

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

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*Historic name:* Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House

*Other name/site number:* Site No. 191

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2. LOCATION

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*Street & number:* 401 East Alabama

*Not for publication:* N/A

*City/town:* Wharton

*State:* TX      *County:* Wharton

*Code:* 481      *Zip Code:* 77488

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3. CLASSIFICATION

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*Ownership of Property:* Private

*Category of Property:* Building

*Number of Resources within Property:*      *Contributing*      *Noncontributing*

<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </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>  0  </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.

*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.

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Signature of commenting or other official

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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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   determined eligible for the  
National Register  
   See continuation sheet.

   determined not eligible for the  
National Register

   removed from the National Register

   other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action



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**6. FUNCTION OR USE**

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*Historic:* DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

*Current:* DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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*Architectural Classification:* OTHER: Modified L-plan house

*Materials:* foundation Brick  
walls Wood  
roof Asphalt  
other Wood

*Describe present and historic physical appearance.*

  x   See continuation sheet.

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**8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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*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. 1897

*Significant Dates:* ca. 1897

*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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Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House  
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The John G. and Sophie Garrett House is a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling facing south on East Alabama Street. Dominated by a large pyramidal roof with intersecting gables, the house gives an overall asymmetrical appearance typical of late 19th century dwellings in a modified L-plan form. Decorative embellishments of jigsaw balusters and brackets, and turned columns and frieze indicate a strong Victorian (Queen Anne) influence. The house rests on brick piers and is covered in asphalt shingles and weatherboard siding. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung.

The John G. and Sophie Garrett House is a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling in modified L-plan form facing south on East Alabama Street several blocks north of the central business district. It rests on a brick pier foundation and is sheathed in weatherboard siding. A large pyramidal roof rises above ending in a truncated crest and boldly intersected on all sides by closed gables clad in weatherboard siding. Compounding the complex planes and angles is a U-shaped porch, with hipped roof, that extends across the south, east and north elevations. The porch is supported by turned-wooden posts with jigsaw balusters and turned-wood frieze. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung with operable flanking wooden louvered shutters. Lattice infill is found between the brick piers around the house.

The principal (south) 4-bay facade is roughly divided into two parts. A projecting canted bay window with cantilevered soffit and pent roof in the gable end constitute the first bay on the southwest corner. The second part is composed of a single door with transom, and two single windows as the remaining three bays covered by the porch. A small gabled dormer extends from the south slope of the roof and contains a single-light window with art-glass border and shingled siding.

The large surrounding lot is highlighted by mature deciduous trees and shrubbery.



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Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House  
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Garrett House (ca. 1897) is an excellent example of an upscale modified L-plan house of the late 19th century. The heavy use of Victorian (Queen Anne) detailing indicates the use of folk housing forms with high style features popular at the turn of the century. It is nominated under Criterion C for architecture and is associated with the context *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942*. The property retains a high degree of integrity.

The Garrett House was built ca. 1897 following the transfer of title to Sophie Garrett, wife of John A. in 1897 for \$150. The Garretts remained in the house until 1944 after the death of John A. Garrett when the property transferred to Fannie Mae Garrett, the current owner.

The modified L-plan with pyramid-roof housing form appears on a spectrum from modest dwellings to sophisticated residences. The Garrett House represents the higher, more urbane use of the form by the heavy emphasis on Victorian, largely Queen Anne, detailing. Otherwise, the folk form was used extensively in Southern hot and humid climates to maintain cooler interiors. The addition of a large front porch was further support of the climatic influences on house forms. A significant difference in the very modest pyramid-roof houses and the form of the Garrett House is the degree of embellishment and intersecting gable roof components. In this regard, this property is an excellent example of the pyramid-roof vernacular form in an upscale version. In addition, its high degree of integrity makes it a fine representative of the late 19th century housing stock in Wharton.

In the 1920s, the Garrett House was considered the northern limit to the City of Wharton.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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:

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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*Acreage of Property:* Less than one acre

*UTM References:* Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A 14 782200 3245940 B                     

C                      D                     

       See continuation sheet.

*Verbal Boundary Description:* Original Townsite (OTS) Addition, Block 26, Lot 7A

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

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

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*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



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Wharton MRA

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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  
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

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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  
Entered in the  
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

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12. First Methodist Episcopal Church South, Old  
Entered in the  
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13. Garrett, Henry B., House  
Substantive Review

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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  
National Register

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17. Harrison, Gerard A., House  
Substantive Review  
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18. Harrison--Dennis House  
Substantive Review  
Entered in the  
National Register

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19. Hawes, Edwin, House  
Entered in the  
National Register

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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: Garrett, John A. and Sophie, 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: 93000115

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 Registry

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





GARRETT, JOHN A. and SOPHIE, House  
SITE No. 191  
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