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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: Schlenker-Kolwes House
other names/site number: Kolwes, H.F., House; Steinbach, H.L., House; #622

2. Location

street & number: 1304 South Market
city, town: Brenham
state: Texas code: 048 county: Washington code: 477
N/A not for publication
N/A vicinity
zip code: 77833

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)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	objects
			1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Brenham, Texas
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 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 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 of certifying official
Texas Historical Commission

9 Feb. 1990
Date

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

Entered in the
National Register

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 of the Keeper
Melrose Byan

3/29/90

Signature of the Keeper
for

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):

Gothic Revival

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Brick Pier-and-Beam

walls: Wood

roof: Asphalt Singles

other:

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.1883, 1920

Significant Dates:

c.1883, 1920

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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7. Description

Apparently constructed as a vernacular L-plan house replete with Italianate detail, the Schlenker-Kolwes House was typical of Victorian detailed dwellings found in Brenham during the late 19th Century. The 1 1/2-story frame dwelling features an asymmetrical plan garnished with a steeply pitched gable roof and elaborate jigsaw and turned detailing.

The Schlenker-Kolwes House is a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling with weatherboard siding on a pier-and-beam foundation. Various additions and alterations have resulted in an asymmetrical plan dominated by a cross-gabled roofscape sheathed in asphalt shingles.

While the core of this structure's L-plan form remains apparent, additions and alterations have transformed its appearance. Original Italianate detailing includes arched windows with hood moldings, pedimented door and window surrounds, and a panelled bay window. H.F. Kolwes added (c. 1920) the elaborate jigsaw and spindlework detailing, including scrollwork bargeboards in the gable ends, to create the sole residential example of the Gothic Revival style in Brenham.

Capped by steeply pitched cross gables, the principal (east) facade features a full-width 3-bay porch. The porch, added about 1920, is characterized by brick piers supporting box columns with molded capitals, spindlework balusters and porch frieze, and jigsaw brackets and eave detailing. It is surmounted by a shallow hipped roof which gives rise to a low-pitched gable at the northeast corner. The eaves of flat roof additions and elaborate bargeboards in the gable ends feature intricate jigsaw detailing. Turned finials cap each gable end. A panelled bay window with Italianate brackets, a single door entry surmounted by a transom, and two 2/2 double-hung wood sash with pedimented surrounds occur within the porch elevation. A small louvered lunette appears in the low gable roof over the porch, while a round-arched window with hood molding occurs in the gable end behind it.

Side elevations feature detailing similar to the principal facade, including double-hung 2/2 wood sash with pedimented window surrounds. A cross gable intersects the ridgeline of the primary gable and is flanked by flat roofed sections which appear to date to the 1920s remodeling. Round-arched windows with hood moldings are repeated in the gable ends. Two brick chimneys with twin chimney pots are offset from the center along the east-west ridgeline. A 4-bay porch at the southwest corner displays chamfered posts and jigsaw balusters, brackets, porch frieze and eave detailing. It links the main block of the house with a gabled rear appendage which may have housed the original kitchen.

A frame garage is a Noncontributing element on the site.

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8. Significance

The Schlenker-Kolwes House (c. 1883) is eligible under Criterion C for its representation of the Gothic Revival style. Although the Gothic Revival details were added in c. 1920, the property is an unusual example of this style in domestic architecture and the only one in Brenham. The house is in good condition and is associated with the local context "Community Development and Regional Expansion 1870-1941."

The Schlenker-Kolwes House was constructed about 1883 for Samuel Schlenker and his bride on this 2 1/2-acre corner at South Market Street. Mr. Schlenker served as tax assessor for Washington County for 22 years. The property was purchased by H.F. Kolwes in 1919. Mr. Kolwes came to the United States at age 20 (c. 1880) and settled in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he worked as a bookkeeper at Louis Bushman Wholesale Grocery Company. After visiting his sister outside of Brenham, he moved to the city in 1883 and married Malinda Schlottmann on December 10, 1885. In the following year Mr. Kolwes and his partner, Henry Stern, began a general merchandise business at 101 East Main in a building owned by the Schlottmann family. In 1888 he sold his interest to Rudolph Vos and became a director of the First National Bank of Brenham. Following a visit by H.F. Kolwes to the Hudson River Valley in New York about 1920, however, it was transformed to reflect the traditions of the Gothic Revival style. The property was inherited by Elsie Kolwes Steinbach in 1945 where she still resides with her husband, Dr. H.L. Steinbach, a local physician.

The house is the only example of Gothic Revival domestic architecture in Brenham and is rare even in the state. Although added after the original construction, great care was exercised to represent the style accurately. Thus, in appearance, the property appears much older and is a handsome interpretation of Carpenter Gothic. The property retains a high degree of integrity and is in good condition.

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

UTM References:

A 1/4 / / 751/020/ 333/8900
Zone Easting Northing
C / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

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

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description: Keys 2nd Addition, Block D, Lot 2A, City of Brenham, Texas

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: The boundary includes the nominated property and entire city lot
that historically has been associated with the property since at

See continuation sheet least 1941.

11. Form Prepared By

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date: 1984; 1989
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state: zip code:
TX 78701

2/16/90

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Brenham ~~County~~ MPS TEXAS Washington County

DATE LISTED

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COVER	3/28/90
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2. Blinn College <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
3. Blue Bell Creameries Complex <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
4. Brenham High School	3/29/90
5. Brenham High School Gymnasium	3/29/90
6. Brenham School	3/29/90
7. Brenham Water Works <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
8. Brockschmidt--Miller House	3/29/90
9. East Brenham <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
10. Holle, Edmund, House	3/29/90
11. Lenert, Dr. Robert, House	3/29/90
12. Matchett, Edgar, House	3/29/90
13. Mt. Zion Methodist Church <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
14. Reichardt--Low House	3/29/90
15. Santa Fe Railway Company Freight Depot <i>Substantive Review</i>	3/29/90
16. Schlenker, Almot, House	3/29/90
17. Schlenker--Kolwes House	+ 3/29/90
18. Schuerenberg, F.W., House	3/29/90
19. Schuerenberg, R.A., House	3/29/90
20. Seelhorst, W.E., House	3/29/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Schlenker--Kolwes House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Brenham MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 2/16/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/27/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/15/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/02/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000460

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 3/29/90 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
 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 _____



SCHLENKER - KOLWES, HOUSE (#622)

BRENNHAM, TEXAS

DWAYNE JONES

OCTOBER 9, 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING WEST



SCHLENKER-KOLWES, HOUSE (#622)

BRENHAM, TEXAS

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OCTOBER 9, 1989

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CAMERA FACING NORTH

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500628