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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Croom, Wiley J., House

Other name/site number: Site No. 366

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 205 East Milam

Not for publication: N/A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:

	<i>Contributing</i>	<i>Noncontributing</i>
	<u> 2 </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> 2 </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.

Laurie J. Munnell
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
___ See continuation sheet.

Antonio A. Lee

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): _____

fr Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current: DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

Materials: foundation Brick
walls Wood
roof Asphalt
other N/A

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: 1888

Significant Dates: 1888

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Heiner, Eugene

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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Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Description:

The Wiley J. Croom House is a 2-story frame dwelling facing south on West Milam Street. It rests on a brick foundation with a combination hipped and gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is covered in weatherboard siding and noted by its assymetry in plan and principal facade. A 2-story open porch extends from the southwest corner and wraps around the west facade while a 2 1/2-story tower rises from the southeast corner. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise along the north slope of the hipped roof. All windows are 2/2 and 6/6 wooden double-hung. Decorative details include turned columns, jig-sawn balusters and freize work, and multi-light art glass windows, all typical of the Queen Anne style from the Victorian era.

The Wiley J. Croom House is a 2-story frame dwelling facing south on West Milam Street roughly one block east of the central business district. It rests on a brick foundation with a combination hipped and gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is covered in weatherboard siding and noted by its assymetry in plan and principal facade. Two brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise along the north slope of the hipped roof. All windows are 2/2 wooden double-hung. Mature deciduous trees and shrubbery surround the house.

The principal (south) facade is noted by a 2-story open porch extends from the southwest corner and wraps around the west facade while a 2 1/2-story tower rises from the southeast corner. Paired windows highlight the gable front while single windows flanked by panels denote the first and second floors. A louvered ocular highlights the 1/2 story of the tower. Single doors with transoms access the mainblock of the house on the first and second floors. A single art-glass window with decorative surround is to the left of the main entryway; a second similar window is in the upper gable end. The decorative aspects of the building are attributed to the Queen Anne style of the Victorian era.

The west facade is noted by a 2-story bay with decorative bargeboard. Most windows on this elevation are 6/6. The east facade contains two symmetrically placed paired windows on each floor.

A small frame store at the northwest corner of the property is determined Contributing to the property.

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Croom, Wiley J., House
Wharton, Wharton County, Texas

Statement of Significance:

The Wiley J. Croom House (1888) is the best example of the Queen Anne style residential building in Wharton. Its association with Eugene Heiner makes it one of the few architect designed buildings in the community. The house is eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture and associated with the context: *Community Development in Wharton, Texas 1875-1942*. The property retains a high degree of integrity.

Wiley J. Croom came to Wharton in 1868 and established a prominent law and real estate practice with his father and brothers. In 1886, he was elected as county judge and served until 1890. Croom belonged to the "White Man's Union Association of Wharton County, organized in 1889 by Anglo taxpayers to regain political control. In 1903, he served as the vice-president of the newly created Wharton National Bank. The house was transferred to Marianne C. Armstrong, daughter, and is currently in the M.C. Armstrong Estate.

The house was designed by Eugene Heiner and built in 1888. This was the same period as the design and construction of the new courthouse also by Heiner. It is believed that Croom's role in the courthouse introduced him to Heiner and thus led him to select the architect as designer of his new home.

The house retains a high degree of integrity and is the best example in Wharton of the Queen Anne style.

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

Acreege of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A 14 781840 3245700 B _____

C _____ D _____

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Town Site, Block 15, Lots 5 & 6

Boundary Justification: The property includes all areas historically associated with the building.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (assisted by Dwayne Jones, Preservation Planner, THC staff)

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Organization: Hardy-Heck-Moore

Date: July 1989

January 1992

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State: TX Zip: 78705

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Wharton MRA TEXAS Wharton County

Date Listed

COVER Substantive Review

2/18/93

1. Abovitz, Leon, House ~~Substantive Review~~ **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**

3/18/93 **Determined Not**

2. Banker, Willie, Jr., House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

3. Bernstein, Moses, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

4. Bolton--Outlar House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

5. Colorado River Bridge **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

6. Croom, Wiley J., House Substantive Review

3/18/93

7. Dannon, F. F., House Substantive Review

3/18/93

8. Davidson, Dr. Green, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

9. Davis, Ben and Mary, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

10. Elkins, Nettie, House Substantive Review

3/18/93

11. Elliott, E. Clyde and Mary, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

12. First Methodist Episcopal Church South, Old **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

13. Garrett, Henry B., House Substantive Review

3/18/93

14. Garrett, John A. and Sophie, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

15. Gifford, George C. and Annie, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

16. Hamilton, Joseph Andrew, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

17. Harrison, Gerard A., House ~~Substantive Review~~ **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

18. Harrison--Dennis House **Substantive Review**
Entered in the National Register

3/18/93

19. Hawes, Edwin, House **Entered in the National Register**

3/18/93

20. Hawes, Edwin, Jr., House **Entered in the National Register**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Croom, Wiley J., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Wharton MPS
NAME:

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: 93000099

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 3/18/93 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Croom House is significant under Criterion C, as an excellent local example of Queen Anne-style design. The house is a rare illustration of an architect-designed residence from the late 19th century in Wharton. The property fully meets the registration requirements of the MPS cover document for residential property types and reflects an era of important economic growth in the community.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Paul R. Lusignea
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 3/18/93

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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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