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Inventory—Nomination Form

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✓ County Galveston USGS Quad 2994/321 Survey site no. 18
✓ City Galveston UTM's 326100/3242910
✓ Name Robinson Building Date: factual 1907 Est. _____
✓ Address 2009-11 Postoffice St. Architect/Builder _____
Contractor _____
Owner Thomas C. Brennan III Style/Type commercial
1980 Post Oak Boulevard Original use commercial
Address Suite 1595 Present use bar and residential
Houston, Texas 77056 Present condition good, alterations reversible

Block/Lot 440/5. Less than 1 acre.

Description Three-story brick commercial building; rectangular with flat roof; parapet with center projection; band in parapet originally exhibited "19 GEO. E. ROBINSON 07"; corbelled cornice; front facade divided into three sections separated by pilasters; street level enclosed, although original outline of single center door flanked by angled entrances and large display windows remain obvious; segmental-arch windows are 2/2; fire escape now attached to upper floors.

Significance Built by George E. Robinson, who was of Robinson and Witt, contracting plumbers, gas, steam fitters, and electricians (as well as dealers in fixtures). Other plumbing businesses located here also. 1907 newspaper article stated that cost of building was \$11,000. Building is an example of the simple, early 20th-century, commercial structure built to house service business. It is the largest structure in the row that faces the Grand Opera House. Its renovation and continued use is essential to stabilizing the row.

Relationship to site: Moved _____ date _____ or Original site X Describe in row of commercial structures; faces the Grand Opera House.

Bibliography Galveston Daily News,
Sept. 1, 1907.

Informant _____

Recorder _____

Ellen Beasley

Date _____

Nov. 1982

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Robinson Building (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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> 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
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

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

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Signed *Helena Byers* Date *5/2/84* Phone: _____

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Marschner Building

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 8/14/84

Attest

12. Model Laundry

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Groves 8/14/84

Attest

13. Moser House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 8/14/84

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14. Pix Building

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National Register

for Keeper

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15. Robinson Building

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National Register

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16. Rosenberg Library

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National Register

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Attest

17. Scottish Rite Cathedral

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth Groves 8/14/84

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18. Shaw, M. W., Building

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19. Star Drug Store

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National Register

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20. Texas Building

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Robinson Building, 2009-11 Postoffice (2)
Galveston Central Business District
Multiple Resource Nomination
Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

Photo by Ellen Beasley, May 1982; neg. on file at
Texas Historical Commission, Austin

Site No. 18, Robinson Building, 2009-11 Postoffice,
lookign southeast.

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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