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INVENTORY — NOMINATION FORM

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Site No. 128

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NAME Charles E. Coombs House COUNTY Harris BLOCK 220
ADDRESS 1037 Columbia CITY Houston LOT 4
UTM 268660/3297720
ARCHITECT/BUILDER Charles H. Tefft b. DATE 1909 PERIOD 1900-
OWNER Ted J. and Catherine C. Davis STYLE vernacular/Queen Anne influence
1037 Columbia, Houston, TX 77008 THEME

DESCRIPTION 1-story, frame dwelling; modified L-plan with a pier and beam foundation; double hipped-roof with gable over ell on east elevation; 4-bay porch extends from ell and wraps around the south elevation; porch roof is supported by slender Tuscan-style columns; one primary and two secondary single-door entrances are located on the porch; wood 1/1 windows; gabled ell with canted bay on east elevation is detailed by pent roof and wide frieze board; highlighting the east elevation of the bay is a wood-sash window with fixed upper sash divided into multiple diamond-shaped panes; jigsaw brackets further accent the bay.

Building material: wood frame, clapboard Roof: asphalt
Physical condition: good Site: original X moved date

Alterations: screened-in-porch enclosed prior to 1925; secondary front entrance added during WWII; modern, frame garage is Non-contributing

SIGNIFICANCE The Charles E. Coombs House is a good example of a Queen Anne influenced cottage built in the Houston Heights at the turn of the century. The detailing and prominent canted bay make a unique statement for this type of dwelling in the neighborhood. Charles E. Coombs, a tank wagon driver for Waters Pierce Oil Company, commissioned the construction of this house and the Coombs family occupied the house for almost 70 years.

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; driveway located on north side of lot.

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre
BIBLIOGRAPHY Sanborn Maps; Tax Rolls

RECORDED BY Catherine C. Davis
DATE

INFORMANT
PHOTO DATA 35mm b&w and color
slides, THC 151 of 159

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Houston Heights MRA
State Harris County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review _____ Date/Signature _____

- 120. Nairn, Forest A., House *Substantive Review* Keeper 11/12/91 S
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: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Coombs, Charles E., 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: 90001041

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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HOUSTON HEIGHTS MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA

CHARLES E. COOMBS HOUSE (SITE #128)

1037 COLUMBIA

HOUSTON, HARRIS CO., TEXAS

C.C. DAVIS, 1988

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST

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

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