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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Banker, Willie, Jr., House

Other name/site number: Site No. 753

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 401 North Rusk

Not for publication: N/A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> 2 </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> 2 </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.

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):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Mission

Materials: foundation Brick
walls Brick
roof Terra Cotta
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: 1929

Significant Dates: 1929

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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Banker, Willie, Jr., House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Willie Banker, Jr., House is a 1-story brick veneer dwelling facing east on North Rusk. This house utilizes the asymmetrical plan and exhibits an eclectic character influenced by the Mission style. A steeply pitched cross-gabled roof covered with terra cotta tiles covers an impressive rounded and elliptical arched inset porch. The northeast front-facing gabled end departs from the typical straight angled form.

The Banker House is a 1-story brick veneer dwelling in a residential neighborhood of properties of similar age, setback, and material. The house's steeply pitched cross-gabled roof sweeps down to cover a multi-bay rounded and elliptical arched inset porch. The Mission influenced arched porch with a distinctive brick balustrade wraps around the east and south elevations. The porch and a gabled end on the south elevation helps create a small courtyard. Windows are singled, paired, or tripled 4/4 and 6/6 wooden, double hung.

Two outbuildings are located on the western section of the property. A brick exterior, detached garage apartment is contemporaneous with the house and is considered Contributing. A modern frame garage is considered Noncontributing.

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Banker, Willie, Jr., House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Willie Banker, Jr., House (1929) at 401 North Rusk is a noteworthy residence that exhibits eclectic architectural features associated with the Mission style. Built in 1929, it retains a high degree of integrity. The Banker House is eligible under Criterion C for architecture and associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942*.

Willie Banker Jr., a Wharton County cattle rancher, purchased the property from Maggie Heartt in 1929 for \$5,500 and Sanborn maps reveal the house was under construction that year. The house remained in the Banker family until 1977.

The Banker House is a noteworthy local interpretation of the Mission and style of architecture which gained popularity in Wharton during the late 1920s and 1930s. The expansive inset porch with its round and elliptical arches and terra cotta tiles covering the roof are characteristic of the Mission style. Its high degree of integrity makes it significant to the architecture of 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

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C D

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town Site, Block 30, Lot 12

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)

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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

1. Abovitz, Leon, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Substantive Review

2. Banker, Willie, Jr., House

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3. Bernstein, Moses, House

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National Register

4. Bolton--Outlar House

Entered in the
National Register

5. Colorado River Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

6. Croom, Wiley J., House

Substantive Review

7. Dannon, F. F., House

Substantive Review

8. Davidson, Dr. Green, House

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9. Davis, Ben and Mary, House

Entered in the
National Register

10. Elkins, Nettie, House Substantive Review

11. Elliott, E. Clyde and Mary, House

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National Register

12. First Methodist Episcopal Church South, Old

Entered in the
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13. Garrett, Henry B., House Substantive Review

14. Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House

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15. Gifford, George C. and Annie, House

Entered in the
National Register

16. Hamilton, Joseph Andrew, House

Entered in the
National Register

17. Harrison, Gerard A., House

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18. Harrison--Dennis House

Substantive Review
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19. Hawes, Edwin, House

Entered in the
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20. Hawes, Edwin, Jr., House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Banker, Willie, Jr., 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: 93000118

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

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