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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet Item number 4,7,8,10 Page 121

Site No. 121

NAME Forrest A. Nairn House COUNTY Harris BLOCK 200  
 ADDRESS 1148 Heights Boulevard CITY Houston LOT 24  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER Unknown UTM 268280/3297960  
 OWNER Snow & Whitworth, Attorneys at Law DATE 1924 PERIOD 1900 -  
1148 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008 STYLE Bungalow  
 THEME

DESCRIPTION One-story brick veneer house faces west; rests on brick piers with the perimeter being concrete grade beam; intersecting hip-on-gable roof forms basic rectangular plan; 3-bay principal facade has paired 1-over-1 windows in the first bay and triple 1-over-1 windows in the third; off-centered single front foot in second bay is solid wood and covered by front porch that is flanked by terraces; porch is supported by square brick columns with graduated caps and soldier course detail; square pedestals with extended brick trim & concrete caps set off the front corners of

Building material: wall brk veneer roof asbestos  
 Physical condition excellent site: original  or moved date  
 Alterations Rear garage is not contributing; rear kitchen was added in 1929.

SIGNIFICANCE The Nairn House is significant because it is one of the few such houses built in the Heights of brick during the early 20th century. The house stayed in the Nairn family for 61 years with the original plan almost perfectly intact.

Area of significance architecture Level of significance local  
 DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER  
 ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT USE professional office  
 RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS Located on the west side of a residential block in an almost all residential area. Driveway located on the south side of the lot.  
 ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre  
 BIBLIOGRAPHY Tal Rolls, Sanborn Maps  
 RECORDED BY Joellen Snow INFORMANT Dorothy Nairn Dinwiddie  
 DATE August 1987 PHOTO DATA 35mm/b/w & slides (6), THC  
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CONTINUATIONS:

Description cont.  
 the terraces; two squat hipped roof dormers highlight the roof with decorative vents enclosed; two end-wall chimneys(north and east facades); interior highlighted with craftsman built-in features.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Nairn, Forrest A., House (Houston Heights  
MRA)  
Harris County  
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Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 12/31/87 - 1/16/88

Action:  ACCEPT

RETURN 1-15-88

REJECT

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

~~Substantive Review~~  
Substantive Review

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Although the Nairn House appears to be an eligible property, the nomination does not clearly convey the basis upon which the property's significance rests. Because the property could be significant as a representative example of a "type, period, or method of construction" the issue of the relative commonality of Bungalows in Houston Heights is not terribly problematic. However, the nomination appears to indicate that the building is significant primarily because it is made of brick. Please*

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Noble

Discipline Historian

Date 1/15/88

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  substantive reasons discussed below *provide some additional information regarding the property's significance as a means of justifying architecture as an area of significance.*

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

*Please provide additional discussion to justify architecture as an area of significance. Also, identify additional significant features other than the property's brick construction style.*

**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 BRUCE NOBLE

Signed Sandra McClelland Date 1/12/88 Phone: 343-9544

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property: Forrest A. Nairn House

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historic name: N/A

other name/site number: Site No. 121

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2. Location

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street & number: 1148 Heights Boulevard

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Houston

vicinity: N/A

state: TX county: Harris

code: 201 zip code: 77008

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	Buildings
0	0	Sites
0	0	Structures
0	0	Objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Houston Heights

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria. N/A See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 30 Sept, 1991  
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property        meets        does not meet the National Register criteria.        See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Antoinette Place 11/12/91  
       See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register         
       See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

[Signature] Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic	Sub: single dwelling
Current : Commerce/Trade	Sub: professional

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements

Other Description: Bungalow

Materials: foundation	brick
roof	asphalt
walls	brick
other	N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1924

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet.

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Nairn House, Houston, Harris County, TX

The Forrest A. Nairn House is a 1-story red brick veneer house in a residential neighborhood. It faces west and has a driveway on the south side of the lot. The Nairn House rests on brick piers and has a concrete grade beam around the perimeter. An intersecting hip-on-gable roof covers a basic rectangular plan. The 3-bay principal facade has paired 1/1 windows in the first bay and triple 1/1 windows in the third. An off-center single front door is located in the second bay and is covered by a porch flanked by terraces. The second bay porch is supported by square brick columns with graduated caps and soldier course detail. Square pedestals with extended brick trim and concrete caps set off the front corners of the terraces. Two squat hipped roof dormers highlight the roof with decorative vents enclosed. The north and east facades have end-wall chimneys. The interior is highlighted with craftsman built-in features. The only modification to the original structure was made in 1929 when a rear kitchen was added. The kitchen is finished in red brick and is in keeping with the style of the house. The site includes a rear garage which is noncontributing due to alterations.

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Nairn House, Houston, Harris County, TX

The Forrest A. Nairn House is a brick bungalow built in 1924 at 1148 Heights Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas. It is typical of 1920s housing stock in the neighborhood and exhibits similarity in scale, overall detailing and setback to other housing types documented in Historic Resources of Houston Heights. It is nominated to the National Register at a local level of significance under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of the Bungalow style.

The Nairn House is one of the few brick veneer bungalows in the multiple resource area. It combines common bungalow features to create a unique building within the area. It has an atypical one bay porch flanked by terraces, two squat hipped dormers, and brick exterior. Though the Nairn House has some unique features, its character and scale is typical of 1920s bungalows in Houston Heights. The Nairn family lived here for 61 years. The original plan is only slightly modified by a 1929 kitchen addition. All interior finishes are intact and the house retains a high degree of integrity.



9. Major Bibliographical References

X See bibliography for associated historic context.

- Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>280</u>	B	<u>15</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>7960</u>
C	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	D	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

N/A See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:

Block 200, Lot 24

Boundary Justification:

Property includes area historically associated with 1148 Heights Boulevard

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Lisa J. Hart  
 Organization: Texas Historical Commission Date: 9-13-91  
 Street & Number: P.O. Box 12276 Telephone: 512/463-6094  
 City or Town: Austin State: TX ZIP: 78711

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Houston Heights MRA  
State Harris County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_

121. Roessler, Charles House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 1/15/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

122. Shoaf, John H., House *Substantive Review* Keeper Laura M. Cleveland 1/15/88

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

123. Carden, David A., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

124. Clanton, Moses A., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

125. Coombs, Charles E., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

126. Doughty, Lula J., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

127. Gerloff House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

128. House at 1222 Harvard St. *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

129. Jensen, James L., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

130. Lowry, Fayette C., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/19/90

131. McCollum, D. C., House *Substantive Review* Keeper Autawith Lee 7/19/90

132. Morris, Glenn W., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

133. Reed, Thomas B., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

134. Rogers, Ghent W., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper Melvin Byrum 7/17/90

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO COVER \_\_\_\_\_ Keeper Autawith Lee 7/13/90

*Substantive Review*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Nairn, Forrest A., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Houston Heights MRA

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Harris

DATE RECEIVED: 10/04/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/18/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 87002256

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 11/12/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Forrest A. Nairn House is significant as representative of the 1920s residential architecture in the Houston Heights Community, a one-time independent settlement annexed to Houston in 1918. Although embodying many typical features of a 1920s bungalow, it has several unique features, such as a brick veneer.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / C  
REVIEWER Antoinette J. Lee  
DISCIPLINE History  
DATE 11/12/91

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps      \_\_\_USGS maps      \_\_\_photographs      \_\_\_presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHIVAL



Historic Resources of Houston Heights  
Site No. 121, Nairn House, 1148 Heights Boulevard  
Houston, Harris County, Texas

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

Front facade; camera looking east

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Front facade  
Nairn House  
Harris Co. TX  
East Looking

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000847