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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Page-Gilbert House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 3913 Avenue G

city/town: Austin

state: TX County: Travis

code: 453

zip code: 78751

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

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

Name of related multiple property listing:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF HYDE PARK, AUSTIN, TEXAS

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. See continuation sheet.

Curtis J. Jurell
Signature of certifying official

27 June 1990
Date

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

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

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determined eligible for the
National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

JH
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: single dwelling

Current: Domestic Sub: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Queen Anne

Materials:	foundation	brick
	walls	brick
	roof	wood - shingles
	other	metal

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: 1893

Significant Dates: 1893

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Page, Christopher H. (designer)
Sutor, William John (contractor)

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

See continuation sheet.

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The Page-Gilbert House stands at the southeast corner of Avenue G and East 40th Street. Constructed in 1893, the 2-story brick house remains in good condition despite a moderate level of alterations.

An unusual example of Victorian-era design, the house displays elements typically associated with the Queen Anne style. Generally rectangular in plan, the 2-story structure features load-bearing brick walls capped by a gable roof. The most distinctive feature is a 2-tier, 1-bay porch at the southwest corner that takes the form of a corner tower capped with a steeply pitched pyramidal roof. Turned-wood columns and a balustrade of geometrically patterned components enliven the porch. Fenestration includes segmentally arched windows with 2/2 lights with vertical divided by vertical muntins and a single-door main entrance surmounted by a segmentally arched transom. A pair of windows on the lower floor of the primary (west) facade features brick hoodmolds and stone sills. A panelled cornice just below the eaves provides the transition to the gable roof, which is sheathed in standing-seam metal. The gable end features a pent roof and imbricated shingles. The 2-story tower with its steeply pitched pyramidal roof is set within a recessed bay at the southwest corner of the building. Additions of 1 and 2 stories have been built onto the rear (east) elevation. Because of their placement at the rear of the building, these alterations do not have a strong impact on the dwelling's overall historic character and integrity.

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The Page-Gilbert House is an unusual example of a vernacular dwelling enlivened with design elements from the Queen Anne style. Built in 1893 by Christopher H. Page with the assistance of William John Sutor, it is believed to have been the only brick residence in Hyde Park at that time. As one of only two such residences in the original Hyde Park subdivision, the house reflects requirements by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Land Company that significant improvements be made to property purchased in the new development (see also 3913 Avenue C). It is the only residence remaining in Austin known to have been occupied by Page, one of 17 major subcontractors on the construction of the State Capitol building in 1887-1888. It is therefore being nominated for its local architectural significance under Criterion C.

A native of England and immigrant to Texas by way of Missouri, Christopher H. Page came to Austin in the early 1880s to work as a stonemason and contractor on the new State Capitol (City of Austin. Historic Landmark Inventory File C14h-78-040). According to records of the Capitol Building Commission, he eventually was designated the subcontractor in charge of pointers, washers and other laborers working on the installation of stone (Records of the Capitol Building Commission 1887-1888).

Following completion of the Capitol, Page purchased lots 1-2 in Block 37 of the Hyde Park Addition (later resubdivided into lot 28 of the Shadow Lawn Addition), agreeing to erect a brick residence worth a minimum of \$2000 (DR 105:397). Page evidently executed the design and brick work himself, hiring Sutor, whose father had been a skilled German cabinetmaker, to supply the woodwork and other items. Page's contract with Sutor specifically called for the construction of sashes, blinds, casings, doors, a stairway, baseboards, moldings, two tile hearths, mantles, bathroom fixtures and furnishings, plumbing fixtures, scullery, sink and fixtures, front and back porches, plumbing for the yard and barn, and barn and outbuildings for a total consideration of \$407 (Mechanics' Liens 90:432).

The Pages lived in Hyde Park until 1896 when C.H. Page conveyed the property to his son Charles Henry Page, Jr., who was to become a prominent local architect in the 20th century (DR 134:326). C.H. Page, Jr. reconveyed the house to the Texas Loan & Trust Co. of Hays County (DR 133:563), who in turn sold it to G.L. Brinkman. The property continued to change ownership frequently during the late 1890s (DR 138:277; 141:182) until its acquisition in 1898 by Mrs. Clara Border. She lived in the house until 1933, whereupon it was

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purchased by John F. Gilbert, a real estate agent and member of the Austin Real Estate Board (Austin American, September 23, 1948:1; DR 496:152). The house underwent extensive interior remodeling before his family sold the property to current owners Gary P. and Wanda Penn in 1977 (Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour 1980:17; 1984:11). The house was zoned historic by the City of Austin in 1978. Changes to the interior and rear do not intrude on the streetside elevation on Avenue G.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See bibliography for associated historic context.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _ 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:

- x 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	14	622160	3352720	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

North 50 ft of Lot 28, north 28 ft of the west 6 ft of Lot 27, Shadow Lawn Addition.

Boundary Justification:

Boundaries are those historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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Hyde Park MPS Travis County, TEXAS

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| 4. Hildreth-Flanagan-Heierman House | 8/10/90 |
| 5. Hyde Park Historic District <u>Substantiva Review</u> | 8/10/90 |
| 6. Hyde Park Presbyterian Church | 8/16/90 |
| 7. Ledbetter, Charles P., House | 8/10/90 |
| 8. Mansbendel, Peter and Clotilde Shipe, House <u>Substantiva Review</u> | 8/16/90 |
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| 10. Oliphant--Walker House <u>Substantiva Review</u> | 8/16/90 |
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| 12. Parker, James F. and Susie R., House | 8/16/90 |
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| 14. Sears, Rev. Henry M. and Jennie, House | 8/10/90 |
| 15. Shadow Lawn Historic District | 8/16/90 |
| 16. Smith--Marcuse--Lowry House | 8/10/90 |
| 17. Williams, W. T. and Clotilde V., House | 8/16/90 |
| 18. McCauley, Robert H. and Edith Ethel, House | 8/16/90 |
| 19. Robbins, Alice H., House | 8/10/90 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Page--Gilbert House

MULTIPLE NAME: Hyde Park MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Travis

DATE RECEIVED: 7/05/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/17/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/19/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001186

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 8/16/90 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



PAGE - GILBERT HOUSE
3913 AVENUE G
AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO., TEXAS

DANIEL HARDY
MARCH 4, 1987

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Austin, Tx

View: facing northeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500640