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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Wofford-Finney House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 202 East Prairie St. N/A not for publication

city or town Cuero N/A vicinity

state Texas code TX county DeWitt code 123 zip code 77954

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Curtis J. Russell 30 March 1992
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

for Signature of the Keeper Entered in the Date of Action
Guymon S. Sapsley National Register 8/14/92

Wofford-Finney House
Name of Property

DeWitt County, Texas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Cuero

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls aluminum

roof asphalt

other wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets 7-1 and 7-2.

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Continuation Sheet

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Wofford-Finney House
Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas

Description:

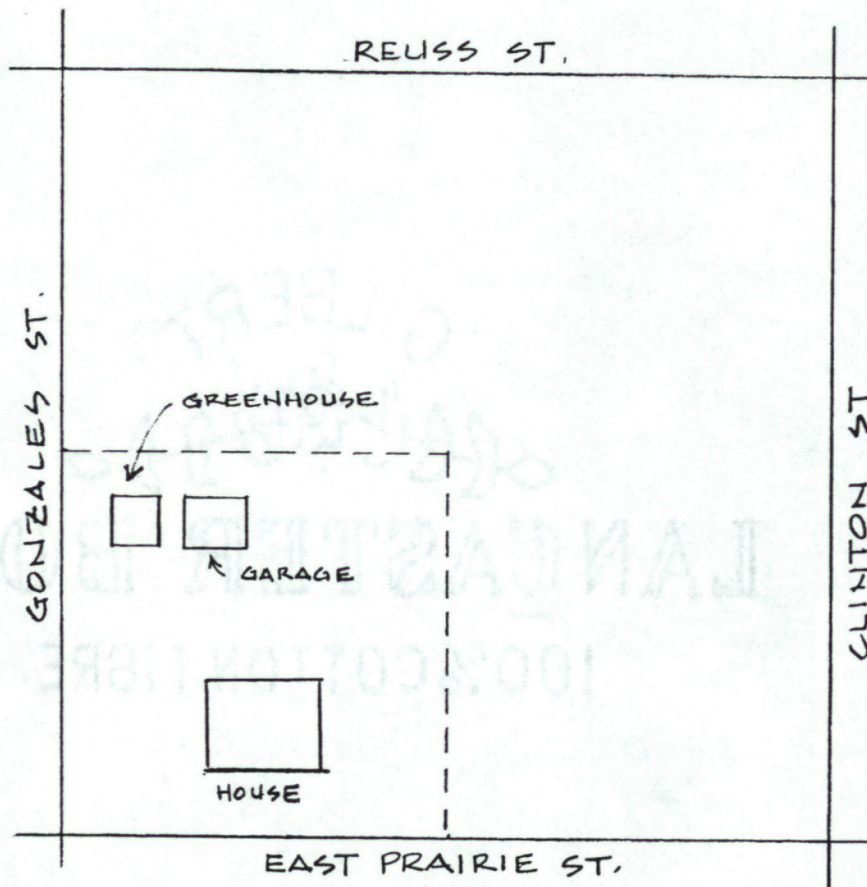
The c. 1891 Wofford-Finney House is a 2 1/2-story, frame Queen Anne style house with a modified L-plan and a hipped roof with intersecting gables. Built on brick piers, the exterior walls were weatherboard (but are now covered with aluminum siding), and the roof has composition shingles. A 6-bay, 2-story wraparound porch with a shed roof dominates the south and east elevations. The porch is supported by chamfered wood posts decorated with molded caps, and jigsaw brackets and balustrade. On a corner in a residential area north of Cuero's central business district, the house faces south onto East Prairie. Two outbuildings, a garage and a greenhouse, are behind the main house (see Continuation Sheet 7-2). The building is in good condition and retains its integrity of location, design, workmanship, setting, feeling, and association.

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Wofford-Finney House
Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas



WOFFORD-FINNEY HOUSE
CUERO, DEWITT CO., TEXAS

NOT TO SCALE



8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1891

Significant Dates

1891

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Slonecki, S.V.

Narrative Statement of Significance See Continuation Sheet 8-3.
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See Continuation Sheet 9-4.

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX

Wofford-Finney House
Name of Property

DeWitt County, Texas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	14	666780	3219720
Zone	Easting	North	ing
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	North	ing
4			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet 10-4.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet 10-4.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Hardy-Heck-Moore (assisted by Amy E. Dase, Historian, THC)

organization _____ date July, 1986; Feb., 1992

street & number 2112 Rio Grande telephone 512/478-8014

city or town Austin state TX zip code 78705

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name J.B. McAlister

street & number P.O. Box 619 telephone N/A

city or town Cuero state TX zip code 77954

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Wofford-Finney House
Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Wofford-Finney House is a well crafted local example of Queen Anne architecture, eligible for the National Register under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Tax records indicate that S.V. Slonecki built the house about 1891 for James R. Wofford. Fetus Farnsworth purchased the building in 1904 and sold it five years later to W.D. Finney, a prominent local physician. The property stayed in the Finney family until 1974 when the present owners bought it.

As one of Cuero's best preserved 19th century houses, this residence employs a common form (L-plan) and features Queen Anne detailing. Particularly noteworthy are the chamfered supports on the porch and the ornate jigsawn woodwork. The building is sheathed in aluminum siding, which detracts from the integrity of the building. However, this siding matches the width and scale of the original boards and the remaining wood architectural elements remain intact. The overall architectural and historical integrity of the house remains relatively unimpaired and the building still conveys its historic appearance.

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Wofford-Finney House
Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas

Bibliography:

County tax rolls
Sanborn maps

Also, see bibliography for associated multiple resource nomination,
Historic Resources of Cuero

Verbal Boundary Description:

Cuero Original Townsite, Block 46, 150' by 172.5 portion of the southwest corner.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the area that has been historically associated with the property and that retains its historic and architectural integrity.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Wofford--Finney House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Cuero MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, De Witt

DATE RECEIVED: 7/01/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/17/92
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/15/92

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000984

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

Entered in the
National Register

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 8/14/92 DATE

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

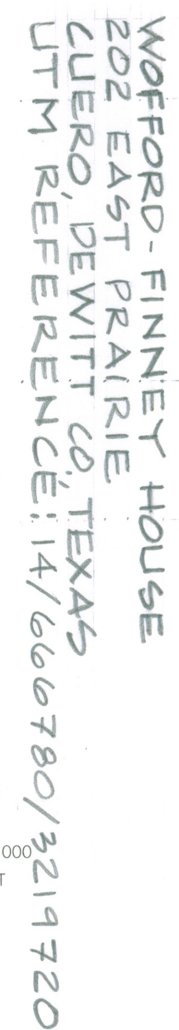
_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



WOFFORD-FINNEY HOUSE
202 EAST PRAIRIE
CUERO, DEWITT CO., TEXAS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY DAVID MOORE
JANUARY 1986
NEGATIVE WITH TEX. HIST. COMMISSION
SOUTHEAST OBLIQUE, CAMERA
FACING NORTHEAST

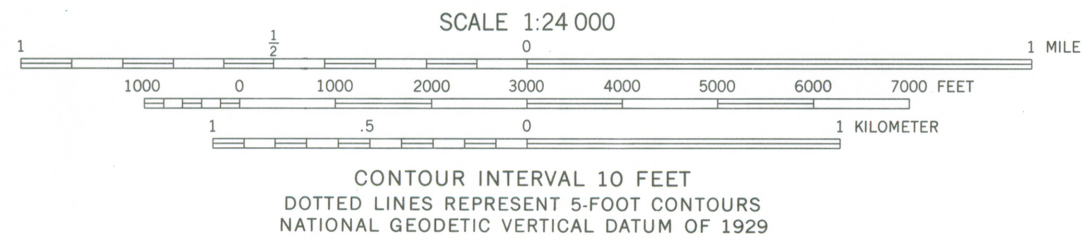
PHOTOGRAPH 1 of 1



To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 22 meters south and
26 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks

UTM GRID AND 1987 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST





QUADRANGLE LOCATION
2997-121

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from aerial photographs taken 1981 and other source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1987

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty Light-duty

Unimproved dirt 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000

 U.S. Route  State Route

CUERO, TEX.
29097-A3-TF-024

1960
PHOTOREVISED 1987
DMA 6542 III SE—SERIES V882

DATE THU, JUL 9, 1992, 3:32 PM Page: 24
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY REPORT
REFERENCE No.: 92000984 Control No.: 920709/NVM

PROPERTY NAME: Wofford--Finney House

OTHER NAME/ NOT APPLICABLE
SITE No. :

MULTIPLE NAME: Cuero MRA

ADDRESS/ 202 E. Prairie St.
BOUNDARY :

CITY: Cuero

COUNTY: De Witt

STATE: TEXAS

Restricted Location Information: Owner: PRIVATE Resource Type: BUILDING

	Contributing	Noncontributing
Buildings	3	0
Sites	0	0
Structures	0	0
Objects	0	0

Nomination/Determination Type: MULTIPLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT

Nominator Name:
NOT APPLICABLE

Federal NOT APPLICABLE
Agency:

NPS Park Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Certification: DATE RECEIVED/PENDING NOMINATION

Date: 07/01/92

Other NOT APPLICABLE
Certification:

Historic DOMESTIC
Functions: AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

Historic SINGLE DWELLING
Subfunctions: SECONDARY STRUCTURE
HORTICULTURE FACILITY

Current DOMESTIC
Functions: AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

Current SINGLE DWELLING
Subfunctions: SECONDARY STRUCTURE
HORTICULTURE FACILITY

Level of LOCAL Applicable Criteria: ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING
Significance:

Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: NOT APPLICABLE

Area of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Periods of: 1875-1899

Circa: Specific Sig. Years:

Significance:

1891

Architect/Builder/Engineer/
Designer:

Cultural Affiliation:

Slonecki, S.V.

NOT APPLICABLE

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

HAER No. N/A

Architectural QUEEN ANNE
Styles:

Describe Other Style: NOT APPLICABLE

Foundation Materials: BRICK
Wall Materials: ALUMINUM
Roof Materials: ASPHALT
Other Materials: WOOD

Acreage: 0.9

UTM	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Coordinates: 14 / 6 66 780 / 32 19 720

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