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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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County Galveston USGS Quad 2994/231 Survey site no. 20  
 City Galveston UTM's 326180/3243030  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: factual 1889;1912 Est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 1921 Ave. D & 1921½ Ave. D Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor 1912-Janssen & Zempter  
 Owner George O. Gillespie Style/Type Renaissance Revival  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Original use Commercial  
 Address 630 Hunters Grove Present use Commercial  
Houston, Texas 77024 Present condition fair, structurally sound  
 Block/Lot 499/2 less than 1 acre \_\_\_\_\_

Description 2-story stuccoed brick commercial building; rectangular shape with flat roof; plain parapet not original; cornice created by molded rectangular sections with quatrefoil-shaped openings; door openings on lower level consist of 6 sets of double doors with transoms; doors are separated by cast-iron columns; three sets of paired and arched windows on the second level supported by carved columns.

Significance Building has interesting architectural details. Wegner Bros. bought land in 1885 (tax records) and built substantial improvements in 1889; by 1890-91 directory, John and Ernest Wegner, groceries and liquors, listed at address. Wegner family remained in business here through 1909-10; by 1913, the Schaefer Bros. Bakery and Confectionery at address, 1912 deed indicates that \$5,000 of improvements and repairs were made by Frank J. Schaefer, then owner. Galveston Daily News, Sept. 1, 1910, indicates that Schaefer Brothers had begun remodeling. This served as Schaefer's main store: they had branches in other parts of Galveston.

This property and the adjoining property at 1925-27 Market form an important visual and architectural link between the Strand Historic District and the Grand Opera House.

Relationship to site: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original site  Describe Across from ANICO tower; within half block of 1860 Customs House and Grand Opera House.

Bibliography County Deed Records Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
Galveston Historical Foundation Files; Recorder Ellen Beasley  
City Directory; Galveston Daily News, Date Nov. 1982  
9/1/1910 & 1913

Continuations:



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Building at 1921—1921 1/2 Avenue D (Central  
Business District MRA)  
Galveston County  
TEXAS,

Working No. MAR 29 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 4/26/84 - 5/13/84

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 5/2/84

REJECT

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
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**8. Significance**

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
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- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**X10. Geographical Data**

X Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_ *Please provide acreage*  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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 *Andrew Byers* Date *5/3/84* Phone: *202-343-9583*



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Central Business District Multiple Resource Area  
State Galveston County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Building at 1921--1921-1/2 Avenue D

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 8/14/84

Attest

2. Building at 1925--1927 Market Street

Entered in the  
National Register

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Melvin Byers 8/14/84

Substantive Review

Attest

3. City Hall

Keeper

Beth Grovona - 8/14/84

Attest

4. City National Bank

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5. Eiband's

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6. First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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7. House at 2528 Postoffice St.

Substantive Review

Keeper

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8. Houses at 2017--2023 Avenue I

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9. I.O.O.F. Lodge

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10. Jean Lafitte Hotel

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*The Door To Door Mechanic*  
GASOLINE OR DIESEL  
COMMERCIAL OR PRIVATE  
FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC  
ROAD REPAIR SERVICE  
1921 MARKET Road 762-7380

TATTOO

1921 Market (D) 20

Galveston Central Business District Multiple

Galveston Central Business District

Multiple Resource Nomination

Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

May, 1982

Photo by Ellen Beasley, May 1982; neg. on file at

Texas Historical Commission, Austin

Photo no. 2030

Site No. 20, 1921 Market (D), looking southwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000842