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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: Motz, Charles, House

Other name/site number: 641

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 1842 North Fifth 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not for publication: N/A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>
	__2__	_____ <i>buildings</i>
	_____	_____ <i>sites</i>
	_____	_____ <i>structures</i>
	_____	_____ <i>objects</i>
__2__	__0__ <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

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of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

The Charles Motz House is a 2-story frame, Colonial Revival dwelling with a rectangular plan and a side facing gambrel roof. The exterior walls have wood siding and the roof has asphalt composition shingles. The Charles Motz House faces south onto North Fifth Street. Although presently unoccupied, it is in fair condition and is virtually unaltered. Its distinctive roof form distinguishes the house from others in the community.

The symmetrical front has a 3-bay hipped roof porch with Tuscan supports. Two single doors provide access to the interior and are set within the porch. The wood windows have 1/1 lights. A small wing on the east elevation breaks the rectangular plan. A shed dormer is on the south slope of the roof and interior brick chimneys are on the north (near) slope.

A 1-story frame garage is northeast of the main house. With a side gable roof, the garage is Contributing. A modern carport due east of the house, however, is Noncontributing.

Statement of Significance:

The Charles Motz House, built c. 1910, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as an outstanding local example of a Colonial Revival styled dwelling. The house is particularly noteworthy for its gambrel roof, rarely seen on Abilene's residential buildings. 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." Despite its somewhat poor condition, the house is virtually unaltered and retains its integrity.

The Charles Motz House is one of the few Colonial Revival styled dwellings in Abilene. It stands in one of the city's older and more intact residential neighborhoods and is surrounded by many contemporaneous, though less architecturally significant, buildings. Colonial Revival houses attained only marginal popularity throughout early 20th century Texas and relatively few were built in Abilene. This building is among the most noteworthy local illustrations of the style.

The house displays features typical of Colonial Revival architecture including a central hall plan, symmetrically balanced facades, a gambrel roof, and paired, double hung windows. The centennial celebration in Philadelphia was the first apparent interest in reviving colonial architecture. Examples of Colonial Revival architecture were seldom historically correct, but colonial precedents inspired loose interpretations of the style.

Charles Motz, for whom this dwelling was apparently built, was a prominent businessman and sold insurance and real estate.

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>	<i>14</i>	<i>430140</i>	<i>3590860</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>_____</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>_____</i>	<i>_____</i>

Verbal Boundary Description:

Fletcher Addition (1B), Block 205, Lots 6, 7, and south 38' of 8

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the area that has been historically associated with the property and that retains its historic and architectural integrity.

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David and Docia Fritz House
1325 North Eighteenth
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest
Photograph 25 of 48

Charles Motz House
1842 North Fifth
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest
Photograph 26 of 48

West Texas Utilities Company Power Plant
100 Block North Second
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast
Photograph 27 of 48

David S. Castle House
1742 North Second
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
South facade, camera facing northwest
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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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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Motz, Charles, 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: 92000216

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



CHARLES MOTZ HOUSE
1842 NORTH FIFTH
ABILENE, TAYLOR CO, TEXAS
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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500625