

5. CLASSIFICATION

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY: Private

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:	CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING	
	<u> 1 </u>	<u> — </u>	BUILDINGS
	<u> — </u>	<u> — </u>	SITES
	<u> — </u>	<u> — </u>	STRUCTURES
	<u> — </u>	<u> — </u>	OBJECTS
	<u> 1 </u>	<u> — </u>	TOTAL

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

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING: Historic and Architectural Resources of Independence Heights, Houston, Harris 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 AMERICAN MOVEMENTS:
Bungalow/Craftsman

MATERIALS: FOUNDATION CONCRETE
WALLS WOOD: Weatherboard
ROOF ASPHALT
OTHER BRICK

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (see continuation sheets 7-5).

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Oscar Lindsay House
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Description

The Oscar Lindsay House (c. 1920) is a 1-story bungalow facing east on North Main in Independence Heights. A large gable roof with jerkinhead front and side gables covers the house which is set on concrete piers. An inset front porch is supported by decorative iron columns resting on a concrete foundation. The house is surrounded by mixed commercial, institutional, and residential uses. Mature vegetation of deciduous trees is north of the house.

The Oscar Lindsay House (c. 1920) faces east on the principal thoroughfare of Independence Heights, North Main Street. The 1-story bungalow rests on a foundation of concrete piers and is covered with a large gable roof of asphalt shingles. The house is sheathed in asbestos shingles (date unknown) but is otherwise largely intact. The front and side are distinguished with jerkinhead gables. Commercial, institutional, and residential uses surround the house reflecting the typical mix of activities in Independence Heights. Directly across the street is the General Mercantile Store or Burgess Hall. Mature deciduous trees and planting shade the house and front and rear yards. A graveled driveway leads from the street to the rear of the property along southern side of the lot. No outbuildings exist.

The 3-bay principal (east) facade consists of paired 1/1 windows in the first and third bays and a single wooden door in the center bay. Access to the primary entrance is under an inset porch supported by two decorative iron columns set on a concrete foundation.

The 3-bay south facade is noted by a set of double windows in the first and third bays and triple windows in the center. All windows are 1/1 wooden sashes that appear to be original.

The Lindsay House is in good condition with alterations that appear to date to the period of significance.

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: Ethnic Heritage: Black

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: c. 1920-1947

SIGNIFICANT DATES: c. 1920

SIGNIFICANT PERSON: N/A

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: N/A

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

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

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY (see context statement).

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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Oscar Lindsay House
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Statement of Significance

The Oscar Lindsay House (c. 1920) is one of the most intact properties associated with an important businessman and city official of Independence Heights. Lindsay operated a number of businesses in the community during the period of significance as well as overlapping as one of three city officials. The property is eligible under Criterion A in the area of Ethnic Heritage (black) at the local level of significance.

The Oscar Lindsay House is near the center of Independence Heights on North Main Street and the home of local businessman and city official. Lindsay operated a number of small businesses in the community including a cleaning and pressing shop, barber shop and ice cream parlor. He set up and managed the ice cream business in his front yard thereby taking advantage of the location on the community's busiest thoroughfare. In addition, Lindsay served as the city plumber for Independence Heights providing an essential service to local residents. This position was one of three public workers supported by the City of Independence Heights on a regular basis (the others were sanitation worker and water commissioner).

Oscar Lindsay worked in a number of vocations which seem to have overlapped during the period of significance. Based on the documentation available, this was common for many residents of Independence Heights and possibly contemporary African American neighborhoods in Houston. Black business owners often operated a number of businesses at once usually requiring low overhead and small capital investments (SoRelle, in *Black Dixie*, pp. 103-112).

The Lindsay House represents the early ethnic heritage of Independence Heights and is one of the only remaining buildings associated with a city official.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	15	268760	3300760	3	##	#####
2	##	#####	#####	4	##	#####

(see continuation sheet 10-#)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Independence Heights, Block 31, Lots 6 & 7

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION Boundary encompasses all resources historically associated with the nominated property.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE: Vivian Seals with assistance from Dwayne Jones, Texas Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION: Independence Heights Neighborhood Council **DATE:** 1/97

STREET & NUMBER: 3714 Yosemite **TELEPHONE:** (713) 747-9989

CITY OR TOWN: Houston **STATE:** TX **ZIP CODE:** 77021

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

CONTINUATION SHEETS

MAPS (see USGS map # 3)

PHOTOGRAPHS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

PROPERTY OWNER

NAME: Oscar Lindsay Estate, c/o Cora Lindsay Bennett

STREET & NUMBER: 2806 S. Laurent **TELEPHONE:** N/A

CITY OR TOWN: Victoria **STATE:** TX **ZIP CODE:** 77901

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Lindsay, Oscar, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Independence Heights MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Harris

DATE RECEIVED: 5/06/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/19/97
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/04/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/20/97
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97000546

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 6.4.97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



LINDSAT, OSCAR, HOUSE
7415 NORTH MAIN
HOUSTON, HARRIS CO., TEXAS
VIVIAN SEALS, PHOTOGRAPHER
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION, NEG.
CAMERA FACING WEST
PHOTOGRAPH 1 of 1

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500641

PROPERTY NAME: Lindsay, Oscar, House

OTHER NAME/ NOT APPLICABLE
SITE No. :

MULTIPLE NAME: Independence Heights MPS

ADDRESS/ 7415 N. Main St.
BOUNDARY :

CITY: Houston

COUNTY: Harris

STATE: TEXAS

Restricted Location Information: Owner: PRIVATE Resource Type: BUILDING

Contributing Noncontributing

Buildings	1	0
Sites	0	0
Structures	0	0
Objects	0	0

Nomination/Determination Type: MULTIPLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT

Nominator Name:
NOT APPLICABLE

Federal Agency: NOT APPLICABLE

NPS Park Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Certification: DATE RECEIVED/PENDING NOMINATION

Date: 05/06/97

Other Certification: NOT APPLICABLE

Historic Functions: DOMESTIC

Historic Subfunctions: SINGLE DWELLING

Current Functions: DOMESTIC

Current Subfunctions: SINGLE DWELLING

Level of Significance: LOCAL Applicable Criteria: EVENT

Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: NOT APPLICABLE

Area of Significance: BLACK

Periods of Significance: 1900-1924 1925-1949 Circa: Specific Sig. Years:

Architect/Builder/Engineer/
Designer:

NOT APPLICABLE

Cultural Affiliation:

NOT APPLICABLE

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

HAER No. N/A

Architectural Styles: BUNGALOW/CRAFTSMAN

Describe Other Style: NOT APPLICABLE

Foundation Materials: CONCRETE
Wall Materials: WEATHERBOARD
Roof Materials: ASPHALT
Other Materials: BRICK

Acreage: 0.9

UTM	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
Coordinates:	15/	/2 68 760/	/33 00 760	/ /	/ /	/ /