commercial Historic District	Substantive Review	6/11/91
2. Burton Farmers Gin	Substantive Review	6/11/91
3. Burton High School	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
4. Hode Drugstore	Substantive Review	6/11/91
5. Kneip--Bredthauer House	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
6. Laas, Dr. Charles, House	Substantive Review	6/11/91
7. Neumann, William, House	Substantive Review	6/18/91
8. Nienstedt, Herbert, House	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
9. Nienstedt, William, House	Substantive Review	6/11/91
10. Sanders, William Edward, House	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
11. Wehring Shoe Shop and Residence	Substantive Review	6/11/91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Neumann, William, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Burton MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 5/06/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/22/91
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/07/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/20/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000710

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 6/18/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The William Neumann House is significant for its association with a skilled carpenter in Burton who influenced architecture in the community and for its representation of the popular American Four Square residence.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept/c
REVIEWER Antoinette A. Case
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 6/11/91

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

*the William Hammann house is significant for its association with
a skilled carpenter in the area who was influential architecturally in the
area.*

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 _____



WILLIAM NEUMANN HOUSE (SITE #1)

BURTON, TEXAS

JULIE STRONG

JULY 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING WEST

Washington &

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500629