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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Worthing, Louis F., House

Other name/site number: Site No. 857

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 620 North Walnut

Not for publication: N/A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>	<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.

Curtis J. Tunnell
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

 ☒ entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

Delous Byun 3/18/93

 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

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Tudor Revival

Materials: foundation Brick
walls Brick
roof Wood
other Stucco

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. 1935

Significant Dates: ca. 1935

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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Worthing, Louis F., House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Louis F. Worthing House is a 2-story frame dwelling with an asymmetrical plan facing west on North Walnut. This Tudor Revival style dwelling is sheathed in brick and stuccoed veneer with faux half-timbered detailing. A wood shingle, steeply pitched, front-gabled and hipped roof covers the house.

The Worthing House is a 2-story Tudor Revival style dwelling with a steeply pitched front-gabled and hipped roof. The principal facade (west) is dominated by a single front gable. The gabled end is highlighted with faux half-timbered detailing and elaborate brick infilling. Paired multiple light casement windows on the first floor are separated by a mullion.

The hipped roof on the main block sweeps down to the second floor of the principal facade. The second floor exterior has typical faux half-timbered detailing with stuccoed veneer infilling. Below the half timbering, the dwelling's primary entrance is set within a small porch supported by square columns set in pairs. The porch columns support a distinctive gable end with faux half-timbered detailing. An exterior brick chimney extends above the roof line on the side south elevation. All windows are casement with metal sashes and multiple lights.

The north elevation has been modified with the addition of a 1-story frame shed type extension with weatherboard siding. This modification does not affect the overall integrity of the house.

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Worthing, Louis F., House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Louis F. Worthing House (ca. 1935) at 620 North Walnut is a excellent local example of the Tudor Revival style that was popular in the community during the late 1920s and 1930s. This house retains a high degree of integrity with few alterations. The Worthing House is eligible under Criterion C for architecture and associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas, 1875-1942.*

Louis F. Worthing, president of the Security Bank and Trust Company (1939-1960) contracted for the construction of this house around 1935. In addition to being bank president, Worthing sat on the Post War Planning Board which helped to promote the idea of a college in Wharton County (Williams 1964: 193, 283). The college officially opened in 1946 as Wharton County Junior College. The house today is owned by Louis Worthing's grandson, James Worthing.

The Worthing House is an excellent example of the Tudor Revival style that was popular in Wharton during the late 1920s and 1930s. Its steeply pitched roof covered with wood shingles, faux half-timbered detailing, stucco and brick infilling, and casement windows are characteristic of this architectural form. The house retains a high degree of integrity and is significant to the domestic architecture of the community.

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	782340	3246240	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Barbee Addition, Block 6, Lots 5 and 6

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)

Name/Title: Ed Galloway and Ralph Newlan

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
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Worthing, Louis F., 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: 93000121

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 3/8/93 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 _____



WORTHING, LOUIS F., HOUSE
SITE No. 857
WHARTON CO., 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