

**Significance Statement
for
347 Parland
San Antonio, Texas**

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The house at 347 Parland was constructed circa 1940. The house has a long history of military families. In 1941 Co. Thomas P. Bernard and his wife Marie moved into the house in 1940. In 1951, Col. Harold B. Gibson and his wife Ruth occupied the home. The house remained in the Gibson family until 1997.

This house represents the Minimal Traditional style, which became popular in the 1940s. This house features a low-pitched roofline, clapboard siding, and simplified Classical detailing. These homes were often affordable homes for couples and families and were the precursors to the tract homes seen in the suburbs that blossomed after WWII.

This house meets the following criteria for local landmark designation:

Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials [35-607(b)5]; as a high integrity early Minimal Traditional house.

It is distinctive in character, interest or value; strongly exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, ethnic or historical heritage of San Antonio, Texas or the United States [35-607(b)11]; as a high integrity early Minimal Traditional style that was indicative of the housing boom following WWII.

It is an important example of a particular architectural type or specimen [35-607(b)12]; as an intact, high integrity example of a Minimal Traditional house.