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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Elkins, Nettie, House

Other name/site number: Site No. 189

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 109 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Not for publication: N/A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
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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.

Barbara Linnell
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.

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3/18/93

 determined eligible for the
National Register
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 determined not eligible for the
National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain):

fr Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: OTHER: Pyramid-roof house

Materials: foundation Brick
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. 1918

Significant Dates: ca. 1918

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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Elkins, Nettie, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Nettie Elkins House is a 1-story frame dwelling facing south on East Alabama Street. Covered in a pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles, the house rests on brick piers and is sheathed in weatherboard siding. A full-width open porch supported by three evenly-spaced columns dominates the principal facade. All windows are 2/2 wooden, double-hung.

The Nettie Elkins House is a 1-story frame dwelling facing south on East Alabama Street, several blocks north of the central business district, in a neighborhood of houses of similar age. A large pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles covers the building and is its most noteworthy characteristic. This roof sits on a square or cube box-frame resting on broad floor joists supported by brick piers. Wide cornice and plate at the foundation with the vertical cornerboards enframe the facades further emphasizing the box-like characteristics of the house. All windows are 2/2 wooden, double-hung. A recessed weatherboard skirt between the brick piers completes the distinguishing architectural elements.

The principal (south) facade is dominated by a full-width, 2-bay open porch. Its hipped roof is dropped from the main roofline and supported by three evenly-spaced tapered box columns. A balustrade of simple vertical balusters (maybe not original) connects the columns and continue on the southwest corner down several steps. The 2-bay south facade is denoted by a single wooden door with transom and unusual single sidelight to the west in the first bay and single window in the second bay.

A single unpaved drive extends along the eastern edge of the house from the street.

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Elkins, Nettie, House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Elkins House (ca. 1918) is significant as the best extant example of the pyramid-roof house in its most basic form in Wharton. It is eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture and is associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942*.

The Elkins House was built for Mrs. Nettie Elkins after receiving the undivided land from the heirs of Mrs. D.A. Hobbs. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps indicate that a frame building stood on this site by 1919 leading to the assumption that the house was built in ca. 1918. The 1918 estimated date places the house's construction during a slow period of expansion in the city's development. This may explain its use of a traditional form probably easily and inexpensively acquired from local builders.

Noted by its dominant pyramidal roof, the pyramid-roof house was indicative of modest housing forms that emerged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in areas that commonly experience high temperatures for a prolonged period in the summer. Its folk features (roof, light frame construction, dominant front porch) are designed to capture the cool temperatures of the southern climate while allowing for a flexible interior arrangement of rooms. The form is common in Southern states and contributes to the association of Wharton with the Lower South architecture and folkways.

The house retains its integrity and is in excellent condition.

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	781860	3246060	B	—	—	—
C	—	—	—	D	—	—	—

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: OTS Addition, Block 30, Lot 13

Boundary Justification: 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

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January 1992

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Wharton County

Date Listed

COVER Substantive Review

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1. Abovitz, Leon, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

3/18/93 Determined Not

2. Banker, Willie, Jr., House

Entered in the
National Register

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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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National Register

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9. Davis, Ben and Mary, House

Entered in the
National Register

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10. Elkins, Nettie, House

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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

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13. Garrett, Henry B., House

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14. Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House

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15. Gifford, George C. and Annie, House

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16. Hamilton, Joseph Andrew, House

Entered in the
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17. Harrison, Gerard A., House

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18. Harrison--Dennis House

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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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Elkins, Nettie, 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: 93000114

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/18/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Nettie Elkins House is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of early 20th century vernacular design in Wharton. Representing the common one-story pyramid-root subtype, the wood frame residence meets the registration requirements set forth in the MPS cover document and is a significant reflection of the local vernacular building traditions used in response to specific economic + climatological needs in Wharton during the historic period.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignan
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 3/15/93

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500657