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West House, Woodson House and Eyssen House receive historic landmark designation

HOUSTON, November 13, 2013 – City Council designated three homes as historic landmarks.

The Randolph and Virginia West House, 2245 Dryden, was designed in a French style by Claude E. Hooton in 1936-37. Virginia West was an accomplished interior decorator and Mr. West was a building contractor. The new home was featured in Architectural Digest. Claude E. Hooton was a Rice-trained architect who had a successful and long career, and built several homes in Southgate. Architectural historian Stephen Fox wrote the following about Claude Hooton's architecture: "A number of Hooton's houses, including his own, reflected his exposure to modern architecture. Others, however, were more conservative in design. They were all characterized by diminutive proportions."



The Glen and Judy Woodson House, 2023 Claremont, was designed by architects Paul H. Wolf and Richard Hoyt circa 1939, possibly as a speculative home for C.N. Peck, who was active in the home savings and loan business. The home was first occupied by Glen Woodson and his family in 1940. Woodson was the manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Houston. His father owned numerous bottling plants in Texas. Paul H. Wolf and Richard Hoyt were two architects who worked together and independently to design numerous homes in River Oaks during the 1930s-1940s.

The William H. and Boog Eyssen House, 3449 Overbrook, was built by architect, contractor, and home developer Charles W. Burkhard in 1939, and was first occupied by the Eyssen family. William Eyssen was an independent oil operator. The house is designed in a simple Colonial Revival style and very typical of the period.

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