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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

**NATIONAL
REGISTER**

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Fritz, David C. and Docia, House

Other name/site number: 170

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 1325 North Eighteenth *St.*

not for publication: N/A

City/town: Abilene

State: TX *County:* Taylor

code: 441 *zip code:* 79601

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

| | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Number of Resources within Property:</i> | <i>Contributing</i> | <i>Noncontributing</i> |
| | <u> 2 </u> | <u> </u> buildings |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> sites |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> structures |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> objects |
| | <u> 2 </u> | <u> 0 </u> Total |

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

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources in Abilene, 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.

 Curtis J. Russell
Signature of certifying official
State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission
Date 2-12-92
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

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

 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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Entered in the National Register
3/23/92

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Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action _____

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: Domestic

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: Domestic

Sub: Single dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Tudor Revival

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Materials: foundation</i> | brick |
| <i>walls</i> | brick |
| <i>roof</i> | asphalt |
| <i>other</i> | petrified wood |

Describe present and historic physical appearance. x 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

Area(s) of Significance: C

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1930

Significant Dates: c. 1930

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. x See continuation sheet.

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Continuation SheetSection number 7/8 Page 5Historic and Architectural Resources
of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

The David C. and Docia Fritz House is a 1 1/2-story frame, Tudor Revival dwelling with an asymmetrical plan and a multiple gable roof. The exterior walls are brick and stone veneer and the roof has asphalt composition shingles.

A low, U-shaped, stone veneer wall extends from the front (north) elevation to form an entrance terrace that provides access to the single door primary entrance, and to an arcaded sun porch on the northeast corner. An exterior brick chimney on the front elevation has two tile chimney pots. The front elevation features patterned brickwork and multiple shapes and hues of stonework. Door and window openings on the front elevation have Tudor arches. The wood windows have a 3/1 light pattern.

A 1-story garage with a side gable roof and weatherboard siding is south of the main house. The garage is Contributing.

Statement of Significance:

The David C. and Docia Fritz House, built about 1930, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as an outstanding local example of Tudor Revival architecture. Although similarly detailed houses abound in Abilene's historic neighborhoods, few display such noteworthy craftsmanship and attention to detail as the Fritz House. The building is associated with the historic context "The Railroad and Abilene's Development into a Wholesale and Distribution Center in West Texas, 1881-1939." It stands virtually unaltered and retains its historic character to a remarkable degree.

The Tudor Revival style was a favorite among local builders in the late 1920s and early 1930s, and most are found in neighborhoods to the north, northwest and southwest of downtown. Few in Abilene were designed by architects; the majority of the those residences that utilize the style, including this house, display architectural elements and detailing associated with the Tudor Revival design. This building, however, stands out from other local examples because of its noteworthy masonry work. The porch and fenestration elements have delicately crafted ogee or pointed archways. The chimney has ornate tile work with petrified wood incorporated into its base.

City directories indicate that the house was built between 1929 and 1934. David C. Fritz and his wife Docia are the earliest documented occupants.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

x See bibliography for associated historic context.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- _ 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 (Texas Historical Commission)*
- _ Other state agency*
- _ Federal agency*
- x Local government (City of Abilene Planning Department)*
- _ University*
- x Other -- Specify Repository: Abilene Preservation League*

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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| <i>A</i> | <i>14</i> | <i>430920</i> | <i>3592560</i> | <i>B</i> | <i>__</i> | <i>_____</i> | <i>_____</i> |
| <i>C</i> | <i>__</i> | <i>_____</i> | <i>_____</i> | <i>D</i> | <i>__</i> | <i>_____</i> | <i>_____</i> |

Verbal Boundary Description:

College Heights, Block 16, east 74' of north half of Lot 10, east 73' of Lot 11, all of Lot 12

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the area that has been historically associated with the property and that retains its historic and architectural integrity.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (assisted by Amy E. Dase, Historian, THC staff)

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Organization: Hardy Heck Moore

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City or town: Austin

Date: June 1989; January 1992

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State: TX *Zip:* 78705

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David and Docia Fritz House

1325 North Eighteenth

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest

Photograph 25 of 48

Charles Motz House

1842 North Fifth

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique, camera facing northwest

Photograph 26 of 48

West Texas Utilities Company Power Plant

100 Block North Second

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast

Photograph 27 of 48

David S. Castle House

1742 North Second

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

South facade, camera facing northwest

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Abilene MPS
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Date Listed

| COVER | Substantive Review | Date Listed |
|----------|---|-------------|
| | | 12/18/91 |
| 92000225 | 1915 Taylor County Courthouse | 3/23/92 |
| 92000193 | Abilene Christian College Administration Building | 5/23/92 |
| 91001811 | Abilene Commercial Historic District | 12/18/91 |
| 92000200 | Abilene Fire Station No. 2 | 3/23/92 |
| 92000205 | Abilene Street Railway Company Barn | 3/23/92 |
| 92000191 | Abilene and Northern Railway Company Depot <i>owner ok</i> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000214 | Ackers, William and Mary, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000234 | Blanton, Thomas L., House <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000229 | Boyd--Hall House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000206 | Caldwell Hall <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000195 | Cash, W. A. V., House <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000218 | Castle, David S., House <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000211 | Chambers, Samuel A., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000237 | Davis, George R., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000199 | Dillingham, O. D. and Ada, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000222 | Dodd--Harkrider House <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000204 | Evans, J. W., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000228 | Federal Building (<i>now returned</i>) | Ret. |
| 92000210 | Finley, Eugene L., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000226 | First Presbyterian Church <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000215 | Fritz, David C. and Docia, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000192 | Fulwiler, William J., House <i>owner ok</i> <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000232 | Goodloe, Albert S. and Ruth, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000207 | Green, Roland A. D., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000236 | Higginbotham, J. G., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000196 | House at 1127 Ash Street | 3/23/92 |
| 92000224 | Hughes, Ed S., Company Warehouse | 3/23/92 |
| 92000212 | Jones, A. T., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000221 | Lanius, C. A., House <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000194 | Luce Hall <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000220 | Magee, J. D., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000201 | McDaniel, George W. and Lavina, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000219 | McDonald Hall | 3/23/92 |
| 92000209 | McMurry College Administration Building <u>Substantive Review</u> | 3/23/92 |
| 92000198 | Minter, William A., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000216 | Motz, Charles, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000230 | Parramore, D. D., House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000223 | Radford, James M., Grocery Company Warehouse | 3/23/92 |
| 92000231 | Reading, Jhules, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000235 | Roberts, Nathan J. and Nancy, House | 3/23/92 |
| 92000233 | Sacred Heart Catholic Church | 3/23/92 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fritz, David C. and Docia, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Abilene MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Taylor

DATE RECEIVED: 2/19/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/06/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/22/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/04/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000215

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 3/23/92 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



DAVID & DOLOIA FRITZ HOUSE
1325 NORTH EIGHTEENTH
ABILENE, TAYLOR CO., TEXAS

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500625