

NPS Form 10-900
(Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

RECEIVED

FEB 01 1993

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Bolton-Outlar House

Other name/site number: Site No. 658

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 517 North Richmond

Not for publication: N/A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> 1 </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> 1 </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. Howell
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.

Delores Byers

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: LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival

Materials: foundation Brick
walls Wood
roof Asphalt
other Concrete

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. 1910

Significant Dates: ca. 1910

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.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 1

Bolton-Outlar House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Bolton-Outlar House (ca. 1893), facing east at 517 North Richmond, is a 2-story frame Pyramidal-roof dwelling (Queen Anne influence) modified around 1910 with a Classical Revival pedimented portico and porches. It rests on brick piers and is covered by an asphalt shingle hipped roof with lower cross gables on the principal and side elevations. An exterior brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the top ridge of the hipped roof.

The Bolton-Outlar House is a Pyramidal-roof dwelling (Queen Anne influence) with a modified pedimented portico and porches influenced by the Classical Revival style. It rests on brick piers and is covered by a hipped roof with lower cross gables. Mature vegetation surrounds the house.

The principal (east) facade is dominated by a 2-story portico with a pedimented gable suggesting Classical Revival influence. Six brackets embellish the deep eaves of the principal gable. The gable is supported on four oversize Doric columns resting on concrete piers. The gable extends over a second story porch that wraps around the east and south elevations. The upper floor of the porch has a series of wood pedestals that connect a balustrade with square-wood balusters and is supported by a colonnade of small Doric columns resting on concrete piers.

The dwelling has a simple single-door primary entrance with transom. To the left of the primary entrance are paired 1/1 wooden, double-hung, floor-length windows. Smaller, paired 1/1 wooden, double hung windows with wooden screens are located to the right of the primary entrance. Windows on the second floor have a similar configuration. Windows on the west elevation have a 2/2 light configuration rather than the 1/1 pattern evident on the principal facade.

The south elevation displays elements of its original Queen Anne influence. A projecting 3-bay window is chamfered at the first story and simple bargeboard detailing is featured on the upper level cantilever. The peak of the gabled end has decorative bargeboard detailing.

A modern frame garage covered with a gabled roof southwest of the dwelling and is considered Noncontributing.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 2

Bolton-Outlar House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Bolton-Outlar House (ca. 1893, ca. 1910) at 517 North Richmond is one of Wharton's most impressive late-19th and early-20th century residential dwellings. It was originally built in the 1890s but substantially remodeled in the 1910s. Although these alterations greatly changed the dwelling's original appearance, they have gained significance over time and reflect the dwelling's physical evolution. It is eligible under criterion C for architecture and is associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942.*

The Bolton-Outlar House is one of Wharton's largest and most intact late-19th and early-20th century residential dwellings. The asymmetrically massed 2-story frame dwelling, which was built in about 1893, was substantially remodeled in about 1910 when a Classical Revival portico was applied. The addition is an important and distinguishing feature of the house and it shows how order and symmetry can be imposed on an otherwise asymmetrically composed building. The house is one of several local examples to display two stylistic influences in the example of the Bolton-Outlar House, the Queen Anne and Classical Revival styles are mixed. Its 2-story portico with a pedimented gable supported by oversize Doric columns and a 2-story porch with a distinctive wood balustrade on the second floor are characteristic of Classical Revival style architecture. Its projecting 3-bay window on the side elevation, however, is characteristic of Queen Anne architecture.

H. J. Bolton acquired this property in 1893 from A. H. Purviance for \$300 and probably built the house soon afterwards. Bolton was a local merchant who became the first president of the newly organized Wharton National Bank in 1903. In 1919, Dr. L.B. Outlar purchased the dwelling for \$7,500. Dr. L. B. Outlar practiced medicine in the community and established a clinic in partnership with Dr. William Blair called the Outlar-Blair Clinic. Dr. Outlar also owned and operated a drug store called L.B. Outlar and Co. where he produced Outlar's "Chill and Fever Tonic." The Outlar family owned the house until 1973.

Although the Bolton-Outlar House is altered from the original Queen Anne appearance, the modifications have gained significance over time and reflect the dwelling's physical evolution. It remains one of the finest examples of Classical Revival architecture in Wharton and retains its 1910 integrity.

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 781600 3246280 B
C D

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town Site, Block 34, Lot 4B

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

Street & Number: 2112 Rio Grande

Telephone: 512-478-8014

City or Town: Austin

State: TX *Zip:* 78705

2/1/97

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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 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: Bolton--Outlar 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: 93000108

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 _____



BOLTON-OUTLAR HOUSE
SITE No. 65B
WHARTON CO., TEXAS
21 OF 39

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500657