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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: McDonald Hall

Other name/site number: 749

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 2083 North Second 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not for publication: N/A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

LANCASTER BROND

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. Jurell 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
 See continuation sheet.

entered in the National Register
Delores Bryan 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 of the Keeper Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: Education

Sub: Education-related

Current: Domestic

Sub: Multiple dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Classical Revival

<i>Materials: foundation</i>	concrete
<i>walls</i>	brick
<i>roof</i>	asphalt
<i>other</i>	cast stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance. 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: Education

Period(s) of Significance: 1924-1929

Significant Dates: 1924

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. See continuation sheet.

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Historic and Architectural Resources
of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

McDonald Hall is a 3-story, rectangular, multiple unit building utilizing an open subdivided plan and a concealed flat roof. Simple detailing highlights the exterior brick walls. Although originally constructed as a dormitory, it was recently rehabilitated into an apartment building.

The front (north) elevation is divided into nine bays. A brick string course near the base of the building acts as a sill for the windows of the first floor. Two, wide, continuous, string courses rest on the heads of the windows of the second and third stories. A wood mullion divides each pair of coupled wood 1/1 windows. A brick parapet, obscuring the flat roof, rests on a corbeled brick cornice. Detailing is very modest, but references Classical Revival design.

Historic photographs of the building indicate that it once had a tile pent roof across the parapet. The date of its removal is unknown.

Statement of Significance:

McDonald Hall is nominated under Criterion A in the area of Education, as a tangible link to the institution's early history and is one of only two historic buildings still standing on the original grounds of Abilene Christian College (now Abilene Christian University). The building is associated with the historic context "Educational Efforts in Abilene, 1881-1939." The building is in good condition and retains its integrity.

McDonald Hall was a dormitory for boys completed in 1924. Erected during the final year of Jesse P. Sewell's tenure as school president, Sewell transformed the institution from what was little more than a high school to a bustling college with an enrollment of 441 by 1924. He is credited with the construction of 12 buildings on the old campus and only McDonald Hall and the gymnasium (now used as a warehouse by the local Coca Cola Bottling Company) remain as visual reminders of the college's presence at this location. McDonald Hall bears little ornamentation, but its symmetry and simple adornment refer to Classical Revival architecture.

In 1929 Abilene Christian College moved to a new campus east of the city. McDonald Hall was subsequently converted into apartments. Historic photographs of the building indicate that it once had tile pent roof across the parapet. The date of its removal is unknown; nevertheless, the building retains enough of its integrity to be recognizable to its period of significance.

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	430140	3590520	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

Verbal Boundary Description:

1-Barrett of Harris, Block 23, north 150' of Lot 24, all of Lot 25, west 21.5' of Lot 26, west 162.5' of north 60' of Lot 27

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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 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
Photograph 29 of 48

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
Photograph 30 of 48

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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Abilene MPS
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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>owner ably.</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>owner ably.</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
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY McDonald 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: 92000219

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



MCDONALD HALL
2083 NORTH SECOND
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