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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**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: Laas, Dr. Charles, House
other names/site number: Site No. 8

2. Location

street & number: NE corner of Live Oak and Colorado Streets
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n/a not for publication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)	1	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0 objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	1 Total

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

4. State/Federal Agency Certification Burton, Texas

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.

[Signature] April 30, 1991
Signature of certifying official Date
State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission
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:)

[Signature] 6/11/91

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions):

Other: L-plan

Queen Anne

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Brick piers

walls: Wood: weatherboard

roof: Wood: shingles

other: Porch: concrete

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.1879

c.1905

Significant Dates:

c.1879

c.1905

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

Unknown

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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In the heart of Burton's residential area, the Dr. Charles Laas House is a 2-story frame dwelling in the vernacular subtype of residential properties. Unusual in the town for its scale, the house features detailing drawn from the Queen Anne style.

A 2-story example of the vernacular L-plan tradition, the Laas House is clad in weatherboard siding and surmounted by a gable roof. A 3-bay porch features turned-wood posts and balusters and a spindlework porch frieze, with a second level surmounted by a turned-wood balustrade. Imbricated diamond-shaped shingles and jigsaw bargeboards enliven the gable ends. Pedimented architraves surmount the 2/2 wood sash windows.

The residence retains a high level of its historic integrity. Vegetation obscures changes to the porch flooring, which has been replaced by concrete. On the east side of the property, a 1-story frame garage with a gable roof is classified as a Noncontributing element of the property.

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Nominated under Criterion C, the Dr. Charles Laas House is a 2-story configuration of the vernacular L-plan tradition. This important local example of the vernacular subtype reflects the popularity of the Queen Anne Style as it was locally applied to folk architecture in the late Victorian period.

The Laas House is a rare example in Burton of a vernacular L-plan dwelling with 2 stories. The house was built as a 1 story L-plan cottage for Henry M. Wolters between 1879 and 1905. The simple plan was amplified under the ownership of Dr. Laas sometime after 1905. The use of Queen Anne detailing was a popular and accessible method for owners to demonstrate their fashion-consciousness in late 19th- and early 20th-century Burton. It is interesting to note the presence of Dr. A.T. Kneip's residence (Individual Site No. 11) at the opposite end of the same block. Although built in a slightly different vernacular tradition, it shares similarity of scale and detailing. The pair of residences achieve a rare visual impact in Burton that may have served to emphasize the prominence of the physicians in the community.

Dr. Lass purchased the home in 1905, living there until his death in 1914. He practiced medicine in Burton beginning in 1890 and, at the time of his death, was the only physician in Burton. Although he moved his offices several times, he practiced out of the Steiner-Dallmeyer Building (District Site No. 22) during the 1890s. After 1914, the house served as the residence of his son. The dwelling is in good condition, retaining a high degree historic integrity possessed by few pre-1915 houses in Burton.

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: less than one acre

UTM References:

A 1/4 / 731/540 / 334/1480

Zone Easting Northing

C // / / / /

Zone Easting Northing

B // / / / /

Zone Easting Northing

D // / / / /

Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: City of Burton. Block 76/Lot 5.

See continuation sheet

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

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Amendment to the Historic and Architectural Resources of Burton, Texas:
Laas, Dr. Charles, House (Site No. 8)

10. Geographical Data

UTM Reference A [14] [731520] [3341480]

5/6/91

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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. Hodge 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
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Laas, Dr. Charles, 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: 91000717

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: Y SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6/11/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

See Dr. Charles Laas House is significant for its reflection of the vernacular / Queen Anne style in Burton residential architecture.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept 1
REVIEWER Antoinette G. Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 6/11/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/

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 _____



Century
E.M.
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DOUBLE'S REALTY
968-8308

DR. CHARLES LAAS HOUSE
(SITE # 8)

Washington Co

BURTON, TEXAS

JULIE STRONG

JULY 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING EAST

PHOTO 16 OF 18

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500629