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**United States Department of the Interior  
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**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Sanders, William Edward, House  
other names/site number: Site No. 7

**2. Location**

street & number: Railroad Street  
city, town: Burton  
state: Texas code: TX county: Washington code: 477  
n/a not for publication  
n/a vicinity  
zip code: 77835

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	5	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	0	0
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	0	0
		5	0
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0  
Burton, Texas

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] April 30, 1991  
Signature of certifying official Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer, 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.

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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.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)

Entered in the  
National Register  
[Signature] 6/11/91  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action



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**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions):

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions):Other: L-plan  
Queen Anne

Material (enter categories from instructions):

foundation: Wood: weatherboard

walls: Wood: weatherboard

roof: Asbestos Shingle

other:

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[ X ] See continuation sheet

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

[ ] nationally [ ] statewide [X] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria [ ]A [ ]B [X]C [ ]D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) [ ]A [ ]B [ ]C [ ]D [ ]E [ ]F [ ]G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Period of Significance:

c.1890

Significant Dates:

c.1890

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Significant Person:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

Unknown

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

[ X ] See continuation sheet



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The William Edward Sanders House is the centerpiece of a farm complex in the southwestern portion of Burton on more than two acres of land. The main house is an L-plan vernacular residence with a rear ell addition. Modest allusions to the Queen Anne style tie it to building traditions typical of Burton in the late 19th century.

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A vernacular L-plan house with Queen Anne detailing, the Sanders House features a 1-bay porch with slender turned-wood columns and jigsaw brackets supporting a shed roof. Walls are clad in weatherboard siding and feature 2/2 wood sash windows. The composition is capped by a roof with intersecting gables and deeply kicked eaves. Alterations to the dwelling include loss of some historic fabric on the front porch and partial enclosure of the rear porch. Enclosed for use as a bathroom, this alteration is not visible from the street. Wood flooring on the front porch exhibits minor deterioration and little paint remains on the house. For its age, however, the house is in good condition and exhibits unusually good exterior integrity.

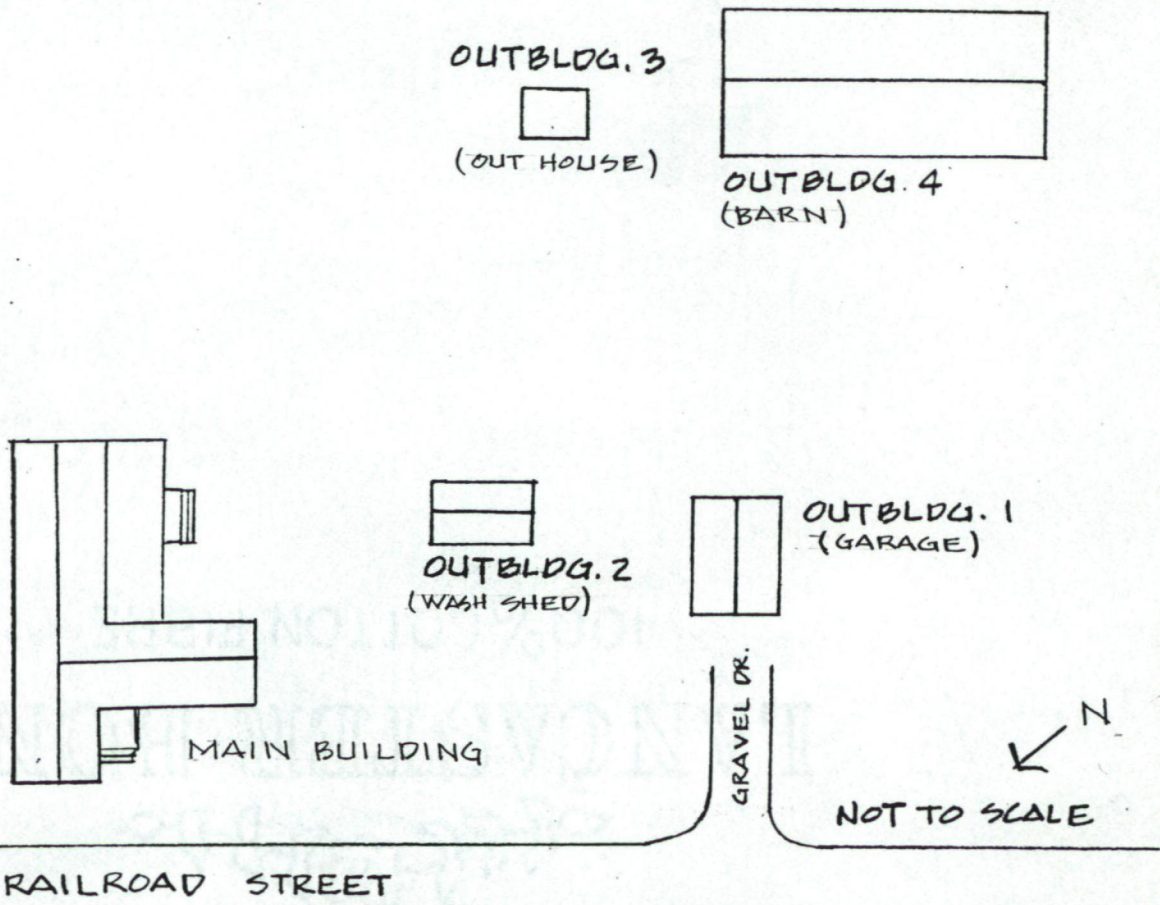
Southwest of the Highway 290 overpass, the Sanders House is situated on 2.265 acres along Railroad Street at the western edge of town. The farm complex features the main house and four Contributing outbuildings, including an unidentified building that may have served as a wash house, a barn, an outhouse, and a one-car garage. The home and two of the outbuildings are located close to the street, while the remaining outbuildings are somewhat deeper on the lot. Numerous pecan trees shade the side yard as well as the pasture behind the house. A mature mimosa tree with heavy, drooping canopy is adjacent to the house in the southeast yard.



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WILLIAM E. SANDERS HOUSE



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Significant under Criterion C, the William Edward Sanders House is a noteworthy local example of the vernacular subtype of residential properties. The primary component of a farm complex that includes a variety of historic outbuildings, the L-plan dwelling is significantly associated with the historic context "Burton: a Trade, Transportation, and Processing Focus of Western, Agrarian Washington County."

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As one of the town's most intact examples of vernacular L-plan residences, the William Edward Sanders House represents a disappearing property type in Burton today. Although few still exist, such dwellings held common appeal for both prominent and middle class residents of Burton by 1910. Historic photographs indicate that the Sanders House was distinguished even among the larger number of such houses that existed about the turn of the century. Notably harmonious proportions and simple but graceful detailing, including corner pilasters, curvilinear jigsaw brackets, and elegant turned columns, enhance the design of the building. Despite some alterations and loss of historic porch, the house retains a sufficient level of its historic integrity to be recognizable to its period of significance.

The house achieves further significance as one of the few intact examples in Burton of the farm complex subtype of residential properties. On the edge of town along Railroad Street, this farm complex retains 2.265 acres of its original (1890s) land. The primary dwelling is extant, as are four Contributing outbuildings designed to service the needs of agricultural life. Complementing those elements is the mature vegetation around the house. Although the Sanders House does not retain all of its original pasturelands, its rural setting has not been compromised.

Generally situated on platted outlots, farm complexes occurred far less frequently in Burton than the domestic dwelling located nearer the center of town. Embodying the dual nature of Burton's existence as both urban and rural, the typical farm complex accommodated an owner who generally pursued an occupation in the town, as well as gardens and livestock pasturage. Built about 1890, this house served as the longtime residence of William Edward Sanders, an employee of both the railroad and the Wendt Gin. This longtime association with the property and retention of original acreage suggests the possibility of further study to determine if the property is eligible for listing under Criterion D.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

See Bibliography of Context Statement.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A  
 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:  
 State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Specify repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property: 2.265 acres

UTM References:

A 1/4 / / 731/960/ 334 / 0600  
Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

D / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description: A0016 Borden, Thos. H., Tract 44

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification: Boundaries are those historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

(with Bruce Jensen, Architectural

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Burton MPS Washington County, TEXAS

		Date Listed
COVER	Substantive Review	6/11/91
1. Burton Commercial Historic District	Substantive Review	6/11/91
2. Burton Farmers Gin	Substantive Review	6/11/91
3. Burton High School	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
4. Hodge Drugstore	Substantive Review	6/11/91
5. Kneip--Bredthauer House	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
6. Laas, Dr. Charles, House	Substantive Review	6/11/91
7. Neumann, William, House	Substantive Review	6/18/91
8. Nienstedt, Herbert, House	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
9. Nienstedt, William, House	Substantive Review	6/11/91
10. Sanders, William Edward, House	Entered in the National Register	6/11/91
11. Wehring Shoe Shop and Residence	Substantive Review	6/11/91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Sanders, William Edward, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Burton MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 5/06/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/22/91  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/07/91 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/20/91  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91000716

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 6/9/91 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  
 UTM's       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 \_\_\_\_\_







WILLIAM E. SANDERS HOUSE (SITE #7)

BURTON, TEXAS

JULIE STRONG

JULY 1989

NEGATIVE ON FILE - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING SOUTH

Washington Co

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500629