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National Park Service**

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

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Site No. 108

NAME John W. Anderson House COUNTY Harris BLOCK 257  
 ADDRESS 711 Columbia CITY Houston LOT 10  
 UTM 268680/3297040  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER John W. Anderson DATE 1907 PERIOD 1900 -  
 OWNER Joellen Snow STYLE Vernacular, Shingle influence  
711 Columbia, Houston, TX 77007 THEME \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION One-story, frame dwelling faces east; rests on brick piers with hipped roof intersected at the north/southeast corners by gable creating an L-shaped plan; five-bay principal facade highlighted with 2-over-2 windows in first and second bays with wood panelled door (beveled glass window in upper portion) in third bay; these three bays are covered by a wooden porch with shed roof and supported by five turned columns; columns are connected by wooden balustrade with inverted V-shape railing and closely spaced square balusters; fourth and fifth bays marked by 2-over-2 windows; projecting

Building material: wall frame(cypress) roof composition

Physical condition excellent site: original X or moved \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations Sympathetic rear addition using compatible materials completed in 1986.

SIGNIFICANCE The Anderson House is an L-plan vernacular dwelling with some Shingle style influence. The conservative use of shingles in the northeast and southeast gables and band below the eaves around the house make it both more distinctive and decorative than most of the modest, middle-income houses common to the Heights. John M. Anderson and his wife, Ida Anderson, purchased Lots 9 and 10 from Oscar M. Carter, developer of the Heights in 1907. Mr. Anderson was a construction superintendent with the Street Building Company in Houston Heights and built the house himself in stages from lumber left over from other jobs. He and his family lived here for many years selling the property in

Area of significance architecture Level of significance local

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT USE residence

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS Middle of the east side of block of similar type houses; driveway located on the south side of the lot.

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre

BIBLIOGRAPHY Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps

RECORDED BY Joellen Snow INFORMANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE August 1987 PHOTO DATA 35mm b&w and slides (10), THC

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CONTINUATIONS:

Description cont.

closed gable eave with shingles highlighted by a recessed arch with shingles and decorative vent in the center are unusual features; repeated feature on south gable; decorative band of wooden shingles surrounds the house just below the eaves; one internal brick chimney; wood-sash, double-hung 2-over-2 windows used throughout the house.

Building material for wall cont.  
false bevel

Significance cont. 1958 to James E. McLeroy.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Houston Heights Multiple Resource Area  
State Harris County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

101. House at 122 East Fifth Street

Entered in the National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 5/14/84

Attest

102. DURHAM, JAY L., HOUSE  
~~House at 921 Heights Boulevard~~

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 1/15/88

Attest

103. House at 444 West 24th Street

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104. Keller House

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Melvyn Byers 5/14/84

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105. Wisnoski House

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Melvyn Byers 5/14/84

Attest

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Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

106. Anderson, John W., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 1/15/88

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107. Baring, Otto H., House

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108. Burlingame, George L., House

Substantive Review

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109. Clare, J.H., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Anderson, John W., House (Houston Heights  
MRA)  
Harris County  
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Substantive Review

Working No. DEC 2 1987  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89  
Date Due: 12/31/87 - 1/16/88  
Action:  ACCEPT 1-15-88  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*The Anderson House is locally significant as a vernacular L-Plan dwelling with some Shingle style influence.*

Recom./Criteria Accept - C  
Reviewer Noble  
Discipline Historian  
Date 1/15/88  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Historic Resources of Houston Heights  
Site No. 108, Anderson House, 711 Columbia  
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Photo by John Harrison, 1987, neg.  
with photographer, Houston, Texas.

Front facade; camera looking west

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000847