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Property No. 6

Historic Resources of Stamford

Stamford Historic Structures Survey Identification number, STA-017

Name of property- Old Penick-Hughes Company/Thompson Hardware

Address of property- 100-106 E. Hamilton

Owner of property- A.C. Humphrey

Owner's Address- 128 E. Rotan
Stamford, TX 79553

Acreage- Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description- (Legal Description) Original Town;
Block 29, Lots 12, 13, 14

UTM Coordinates- 14/424980/3645160

Description (altered, fair condition, vacant)

This three-story brick building, built in 1909 and 1910, dominates the square in downtown Stamford. The various levels of the building (including the basement) housed the activities of one of the city's earliest and largest enterprises. The 75-ft. by 165-ft. building, though boarded up and vacant, is little changed from the original.

The lower floor originally housed retail portions of the business. Store entrances and windows were located on the west side (which remain) and the north side. This north facade has been altered by the removal of the original store fronts and the addition of corrugated metal and new aluminum and plate glass. Small semi-circular windows along the west side allow light into the building above shelves on the interior wall. A wooden awning covers the west side entrances and store windows.

Portions of the interior are original, including the pressed-metal ceilings on the first floor. Some original counters and railings also remain. The rear portion of the first floor is raised, and windows at sidewalk level allow light to enter the basement. Luxor prisms in the sidewalk also provide illumination to the basement.

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Stone string courses separate the remaining elements of the building. The arched windows of the second floor and rectangular windows of the third floor are set in groups of three, possibly as an expression of the spacing of the structural elements of the building. All upper-level windows are now boarded up.

Above the third-story windows several courses of stone and corbeling in a dentil pattern form a wide cornice. The building is topped with a mesh fence that once held the Penick-Hughes Company's signs. A ladder and fire escape were added to the building after its construction.

Significance: local level, commerce, 1909

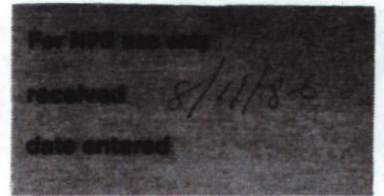
The building last occupied by Thompson Hardware was built in 1909 and 1910 to serve as the headquarters for the Penick-Hughes Company, a wholesale and retail hardware store also selling farm implements and furniture. The Penick-Hughes Company opened a small retail store in Stamford in 1899, even before the town was established. The venture was successful, and the company headquarters was transferred there from Anson. By 1909 the firm felt a need for more space and built the present building. The structure, when completed, measured 75 ft. by 165 ft., and occupied four floors including the basement. Within the structure were the company's general offices as well as wholesale and retail sales departments—all linked by an internal telephone network.

The company's major partner and moving spirit, R.L. Penick, soon became a civic leader in the city, as well as one of its leading citizens. He served as mayor of Stamford in 1903, then again in 1917 and 1919. After over 40 years of commercial and civic success, R.L. Penick died in 1944 and the company dissolved soon thereafter.

The structure he built to house his business continues to dominate the downtown of Stamford, looming over the smaller, lesser commercial structures on the square. It remains a local landmark, well known to old timers as the "old Penick building." Historically it is one of the most significant commercial structures in the city, a reminder of one of Stamford's most successful businesses during the town's era of growth and development.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stamford Multiple Resource Area
State Jones County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. House at 815 East Campbell | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melora Byrum 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 12. Jackson, A.J., House | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86 |
| 13. Old Bryant--Link Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melora Byrum 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 14. Old Penick--Hughes Company | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86 |
| 15. Old West Texas Utilities
Company | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melora Byrum 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 16. Old Wooten, H.O., Grocery
Company | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86 |
| 17. SMS Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melora Byrum 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 18. St. John's Methodist
Church | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86 |
| 19. Stamford City Hall | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melora Byrum 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 20. Swenson, A.J., House | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86 |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Penick--Hughes Company (Stamford MRA)
Jones County
TEXAS

Substantive Review

Working No. 1111986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 9/11/86 - 9/25/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-24-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Although the first floor storefront has been altered, this building is significant for commerce. The Penick-Hughes Company was one of Stamford's most significant businesses during the town's growth and development period.*

Recom./Criteria Accept A
Reviewer Bruce J. Noble, Jr.
Discipline Historian
Date 9/24/86
_____ 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: _____



HARDWARE

THOMPSON HARDWARE
APPLIANCES...TELEVISION
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS

HARDWARE

Maytag

Manufacturing Co.

THOMPSON HARDWARE STOREFRONT

FORD PICKUP TRUCK

WHITE SEDAN

Historic Resources of Stamford, Texas

Jones County, Texas

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Historical Commission, Austin

Property No. 6 (STA-017), Old Penick-Hughes Co./
Thompson Hardware, 100-106 E. Hamilton, looking SE

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000854