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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

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1. *Name of Property*

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Historic Name: Woodmen of the World Building

Other Name/Site Number: Site No. 176

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2. *Location*

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Street & Number: 412 E. Main *St.*

Not for Publication: N/A

City/Town: Nacogdoches

State: TX County: Nacogdoches

Code: 347

Zip Code: 75961

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3. *Classification*

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	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 Nacogdoches, 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 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.

Carter Turnell
Signature of certifying official

30 Dec. 1991
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.

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.

Delaney Jones

2/14/92

___ determined eligible for the
National Register

___ See continuation sheet.

___ determined not eligible for the
National Register

___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Social

Sub: Meeting Hall

Commerce/Trade

Business

Current : Commerce/Trade

Sub: Business

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

OTHER: Two-Part Commercial Block

Other Description: N/A

Materials:	foundation	Brick
	walls	Brick
	roof	Asphalt
	other	N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

 X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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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: ca. 1923

Significant Dates: ca. 1923

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Moore Construction Company

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 Woodman of the World (W.O.W.) Building is a 3-story brick commercial building that is classified as a two-part commercial block. Like most structures in downtown Nacogdoches, it utilizes a rectangular plan and has load-bearing masonry construction with brick exterior walls. The building is distinguished by its massive scale, which is accentuated by the small 1-story structures that adjoin it to the east and west, and its strong vertical expression. It occupies two lots on the south side of the 400 block of W. Main Street.

The two-part commercial block is a subtype of commercial building which is identified by two distinct zones on the facade and the W.O.W. Building is a good example of this popular form. The front, which faces north onto W. Main Street, has a darker, more expensive brick than that used on the other walls. Such a practice was common during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The ground floor has a central, single-door entrance that apparently leads to a stairwell. The storefronts on either side of the central bay have large display windows and off-center single-door entrances. A band of fixed-light transoms with vertical muntins extends above the display windows and doors. The upper section of the two-part commercial block, which includes both the second and third floors, has slightly projecting piers at the center and at each corner. The windows, in contrast to the large display windows on the ground floor, are double hung with 3/1 or 4/1 lights and vertical muntins that subtly reinforce the structure's verticality. Exceptions are the stairwell windows which have either single panes or sashes with a simple geometric design. The parapet displays a variety of finely crafted masonry work including slightly inset panels with T-shaped projecting motifs. A stepped three-part parapet crowns the central bay while similar but smaller parapets rise above the end bays.

The structure occupies property to the south which gives the building extra floor space to the rear. Few physical changes apparently have taken place, and the building retains much of its integrity and character. The structure is in good condition.

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The Woodmen of the World building at 412 E. Main was erected about 1923, and is an outstanding and remarkably well-preserved example of a commercial building in Nacogdoches. It is nominated to the National Register under Criterion C for its architectural merits because it retains its integrity to a noteworthy degree and it is an outstanding local example of early 20th century commercial architecture. The building was built when Nacogdoches' downtown expanded outward from the square along E. Main Street and, therefore, is associated with the *Community Planning and Development in Nacogdoches: 1830-1940*.

An outgrowth of the city's rapid expansion during the late 19th and early 20th centuries resulted in the formation of a variety of social and fraternal organizations. The local chapter of the Woodmen of the World, which was organized in 1908, is representative of this trend. By 1919 its members decided to erect their own lodge and they chose a downtown location to be near the center of public and commercial activity. In 1921 members organized a Building Committee to secure the funds for the new lodge and they voted to proceed at the earliest practical time to draw up the necessary plans and specifications for its construction. By September 1922, the Building Committee had raised over \$20,000 for the construction of a 3-story brick building and soon began construction. They hired Moore Construction Company to erect the structure at a cost of \$15,656.00 and contracted with R. W. Parrish to provide the woodwork for \$10,000 (Nacogdoches County Deed Records 105:537). The third floor was used exclusively for lodge purposes, while the first and second floors were leased to various businesses. The leased spaces were possibly seen as a way to provide income to cover lodge expenses. The Woodmen of the World continued to meet at this site until 1975 when a new lodge was built on the eastern side of the city limits.

The 3-story structure, one of the largest in the downtown, is a prominent local landmark. The architecture of the W.O.W. building is most noted for its strong vertical expression. This is established by the use of 3-story piers on each corner and in the center bay that rise to a stepped parapet, and the vertical muntins found on all windows. The scale of the W.O.W. building is further highlighted by the 1-story surrounding commercial buildings. An awning suspended above the vertical transoms (now removed) probably served to maintain a horizontal streetscape for the pedestrian. Unlike most buildings nearby, it remains virtually unaltered and is among the most outstanding examples of early 20th-century commercial architecture in Nacogdoches.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Historic Context List of References.

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: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	15	343120	3497360	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description:

Addition: Original Town
 Block: 16
 Lot: 5

Boundary Justification:

Property includes area historically associated with building being nominated.

11. Form Prepared By

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92000014	Blount, Eugene H., House	2/14/92
92000008	Cotton Exchange Building, Old	2/14/92
92000009	Davidson, Maria A., Apartments	2/14/92
92000010	Hayter Office Building	2/14/92
92000015	Hoya Land Office Building	2/14/92
92000007	Jones, Roland, House <u>Substantive Review</u>	2/14/92
92000011	Post Office Building, Old <u>Substantive Review</u>	2/14/92
92000016	Roberts Building	2/14/92
92000013	Southern Pacific Railroad Depot	2/14/92
92000017	Sterne--Hoya Historic District	2/14/92
92000018	Virginia Avenue Historic District	2/14/92
92000019	Washington Square Historic District <u>Substantive Review</u>	2/14/92
92000012	Woodmen of the World Building	2/14/92

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Woodmen of the World Building

MULTIPLE NAME: Nacogdoches MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Nacogdoches

DATE RECEIVED: 1/06/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/21/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/06/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/20/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000012

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 2/14/92 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 _____



WOODMEN OF THE WORLD BLDG.
NACOGDOCHES CO., TEXAS
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500647