

COUNTY _____ BLOCK _____ 71
CITY QUAD LOT _____ 12-13

NAME: Banta House COUNTY: Harris
ADDRESS: 119 E. 20th CITY: Houston

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: J.E. Banta-designer UTM: _____
OWNER: Clayton and Libby Lee DATE: 1918 PERIOD: _____
317 W. 20th Houston, TX STYLE: _____

DESCRIPTION: Square, brick over concrete, 2-story house with hip roof, attached porch and gallery made of concrete wraps on all four sides (enclosed to rear); supports for porch are battered half-columns on square, stone piers, windows 2/2; single door with transom and sidelights THEME: _____

BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: _____ roof: _____
PHYSICAL CONDITION: excellent-significant SITE: original _____ or moved _____ date _____
ALTERATIONS: rear porch and gallery enclosed

SIGNIFICANCE: Very unusual design and use of materials for that period, definitely unique; Banta designed this to be a fireproof house, but included splendid details in wood inside; Banta had a candy factory in frame building

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____ LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____ (cont)

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER: _____

ORIGINAL USE: residence PRESENT USE: commercial-office building

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: corner lot on very busy street; chain link fence; (cont)

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: _____

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA: _____

SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: _____

RECORDED BY: KLL INFORMANT: _____

DATE: 4/30/80 PHOTO DATA: 1-35mm

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Site No. 2

NAME	Banta House	COUNTY	Harris	BLOCK	71
ADDRESS	119 East 20th St.	CITY	Houston	LOT	12-13
ARCHITECT/BUILDER	J. E. Banta, designer	UTM	Zone 15 E 268,310 N 3,299,240		
OWNER	Clayton and Libby Lee	DATE	1918	PERIOD	1900--
	317 West 20th, Houston, Texas 77008	STYLE	Bungaloid influence		
		THEME			

DESCRIPTION Square, brick-over-concrete, two-story house with hip roof, attached porch and gallery of concrete wraps on all four sides (enclosed to rear); supports for porch are battered half-columns on square, stone piers; windows have two-over-two lights on sides, one-over-one in front; single door with transom and sidelights; parquet floors

Building material: wall brick over concr. roof unknown

Physical condition excellent-signif. site: original X or moved date

Alterations rear porch and gallery enclosed

SIGNIFICANCE Quite unusual design and use of materials for that period--unique; Banta designed this to be a fireproof house, but included splended detailing in wood on the interior; Banta had a candy factory in frame building next door, to the west.

Area of significance architecture Level of significance local

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER

ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT USE office building

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS corner lot on busy street; chain-link fence; several large trees

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre

BIBLIOGRAPHY

RECORDED BY K. L. London

INFORMANT Clayton Lee

DATE April 30, 1980

PHOTO DATA 1 - 35 mm., Tex. Hist. Commission

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Houston Heights Multiple Resource Area
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. | All Saints Roman Catholic Church | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | Allbach House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Accept Beth Grovona</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. | Banta House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. | Borgstrom House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 5/14/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. | Building at 430 Harvard Street | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. | Burge House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. | Burnett House | Substantive Review
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Determined Eligible
Keeper | <u>Eligible - Beth Grovona</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. | Cole, Judge Robert L., House | Substantive Review
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Determined Eligible
Keeper | <u>Eligible - Beth Grovona</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. | Coop, Dr. B. F., House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 5/14/84 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. | Countryman House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 6/22/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |

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Banta House (Houston Heights MRA)
Harris County
TEXAS

Working No. MAY 9 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 6/9/83 - 6/23/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/22/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Entered in the National Register
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition:		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT Reference

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



119 E. 20th

Houston Heights

Site No. 2, Bauta House, 119 East 20th
Houston, Texas 77008

Photo: K.L. London, April 30, 1980

On file, Texas Historical Commission
Oblique view of front facade, looking
northwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000847