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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Abilene Street Railway Company Barn

Other name/site number: 1048

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 1037 Clinton 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not for publication: N/A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> 1 </u>	<u> </u> buildings
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
	<u> 1 </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.

Carlin Russell

2-12-92

Signature of certifying official
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

entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.

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

___ determined not eligible for the National Register

___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain): _____

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: Transportation Sub: Rail-related

Current: Vacant Sub: Not in use

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Other: industrial storage: warehouse

Materials: foundation N/A
walls metal
roof metal
other N/A

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: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Area(s) of Significance: Transportation

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1910-1931

Significant Dates: c. 1910

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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Continuation SheetSection number 7/8 Page 5Historic and Architectural Resources
of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

The Abilene Streetcar Railway Company Barn is a rectangular, utilitarian industrial building with a gable roof and a gable clerestory along the ridge. The building is metal clad; a decorative character is achieved with the use of metal panels to clad the open plan building. Several of the square panels are hinged so that they can provide ventilation. When closed, they continue the rhythmic pattern. The clerestory is composed of multiple light fixed panels with an awning window placed in each panel. Exterior doors in the building allowed for passage of the streetcars; the bi-parting doors are hung on overhead metal tracks.

Statement of Significance:

The Abilene Streetcar Railway Company Barn, built about 1910, is nominated under Criterion A in the area of Transportation, for its associations with the development of the local transportation system. 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 only visible reminder of the long abandoned streetcar system in Abilene, it was used to store streetcars from about 1910 through 1931. It is now vacant but in good condition and retains its integrity.

The first decade of the 20th century brought many changes to Abilene. Electricity, first introduced to Abilene in 1891, became more widely used after a power plant was built in 1907 at the corner of North Fourth and Plum streets. Increased electrical capacity enabled the implementation of a local streetcar system and many officials of the Abilene Light and Water Company, which owned the power plant, organized the Abilene Street Railway Company by 1908. W.G. Swenson was president of both enterprises.

The first spike for the streetcar was driven on August 14, 1908 and by November of that year the first streetcar was put into operation. The tracks extended north from Hardin-Simmons College, passed near the Texas and Pacific passenger depot, and continued to Fair Park to the southwest.

Throughout its years of operation, the streetcar system was plagued with problems and difficulties. Still, it was a great source of public pride since streetcar systems typically were found only cities with larger populations. Despite the grand hopes of its founders, the system was discontinued in 1931 and its tracks have either been removed or covered with asphalt.

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	430220	3591620	B			
C				D			

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lakeside Addition, Block 2, Lots 9 and 10

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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1037 Clinton

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast

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Caldwell Hall

Hardin-Simmons University Campus

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast

Photograph 14 of 48

William J. Fulwiler House

910 Highland

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by Abilene Preservation League

Spring 1988

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

East facade, camera facing west

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Roland A.D. Green House

1358 Highland

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

East facade, camera facing west

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COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
		12/18/91
92000225	1915 Taylor County Courthouse	3/23/92
92000193	Abilene Christian College Administration Building	3/23/92
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>under way</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>under way</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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Abilene Street Railway Company Barn
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: 92000205

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



ABILENE STREETCAR RAILWAY CO. BARN
1037 CLINTON
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