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National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Davidson, Dr. Green, House

Other name/site number: Site No. 178

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 404 Bolton

Not for publication: N/A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

Laurie 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
 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): _____

Delores Byers
Signature of the Keeper

3/15/93
Date of Action

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National Register

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) : B (moved 1950)

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.

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Davidson, Dr. Green, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Dr. Green Davidson House is a 1-story, frame L-plan dwelling facing south on Bolton Street. It rests on a concrete pier foundation and is covered by interconnecting gable roofs of asphalt shingles. The basic L-plan configuration is altered by a rear ell and gable front wing, almost giving the impression of two L-plan houses connected at a perpendicular angle. An open L-shaped porch unifies the two parts with turned columns and simple connecting balustrade supporting a hipped metal roof. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung with wooden screens.

The Dr. Green Davidson House is a 1-story, frame (weatherboard) L-plan dwelling facing south on Bolton Street in a neighborhood of mostly 1930s houses northwest of downtown. It rests on a concrete pier foundation and is covered by interconnecting gable roofs of asphalt shingles. The basic L-plan configuration is altered by a rear ell and gable front wing, almost giving the impression of two L-plan houses connected at a perpendicular angle. An open L-shaped porch unifies the two parts with turned columns and simple connecting balustrade supporting a hipped metal roof. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung with wooden screens. Medium-sized deciduous trees and extensive shrubbery surround the house.

The principal (south) 4-bay facade is noted by a tripartite bay, each containing a window, and decorative soffit. The second bay contains a single door with transom while the remaining bays have windows; another single door with transom enter the gable front from the east. This configuration is reversed on the east facade but adds two bays with windows.

A modern garage is on the property and is considered Noncontributing.

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Davidson, Dr. Green, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Dr. Green Davidson (ca. 1900) House is an excellent example of the L-plan vernacular form. Its unusual configuration of two connected L-plans is also noteworthy. The house was moved in 1950 approximately 1/2 block and realigned to face Bolton Street. This occurred because of the expansion and widening of Richmond Road immediately to the east would have demolished the property. In spite of its move, the house is the only property of this extended form in Wharton. It is nominated under Criterion C in the area of architecture and associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942.*

This house was built at the turn of the century as the home of Dr. Green Davidson, one of Wharton's leading physicians. Davidson received his degree in medicine in 1889 from the Medical College of Alabama in Mobile. He moved to Wharton in 1895 and soon became a leader in the community's development. Perhaps his most significant role came in 1913 when he co-founded the Caney Valley Hospital, Wharton's first hospital. This hospital was the N.E. Moore home on Resident Street which was remodeled to include ten hospital beds, working unit, and nurse's quarters. This facility served the community until 1937 when a new hospital opened. Davidson's new hospital was the beginning of Wharton's recognition as a regional medical center.

In addition, Davidson served on the city council for seven years, acted as president of the Wharton-Jackson Medical Society, and is believed to have owned the first automobile in Wharton County (1907) and first x-ray machine between Victoria and Houston.

This house originally stood at 117 North Richmond Road but was moved to an adjacent lot in 1950 when the road was to be widened. At that time, the house was reoriented moving the principal (east) facade to face the south. The new location is also on a corner lot with a similar setting. Overall, the house retains its integrity to high degree in spite of the relocation. It remains one of the finest examples of the L-plan form 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 781541 3246220 B
C D

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town Site, Block 34, Lot 5

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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City or Town: Austin

State: TX *Zip:* 78705

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Wharton County

Date Listed

COVER Substantive Review

3/18/93

1. Abovitz, Leon, House
Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

3/18/93 Determined Not

2. Banker, Willie, Jr., House
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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
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9. Davis, Ben and Mary, House
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National Register

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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

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14. Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House
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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
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3/18/93

17. Harrison, Gerard A., House
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18. Harrison--Dennis House
Substantive Review
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19. Hawes, Edwin, House
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20. Hawes, Edwin, Jr., House
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Davidson, Dr. Green, 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: 93000111

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

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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 _____



DAVIDSON, DR. GREEN, HOUSE
SITE NO. 170
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