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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Speaker, J.H., House

Other name/site number: Site No. 200

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 414 East Alabama

Not for publication: N/A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> buildings
	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites
	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures
	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects
	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> 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.

Charles 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

**Entered in the
National Register**

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): _____

Alonzo Byers
Signature of the Keeper

3/18/93
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 Concrete
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. 1904

Significant Dates: ca. 1904

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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Speaker, J.H., House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The J.H. Speaker House is a 1-story frame L-plan dwelling facing south on East Alabama Street. It rests on concrete piers, is sheathed in weatherboard siding, and covered with asphalt shingles. A shed roofed porch extends from the front facade on the southwest corner and is supported by turned columns and jig-sawn brackets. All windows are 2/2 wooden double hung.

The J.H. Speaker House is 1-story frame dwelling facing south on East Alabama in a neighborhood of similar houses northeast of the central business district. The house is in an L-plan resting on concrete piers and sheathed in weatherboard siding with a roof covered in asphalt shingles. Early additions to the principal (south) and rear (north) elevations have changed the building's original plan from a center-passage plan to an L-plan with paired rear ells. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung sashes with wooden screens.

The principal (south) facade is asymmetrical with the southwest corner highlighted by the gable-front containing paired windows. A shed-roofed porch extends over the 2-bay remaining facade which contain paired windows in the first bay and a single door with transom in the second. Turned columns and jig-sawn brackets support the porch roof. Another single door faces east and allows access to the gable front.

The rear facade has undergone several phases of remodeling. These changes include an early gable addition on the east facade, a similar (possibly contemporaneous) wing on the west facade, and a ca. 1940 shed-roofed porch across the north (rear) facade. These additions are not visible from the street.

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Speaker, J.H., House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The J.H. Speaker House (ca. 1904) is one the best preserved L-plan vernacular residences in Wharton. Although modest and with some alterations to the rear, the house retains its integrity and represents the type and date of construction. The house is eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture and is associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942.*

Susan Speaker purchased this lot and the adjoining lot in 1893 for \$50. This low cost indicates that the house was not present at that time. In 1904, J.H. Speaker acquired the western lot and is believed to have built this house. It was, however, on this site by 1907 when a mechanic's lien was secured from Wharton Lumber and Trading Company for improvements to the house. The property remained in the Speaker family until 1976.

J. H. Speaker was local black educator who taught in the segregated school on Milam Street in Wharton. At the time of construction, this house was in one of the two primary African-American neighborhoods.

The house is an excellent example of the L-plan vernacular form. Although in fair condition, it is one of the few nominated properties associated with the African-American community of Wharton. The property retains its integrity to a large degree and clearly representative of this form.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography of 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 782180 3245900 B

C D

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: OTS Addition, Block 24, Lot 7

Boundary Justification: The property includes all of area 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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City or Town: Austin

State: TX Zip: 78705

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Wharton MPS

Wharton County, TEXAS

Date Listed

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| 21. House at 401 North Richmond | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 22. House at 512 North Resident | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 23. Linn Street Historic District | Substantive Review | 3/18/93 |
| 24. Merrill--Roten House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 25. Moran--Moore House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 26. Speaker, J. H., House | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 27. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 28. Texas and New Orleans Railroad Depot | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 29. Texas and New Orleans Railroad Bridge | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 30. West Milam Street Mercantile Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | 3/18/93 |
| 31. Worthing, Louis F., 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: Speaker, J. H., 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: 93000109

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 _____



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SITE NO. 200
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