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Site No. 135

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NAME	David A. Carden House	COUNTY	Harris	BLOCK	127
ADDRESS	718 West 17th Avenue	CITY	Houston	LOT	8 & 9
		UTM	267000/3298900		
ARCHITECT/BUILDER	David A. Carden b.	DATE	ca. 1918	PERIOD	1900-
OWNER	Ellic D. Edelson/Daniel L. Tucker	STYLE	bungalow		
	718 West 17th Avenue, Houston, TX 77008	THEME			

DESCRIPTION 1 1/2-story frame dwelling; rectangular floor plan; pier and beam foundation; piers are cast concrete blocks with split-faced quarry appearance; hipped roof with hipped dormers; wide eave overhang with exposed rafters; wood 1/1 windows; full facade 1-story 3-bay inset porch on north elevation; porch supported by tapered box-columns resting on stuccoed piers; turned-wood balustrade and spindled frieze decorate the porch; single-door primary entrance, left of porch center is flanked by single window on the left and paired windows on the right; large, hipped dormers, containing paired windows, on all four slopes of the roof form a cross pattern. Front door has recently (1990) been replaced by a modern paneled unit and fabricated-metal screen outer door.

Building material: wood frame, drop siding      Roof: asbestos  
Physical condition: excellent      Site: original X moved      date  
Alterations: sympathetic rear addition in 1980s, using original  
windows and identical siding.

SIGNIFICANCE The David A. Carden House is an excellent and unique example of an owner-built bungalow in the Houston Heights. Although following certain traditional patterns found in similar designs (ie. hipped roof, dormers, and wide eaves) Mr. Carden borrowed an element from the Victorian styles: the spindled frieze placed along the perimeter of the porch. Echoing this element are the turned-wood balusters. Both assist in making this house a unique statement of owner/builder individuality 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 dwelling faces north; south side of residential block; landscaped yard with mature trees; drive-way located on east side of lot  
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre  
BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records; Sanborn Maps

RECORDED BY Ellic Edelson/Daniel Tucker INFORMANT Mrs J.M. Carden (Blanche)  
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 7/17/88

Attest

-122. Shoaf, John H., House

Keeper

Linda M. Cleveland 7/17/88

Attest

123. Carden, David A., House

Entered in the  
National Register  
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Keeper

Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

124. Clanton, Moses A., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

125. Coombs, Charles E., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

126. Doughty, Lula J., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

127. Gerloff House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

128. House at 1222 Harvard St.

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

129. Jensen, James L., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

130. Lowry, Fayette C., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/19/90

131. McCollum, D. C., House

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National Register

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Autumn Ghee 7/19/90

132. Morris, Glenn W., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

133. Reed, Thomas B., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

134. Rogers, Ghent W., House

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Melvyn Byrum 7/17/90

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO COVER

Keeper

Autumn 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 Carden, David A., 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: 90001048

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

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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  
DAVID A. CARDEN HOUSE (SITE # 135)  
718 WEST 17TH AVENUE  
HOUSTON, HARRIS CO., TEXAS  
ELLIC D. EDELSON  
NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

North Elevation  
Camera Facing Southwest  
Photo 2 of 2

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

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