

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ 117  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ QUAD \_\_\_\_\_ LOT \_\_\_\_\_ 12-13

NAME: David Barker House COUNTY: Harris  
ADDRESS: 121 E. 16th CITY: Houston

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_ UTM: \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER: Charles Thorp DATE: c.1908 PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

2706 Richmond #12 Houston, TX 77008 STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
THEME: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: Square, frame, 2-story, hip roof with center dormer, attached porch wraps to one side supported by Doric columns, square balusters, balustrade above porch is the same, single door with sidelights and transom (all have tracery), large windows with tracery, detail in pediment of dormer, 1-story

BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: \_\_\_\_\_ roof: \_\_\_\_\_ (cont)

PHYSICAL CONDITION: excellent-significant SITE: original \_\_\_\_\_ or moved \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERATIONS: addition is hidden by fence

SIGNIFICANCE: The first record of the house is in 1908 as vacant. In 1911-12, it became the home of Mayor David Barker. He was very active in the real estate dealings of the Heights, and in the civic and social activities of the area

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_ (cont)

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGINAL USE: residence PRESENT USE: residence

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: large, well-kept corner lot with several trees and

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_ (cont)

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDED BY: KLL INFORMANT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 4/30/80 PHOTO DATA: 1 - 35mm

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Site No. 10

NAME Barker House (H.H. MRA) COUNTY Harris BLOCK 117  
ADDRESS 121 East 16th St. CITY Houston LOT 12-13  
UTM Zone 15 E 268,310 N 3,298,800  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER unknown DATE ca. 1908 PERIOD 1900--  
OWNER Charles A. Thorp STYLE Colonial Revival influence  
2706 Richmond no. 12, Houston 77008 THEME

DESCRIPTION Two-story frame house with square plan; hipped roof with central dormer; attached two-story porch wraps to one side, supported by Doric columns; square balusters on both floors; second-story porch uncovered; single front door with sidelights and transom; large windows with tracery and one-over-one lights; detailing in dormer pediment; one-story, modern patio addition to side is hidden by latticework fence; interior brick chimney; lattice under house between brick piers.

Building material: wall frame/clapboards roof composition

Physical condition excellent-significant site: original X or moved      date     

Alterations side patio addition hidden by fence

SIGNIFICANCE Became home of Mayor David Barker in 1911-12; he was active in real estate dealings in the Heights, and in the civic and social activities of the area; also spent six years as mayor of Houston Heights.

Area of significance arch., politics\* Level of significance local  
DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI HSI OTHER  
ORIGINAL USE residence PRESENT USE residence  
RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS large, well-kept corner lot with several trees and bushes; lattice fence at side of yard; residential neighborhood.  
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION less than one acre  
BIBLIOGRAPHY Sister M. Agatha (1956: 121, 122)  
RECORDED BY K. L. London INFORMANT  
DATE April 30, 1980 PHOTO DATA 1 - 35 mm., Tex. Hist. Commission

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Houston Heights Multiple Resource Area  
State Texas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 152 | 91. Webber, Samuel H., House              | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper                       | <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/83            |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
| 16  | 92. Wilkins House                         | Entered in the<br>National Register | Substantive Review<br>for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 5/14/83            |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
|     | 93. Williams-Brueder House                | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper                       | <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/83            |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
| 16  | 94. Wilson House                          | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper                       | <u>Delores Byers</u> 5/14/83            |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
| 16  | 95. Wimberly House                        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper                       | <u>Delores Byers</u> 5/14/83            |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
| 16  | 96. Woodard House<br>(740 RUTLAND ST)     | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper                       | <u>Delores Byers</u> 5/14/83            |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
|     | 97. Woodward House<br>(1605 HEIGHTS BLVD) | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper                       | <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/83            |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
| 157 | 98. Zagst House                           | Substantive Review                  | Determined Eligible<br>Keeper       | <u>Eligible - Beth Grossman</u> 6/22/83 |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
|     | 99. Barker House                          | Substantive Review                  | Keeper                              | <u>Beth Grossman - 5/14/84</u>          |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |
|     | 100. Fuller House                         | Substantive Review                  | Keeper                              | <u>Return</u>                           |
|     |   |                                     | Attest                              | _____                                   |

**DJE/OWNER OBJECTION**

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Barker House (Houston Heights MRA)  
Harris County  
TEXAS

APR 9 1984

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 5-10-84 / 5-24-84

Action:  ACCEPT 5-14-84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*No statement of architectural signif.  
He is signif. order B for assoc. of Barker  
(see #8, p. 3 of cover form)*

Recom./Criteria Accept - B

Reviewer Bisovann

Discipline Historia

Date 5/14/84

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership		Status	Present Use
	Public	Acquisition		

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. 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 — *C is listed, but not justified,*
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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121 E. 16th

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Houston Heights

Site No. 10, Barker House, 121 East 16th  
Houston, Texas 77008

Photo: K.L. London, April 30, 1980

On file, Texas Historical Commission  
Front facade, looking west

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000847