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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Gifford, George C. and Annie, House

Other name/site number: Site No. 296

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 615 West Caney

Not for publication: N/A

City/town: Wharton

State: TX *County:* Wharton

Code: 481 *Zip Code:* 77488

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property: *Contributing* *Noncontributing*

<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<i>buildings</i>
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<i>sites</i>
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<i>structures</i>
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<i>objects</i>
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	<i>Total</i>

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources of Wharton, Wharton County, 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.

Laurie J. Russell
Signature of certifying official

27 Jan. 1993
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.

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3/18/93

 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

Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: OTHER: L-plan House

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

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

 x 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: ca. 1900

Significant Dates: ca. 1900

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

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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Gifford, George C. and Annie, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The George C. and Annie Gifford House is a 1-story frame L-plan dwelling facing north on West Caney Street. A large gable roof of asphalt shingles covers the house which rests on brick piers. Exterior brick chimneys are on either end of the main block. An open porch with hipped roof supported by turned columns and decorative brackets extends from the gable front across the principal facade and wraps around the eastern corner. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung.

The George C. and Annie Gifford House is a 1-story frame L-plan dwelling facing north on West Caney Street northwest of the central business district. A large gable roof of asphalt shingles covers the house which rests on brick piers. Exterior brick chimneys are on either end of the main block. The house is in a basic L-plan with a parallel gable roof at the rear (south) facade. The lot surrounding the house is large and dotted with deciduous trees. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung, some are flanked by wooden louvered shutters.

The principal (north) 4-bay facade carries single windows in the first and second bays, a single door with transom and sidelights in the third, and a distinctive tripartite gable window in the last bay. An open porch with hipped roof supported by turned columns and decorative brackets extends from the gable front across the principal facade and wraps around the eastern corner. This is the most decorative feature on the house, little other ornamentation is present.

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Gifford, George C. and Annie, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The George C. and Annie Gifford House (ca. 1900) is one of best examples of the L-plan vernacular form in Wharton. In spite of its fair condition, the house largely retains its integrity. The property is nominated under Criterion C in the area of architecture and is related to the context *Community Development in Wharton, Texas 1875-1942*.

The Gifford House dates to around the turn-of-the-century and is documented on this site by the 1906 Sanborn map. Although little is known about the early history or owners, in 1937 heirs of George C. and Annie Gifford owned the property. Therefore, the house is associated with the Gifford family, one of Wharton's oldest families. It remained in the Gifford family until 1977.

Although there are other L-plan houses in Wharton, the Gifford property is one of the finest examples of the early form with Victorian detail. It retains its integrity and is one of the most distinctive L-plan buildings in Wharton.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography of historic context statement.

x See continuation sheet.

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:

x State historic preservation office (Texas Historical Commission)

 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 781180 3245960 B

C D

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Vineyard Addition, Block 2, Lot 3A

Boundary Justification: The property includes all areas historically associated with the building.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (assisted by Dwayne Jones, Preservation Planner, THC staff)

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Organization: Hardy-Heck-Moore

Date: July 1989

January 1992

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Date Listed

COVER Substantive Review

2/18/93

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|---|---|------------------------|
| 1. Abovitz, Leon, House | DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Substantive Review | 3/18/93 Determined Not |
| 2. Banker, Willie, Jr., House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 3. Bernstein, Moses, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 4. Bolton--Outlar House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 5. Colorado River Bridge | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 6. Croom, Wiley J., House | Substantive Review | 3/18/93 |
| 7. Dannon, F. F., House | Substantive Review | 3/18/93 |
| 8. Davidson, Dr. Green, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 9. Davis, Ben and Mary, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 10. Elkins, Nettie, House | Substantive Review | 3/18/93 |
| 11. Elliott, E. Clyde and Mary, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 12. First Methodist Episcopal Church South, Old | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 13. Garrett, Henry B., House | Substantive Review | 3/18/93 |
| 14. Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 15. Gifford, George C. and Annie, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 16. Hamilton, Joseph Andrew, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 17. Harrison, Gerard A., House | Substantive Review
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National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 18. Harrison--Dennis House | Substantive Review
Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 19. Hawes, Edwin, House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 20. Hawes, Edwin, Jr., House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Gifford, George C. and Annie, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Wharton MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Wharton

DATE RECEIVED: 2/01/93

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/16/93

DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/04/93

DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/18/93

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000096

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 3/18/93 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 _____



GIFFORD, GEORGE C. & ANNIE, HOUSE
SITE No. 296
WHARTON, 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: 64500657