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35. (N-5969):

A. Property Name: Chambers House

B. Location and Verbal Boundary Description: The property being nominated is located in the west side of South College Avenue between Kent Way and Winslow Road. The nomination includes the building, barn and the lot on which they are situated with a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 200 feet (Property Tax Map, City of Newark, no. 20, lot no. 11).

C. Owner: Mary E. Chambers, 196 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19711

D. Property Description:

This two and one half story wood frame structure has a stone foundation, a cross gable roof, and a wrap around porch at the ground level of both east and west facades. Built c. 1890 by the occupant's grandfather, this house remains in relatively unaltered condition and exhibits ornamental and architectural details borrowed from the contemporary Queen Anne Style. Weatherboard siding with fish-scale shingles appear at the gable ends and at the east front second story bay window. A tin roof, with folded seams, has wide eaves ornamented with barge boards and brackets at each cross gable. The windows, assymetrically placed, are of the one-over-one or two-over-two double hung sash type with molded wooden cornices and in some cases, louvered shutters. A prominent, three sided bay window projects from the second story of the main facade. A single story wrap around frame porch is supporteed by brick piers and pairs of round Doric columns. Decorative elements include turned wooden balustrades and exposed notched rafters under the front and side porch.

E. Outbuilding:

N5969 a. The property being nominated also includes a garage to the rear which originally served as a carriage house. It is a 1 1/2 story frame structure with a gable roof and white board and batten doors.

F. Historical Background:

The Chambers House, built by Gilbert W. Chambers in 1890, was constructed on what has become a central north-south axis in Newark. It was built during a period when the city's residential building development was moving off of and away from Main Street. In this case, home construction on South College Avenue was encouraged by the pleasing, previously undeveloped landscape of this area and by its convenient approximation to the Newark Passenger Station of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wilmington Railroad. An 1893 map of Newark from Baist's Atlas, shows this structure beside two others in an otherwise agricultural or semi-rural setting. Shortly after that time Newark's expanding population built more homes in this area.

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G. Significance:

The Chambers House is typical of the single family frame dwelling which was constructed in Newark during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. It retains the character and features of its original construction in almost pristine condition and reflects elements of a popular architectural style as borrowed and interpreted by local builders. This structure was also among the first modest dwellings to be built on an avenue which has become heavily residential and a central axis of the city since the turn of the century.

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~~Substantive Review~~  
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Chambers House (Newark MRA)  
State, County: DE, New Castle  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 3/23/82-873  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 4/22/82 - 5/7/82

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

Action:  ACCEPT  
 RETURN 5/7/82  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

photos   
maps

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Return  
Reviewer EJ Saxe  
Discipline Arch History  
Date 5-7-82  
 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	Accessible	

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 _____
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
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X **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
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

Please explain why this ~~the~~ building type (single family frame house) is significant and why this is a distinguished (significant) example of ~~the~~ type. Discussion of importance for Queen Anne style characteristics should be integrated into discussion of importance of the building type.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
 USMT 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 Emma Jane Saxe

Signed Kevin M. [Signature] Date 5/7/82 Phone: 202 272-3504

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35. (N-5969):

A. Property Name: Chambers House

B. Location & Verbal Boundary Description: The Chambers House is located at 196 South College Avenue, on the west side of the street between Kent Way and Winslow Road. This nomination includes the dwelling and the carriage house behind it. The lot on which they are situated has a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 200 feet (property tax map, city of Newark, No. 20, Lot No. 11). (.23 acre).

C. Owner: University of Delaware, HULLIHEN Hall, Newark, DE 19711

D. Property Description:

The Chambers House is a Queen-Anne style, two-story, frame dwelling - that remains unaltered since its 1890 construction date. The plan is basically rectangular with a gable end facade. This simple underlying form is animated by cross gables, bay windows, a wrap-around porch and a variety of wall coverings.

The major portion of the building is covered with weatherboard siding and is lit by two-over-two sash windows with paneled shutters on the first story and louvered shutters on the second.

The facade gable end measures three bays across on the first floor and has its transomed doorway enclosed in a glazed, three-sided vestibule. A bay window with a heavy cornice and a sheathing of fish scale and diamond-shaped shingles juts out from the second floor. The facade porch, which continues around to the south elevation, is supported by pairs of Tuscan columns set on tall brick piers. A turned baluster railing and notched rafter ends provide additional ornamentation.

The facade gable and the two cross gables on the side elevations have chamfered diagonal bracing at their peak and eave points; their wall surfaces exhibit a covering of hexagonal shingles. The roof is sheathed with standing seam tin.

The carriage house on the rear of the lot is a one-and-a-half-story frame building with a tin-clad gable roof and wide batten doors. Board and batten siding with molded battens sheathes the exterior walls, and six-over-six sash windows light the side elevations.

E. Historical Background:

This dwelling, built by Gilbert W. Chambers in 1890, served as the home of the Chambers family until 1980, after which it was purchased by the University of Delaware.

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F. Significance:

The Chambers House is significant as an unaltered example of the modest, single-family, Queen-Anne style dwelling commonly built in Newark in the 1890's and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

The Queen-Anne style expressed in Newark relied on a rectangular form with a smattering of Queen Anne elements such as variously-shaped wood shingles, gable brackets and bay projections merely applied. The more exuberant form of Queen Anne design that incorporated turrets, curved porches, and ornate mill work was not introduced to Newark. As an unaltered and well maintained building the Chambers House stands as an excellent example of this modest Queen Anne house type.

As one of the first buildings constructed on this street, the Chambers House set the tone for subsequent building on Depot Road as a middle-class neighborhood composed of single-family dwellings. During the same time period the northern and eastern areas of town, which are closer to the industrial area, spawned streets filled with duplex and row housing.



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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Newark Multiple Resource Area  
State Delaware

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

X 11. Belmont Hall

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tommy Mac Dougal 2-24-83

Attest

accept Patrick Andrus 2/23/83

12. Building at 34 Choate Street

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tommy Mac Dougal 2/29/83

Attest

accept Patrick Andrus 2/23/83

13. Building at 28--34-1/2 Academy Street

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tom Mac Dougal 5-7-82

Attest

Emma Jane Saxe 5-7-82

A 14. Chambers House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tommy Mac Dougal 2-24-83

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accept Patrick Andrus 2/23/83

X 15. Deer Park Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tommy Mac Dougal 2/29/83

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16. Curtis Paper Mill Workers Houses

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tommy Mac Dougal 5-7-82

Attest

Emma Jane Saxe 5-6-82

17. Curtis Mansion

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tom Mac Dougal 5-7-82

Attest

Emma Jane Saxe 5-7-82

18. Deer Park Hotel

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tom Mac Dougal 5-7-82

Attest

Emma Jane Saxe 5-7-82

19. District School No. 39

**DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**

Determined Eligible

Keeper

Tommy Mac Dougal 2-24-83

Attest

Eligible Patrick Andrus 2/23/83

20. Evans, George, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Tom Mac Dougal 5-7-82

Attest

Emma Jane Saxe 5-7-82

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Substantive Review

Chambers House (Newark MRA)  
DE, New Castle

Working No. 3.28.82-873

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 2/26/83

Action:  ACCEPT 2/24/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

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

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Stronger statement of significance which ties this bld. to a period of growth of residential areas in Newark away from main st. in late 19th cent. - an unaltered ex. of Q. Anne style single family residence*

Recom./Criteria accept C

Reviewer Patrick Andrews

Discipline Historian

Date 2/23/83

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Dr. New Castle

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UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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

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

## 13. Other

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 Photographs  
 Other

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

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Name: CHAMBERS' HOUSE

Location: 196 SO. COLLEGE AVE., NEWARK

Photographer: JOAN H. BALDWIN

Date: 1980

Location of Negative: DIV. HIST. & CULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
BUREAU ARCHEOLOGY & HIST. PRESV., DOVER, DE.

Description:

3/4 VIEW N.E. FACADE

Photograph Number: 68 of 70<sup>2</sup>

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000108