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Site No. 134

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NAME Gerloff House  
ADDRESS 221 East 12th Avenue  
  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER  
OWNER T. Hill & Carol E. Adams  
221 East 12th Avenue, Houston, TX  
77008

COUNTY Harris  
CITY Houston  
UTM 268400/3298040  
DATE 1912/1922  
STYLE bungalow  
THEME  
  
BLOCK 188  
LOT W. 50'  
of 11 & 12  
PERIOD 1900-

DESCRIPTION 1 1/2-story frame dwelling; modified L-plan; pier and beam foundation; 1922 gabled roof (originally hipped) with gabled dormers on east and west elevations; inset porch on southeast corner supported by three box-columns with square-wood balusters; single-door primary entrance on south elevation opens onto the porch; single wood 1/1 windows placed at intervals in porch; two windows of the same type are symmetrically placed to left of porch on south elevation; single-door entrance on north (rear) elevation covered by gabled canopy supported by timber brackets; front (south) gable is closed by pent roof and rear gable is open; both gables contain triple wood 1/1 windows (added in 1922 remodeling).

Building material: wood frame, drop siding Roof: asphalt  
Physical condition: excellent Site: original X moved date  
Alterations: north (rear) side extended by ten feet in 1922;  
original hipped roof with hipped dormers on north and south side of  
roof removed; replaced with gabled roof and gabled dormers to  
accommodate the addition and add uniformity to the front and rear  
of the house.

SIGNIFICANCE The Gerloff House is a unique example in Houston Heights of a 1 1/2-story closed gable suburban cottage with bungalow influence. Due to the 1922 enlargement and accompanying alterations, it is an individual statement of a bungalow influenced dwelling in the area.

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 south; north side of residential  
block; landscaped yard with two mature oak tree; drive-way located on east  
side of lot; original garage is Non-contributing.  
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre  
BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records; Tax Rolls

RECORDED BY Carol E. Adams  
DATE

INFORMANT  
PHOTO DATA 35mm b&w and color  
slides, THC 157 of 159



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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

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 7/15/90

Attest

-122. Shoaf, John H., House

Keeper

Linda M. Cleveland 7/15/90

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

Autawilla Ghee 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

Autawilla Ghee 7/13/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gerloff 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: 90001047

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



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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

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

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

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

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

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

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





HOUSTON HEIGHTS MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
GERLOFF HOUSE (SITE # 134)

221 EAST 12TH AVENUE  
HOUSTON, HARRIS CO., TEXAS  
CAROL ADAMS, 1987

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
CAMERA FACING NORTHWEST



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000847