

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

HISTORIC NAME: Shiels, Thomas, House
OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER: Phase IV-East Dallas DAL/DA 594

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 4602 Reiger Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Dallas
STATE: Texas CODE: TX COUNTY: Dallas
NOT FOR PUBLICATION: N/A
VICINITY: N/A
CODE: 113 ZIP CODE: 75246

3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Curtis J. Russell 14 Feb. 1995
Signature of certifying official 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 for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): _____

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper
Entered in the National Register

Date of Action
3-23-95

5. CLASSIFICATION

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY: Private

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:	CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING
	1	0 BUILDINGS
	0	0 SITES
	0	0 STRUCTURES
	0	0 OBJECTS
	1	0 TOTAL

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER: 0

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING: Historic and Architectural Resources of East and South Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

6. FUNCTION OR USE

HISTORIC FUNCTIONS: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

CURRENT FUNCTIONS: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY MOVEMENTS:
Craftsman

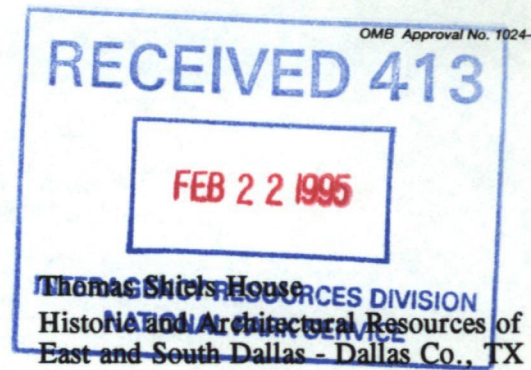
MATERIALS: FOUNDATION Brick
WALLS Wood: weatherboard
ROOF Asphalt
OTHER Wood: shingle; Glass

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (see continuation sheet 7-5).

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Description

The Thomas Shiels House at 4602 Reiger Avenue is a 2 1/2-story, frame, domestic building with an asymmetrical plan and a multi-hipped roof. Stylistically, the house is a hybrid, incorporating features characteristic of the Queen Anne, Craftsman and, to a lesser extent, Prairie School styles. The walls are finished with wood, and the roof has asphalt shingles. The facade is distinguished by its overall asymmetrical massing and the 1-story porch extending to the west side. The Shiels House is in E.H. Ray's Addition, a predominantly residential area with mostly 2-story frame houses built between 1902 and 1915. The house faces northwest onto Reiger Avenue on a corner lot. The surrounding grounds are well-maintained with modest amounts of landscaping. The Thomas Shiels House is in very good condition and retains much of its historic character and integrity. There are no major exterior alterations.

The Shiels House sits on a level lot slightly higher than street grade. Concrete sidewalks are set back from and parallel to the streets except for the concrete sidewalk extending from the street to the front porch. Large deciduous trees are to the east and west of the house. The house rests on a pier-and-beam foundation, probably built of brick and wood. The house is of wood-frame construction with exterior walls finished with wood drop siding and shingles. The roof, which has a small gabled dormer and brick chimney on the west side, consists of a series of steeply pitched hipped roofs.

The Shiels House faces northwest onto Reiger Avenue displaying a variety of architectural detailing and influences. The porch, an early alteration, has a strong and heavy horizontal emphasis (characteristic of the Prairie School style) that contrasts with the vertical massing and lines of the main body of the house. Broad, squat wood columns resting on brick pedestals support the hipped roof over the porch. The extended porch eaves are supported by heavy brackets that are reflective of Craftsman architecture. The asymmetrical massing of the front, with its stepped configuration, is indicative of Victorian-era traditions. The cutaway corners at the base of the front wing and the variety of materials used on the exterior are typical Queen Anne-style features. A particularly noteworthy architectural detail is the shingled horizontal band that extends along the top of the second floor. This band of staggered wood shingles continues to the other walls and is interrupted by window openings that extend partially into it. Many of the architectural details seen on the front are echoed on the other elevations.

The only outbuilding on the property is a relatively new garage that, because of its age and dissimilar materials and design, is considered to be a noncontributing element.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

- A** PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH EVENTS THAT HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE BROAD PATTERNS OF OUR HISTORY.
- B** PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIVES OF PERSONS SIGNIFICANT IN OUR PAST.
- C** PROPERTY EMBODIES THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OR REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER, OR POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUE, OR REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT AND DISTINGUISHABLE ENTITY WHOSE COMPONENTS LACK INDIVIDUAL DISTINCTION.
- D** PROPERTY HAS YIELDED, OR IS LIKELY TO YIELD, INFORMATION IMPORTANT IN PREHISTORY OR HISTORY.

CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1906

SIGNIFICANT DATES: 1906

SIGNIFICANT PERSON: N/A

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: N/A

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see continuation sheets 8-6 through 8-7).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY (see Section I).

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:

- State historic preservation office (*Texas Historical Commission*)
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

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Significance

The Thomas Shiels House at 4602 Reiger Avenue exhibits a noteworthy combination of late 19th- and early 20th-century architectural styles and includes Queen Anne, Craftsman, and Prairie School features. The house was built ca. 1906 and dates from the earliest years of East Dallas' most prolific period of residential construction (1903-1929). It is one of the most intact early dwellings that has survived subsequent redevelopment efforts in the area, insensitive alteration or substantial deterioration. It is nominated to the National Register under Criterion C in the area of Architecture and associated with the historic context, The Development of East and South Dallas: 1872-1945.

An invigorated local economy that followed nearly a decade (1893-1903) of economic and construction stagnation in Dallas, prompted renewed real estate and streetcar development throughout the city, particularly in East Dallas. In its initial development period (1879-1893) the eastern section of old East Dallas was subdivided into large, half- and quarter-block estates for elegant country homes. When the economy began to revive in the first years of the 20th century, East Dallas experienced intense building activity. By 1906, impressive Classical Revival houses lined Swiss and Ross avenues, while in the southern reaches of the region, along Elm and Alcalde streets, modest frame cottages were erected for working-class families. Between the two extremes, along Victor, Reiger, Junius and Worth streets, scores of 1 1/2- and 2-story frame houses, such as the Shiels House, were constructed for middle-class families. The Shiels House is an excellent example of the type of single-family residence that marked the second phase of East Dallas' development, when many elaborate old Victorian estates were replaced with less ostentatious, yet substantial dwellings.

Thomas Shiels was typical of the residents of Reiger Avenue in the first two decades of the 20th-century. He was vice-president of Citizens Planing Mill, which produced custom woodwork, doors, sash and interior finish, in ca. 1906, the year his house was built. By 1920, Shiels and his brother formed their own company, Shiels-Stacy-Shiels, and they advertised themselves in the Dallas city directory as manufacturers of high-grade mill work and interior finish. In fact, a number of builders and architectural craftsmen constructed homes for themselves in East Dallas in the 1910s and 1920s that reflected the architectural styles and practices of their day. Shiels' neighbors on Reiger Avenue included Didaco Bianchi (4503 Reiger), a partner in an architectural cast stone company, and John Knott (4502 Reiger), a building contractor. Both houses are extant. Shiels probably contracted or oversaw the construction of his own house.

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One of the earliest houses on Reiger Avenue, the Shiels House is also one of the most intact and best-maintained. The house stands today as an exceptional example of an eclectic East Dallas house whose builder's skill, dedication to quality construction and craftsmanship is evident in its current condition and appeal. The Shiels House is indicative of the change that took place in domestic architectural tastes during the early 20th century. It features an asymmetrical massing and Queen Anne style detailing that was popular during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. On the other hand, the porch incorporates elements of the Prairie School and Craftsman architecture, that were beginning to gain widespread acceptance in Dallas and much of the rest of the state and nation during the early 20th century. Research has not been able to confirm if the porch is original; however, Sanborn maps of 1922 reveal a porch with the same configuration. Consequently, if the porch is an alteration, it is significant and is considered to be part of the building's physical and architectural evolution. Today, the Shiels House retains much of its historic integrity and character.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: less than one acre

DA 594 See Map 1

UTM REFERENCES	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	709080	3630420	3	##	#####
2	##	#####	#####	4	##	#####

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (See continuation sheet 10-8)

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION Nomination includes all property historically associated with the property.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (with assistance from Dwayne Jones, THC)

NAME/TITLE: Daniel Hardy/Terri Myers

ORGANIZATION: Hardy-Heck-Moore **DATE:** 7/91; 9/94

STREET & NUMBER: 2112 Rio Grande Street **TELEPHONE:** (512) 478-8014

CITY OR TOWN: Austin **STATE:** TX **ZIP CODE:** 78705

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

CONTINUATION SHEETS

MAPS

PHOTOGRAPHS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

PROPERTY OWNER

NAME Craig Mielke

STREET & NUMBER 713 N. Carroll Avenue **TELEPHONE** N/A

CITY OR TOWN Dallas **STATE** TX **ZIP CODE** 75246

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point at the eastern corner of Reiger Avenue and Colson Street, proceed northeast along Reiger Avenue for 80 feet. Then, turn southeast and proceed 160 feet to the rear property line. Turning southwest, proceed 80 feet to Colson Street. Then turn northwest and proceed 160 feet along Colson Street to the point of origin on Reiger Avenue.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Shields, Thomas, House

MULTIPLE NAME: East and South Dallas MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Dallas

DATE RECEIVED: 2/22/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/07/95
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/23/95 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/08/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95000312

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 3/23/95 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



SHIEL'S, THOMAS, HOUSE
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DALLAS, DALLAS 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: 64500635