

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Resource no.

Resource Address:  
**224 Merchant St**  
**Abilene Texas 79601 United States**  
County: Taylor  
Historic name: Chambers House  
Present name: Chambers House  
Local place name:  
Visible from public right of way: Yes  
Ownership: Private  
Owner/Address:  
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Land unit size:  
Site/Setting:



Lat/Long: 32.4520198931363800, -99.7436946736106600 [WGS84]  
UTM: Zone 14S, 430100.0325 mE, 3590783.9123 mN  
Parcel No.

Historical Information

Historic Function: Domestic: Single Dwelling  
Construction Date: ca. 1910-1919 , 1910\*  
Original or Significant Owners:  
Significant Date/Period:  
Areas of Significance:

Current Function: Vacant/Not in Use  
Architect:  
Builder:  
Developer:

Architectural Information

Category: building, domestic building  
Structural: frame  
Stories: 1, Bays: 3  
Form or Plan: rectangular  
Foundation: undetermined  
General condition:  
Basement: none

Style: Folk/Traditional and Craftsman  
Exterior Material(s): original wood siding  
Roof Material: replacement asphalt shingles  
Roof Type: Pyramidal , raked box cornice  
Windows: original wood 1/1 double-hung sashes  
Chimney(s):  
Porch: single-story two-bay open porch

Demolished: 2013

- ☐ Additions
  - ☐ Alterations
  - ☐ Moved
  - ☐ Other
- Ancillary structures:

Historical Summary:

Status (Current Listing or Designation)  
National: ☐ indiv. ☐ district ☐ landmrk.  
State/Province: ☐ indiv. ☐ district ☐ landmrk.  
Local: ☐ indiv. ☐ district ☐ landmrk.

Evaluation (Preparer's Assessment of Eligibility)		
Recommendation	Level of potential eligibility	Landmark potential
<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input type="checkbox"/> National	<input type="checkbox"/> National
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible as contributing resource	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> State
<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible / non-contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> Local	<input type="checkbox"/> Local
<input type="checkbox"/> Not determined		



1997



April 2013



April 2013

**Description/Remarks**

This is a 1-story, 3-bay domestic building in the Folk/Traditional style with Craftsman influences built in 1910. The structural system is frame. The foundation is undetermined. Exterior walls are original wood siding. The building has a pyramidal roof clad in replacement asphalt shingles with raked box cornice and one gabled dormer. Windows are original wood, 1/1 double-hung sashes. There is a single-story, two-bay open porch characterized by an integrated (under the main) roof clad in asphalt shingles with square wood posts. After a devastating fire in April 2013, this structure cannot be rehabilitated. It was demolished and removed from property.

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Date source: Taylor CAD

Survey and Recorder		
Project: City of Abilene - Historic Buildings and Districts	Sequence/Key no.: 226	Survey Date: 2/2012
Prepared By: Abrigg	Report Title/Name: Texas SHPO Grant to update existing Survey	Previous Surveys:
Inventoried: 10/22/2012 12:43:56 pm Last updated: 03/01/2017 5:19:35 pm by Hayden Brodowsky /	Level of Survey: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive	Additional Research Recommended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No