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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

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*Historic name:* Hawes, Edwin, House

*Other name/site number:* Site No. 800

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2. LOCATION

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*Street & number:* 309 North Resident

*Not for publication:* N/A

*City/town:* Wharton

*State:* TX      *County:* Wharton

*Code:* 481      *Zip Code:* 77488

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3. CLASSIFICATION

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*Ownership of Property:* Private

*Category of Property:* Building

*Number of Resources within Property:*

	<i>Contributing</i>	<i>Noncontributing</i>
	<u>  2  </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>  2  </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.

Signature of certifying official

*Curtis J. Jurnell*

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  
   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):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Entered in the  
National Register

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**6. FUNCTION OR USE**

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*Historic:* DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

*Current:* DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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*Architectural Classification:* OTHER: Center-passage House

*Materials:* foundation Brick  
walls Wood  
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:* 1897, ca. 1920

*Significant Dates:* 1897, ca. 1920

*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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Hawes, Edwin, House  
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Edwin Hawes House is a 2-story frame dwelling facing east on North Resident Street. It rests on a brick foundation and is covered with a hipped roof of asphalt shingles. The house is a basic I-house, one room deep and two stories in height, with center-hall plan. A 2-story rear ell extends from the west elevation. The most prominent features is a 2-story open porch supported by Classical Revival columns connected by a jig-sawn balustrade and freize. It is clad in weatherboard siding and all windows are 2/2 double-hung sashes, most have operable wooden shutters.

The Edwin Hawes House is a 2-story frame dwelling facing east on North Resident Street in a largely residential neighborhood northeast of the central business district. Brick piers serve as a foundation while a hipped roof covered in asphalt shingles tops the building. The house is a basic I-house with rear ell (west) clad with weatherboard siding; all windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung sashes.

The principal (east) 5-bay facade is punctuated by single windows in all bays except the middle on each floor. The center bay on the first story contains a single door with large oval light, oval sidelights and transom; the second story contains a single door with transom. The most noteworthy feature is a 2-story open porch with six evenly spaced Classical Revival columns connected by a decorative jig-sawn balustrade and matching freize. The balustrade decoration continues along wide wooden steps that access the main entrance.

The south facade is noted by a 2-story truncated tower with mansard roof. Attached to north facade is a shed-roofed carport. A 1-story frame garage stands to the north of the house and has wood siding and clipped gable roof. The garage appears to date from ca. 1920 and is Contributing.



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Hawes, Edwin, House  
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Edwin Hawes House is an excellent example of a 2-story center-passage house. The house exhibits architectural features of its original late-19th century Victorian (Queen Anne) influence and early 20th century Classical Revival alterations. Regardless, the property retained its basic house form and has a high degree of integrity. The property is eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture as part of the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas 1875-1942*.

Edwin Hawes acquired the property in 1897 and the house was constructed during that year. Hawes was an industrious man who studied law in his spare time while working in the county clerk's office in Matagorda. He successfully passed the bar examination in 1874, and served as Wharton County Judge in 1876-1882. Hawes is credited with raising the price of the scrip from 15 cents on the dollar to 85 cents thereby restoring the county to solvency during the difficult 1870s. In 1889 he assisted in the organization of the "White Man's Union Association" of Wharton County and served as the first president. This organization was a powerful force in county politics during the Reconstruction Era. With the death of Hawes in 1932, the house was held by the family members until 1944 when it was conveyed to George R. Hawes.

The Edwin Hawes House is one of Wharton's finest turn-of-the-century residences. Its use of a traditional or vernacular form, the center-passage, but with eclectic architectural styles exhibited is unusual. The high degree of integrity also contributes to the significance of the building.



## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography of historic context statement.

☒ 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:

- ☒ 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	782000	3246040	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town Site, Block 27, Lot 2

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

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

Name/Title: Ed Galloway and Ralph Newlan

Organization: Hardy-Heck-Moore

Date: July 1989

January 1992

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State: TX Zip: 78705



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Wharton MRA

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Wharton County

Date Listed

COVER Substantive Review

3/18/93

1. Abovitz, Leon, House Substantive Review

COE/OWNER OBJECTION

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 entered in the National Register

3/18/93

18. Harrison--Dennis House Substantive Review entered in the National Register

3/18/93

19. Hawes, Edwin, House

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: Hawes, Edwin, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Wharton MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Wharton

DATE RECEIVED: 2/01/93  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/04/93  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/16/93  
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/18/93

REFERENCE NUMBER: 93000102

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

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  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_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 \_\_\_\_\_





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SITE NO. 800  
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