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Site No. 126

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NATIONAL REGISTER

NAME	James L. Jensen House	COUNTY	Harris	BLOCK	258
ADDRESS	721 Arlington	CITY	Houston	LOT	8
		UTM	268560/3297060		
ARCHITECT/BUILDER	James L. Jensen	DATE	1914	PERIOD	1900-
OWNER	Patrick & Velesa V. Sullivan	STYLE	vernacular		
	721 Arlington, Houston, TX 77007	THEME			

DESCRIPTION 1 1/2-story, frame dwelling supported by pier and beam; hipped-roof with lateral gable and gabled dormer on south elevation; L-plan with 1-story, 3-bay porch on east (front) elevation, supported by Tuscan-style columns; porch extends from bay to southeast corner house; single-door primary entrance with transom is centered on east elevation; two windows are grouped to the left of the door and in the east face of the bay; first floor has wood 1/1 windows; gable end of projecting east bay has pent roof and is detailed with imbricated shingles; windows of gable end and dormer are flat-arched, Palladian-style with fixed lights.

Building material: wood frame, drop siding Roof: asphalt
Physical condition: good Site: original X moved date
Alterations: early addition (1920-22) of gable dormer on south
elevation: conversion of attic space to workroom

SIGNIFICANCE The James L. Jensen House is a good example of a 1-story working man's cottage with Queen Anne-style influences that dotted the Houston Heights after the turn-of-the-century. James L. Jensen, a carpenter by trade, contributed to the growth of Houston Heights. He was responsible not only for the construction of this residence, but eight additional dwellings were constructed by him from 1915 to 1939. He often purchased discarded railroad cars and used the parts to improve his rental property.

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 faces east; west side of residential block;
landscaped yard with large trees; driveway located on north side of lot
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre
BIBLIOGRAPHY Sanborn Maps; Deed Records

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DATE PHOTO DATA 35mm b&w and color
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Houston Heights MRA
State Harris County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

-120. Nairn, Forest A., House

Keeper

11/12/91

Attest

121. Roessler, Charles House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

Attest

-122. Shoaf, John H., House

Keeper

Linda M. Chelland 7/17/90

Attest

123. Carden, David A., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

124. Clanton, Moses A., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

125. Coombs, Charles E., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

126. Doughty, Lula J., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

127. Gerloff House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

128. House at 1222 Harvard St.

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

129. Jensen, James L., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

130. Lowry, Fayette C., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/19/90

131. McCollum, D. C., House

Keeper

Autumn G. Lee 7/19/90

132. Morris, Glenn W., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

133. Reed, Thomas B., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

134. Rogers, Ghent W., House

Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO COVER

Keeper

Autumn G. Lee 7/13/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Jensen, James L., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Houston Heights MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Harris

DATE RECEIVED: 6/04/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/19/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/05/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/19/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001039

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 7/17/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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 _____



HOUSTON HEIGHTS MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA

James L JENSEN House (#126)

721 ARLINGTON

HOUSTON HARRIS COUNTY TX

PHOTO PAT SULLIVAN MARCH 1988

FRONT FACADE & SIDE

CAMERA FACING NORTH WEST

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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