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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Fry-Barry House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
314 West Austin

CITY, TOWN
Marshall

STATE
Texas

VICINITY OF
CODE
048

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

COUNTY
Harrison
CODE
203

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Estate of Mrs. W.L. Barry, Deceased

STREET & NUMBER
First National Bank

CITY, TOWN
Marshall

STATE
Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
City Secretary

STREET & NUMBER
City Hall

CITY, TOWN
Marshall

STATE
Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Texas Historical Survey

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN
Austin

STATE
Texas 78711

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fry-Barry House, located on Lots 1 and 2, Block 41 of the original townsite of Marshall, Texas is a brick and frame residence built in the Greek Revival style. Five bays wide, this one story house is set on a brick full basement. The roofline is a combination of both hipped and gable forms and is punctured by two interior chimneys on the west elevation and one exterior chimney on the east elevation. At the time of its construction, between 1853 and 1860, the plan for the basement level indicated a dining room, a "root cellar" and other utility rooms. At the upper level, a center hall separates four large, essentially square rooms, two on each side. One of the rooms was utilized as a parlor, the remaining three as bedrooms. The kitchen was attached to an outbuilding behind the house, which also housed the family servants. The structure occupies an extensive portion of the block bordered by Austin and Houston Streets on the north and south and Fulton and Franklin Streets on the west and east. Gardens were located to the east of the house, while the barn and stables were found behind the servant's quarters.

Brick for the foundation and first floor walls were handmade on a nearby open lot, and lumber for the house was cut from native trees at a sawmill outside the city's boundaries. The exposed ceiling beams of the basement level which serve also as the floor joists for the upper level, are foot square hewn timbers with tongue and groove joints.

A broad central stairway originally dominated the main (north) facade, but the gallery and approach have since been altered. The raised gallery with an approach from each side shelters three of the five bays. A wide double door with sidelights and a transom is flanked on each side by a pair of six over six light windows.

The most extensive alterations occurred after 1872 as the original rear porch on the upper level was enclosed for a living room, sitting room and additional bedrooms. An exterior stairway originally had led from the rear porch to the dining room and other rooms in the basement level. When the rear porch was enclosed, this stairway was also enclosed and a kitchen wing was constructed adjacent to the dining room within the original structure.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1853/1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT W.R.D. Ward

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

No less for its architectural charm than for its association for more than a century with one of Marshall's most distinguished families, the Fry-Barry House is one of the city's oldest homes and one of its most eloquent expressions of the Greek Revival. W.R.D. Ward, its architect, was a wealthy planter and merchant who also designed a quite similar dwelling at 303 North Columbus Street in Marshall (now known as Magnolia Hall) which was the first Marshall structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ward's own home (no longer standing) which he also designed and constructed at 408 North Wellington Street, was similar in design to both the Fry-Barry House and Magnolia Hall..

Fidel Bircher bought this site in 1853 from W.R.D. Ward and presumably commissioned Ward to then construct a house between 1853 and 1860. In 1863 William T. Womack bought the house and then sold it in 1872 to E. J. Fry (1845-1927), a sixth generation member of a notable Virginia family founded by Joshua Fry.

After the death of his father, E.J. Fry moved to Texas with his mother in 1855, when he was less than 10 years old. When his schooling in northern Louisiana was interrupted in 1863 by the approach of a Union expedition, he enlisted in a Texas regiment and participated in the battles of Wilson's Farm, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Monett's Ferry, Alexandria, Marksville and Yellow Bayou before the surrender.

After moving to Marshall in 1872, he became a partner and then sole owner of a private bank. In 1887 he purchased stock held in the First National Bank by W.P. Poland and became the bank's original vice president, holding that post until his death in 1927. During his business career he organized the Marshall Compress Co., one of the largest in the state, and was one of the founders of the Marshall Carwheel and Foundry Co., an industry which continues to the present as a division of Cobb Industries, serving as its first president. He was a founder and director of the Southland Life Insurance Co. of Dallas and one of the founders of Arthur A. Everts Jewelry in Dallas, serving as its vice president. Beyond his business interests, he was instrumental in bringing to Marshall the city's first electric plant, its first opera house, its water system and many other municipal improvements.

A longtime Mason, he served as Grand Commander of the Texas Knights Templar and was one of the state's first 33d degree Scottish Rite Masons. At his 79th birthday in 1924, it was reported that he had held office in local Masonic bodies for a total of 161 "Masonic years," longer than any other Mason in Texas except one who had the same record. Also a longtime and devoted communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, he served as its senior warden for 30 years.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Archives, Harrison County Historical Museum
 Douglas Southall Freeman, "George Washington: A Biography"
 Fry family scrapbook
 The Marshall News Messenger
 Interviews with family members

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	3 7 1 3 7 5	3 6 0 1 5 4 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northwest quarter of the block bounded by Austin and Houston Streets on the north and south and Fulton and Franklin Streets on the west and east; lots 1 and 2 of block 41, original townsite.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marlene Heck-Architectural Historian THC

Max S. Lale / Chairman, Harrison County Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

DATE

August 30, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

3704 Fitzgerald

TELEPHONE

(214) 938-2579

CITY OR TOWN

Marshall

STATE

Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Max S. Lale

TITLE

DATE

7-8-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles A. ...
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11-21-78

ATTEST

Marlene Heck
 Marlene Heck

DATE

11-20-78

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Upon E.J. Fry's death in 1927, his third child, Pamela and her husband, Walter L. Barry inherited the family home. W.L. Barry had followed his father-in-law's footsteps as a banker, joining the staff of the First National Bank only 16 years after its chartering. Mr. and Mrs. Barry were the parents of two children, Edwin Fry Barry and Mary Louise Barry.

Edwin Fry Barry served as a lieutenant in World War I and in World War II was an ordnance colonel in the Corregidor garrison, dying in a prison camp in 1942. After the death of W.L. Barry (1942) and Pamela Barry (1961), Mary Louise Barry inherited the house. The Barry estate presently owns the house and two cousins living in Marshall plan to restore the property.



FRY-BARRY HOUSE
314 W. AUSTIN
MARSHALL, HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 15/371375/3601540













