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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Site No. 1

Photo Nos. 1 and 2

Name: Dr. Rufus A. Roberts House

Location: 210 South Broad Street
Cedar Hill, Texas

Owner of Property: Restoration Unlimited, Inc.

Address of Owner: c/o Barbara Douglas
Cedar Chest
601 Cedar
Cedar Hill, Texas 75104

BRIEF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Roberts House is a two-story, wood-framed structure in cypress lap siding, with a one-story wing centered in the rear. The main unit of the house features wooden corner boards, topped with pilasters and returns on the rear wing gable. Windows are two-over-two double-hung sash with simple drip molds. The main unit of the house has a mansard roof originally topped with a widow's walk. The rear wing is gable-roofed. The front two-story bay window gives the house its Stick Style character. The weatherboarding is interrupted with vertical exterior boards and corner boards. The gable is decorated with locally crafted bargeboard and a Palladian window with art glass. The bargeboard decoration is repeated in the purlins. The shed-roofed front porch has a gable over the front door, also decorated with a locally crafted bargeboard. The porch columns are turned posts on brick piers, with sunburst brackets.

The house is an example of the evolutionary mode of building, which appears to have been especially common in Cedar Hill. Judging from structural evidence, the bay window with its bargeboard was added after the construction of the house, and the front porch remodeled still later, but probably shortly after the turn of the century. Reportedly, the house is "cyclone-proof"; its foundation has 12' by 12' boards running south by south-east.

Architectural Style: Victorian-era Stick Style Date of Construction: ca. 1884

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is the most architecturally ornate house in Cedar Hill, and is the oldest in the city. A charming example of a Stick Style house, this structure belonged to Dr. Rufus A. Roberts, one of the town's leading early citizens. Dr. Roberts came to Cedar Hill in 1859; he served in the Civil War and then returned to Cedar Hill, where he practiced medicine and opened a drug store. He was instrumental in bringing the railroad to Cedar Hill. Dr. Roberts continued his practice until around 1900, when he passed it on to his son.

Acreage: Less than one acre

U.S.G.S Quadrangle: Cedar Hill, Texas

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Verbal Boundary Description: No lot and block number. A .35 acre tract 83 ft. wide
(more or less) fronting Broad Street south of Cedar, 188 ft.
(more or less) in depth as described in Vol. 81087, Page
1995-1996, deed records of Dallas County.

UTM Coordinates: 14 691740 3607260

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Cedar Hill Texas Multiple Resource Area
State Dallas County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Roberts, Dr. Rufus A., House
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National Register

Com _____ 7/27/85
Date/Signature

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/27/85
Attest _____

2. Bryant, Jr., William, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/27/85
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3. Hawkes, Z. T. (Tip), House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/27/85
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4. Angle, D. M., House
Entered in the
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for Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/27/85
Attest _____

5. Straus House
Substantive Review

Keeper *Vanda McCallum* 7/12/85
Attest _____

6. Keeper _____
Attest _____

7. Keeper _____
Attest _____

8. Keeper _____
Attest _____

9. Keeper _____
Attest _____

10. Keeper _____
Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Roberts, Dr. Rufus A., House
(Cedar Hill Texas MRA)
Dallas County
TEXAS

FEB 14 1985

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86

Date Due: 3-14-85 / 3-31-85

Action: ACCEPT 3-27-85

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

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- 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

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<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

Robert D. Burns, A.A. House
 Cedar Hill Texas, WPA
 Dallas County
 TEXAS

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 National Register

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: _____



The Road House
Wonderful
World of Cooking

Historic Resources of Cedar Hill
Cedar Hill, Dallas County, Texas

Site No. 1, Roberts House
210 S. Broad Street

Photo by Andy Reisberg, November 1983, neg on
file with Andy Reisberg, Flying Horse Photography,
Dallas

East facade
camera facing west-northwest

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Detail of main staircase, downstairs hall

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000832