

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM—TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev.8-82)

1. County Ellis ELL
WX 5. USGS Quad No. 3296-234 Site No. 562
City/Rural Waxahachie UTM Sector 703-3584 PHOTO NO. 31

2. Name _____ 6. Date: Factual 1893/1937 Est. _____
Address 441 E MAIN 7. Architect/Builder Unknown

3. Owner Masonic Hall c/o Otto Wilson 8. Style/Type _____
Address 717 Perry, 75165 9. Original Use commercial

4. Block/Lot: Town Addn/Blk 58/Lot 6A, 6B Present Use commercial

10. Description Two-story frame commercial building w/ brick veneer; flat roof w/ wood sash double-hung windows w/ 2/2 lights; three single-door entrances w/ transoms; three-bay porch w/ shed roof w/ slender round columns on brick piers; original tripartite organization intact. Parapet w/ triangular panel inset

11. Present Condition fair

12. Significance SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN, BLACK HISTORY: The lower floor housed, for many years, the James Funeral Parlor, owned and operated by a locally prominent black family. The upper floor served as the meeting hall for two black

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date _____ or Original Site (describe) in a mixed residential commercial area E. of the CBD; near the center of the town's historic black

14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant J. Hutchins/P. Mims
City Directories 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore/MEH Date July, 1985

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

TNRIS No. _____ Old THC Code _____
 RTHL HABS (no.) TEX _____
NR: Individual Historic District
 Thematic Multiple-Resource
NR File Name _____
Other _____

B&W 4x5s _____ Slides 1
35mm Negs

| YEAR | DRWR | ROLL | FRME | | ROLL | FRME |
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City/Rural Waxahachie UTM Pt. 14/703040/3584820
2. Name _____ Acreage Less than one acre

Description, continued: (Knights of Pythias) & corbeled brick cornice are only details on this simply rendered commercial structure. The original openings w/ transoms are little altered, but canopy supports have been replaced.

Significance, continued: fraternal groups. The Knights of Pythias Unity Lodge No. 37 was apparently responsible for the brick veneer of 1937. The black masonic lodge, which split into the Pythagoras Lodge No. 87 and the Progressive Lodge No. 432 in the 1940s, also met in the upper floor. This structure is one of two surviving buildings in the city's once active black business center.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Substantive Review

Name Waxahachie Multiple Resource Area *cover* *accept 9/24/86*
State Ellis County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1. | Adamson, F.R., House | Substantive Review for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Savage 9/24/86 |
| 2. | Alderman, G.H., House | Entered in the National Register for Keeper | Melvin Byers 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 3. | Alderdice, J.M., House | Substantive Review for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Savage 9/24/86 |
| 4. | Berry, J.S., House | Entered in the National Register for Keeper | Melvin Byers 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 5. | Building at 441 East Main | Substantive Review for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Savage 9/24/86 |
| 6. | Building at 500-502 East Main | Entered in the National Register for Keeper | Melvin Byers 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |
| 7. | Bullard, T.J., House | Substantive Review for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Savage 9/24/86 |
| 8. | Central Presbyterian Church | for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/11/87 |
| | | Attest | Bruce J. Noble Jr. 9/11/87 |
| 9. | Chapman, Oscar H., House | Substantive Review for Keeper | Patrick Andrews 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Savage 9/24/86 |
| 10. | Cohn, Joe, House | Entered in the National Register for Keeper | Melvin Byers 9/24/86 |
| | | Attest | |

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Building at 441 East Main (Waxahachie MRA)
Ellis County
TEXAS

Substantive Review

AUG 11 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

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:

*Locally significant for historic associations
w/ development of 2 black
fraternal organizations and as
one of 2 surviving bldgs. remaining*

Recom./Criteria Accept A

Reviewer Savage

Discipline Architectural History

Date 9/24/86

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below *in the city's. once active*
 substantive reasons discussed below *black business center.*

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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- 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

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 Waxahachie, Texas"

Multiple-Resource Nomination;

Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas

Photo: Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc., 1985-86

Negative filed at the Texas Historical

Commission, Austin, Texas

Subject: Knights of Pythias Hall - Site No. 562
441 E. Main

Camera looking: northeast

Photo 31 of 104

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000856