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City of Houston designates two Heights properties as protected landmarks

HOUSTON, February 24, 2009 – Houston City Council recently designated two properties in the Houston Heights as protected historic landmarks.

Houston Heights Church of Christ Building, 1548 Heights Boulevard

Houston Heights Church of Christ, located at 1548 Heights Boulevard in Houston Heights Historic District East, was first established in February, 1915 on the second floor of the Frank M. Johnson Drug Store located at 350 W. 19th at Ashland, in Houston Heights. It was the first Church of Christ congregation established in Houston Heights. As the Heights Church of Christ congregation grew, they moved into the present sanctuary in March 1925, where the congregation continues worship services today.



The Neo-Georgian style building, whose construction was begun in June 1924, was designed by renowned Houston architect, Alfred C. Finn. Most of its construction costs were provided by church member and benefactor, Emerson F. Woodward, whose architecturally significant home, also designed by Finn, still stands at 1605 Heights Boulevard, located just a block away from the church. Woodward was a pioneer oil industry entrepreneur, and with the vast wealth he gained, he provided the funds for the establishment of other church congregations in Texas, as well as the funds for supporting many orphans of the church, even to the extent of funding the education for many children.

Daisy Wilson Bland House, 227 W. 18th

The Daisy Wilson Bland House at 227 West 18th Street in the Houston Heights neighborhood was built in 1915 by Charles Bennet Wilson and his wife, Daisy Wilson. After Charles's death, Daisy married Robert Bland, a local contractor. Daisy Wilson Bland died in 1923, and her daughter, Daisy Ladell Wilson, inherited the house. The home is currently owned by Neil Sackheim.



The Daisy Wilson Bland House built in 1915 is a unique blend of the Craftsman Bungalow style with Queen Anne influences, and retains a very high level of architectural integrity.

Houston's Historic Preservation Ordinance, adopted by City Council in 1995, recognizes and protects the city's historic sites. The ordinance allows Council to designate buildings, structures, objects or sites that have historical, cultural, architectural or archaeological significance. By preserving the city's valuable historic resources, residents and visitors are visibly reminded of our culture and heritage, boosting civic pride and economic prosperity. Economic incentives and reduced permit fees are available for renovations on designated historic properties approved by the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission. More information is available online at the Planning Department web site at www.houstonplanning.com under Historic Preservation.