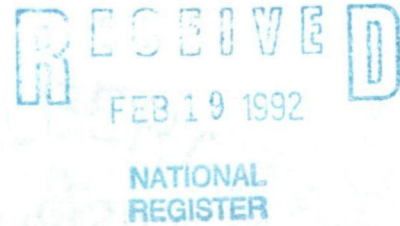


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. NAME OF PROPERTY**

*Historic name:* Dodd-Harkrider House

*Other name/site number:* 680

**2. LOCATION**

*Street & number:* 2026 North Third St.

*not for publication:* N/A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>  3  </u>	<u>      </u> buildings
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>  3  </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. Jannell 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 Antonieta Place 3/23/94  
\_\_\_ 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): \_\_\_\_\_

fn Signature of the Keeper Date of Action



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## Description:

The Harkrider-Dodd House is a 2 1/2-story frame, American Four Square dwelling that has a modified square plan and a side gable roof. The exterior walls are wood siding and the roof is covered with composition shingles. Although the house displays only minimal stylistic features, it typifies houses that magazines and other popular publications promoted in the early 20th century. Few changes detract from the building's integrity.

A large 1-story, shed roof porch extends across the entire front (south) elevation and has massive squared supports. An off center door is toward the west end of the porch. A 3-sided window bay projects from the east end of the porch. The windows on this bay, as well as those on the rest of the building, are wood with single light lower sashes and multiple light upper sashes. Windows on the upper floor are paired. The side gable roof has extended eaves and a slight bellcast slope.

A 2-story garage/apartment is at the northeast corner of the lot and has detailing similar to the main house. A small 1-story shed of board and batten construction is northwest of the main house. Both ancillary buildings are Contributing.

## Statement of Significance:

Built about 1915, the Harkrider-Dodd House is nominated under Criterion B in the area of Commerce, for its associations with Rupert Harkrider and his wife Mary, both dedicated to Abilene's advancement as an influential west Texas community. 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 building is in good condition and retains its integrity.

Elizabeth Dodd constructed the house in 1915.

Rupert Harkrider began his career with the James M. Radford Grocery Company in the early 20th century (an exact date is not known), and he advanced through his hard work and dedication. The James M. Radford Grocery Company was one of Abilene's leading commercial businesses. Founded in 1883 by Radford, the firm eventually expanded to include branch facilities in 23 cities in Texas and New Mexico, and Harkrider was a key figure in the company's success. By 1915 he was the sales manager of the company. The Harkriders purchased the property in 1919. By 1926 he was promoted secretary of the firm. He later became vice president and continued in that position after Radford's death in 1933.

Mary Harkrider was among the prominent ranchers and cattlemen in Abilene during the pre-World War I era. Abilene provided access to the railroad and the city consequently became an important cattle shipping center in West Texas. She also initiated the local Red Cross effort during World War II.

**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:

- State historic preservation office (Texas Historical Commission)
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government (City of Abilene Planning Department)
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: Abilene Preservation League

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Acreege of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A	14	429860	3590720	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Harris Addition, Block 24, west 100' of east 254' of south 190' of Lot 1

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)

Name/Title: David Moore, Historian  
 Organization: Hardy Heck Moore  
 Street & Number: 2112 Rio Grande  
 City or town: Austin

Date: June 1989; January 1992  
 Telephone: 512/478-8014  
 State: TX Zip: 78705

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McDonald Hall  
2083 North Second  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest  
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J.D. Magee House  
1910 North Third  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
South facade, camera facing north  
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C.A. Lanius House  
1942 North Third  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
South facade, camera facing north  
Photograph 31 of 48

**Dodd-Harkrider House**  
2026 North Third  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
South facade, camera facing north  
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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
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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

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### SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000222 Date Listed: 3/23/92

Dodd-Harkrider House  
Property Name

Taylor                      TX  
County                      State

Abilene MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Christine A. Lee*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

3/25/92  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

=====  
**Amended Items in Nomination:**

**Statement of Significance:** Under Significant Persons, Rupert Harkrider is added. Also, the Period of Significance is amended to read: 1926-1939.

This information was confirmed with Amy Daze of the Texas State historic preservation office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Dodd--Harkrider 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: 92000222

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/23/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Dodd - Harkrider House is significant for its association with  
Rupert Harkrider, a prominent businessman whose grocery business  
once had branches in Texas and New Mexico.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / B  
REVIEWER Antoinette J. Lee  
DISCIPLINE History  
DATE 3/23/92

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

*the total - historical town is significant for its association with  
Robert-Harshbarger, a prominent businessman whose family business  
once had headquarters in town and two branches*

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 \_\_\_\_\_



DODD-HARKRIDER HOUSE  
2026 NORTH THIRD  
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