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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: Jones, A.T., House

Other name/site number: 1117

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 418 Merchant

not for publication: N/A

City/town: Abilene

State: TX *County:* Taylor

code: 441 *zip code:* 79603

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> <i>buildings</i>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> <i>sites</i>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> <i>structures</i>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> <i>objects</i>
	<u> 2 </u>	<u> 0 </u> <i>Total</i>

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.

 Laurel Russell 2-12-92
Signature of certifying official Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

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): _____

Entered in the National Register

 Alanus Byer 3/23/92

 for Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

The A.T. Jones House is a 1-story frame, Arts and Crafts influenced Bungalow with a modified square plan and a low pitched roof with broad eaves. The exterior walls are sheathed with wood shingles and the roof has composition asphalt shingles. Facing east onto Merchant Street, the Jones House occupies a relatively large lot between North Third and Fifth streets. In excellent condition and virtually unaltered, the A.T. Jones House retains its integrity to a remarkable degree.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature is the building's strong horizontal emphasis defined by the roof and eaves. The front porch has paired columns set deeply within that makes the eaves appear to be cantilevered, further emphasizing horizontal lines. A 3-sided bay with angled corners is also on the front facade and has small windows with vertical muntins. The entrance and display windows, both within the porch, have large, broad proportions, in contrast to other openings in the house.

A 1-story frame garage is southwest of the main house and is Contributing.

Statement of Significance:

The A.T. Jones House, built about 1920, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as a premier local illustration of Bungalow architecture. Few, if any, bungalows in Abilene display such noteworthy detailing and craftsmanship. 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." The A.T. Jones House is virtually unaltered and retains its integrity and character to a remarkable degree.

Abilene's boom after World War I resulted in the construction of many new domestic buildings; the most popular house form was the bungalow. Although a large number of bungalows were built, the vast majority reflect the same basic design concepts and appear as slight variants of the same form. The A.T. Jones House, however, is one of the most unique and noteworthy examples. The workmanship and detailing, inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement, is exhibited in its low pitched hipped roof with curved eaves. The roof is suggestive of a false thatched roof and is similar to one seen at 346 Mulberry. The porch, with its massive roof and narrow supports set deep within the porch ceiling, appears to be cantilevered and also is indicative of the building's fine craftsmanship.

The exact date of construction is not known nor is the designer or builder. By 1921 city directories list A.T. Jones as the occupant and he operated the Wilson Restaurant in downtown Abilene. By 1926 the house was vacant. In subsequent years it has had many different owners and 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

<i>A</i>	14	430180	3590860	<i>_ B</i>	_	_	_
<i>C</i>	_	_	_	<i>D</i>	_	_	_

Verbal Boundary Description:

Steffens Addition (2A), Block 205, Lot 6

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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Samuel A. Chambers House
224 Merchant
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
East facade, camera facing west
Photograph 21 of 48

A.T. Jones House
418 Merchant
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
East facade, camera facing west
Photograph 22 of 48

William and Evla Stith House
346 Mulberry
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest
Photograph 23 of 48

William and Mary Ackers House
802 Mulberry
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southeast facade, camera facing northwest
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COVER	Date Listed
Substantive Review	12/18/91
92000225 1915 Taylor County Courthouse	3/23/92
92000193 Abilene Christian College Administration Building	5/23/92 Substan
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 ably.</i>	3/23/92 Substan
92000214 Ackers, William and Mary, House	3/23/92
92000234 Blanton, Thomas L., House <u>Substantive Review</u>	3/23/92 SCR
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 SCR
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 SCR
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 ably.</i> <u>Substantive Review</u>	3/23/92 Substanti
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 SCR
92000194 Luce Hall <u>Substantive Review</u>	3/23/92 SCR
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 SCR
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 Jones, A. T., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Abilene MPS
NAME:

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: 92000212

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



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A.T. JONES HOUSE
418 MERCHANT
ABILENE, TAYLOR CO., TEXAS

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

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