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COUNTY _____ BLOCK _____ 144
CITY QUAD LOT 3 & 1/2

NAME: Wilkins House COUNTY: Harris
ADDRESS: 1541 Ashland CITY: Houston
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Silas D. Wilkins - builder UTM: _____
OWNER: Edward J. Septik DATE: c.1893-94 PERIOD: _____
1541 Ashland Houston, TX 77008 STYLE: _____
THEME: _____
DESCRIPTION: Square, frame, 2-story, hip roof, attached porch and gallery, gallery is of wood with square posts, flat balustrade, rests on 4 heavy, brick piers of porch, 2 single front doors with transom, gallery has single door, windows 1/1, interior, brick chimney.
BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: _____ roof: _____
PHYSICAL CONDITION: fair-qualified significant SITE: original or moved _____ date: _____
ALTERATIONS: doors changed
SIGNIFICANCE: Possibly the oldest existing residence in Heights - built by Wilkins, a carpenter for the Omaha and South Texas Land Co. on the first lots sold by Carter in the new town. He later (1897) became the second postmaster for Heights. He wife was active in the ladies'
AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____ LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER: _____
ORIGINAL USE: residence PRESENT USE: residence
RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: yard is pretty bare; near end of the block
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: _____
BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA: _____
SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: _____
RECORDED BY: KLL INFORMANT: _____
DATE: 1-15-80 PHOTO DATA: 1 - 35mm

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NAME Wilkins House COUNTY Harris BLOCK 144
ADDRESS 1541 Ashland St. CITY Houston LOT 3 & 1/2 of 2
UTM Zone 15 E 267,690 N 3,298,780
ARCHITECT/BUILDER Silas D. Wilkins DATE ca. 1893-94 PERIOD 1800-1899
OWNER R. J. Penick STYLE _____
1541 Ashland, Houston, Texas 77008 THEME _____

DESCRIPTION Square two-story frame house; hipped roof; attached double gallery; top part has square wooden posts, solid flat balustrade; ground-floor porch has four heavy brick piers; two single front doors with transoms; upstairs gallery has single door; windows with one-over-one lights; interior brick chimney.

Building material: wall frame, clapboard roof composition

Physical condition fair-significant site: original X or moved _____ date _____

Alterations doors changed; lower porch piers prob. early 20s, with earlier spacing.

SIGNIFICANCE Possibly the oldest existing residence in Houston Heights; built by S. D. Wilkins, a carpenter for the Omaha and South Texas Land Co. on the first lots sold by Carter in the new town. Wilkins later (1897) became the second postmaster for the Heights. His wife was active in the ladies' clubs of the neighborhood.

Area of significance community planning Level of significance local

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER _____

ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT USE residence

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS Yard is bare; lots near end of the block; residential area

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre

BIBLIOGRAPHY Sister M. Agatha (1956: 25, 43, 44)

RECORDED BY K. L. London INFORMANT _____

DATE January 15, 1980 PHOTO DATA 1 - 35 mm., Tex. Hist. Commission

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Substantive Review

Wilkins House (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
☐ appealSubstantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Must be returned for technical reasons (VSD) -
otherwise OK, although some portions are weak.

Recom. / Criteria Return
Reviewer Grosvenor
Discipline Historic
Date 6/30/83
☐ see continuation sheetNomination 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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unrestored	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☒ alterations/integrity - weak
☐ 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

Statement of significance is not very explicit but the representational importance of the neighborhood's first house can be understood w/ the context established in the cover form.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide what section, N.E. S.W. of "LOT 3 + 1/2 of 2" that is being nominated.

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 6/22/83

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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Area of significance community planning Level of significance local
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DATE January 15, 1980 PHOTO DATA 1 - 35 mm., Tex. Hist. Commission

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Houston Heights Multiple Resource Area
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

150 91. Webber, Samuel H., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 6/22/83

Attest

92. Wilkins House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 5/14/83

Attest

93. Williams-Brueder House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 6/22/83

Attest

94. Wilson House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 5/14/83

Attest

95. Wimberly House

Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 5/14/83

Attest

96. Woodward House
(740 RUTLAND ST)Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 5/14/83

Attest

97. Woodward House
(1605 HEIGHTS BLVD)Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 6/22/83

Attest

98. Zagst House

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper Eligible - Beth Groves 6/22/83

Attest

99. Barker House

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth Groves - 5/14/84

Attest

100. Fuller House

Substantive Review

Keeper Return

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wilkins House (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

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

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5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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

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Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

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

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UTM References _____

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date

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- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Houston Heights

Site No. 65, Wilkens House, 1541 Ashland
Houston, Texas 77008

Photo: K.L. London, January 15, 1980

On file, Texas Historical Commission

Front facade, looking west

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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