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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: Luce Hall

Other name/site number: 2286

2. LOCATION

Street & number: Abilene Christian University

not for publication: N/A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> 1 </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> 1 </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.

Curtis Dunnell

Signature of certifying official
State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

7-12-92
Date

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.

Antonietta J. Leo

3/23/92

___ determined eligible for the
National Register
___ See continuation sheet.

___ determined not eligible for the
National Register

___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain):

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: Education Sub: College

Current: Education Sub: College

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Classical Revival

<i>Materials: foundation</i>	concrete
<i>walls</i>	brick
<i>roof</i>	asphalt
<i>other</i>	terra cotta

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: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1929

Significant Dates: 1929

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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Historic and Architectural Resources
of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

Luce Hall is a 2-story institutional building at Abilene Christian University (formerly Abilene Christian College) facing west. This Classical Revival building utilizes an open subdivided plan. The brick veneer exterior walls are subtly detailed by a relief pattern in the bricks. A brick parapet with a partial balustrade, resting on a cast stone cornice, conceals the flat roof.

Access to the symmetrical main (west) facade is through a recessed center passage. A cast stone entablature and pilasters frame the first floor primary entrance. Brick quoins on the end of the building and paired and banded brick pilasters divide the main facade into three bays. The 12/12 wood windows on the upper floor have cast stone sills, while similar windows on the first floor rest on a continuous cast stone sill. Cast stone urns on the parapet and cast stone cartouches along the entry further embellish the building.

Statement of Significance:

Luce Hall, built in 1929, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as the least altered and best preserved historic building on the campus of Abilene Christian University. The building is associated with the historic context "Educational Efforts in Abilene, 1881-1939." This 2-story building, also known as the Education Building, houses classrooms and displays Classical Revival details. The building is in good condition and retains its integrity.

When Abilene Christian College (now Abilene Christian University) relocated to its present campus, school officials mounted a highly successful fund raising campaign to pay for the construction of new facilities. Mr. and Mrs. Luce, a prominent West Texas ranching family, gave the institution what was, at the time, their largest gift made to the institution. In honor of their contribution, college officials named one of the buildings after them. It was completed in 1929 when the school officially opened its new campus.

Luce Hall is an excellent local example of Classical Revival architecture, a popular design used by academic institutions during the era.

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

Acreege of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	14	433220	3592180	B	_	_	_
C	_	_	_	D	_	_	_

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary is indicated on the accompanying base map, see attached Continuation Sheet 10-6.

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
 Street & Number: 2112 Rio Grande
 City or town: Austin

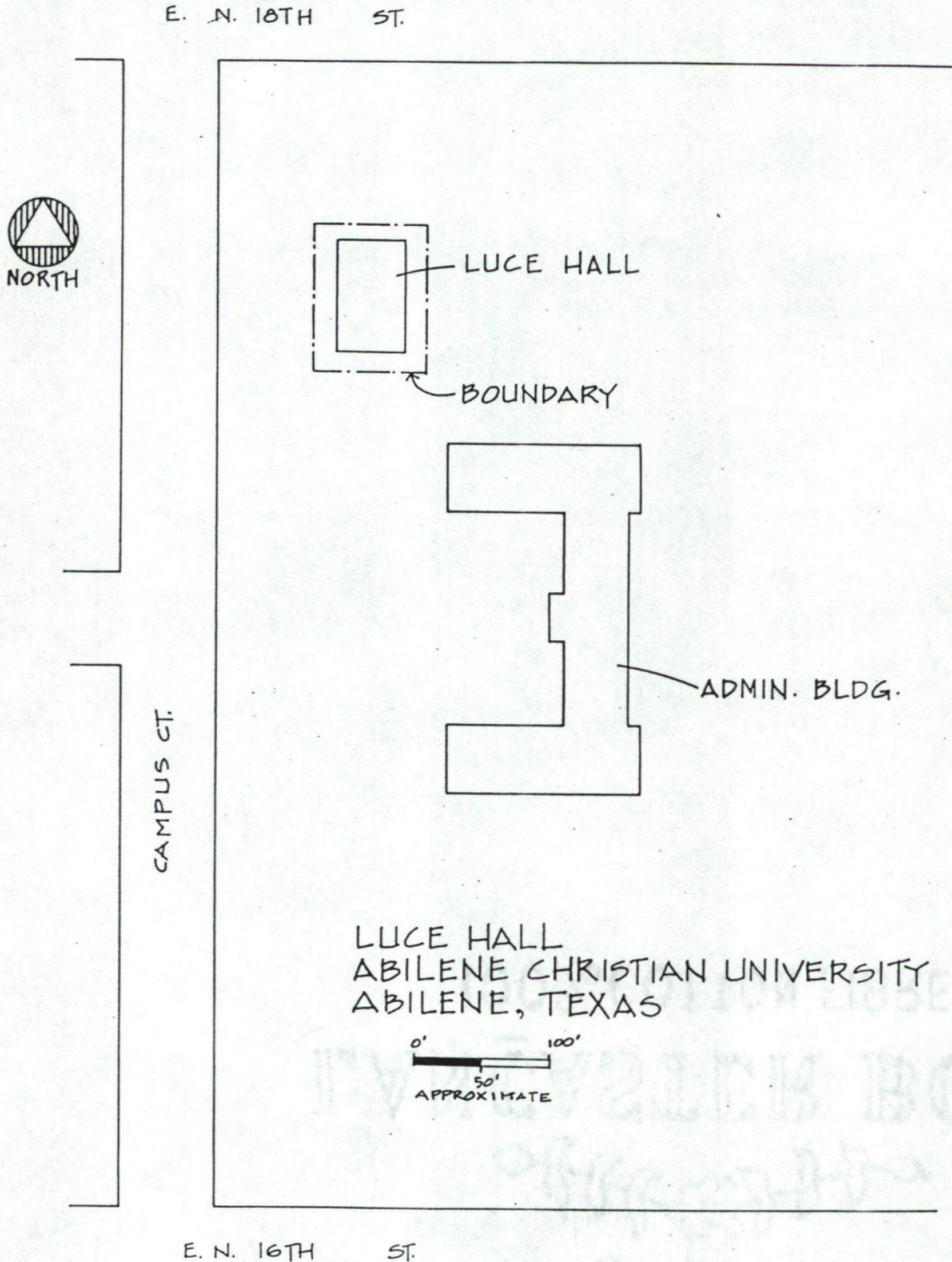
Date: June 1989; January 1992
 Telephone: 512/478-8014
 State: TX Zip: 78705

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

Abilene Christian College Administration Building
Abilene Christian University Campus
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
West facade, camera facing east
Photograph 1 of 48

Luce Hall

Abilene Christian University Campus
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast
Photograph 2 of 48

W.A.V. Cash House
1302 Amarillo
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
East facade, camera facing west
Photograph 3 of 48

House at 1127 Ash
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast
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Abilene MPS
TEXAS

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>owned by</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>owned by</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

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000194 Date Listed: 3/23/92

Luce Hall
Property Name

Taylor TX
County State

Abilene MPS
Multiple Name

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.

fr *Auntie Mae*
Signature of the Keeper

3/25/92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

USGS map: On the USGS map, Luce Hall is located to the north of the Administration Building.

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 Luce Hall
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: 92000194

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:

Luce Hall is an excellent example of Classical Revival architecture.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / C
REVIEWER Antonio G. 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

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



LUCE HALL
ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
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