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Property No. 9

Historic Resources of Stamford

Stamford Historic Structures Survey Identification number, STA-061

Name of property- Old H.O. Wooten Grocery Co./A.C. Humphrey Warehouse

Address of property- 128. E. Rotan

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 34, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5

UTM Coordinates- 14/425060/3645040

Description (altered, good condition)

The A.C. Humphrey Warehouse is the most interesting and best preserved of Stamford's early twentieth-century facilities. The brick structure was built as a grocery warehouse about 1916.

The solid brick walls are divided into bays by piers. The brick wall between each pier has a corbeled cornice and both string courses and sill courses.

Small arched windows pierce the wall in the upper portion of the high-ceilinged interior space to allow natural lighting. On three sides of the building, larger one-over-one wood-framed windows with relieving arches provide additional lighting and ventilation.

On the remaining side, wooden steps allow access to a wooden loading dock and the entrance to the office. Two sets of sliding, braced doors open wide for easy loading and unloading. A flat wooden awning shelters the entire dock and is tied to the main structure by wooden beams supplemented with steel rods.

The Warehouse is located near the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad tracks in a commercial/industrial area south of the town square.

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Significance: local level, architecture, c. 1917

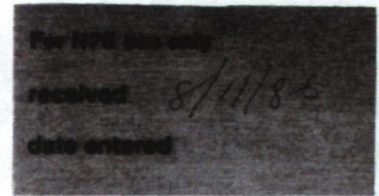
The A.C. Humphrey Warehouse was built between 1913 and 1922, but most likely in 1916 or 1917. It serves as a historical reminder of the flourishing wholesale grocery trade which emerged in Stamford before World War I, and is the best surviving example of commercial masonry work in the city.

During Stamford's first three or four decades of existence it developed a healthy wholesale grocery industry. The T.M. Radford Company arrived in 1904, the H.O. Wooten Grocery Company opened in 1905, Waples-Platter Company in 1909 and the Walker Smith Company in 1915. The H.O. Wooten Grocery Company decided to expand its operations, and in 1916 purchased the lots which the present building occupies. Soon thereafter they built this large and handsome structure.

Although this building was essentially a warehouse, the company spent extra money to construct an ornate structure which was built by skilled craftsmen from quality materials. Many of Stamford's early commercial structures were built of similar materials at a similar or higher level of craftsmanship. Regrettably, most of these buildings are either gone or heavily modified (usually stuccoed), so that the high-quality brickwork is now obliterated. The A.C. Humphrey Warehouse is the last, and largest, remaining example of high-quality commercial masonry left in the city, as well as being the best preserved and best built of all Stamford's surviving warehouse structures.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stamford Multiple Resource Area
State Jones County, TEXAS

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

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Old Wooten, H. O., Grocery Company
(Stamford MRA)
Jones County
TEXAS

Substantive Review

AUG 11 1986

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 9/1/86 - 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: This brick structure was built as a grocery warehouse in 1916. It is the best extant example of a good commercial masonry work in the city.

Recom./Criteria Accept C
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: _____



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Historic Resources of Stamford, Texas
Jones County, Texas
Photo 1985 by Don Abbe, neg. with Texas
Historical Commission, Austin

Property No. 9 (STA-061), Old H.O. Wooten Grocery Co
A.C. Humphrey Warehouse, 128 E. Rotan, looking SW

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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