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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Robert H. and Edith Ethel McCauley House

other name/site number:

2. Location

street & number: 4415 Avenue A

city/town: Austin

state: TX County: Travis

code: 453

zip code: 78751

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
2	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF HYDE PARK, AUSTIN, 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. Howell
Signature of certifying official

27 June 1990
Date

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

Entered in the
National Register

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.

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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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Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: single dwelling

Current: Domestic Sub: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Tudor Revival

Materials:	foundation	wood
	walls	brick
	roof	asphalt shingles
	other	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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: 1936

Significant Dates: 1936

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Sanders, Kenneth N.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet.

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Situated at the southeast corner of Avenue A and West 45th Street, this 1 1/2-story dwelling was built in 1936. Of wood-frame construction veneered in brick, it features architectural detailing associated with the Tudor Revival style popular during the late 1920s and 1930s. Despite its proximity to one of the neighborhood's busiest intersections (45th and Guadalupe), the house stands virtually unaltered.

An open plan typical of bungalows during this era results in asymmetrical massing on the exterior, thus playing into the stylistic idioms of the Tudor Revival. Walls are of brick, incorporating a variety of patterns around fenestration, arched porch openings, and the massive chimney. An entry portico features stepped arches capped by a steeply pitched gable roof. A small porch with arched openings is inset at the southwest corner of the house. Most windows are double-hung wood sash, although casement windows with diamond-patterned lights flank the chimney on the primary (west) facade. A complex roofscape of steeply-pitched cross-gabled forms surmounts the composition. While the house presents an intimate profile to the street, a linear gable-roofed rear wing provides for a commodious plan. This original wing incorporates detailing similar to that of the main elevation.

A detached 2-story garage/apartment stands behind the main house and fronts onto West 45th Street. Unlike the main house, it is clad with wood siding. As it probably was built at the same time and appears to be unchanged, this ancillary building contributes to the historic character of the property.

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The McCauley House was designed and constructed in 1936 by Kenneth N. Sanders for contractor Robert H. McCauley and his wife, Edith. The house is an outstanding examples of Tudor Revival architecture in Hyde Park. As it remains virtually unaltered since its completion, it is being nominated for its local architectural significance under Criterion C.

On April 4, 1910, the lots at 4415 Avenue A were sold for \$850 to F.T. Ramsey, a prominent nurseryman and owner of adjoining lots in Block 8 of the original Hyde Park Addition. Ramsey held the property until 1927, when he and other family members transferred ownership of numerous tracts in Hyde Park and the Hyde Park Annex to a corporation called Ramsey's Austin Nursery. After Ramsey's death in 1932, the Nursery Corporation conveyed these properties to the Capital National Bank of Austin on March 15, 1935 (DR 240:74; 413:51; 520:177; Probate File No. 7826).

Edith Ethel McCauley, wife of contractor Robert H. McCauley, purchased lots 1-2 and the north half of lot 3, Block 8, Hyde Park Addition for \$425.00 on August 26, 1936 (DR 544:110). Two months later, the McCauleys contracted with Kenneth N. Sanders for the construction of "a 1-story brick veneer residence and garage. . ." in consideration of \$3,500 (DR 547:97). It is not known if Sanders was working at the time as an independent designer and builder, but in the years immediately after construction of the McCauley House, he worked as a draftsman for Becker Lumber Company and Calcasieu Lumber Company (Austin City Directories 1937-1939). Records indicate that he subsequently transferred a mechanic's lien on the McCauley House to the Becker Lumber Company (DR 540:515), suggesting that he, like some other Hyde Park contractors (see 3811 Speedway), worked for a lumberyard while designing and building some residences as an independent contractor.

Subsequent to R.H. McCauley's death in 1940 (Probate File No. 9715), his widow sold the property to Dr. A.H. Neighbors on August 24, 1946 (DR 823:474). Later owners included O.D. Denson (1950), L.E. and Ollie V. Hagood (1950-1952) and Willard and Lena E. Thomas and their heirs (1952-c.1974).

Constructed towards the end of the period of greatest building activity in Hyde Park, the McCauley house is representative of the design traditions of the Tudor Revival seen more frequently in the Shadow Lawn Addition. As a fine example of residential architecture in Hyde Park, the house testifies to the high level of craftsmanship

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of builders who worked in the 1920s and 1930s for businesses such as the Becker Lumber Company. Fine brickwork is evident in the stepped arches of the front entrance and provide visual richness through inset panels on the chimney and soldier courses at the eaves. All demonstrate a refined aesthetic sensibility that distinguish the McCauley House as a fine example of Tudor Revival architecture in Hyde Park.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See bibliography for associated historic context.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _ 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
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	14	621960	3353620	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 1, 2, and north 12.5 feet of Lot 3, Block 8, Hyde Park Addition No. 1

Boundary Justification:

Boundaries are those historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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| 2. Commercial Building at 4113 Guadalupe St. | 8/10/90 |
| 3. Covert, Frank M. and Annie G., House | 8/10/90 |
| 4. Hildreth-Flanagan-Heierman House | 8/10/90 |
| 5. Hyde Park Historic District <u>Substantiva Review</u> | 8/10/90 |
| 6. Hyde Park Presbyterian Church | 8/16/90 |
| 7. Ledbetter, Charles P., House | 8/10/90 |
| 8. Mansbendel, Peter and Clotilde Shipe, House <u>Substantiva Review</u> | 8/16/90 |
| 9. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Land Co. House | 8/16/90 |
| 10. Oliphant--Walker House <u>Substantiva Review</u> | 8/16/90 |
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| 12. Parker, James F. and Susie R., House | 8/16/90 |
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| 14. Sears, Rev. Henry M. and Jennie, House | 8/16/90 |
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| 16. Smith--Marcuse--Lowry House | 8/16/90 |
| 17. Williams, W. T. and Clotilde V., House | 8/16/90 |
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| 19. Robbins, Alice H., House | 8/16/90 |

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: McCauley, Robert H. and Edith Ethel, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Hyde Park MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Travis

DATE RECEIVED: 7/05/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/17/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/19/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001236

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 8/16/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed Date



ROBERT H. & EDITH ETHEL McCAULEY HOUSE

4415 AVENUE A

AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO., TEXAS

DANIEL HARDY

MARCH 4, 1987

NEGATIVE WITH TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING NORTHEAST

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negative: Texas Historical Commission

Austin, Tx

view: looking northeast

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500640