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Property No. 13

Historic Resources of Stamford

Stamford Historic Structures Survey Identification number, STA-100

Name of property- Residence, 502 S. Orient

Address of property- 502 S. Orient

Owner of property- Robert E. Taylor

Owner's Address- 502 S. Orient
Stamford, TX 79553

Acreage- Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description- (Legal Description) Original Town;
Block 126, Lot 1

UTM Coordinates- 14/425720/3644760

Description (unaltered, good condition)

The house at 502 S. Orient is a large two-story frame structure. The hipped roof has composition shingles and boxed eaves. Four hipped dormers project from the roof to allow light to the attic story.

The house is basically rectangular, with a wide, hipped-roof porch across the front elevation. Groups of two or three Doric columns set on square wooden pedestals support the porch roof. A wooden balustrade completes the porch.

Although a hipped-roof projection over the porch appears to have been added, it appears on the earliest Sanborn map (1922) for this area. Lozenge windows in various sizes and configurations are found around the house. A two-story bay and a bracketed oriel window add interest to an otherwise simple structure. The upper part of the chimney flue has been removed.

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Significance: local level, architecture, about 1908

The residence at 502 S. Orient is important in Stamford as an example of the traditional large house built early in the city's history. It is also important for its possible connection with Stamford College.

Probably built between 1907 and 1910, this house was finally mapped by the Sanborn Company in 1922. It does not possess any great architectural merit, but is a good, representative example of a typical, vernacular, early twentieth-century residence of large size. It is also important for its possible association with Stamford College. Although the dating on this section of town is vague because of spotty mapping by the Sanborn Map Company, it is likely that this pre-1922 structure was actually built around 1907 or 1908 in conjunction with Stamford College, which occupied the land directly across the street.

When Stamford College was built in 1907, it no doubt prompted the construction of some houses on nearby streets. Unfortunately, the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps do not deal with this part of town except to indicate the college campus. The area around the college, the College Heights addition, was platted in 1907, so construction did take place at that date. (A house a half-block east, for instance, was built in 1910.) In 1922 this dwelling was finally mapped. It is very likely that the present house was built much earlier, as a dwelling for a college employee or a faculty member.

In any case, the house is one of the best examples of the large, early twentieth-century residential houses in the city. It is virtually unaltered and is representative of the kind of well-built, middle-, or even upper-class housing constructed in Stamford during its first two decades of growth. It may well be the most substantial example in Stamford of the American Foursquare style. The surrounding area is largely residential.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Stamford Multiple Resource Area

State Jones County, TEXAS

Substantive Review *Comm* Accept Patrick Andrus 9/24/86
Attest Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86
Date/Signature

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Astin, J.P., House

**Entered in the
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for Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/24/86

Attest

2. Buena Vista Hotel

Substantive Review

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Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

3. Bunkley, Dr. E.P.,
House and Garage

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4. First Baptist Church

Substantive Review

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5. House at 501 North Swenson

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6. House at 502 South Orient

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7. House at 610 Oliver

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8. House at 709 East Reynolds

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9. House at 710 East McHarg

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Eligible Patrick Andrus 9/24/86

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Bruce J. Noble, Jr. 9/24/86

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

10. House at 719 East Reynolds

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 502 South Orient (Stamford MRA)
Jones County
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Substantive Review

Working No. AUG 11 1986
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: *This house is the most significant example of the American Foursquare style in Stamford. The claim for historical significance relating to a supposed connection between the house and local college is not acceptable.*

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: _____



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

Property No. 13 (Sta-100), Residence at
502 S. Orient, looking SW

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Property No. 13 (Sta-100), Residence at
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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