

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

HISTORIC NAME: Hewitt, M.S., House  
OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER: Site No. 672

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1019 S. College  
CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown  
STATE: Texas CODE: TX COUNTY: Williamson

NOT FOR PUBLICATION: N/A  
VICINITY: N/A  
CODE: 491 ZIP CODE: 78627

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*  
Signature of certifying official

*25 Jan. 1996*  
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:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register  
   See continuation sheet.

*Linda McClelland*

*2/16/96*

   determined eligible for the National Register  
   See continuation sheet.

   determined not eligible for the National Register

   removed from the National Register

   other (explain):



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**5. CLASSIFICATION**

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**OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY:** Private

**CATEGORY OF PROPERTY:** Building

<b>NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTING</b>	<b>NONCONTRIBUTING</b>
	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 Resources of Georgetown, Texas (1986)

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**6. FUNCTION OR USE**

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**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS:** DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS:** UNKNOWN

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION:** OTHER: Vernacular I-house

**MATERIALS:** FOUNDATION STONE: Limestone  
WALLS WOOD: Weatherboard  
ROOF ASPHALT  
OTHER STONE: Limestone; CONCRETE; GLASS

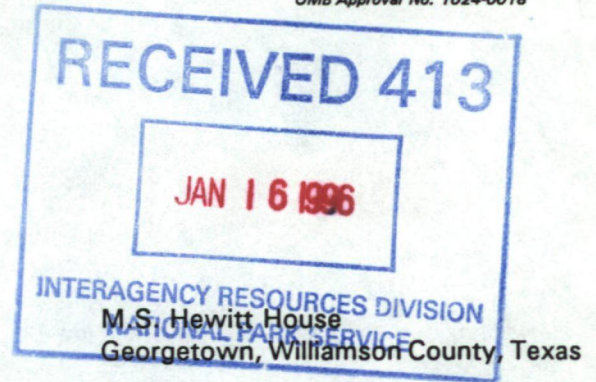
**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION** (see continuation sheets 7-5).



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### Description

The M.S. Hewitt House (ca. 1880) is a 2-story wood frame dwelling facing west in a largely residential area of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. Covered with a gable roof of asphalt composition shingles, the vernacular form is a typical center-hall, I-house. All windows are 4/4 wooden sashes; a single wooden door flanked by sidelights serves as the principal entry. Square wooden columns on a concrete foundation support a 1-story wooden porch with hipped roof. An exterior limestone chimney rises above the roof line on the north elevation. Mature trees and a chain-link fence surround the house.

The M.S. Hewitt House (ca. 1880) is a 2-story wood frame dwelling facing west in a largely residential area of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. Mature trees grow around the house with no foundation level shrubbery or plantings. A chain-link fence follows the property line around the house.

Covered with a gable roof of asphalt composition shingles, the form is vernacular being a typical center-hall, I house. All windows are 4/4 wooden sashes with fixed shutters of vertical slats flanking the windows. These shutters are replacements for original louvered shutters shown in a pre-1920 historical photograph. A single wooden door flanked by sidelights serves as the principal entry. Square wooden columns on a concrete foundation support a 1-story wooden porch with hipped roof. This porch replaced a shed roof one with turned columns ca. 1920. An exterior limestone chimney with cap rises above the roof line on the north elevation.

The property has few alterations and retains a high degree of integrity.



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**8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**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:** ca. 1880

**SIGNIFICANT DATES:** ca. 1880; ca. 1920

**SIGNIFICANT PERSON:** N/A

**CULTURAL AFFILIATION:** N/A

**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** unknown

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

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES**

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY** (see Georgetown MRA 1986).

**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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M.S. Hewitt House  
Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

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### Statement of Significance

The M.S. Hewitt House (ca. 1880) is considered the most intact and best local example of the I-house form. First identified in the Midwest, the I-house form is noted by its 2-story one-room deep plan that from the side elevation appears as a capital "I." This property is one of the few in this form identified in Georgetown, and thus represents the westward spread of the traditional architectural form in the late 19th century. It is associated with the multiple listing: **Historic Resources of Georgetown, Texas**. The Hewitt House is eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the local level of significance. The house and garage are Contributing elements on the site.

The M.S. Hewitt House was the home of the Hewitt family from ca. 1890 to 1946. Mr. Hewitt's 1945 obituary reported that he painted carriages and buggies as well as operated a blacksmithing business. In 1904, Hewitt received special recognition at the St. Louis World's Fair for his "scientific horseshoeing." (Williamson County Sun, December 14, 1945)

The 1-story house is an excellent local example of the I-house form. First noted in the Midwest, the I-house is one room deep on two stories and thus appears as an "I" from a side elevation. Variations of the I-house are evident in different parts of the country, but the Hewitt House is typical of the form's simplicity that dates from the middle to late 19th century. It was a popular form for modest dwellings and those who migrated from the Midwestern states.

The property was first nominated to the National Register in 1984. It was rejected by the State Board of Review because of porch alterations. The Georgetown Heritage Society later discovered a photograph showing the size and placement of the front porch, approximately as it is today. The property was resubmitted in 1988 and approved for listing.

In spite of the porch alterations (ca. 1920) and shutters (no date), the house retains a high degree of integrity from its late 19th century appearance. As the best intact example of an I house, the property represents vernacular dwelling forms in Georgetown during the late 19th century, thus illustrating the westward expansion of this traditional building form.



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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
1	14	627140	3389560	3	##	#####
2	##	#####	#####	4	##	#####

(\_\_ see continuation sheet 10-#)

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION** Dimmit Subdivision, Block 85, Southwest 1/4, City of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION** The boundaries encompass all resources related to the historical development of the property.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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**NAME/TITLE:** David Moore

**ORGANIZATION:** Hardy-Heck-Moore    **DATE:** 7/84; 12/87; 7/95

**STREET & NUMBER:** 2112 Rio Grande

**TELEPHONE:** 512-478-8014

**CITY OR TOWN:** Austin

**STATE:** TX    **ZIP CODE:** 78705

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION**

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**CONTINUATION SHEETS**

**MAPS** (see USGS Map)

**PHOTOGRAPHS** (see continuation sheet Photo-7)

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

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**PROPERTY OWNER**

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**NAME** Georgetown Hospital

**STREET & NUMBER** 1019 S. College

**TELEPHONE** N/A

**CITY OR TOWN** Georgetown

**STATE** TX    **ZIP CODE** 78627



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Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas

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### Photograph Inventory

Photograph Number 1 of 2  
Property Name M.S. Hewitt House  
Address 1019 S. College  
City/County/State Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas  
Photographer Unknown  
Date of Photograph ca. 1910  
Location of Negatives Georgetown Heritage Society. Georgetown, Texas  
Camera Facing East

Photograph Number 2 of 2  
Property Name M.S. Hewitt House  
Address 1019 S. College  
City/County/State Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas  
Photographer David Moore  
Date of Photograph 1987  
Location of Negatives Texas Historical Commission  
Camera Facing Southeast



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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 96000071      Date Listed: 2/16/96

Property Name: Hewitt, M.S., House

County: Williamson      State: Texas

Georgetown MRA  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Linda McClelland*  
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Signature of the Keeper

February 16, 1996  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8. Significance

"1920" is, hereby, removed as a significant date because the alterations which occurred on this date do not contribute to the architectural significance for which property has been nominated.

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Dwayne Jones, National Register coordinator, Texas State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment on February 15, 1996.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hewitt, M. S., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Georgetown MRA

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Williamson

DATE RECEIVED: 1/16/96      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/31/96  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/16/96      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/01/96  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000071

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    2/16/96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*see slr*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C

REVIEWER L McClelland DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 2/16/96

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





Our home is in  
Old Ferry building is



HISTORIC RESOURCES OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS  
M.S. HEWITT HOUSE  
1019 S. COLLEGE  
GEORGETOWN, WILLIAMSON CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 1 of 2







HEWITT HOUSE  
1019 S COLLEGE  
GEORGETOWN, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

PHOTOS BY DAVID MOORE, 1987

NEGATIVE: TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST

HISTORIC RESOURCES of GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

M.S. HEWITT HOUSE

1019 S. COLLEGE

GEORGETOWN, WILLIAMSON CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 2 of 2



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000843