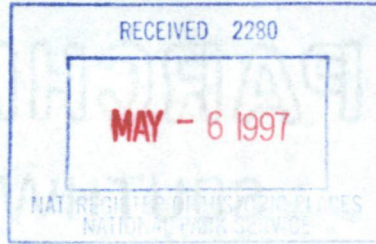


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

HISTORIC NAME: Mackey, William, House
OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER: N/A

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 313 E. 37th
CITY OR TOWN: Houston
STATE: Texas **CODE:** TX **COUNTY:** Harris **CODE:** 201
NOT FOR PUBLICATION: N/A
VICINITY: N/A
ZIP CODE: 77022-4035

3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Curtis J. Murrell
Signature of certifying official

4-27-97
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

Date of Action
6-4-97

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: OTHER: Vernacular Modified L-plan

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

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (see continuation sheets 7-5).

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Mackey, William, House
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Description

The William Mackey House (c. 1915) faces south at 313 E. 37th Street in Independence Heights. The 1-story wood frame house is a representative example of a vernacular modified L-plan form. A large hipped roof of asphalt shingles covers the house which rests on concrete piers. A 1-story inset porch on the southeast corner shields a single door and paired 2/2 windows. The porch is modified with bungalow features typical of the 1920s. There is very little landscaping and no secondary building on the lot.

The William Mackey House dates from about 1915 and faces south on a residential street near the center of Independence Heights. The house is set back from the street approximately twenty feet as is typical of surrounding properties. Although there is almost no landscaping, large deciduous trees shade the rear yard and believed to be the remainders of more original landscaping.

The 1-story house follows a modified L-plan form popular in the early part of the 20th century. A large hipped roof with asphalt shingles covers the house which is set on concrete piers. The main block of the house is sheathed in No. 117 siding often used on houses of the period. An inset corner porch (southeast corner) extends from the main roof and is supported by square posts set on brick piers. The porch may be an alteration, but appears to date at least to the 1920s.

The principal 3-bay facade is in a A-B-A pattern with paired 2/2 windows in the first and third bays. A single wooden door serves as a main entry. All windows are 2/2 wooden windows, some are covered with screens.

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; Ethnic Heritage: Black

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: c. 1915-1947

SIGNIFICANT DATES: c. 1915

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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Mackey, William, House
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Statement of Significance

The William Mackey House (c. 1915) is among the earliest houses in Independence Heights. William Mackey served several important roles in the local community including Camp Commander of the American Woodmen Camp and founder of the Unity School of Christianity. The property is eligible under Criterion A in the area of Ethnic Heritage (black) at the local level of significance, and Criterion C in the area of Architecture as one of the best surviving examples of a modified L-plan form at the local level.

The William Mackey House date from about 1915 and served as the home of a one of the community's most important leaders. By 1915, William Mackey became the Camp Commander of the American Woodmen Camp 272 and Tent 272. The American Woodmen Camp was one of three active fraternal organizations in Independence Heights. Fraternal organizations played a significant role in African American communities of the period by providing a social outlet as well as important functions. Such organizations often offered members insurance programs and benefits not available through private insurance companies. This service attracted many African Americans to membership. As Camp Commander, Mackey led the fraternal organization and maintained the vital link to the larger fraternal organization. No properties associated with other fraternal organizations remain in Independence Heights.

The Mackey House also served as the initial meeting place for the Unity School of Christianity. Although little is known about the school, it was one of the many religious groups that organized in the community during the early 20th century. Several extant church congregations began in the homes of local residents, but almost none of these remain.

The William Mackey House is also a good example of the modified L-plan form popular at the turn of the century. The house is largely intact and reflects local builder and homeowner preferences for a traditional house form.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
	15	268540	3300020			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Independence Heights, Block 12, Lots 24, 25, & 26

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 continuation sheet USGS map #5)

PHOTOGRAPHS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

PROPERTY OWNER

NAME: Jerry West c/o Ethel E. West

STREET & NUMBER: 4027 Delhi Street **TELEPHONE:** N/A

CITY OR TOWN: Houston **STATE:** TX **ZIP CODE:** 77022

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Mackey, William, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Independence Heights MPS

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: 97000547

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



MACKAY, WILLIAM, HOUSE
313 E. 37TH
HOUSTON, HARRIS CO. TEXAS
VIVIAN SEALS, PHOTOGRAPHER
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION, NEG.
CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

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