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COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ 170  
CITY QUAD LOT \_\_\_\_\_ 13-15

NAME: Heights Branch-Houston Public (con) COUNTY: Harris  
ADDRESS: 1302 Heights Blvd. CITY: Houston  
UTM: \_\_\_\_\_  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: J.M. Glover-Arch. (con) DATE: 1925 PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER: School Library STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Houston, Texas THEME: \_\_\_\_\_

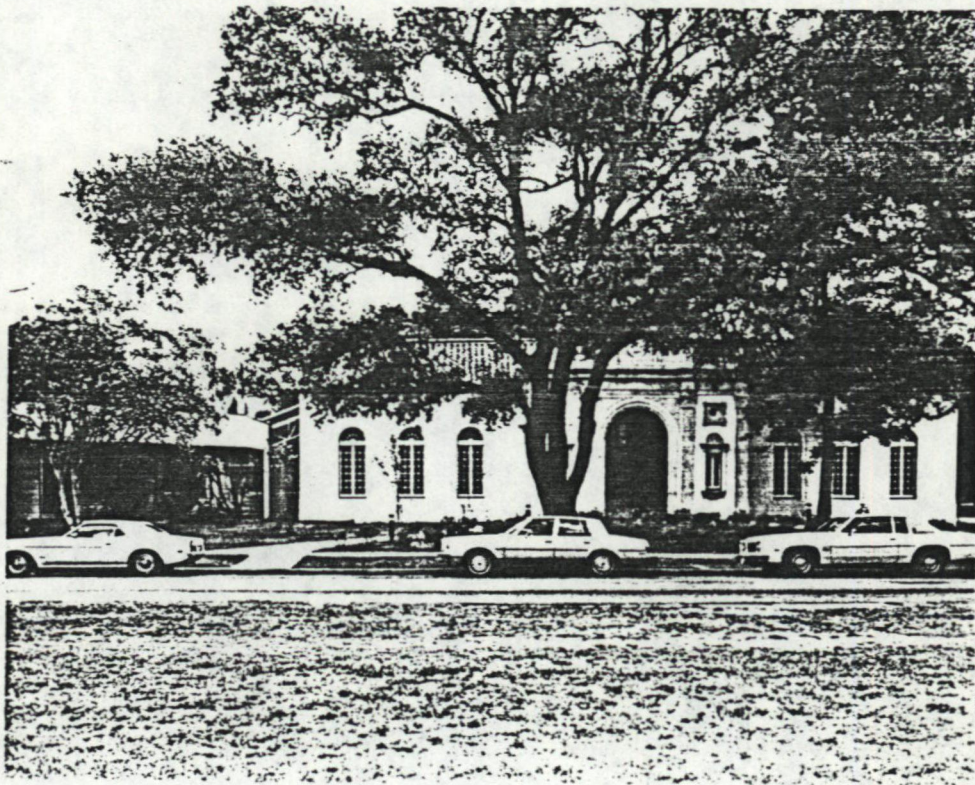
DESCRIPTION: Italian Renaissance-type library building, stucco, 1-story, hip roof of red tile, arched doorway with decorative stone trim, arched windows, new addition of stucco and glass is well-done and compatible.

BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: stucco roof: tile  
PHYSICAL CONDITION: excellent SITE: original or moved \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
ALTERATIONS: wing added to north end (1979)

SIGNIFICANCE: Architecturally significant with its unusual style. Built by the people of the Heights in conjunction with the Houston Public Library. Focus for neighborhood in '20s and '30s. Recently restored.

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
ORIGINAL USE: Library PRESENT USE: Library  
RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: corner lot, well-landscaped  
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA: Sandborn map  
SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: \_\_\_\_\_  
RECORDED BY: KLL INFORMANT: cornerstone  
DATE: 4/1/80 PHOTO DATA: 2 - 35mm  
(rev. 6-79)



United States Department of the Interior  
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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Site No. 29

NAME Heights Branch, Houston Public Library COUNTY Harris BLOCK 170  
ADDRESS 1302 Heights Boulevard CITY Houston LOT 13-15  
UTM Zone 15 E 268,250 N 3,298,220  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER J. M. Glover, Arch.\* DATE 1925, 1979 PERIOD 1900--  
OWNER Houston Public Library STYLE Renaissance Revival  
1302 Heights Boulevard, Houston 77008 THEME

DESCRIPTION Italian Renaissance library building, stucco, one-story, hipped roof of red tile; arched doorway with decorative stone trim; arched windows with many lights; new addition made in 1979 and added to left of front facade is well done and compatible with the older part of the building.

Building material: wall stucco roof ceramic tile  
Physical condition excellent-significant site: original X or moved        date         
Alterations Wing added to north end in 1979, compatible.

SIGNIFICANCE Architecturally significant because of its unusual style for this area.  
Built by the people of the Heights in conjunction with the Houston Public Library. Focus for neighborhood in 1920s and 1930s. Recently restored very well.

Area of significance education, arch. Level of significance local  
DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER  
ORIGINAL USE library PRESENT USE library  
RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS Corner lot, well landscaped, prominently sited on Heights Boulevard; compatible with residential area.  
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BIBLIOGRAPHY Sanborn maps; Sister M. Agatha (1956)  
RECORDED BY K. L. London INFORMANT cornerstone  
DATE April 1, 1980 PHOTO DATA 2 - 35 mm., Tex. His. Commission

\*Universal Construction Company, Builder.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Houston Public Library (Heights Branch)  
(Houston Heights MRA)  
Harris County  
TEXAS

Working No. MAY 9 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 6/9/83 - 6/23/83  
Action:  ACCEPT  
 RETURN 6/22/83  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Unusual ≠ significance automatically  
No justification of educational significance*

Recom. / Criteria Return  
Reviewer Grosvenor  
Discipline Historian  
Date 6/22/83  
 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 one
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unsurveyed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

X **8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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- 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

Please explain how this meets National Register criteria. Being an unusual example of its style is not sufficient explanation. Is this a significant example of (Second?) Renaissance Revival architecture? If so, how? What is the significance of this library in the area of education? While libraries as a class have been important in America's social development, not every branch library is necessarily significant. What significant role did this library play in the evolution of educational services & facilities, and the social history of either Houston Heights or the City of Houston?

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Parcels of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
 USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide acreage

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 Beth Grosvenor Date 6/20/83 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
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Site No. 29

NAME <u>Houston Public Library, Heights Branch</u>	COUNTY <u>Harris</u>	BLOCK <u>170</u>
ADDRESS <u>1302 Heights Blvd.</u>	CITY <u>Houston</u>	LOT <u>13-15</u>
	UTM Zone <u>15 E 268,250</u>	N <u>3,298,220</u>
ARCHITECT/BUILDER <u>J.M. Glover, Arch. *</u>	DATE <u>1925, 1979</u>	PERIOD <u>1900--</u>
OWNER <u>Houston Public Library</u>	STYLE <u>2nd Renaissance Revival</u>	
<u>1302 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008</u>	THEME	

DESCRIPTION Italian Renaissance library building, stucco, one-story, hipped roof of red tile; arched doorway with decorative stone trim; arched windows with many lights; new addition made in 1979 and added to left of front facade is well done and compatible with the older part of the building.

Building material: wall stucco roof ceramic tile  
Physical condition excellent-significant site: original  or moved  date   
Alterations Wing added to north end in 1979; compatible.

SIGNIFICANCE Architecturally significant because of its unusual style for the city. Built by the people of the Heights in conjunction with the Houston Public Library. Focus for neighborhood in 1920s and 1930s. Recently restored very well. Strong classical elements—such as triumphal arch motif in entrance — are seldom found in small scale buildings in Texas, and thus example shows unusual sophistication superior to the majority of contemporaneous public libraries in Texas.

Area of significance architecture Level of significance local

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER

ORIGINAL USE library PRESENT USE library

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS Corner lot, well landscaped, prominently sited on Heights Boulevard; compatible with residential area.

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than 1

BIBLIOGRAPHY Sanborn maps; Sister M. Agatha (1956)

RECORDED BY K.L. London INFORMANT cornerstone

DATE April 1, 1980 PHOTO DATA 2 - 35 mm., Texas Hist. Comm.

CONTINUATIONS: Universal Construction Company, Builder.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Houston Heights Multiple Resource Area  
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 61. Houston Heights Woman's Club **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 62. **Houston Public Library (HEIGHTS BRANCH) Substantive Review** Keeper Beth Grosvenor 5/14/84  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 63. Immanuel Lutheran Church **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 64. Isbell House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 65. Jones House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 66. Kleinhaus House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 67. Knittel House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 68. Kronenberger House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 69. Love House **Substantive Review** **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** **Determined Eligible** Keeper Eligible - Beth Grosvenor 6/22/84  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 70. Lund House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melous Byers 6/22/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Houston Public Library (Heights Branch)  
(Houston Heights MRA)  
Harris County  
TEXAS

Substantive Review

Working No. 5/9/83

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 5/24/84

Action:  ACCEPT 5-14-84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Education dropped as an area of significance  
Summary sentence of significance (encl.) added*

Recom./Criteria Accept - C

Reviewer Burven

Discipline Historic

Date 5/14/84

\_\_\_\_\_ 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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_





1302 Heights Blvd.

Houston Heights

Site No. 29, 1302 Heights Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77008

Photo: K.L. London, April 1, 1980  
On file, Texas Historical Commission  
Front facade, looking east

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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