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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Davis, Ben and Mary, House

Other name/site number: Site No. 795

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 100 South Resident

Not for publication: N/A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**

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

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.

Louise J. Jernell
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

POLK COUNTY CO. TEXAS
BUNGEWELL DEED

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Tudor Revival

Materials: foundation Brick
walls Brick
roof Wood
other Metal

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: 1933

Significant Dates: 1933

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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Davis, Ben and Mary, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Davis House is a 2-story dwelling with an asymmetrical plan facing east on South Resident. This Tudor Revival style dwelling is clad in brick veneer and is covered by a gabled and hipped roof with wood shingles.

The Davis House at 100 South Resident is a 2-story Tudor Revival style dwelling with a steeply pitched front gabled and hipped roof covered with wood shingles. A large bay window with a metal skirt and elaborate brick detailing projects from the ground floor of the principal facade. Windows are screened in wooden 1/1, double hung placed in tripartite or paired arrangements with lintels.

The principal (east) facade is dominated by a steeply pitched front gable. The gable extends down to a screened single-door primary entrance set within an elaborate round brick arch. The rounded arch is highlighted with three small limestone tabs projecting into the surrounding brickwork. The principal facade is further highlighted with unusual rough-laid limestone at the corners under the eaves.

An imposing brick chimney with corbelled cap rises above the roof on the north elevation.

A secondary entrance on the south elevation opens onto a small terrace bounded by brick piers topped with limestone and connected by a slender iron balustrade.

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Davis, Ben and Mary, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Ben and Mary Davis House (1933) at 100 South Resident is a good example of Tudor Revival style architecture in the community. It retains a high degree of integrity and is significant to the architecture of Wharton. It is eligible under Criterion C for architecture and is associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942.*

Ben and Mary Davis purchased the property from A.C. and Mary Horton in 1912 for \$1,750 and built the house around 1933. Davis managed a grocery store on the north side of the downtown square in Wharton. He and his wife conveyed the house to David D. Cozier, the present owner, in 1946 for \$20,000.

The Davis House is a good example of the Tudor Revival style that was popular in the late 1920s and 1930s. Its brick veneer exterior, steeply pitched, gable and hipped roof are characteristic of this architectural expression. It retains a high degree of integrity and is significant to the domestic architecture in the community.

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

Acreeage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	14	781900	3245620	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town Site, Block 6, Lot 12

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

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

Name/Title: Ed Galloway and Ralph Newlan

Organization: Hardy-Heck-Moore

Date: July 1989

January 1992

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City or Town: Austin

State: TX Zip: 78705

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Wharton MRA TEXAS Wharton County

Date Listed

COVER Substantive Review

2/18/93

1. Abovitz, Leon, House ~~Substantive Review~~ **DOE/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 **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

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Davis, Ben and Mary, 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: 93000104

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
 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 _____



DAVIS, BEN AND MARY, HOUSE
SITE No. 795
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