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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 First Christian Church Parsonage

other names/site number #28

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2. Location

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street & number 608 North Penelope [NA] not for publication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 Property: Contributing	Noncontributing	
[XX] private	[XX] building(s)	1	1	buildings
[ ] public-local	[ ] district			sites
[ ] public-State	[ ] site			structures
[ ] public-Federal	[ ] structure	1		objects
	[ ] object	2	1	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.

Curtis Tunnell — 29 Oct. 1990

Signature of certifying official — Date

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:

[ ] 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

Delores Byrd — 12/26/90

for Signature of Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions	Current Functions
DOMESTIC: single dwelling	DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification	Materials
Italianate	foundation STONE: limestone
Queen Anne	walls BRICK
	roof ASPHALT: composition shingles
	other

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

The First Christian Church Parsonage is a 1-story brick house with minimal Italianate detailing. It is based on a modified L plan with a central pyramidal roof block intersected by gable-roofed wings. The house faces east on a large corner lot in a residential neighborhood of North Belton. Several mature deciduous trees and conifers dot the property.

The brick walls of the First Christian Parsonage rest on a pier and beam foundation with a cut limestone grade beam. An l-plan porch wraps around the central block of the house, culminating at the protruding gabled bays. The porch has simple turned wooden columns and balusters, and the foundation is skirted with lattice. The doors and windows throughout the house have segmental arched openings. A continuous brick string course runs around the building at the height of the portals, highlighting the segmental arches with a hood molding. The windows are elongated 2/2 double-hung sash with segmental arched tops. The pedimented gables of the wings are filled with fancy butt shingles. The pyramidal and gabled roof is covered with composition shingles. Attached to the rear is a wood frame addition. A noteworthy element of the landscape is a limestone newel hitching post on the left-hand side of the sidewalk leading to the entry. A small outbuilding at the rear of the property is considered Noncontributing.

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	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	1900	NA

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 First Christian Church Parsonage was built in 1900 and represents a popular late Victorian house form. Contextually, the property relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growing establishment of social and religious institutions in Belton during the period of economic stability and community building in the peak years of the cotton boom around the turn of the century. The house meets National Register Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, because it typifies the evolution of popular house forms from the L-plan vernacular house toward the bungalow form.

The Old First Christian Church Parsonage was built in 1900 by the Belton First Christian Church as a parsonage, a capacity in which the house served until 1943. The church sold the house in that year and since then it has had a number of different owners.

The parsonage is an interesting example of a late Victorian dwelling. Although it belongs to no particular stylistic sub-group, it has elements of several different late-19th century styles, among them Queen Anne (butt shingles in the gable), Eastlake (turned porch columns and banisters) and Italianate (segmental arch windows and string course). The pyramidal roofed cottage was a form much used in Belton for modest houses around the turn of the century. The brick construction, however, is unusual in a house of this type, most of which were frame structures.

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	[14]	[647020]	[3437360]
B	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
C	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
D	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Verbal Boundary Description [ ] See continuation sheet

North 50 feet of Lot 2 and South 50 feet of Lot 3, Block 8, 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)

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Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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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: First Christian Church Parsonage

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: 90001890

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

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 _____

#425
608 N. PENELOPE

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES of BELTON, TEXAS
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARSONAGE
608 N. PENELOPE
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS
CAMERA FACING EAST
NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT

PHOTO 28 OF 38

Site No. 425, ROLL 25, #3
Address 608 N. PENELOPE
View W. FACADE

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