

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Federal Building

Other name/site number: 1903

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 341 Pine

not for publication: N/A

City/town: Abilene

State: TX *County:* Taylor

code: 441 *zip code:* 79601

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership of Property: Public-Federal

Category of Property: Building

<i>Number of Resources within Property:</i>	<i>Contributing</i>	<i>Noncontributing</i>
	1	buildings

Number of contributing resou

Name of related multiple prop
Texas

*Notification of local Region 7
does not meet the requirements
of notification for the ~~planning~~ ^{owned} bldg. Notification should be
addressed to Fed Rep. Wash. DC
~~Dale Langone~~ or Regional person in
USPS*

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	<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.

Carsten J. Powell

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.

 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: Government

Sub: Courthouse

Current: Government

Sub: Courthouse

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Art Deco

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

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: 1935-1936

Significant Dates: 1935-1936

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Castle, David S.

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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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Historic and Architectural Resources
of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

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The front (west) elevation is symmetrically composed with eight vertical bays. The end bays project slightly from the main block and contain the primary entrances. Applied cast stone or terra cotta facing with Art Deco motifs mark the entrances that are set within 2-story tall openings. The six inner bays are delineated by 3-story vertical elements that resemble pilasters and have stylized aluminum sash windows with patterned spandrels between the floors. The parapet contains rich Art Deco detailing including chevron motifs along the cornice.

Statement of Significance:

The Federal Building, built in 1935-1936, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as one of Abilene's best examples of Art Deco architecture. The building was erected when the local construction industry suffered the effects of the Great Depression and, as a consequence, relatively few buildings were erected in Abilene during the 1930s. This is the largest and most significant building of the era. 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 building is in good condition and retains its integrity.

While Abilene was still a young community, local leaders lobbied to have a federal building erected in their city. In 1902 when such a building was constructed, it became an important symbol to all Abilenians who proudly boasted that their community had a federal building before their sister city in Kansas.

The 1902 building satisfactorily met Abilene's needs for many years but by the early 1930s a new building was deemed necessary to meet growing demands as well as to provide jobs in the Depression era. On March 22, 1935 Mayor C.L. Johnson broke ground for the new federal building, designed by local architect David S. Castle. The A. Smith Company of Chicago, Illinois served as general contractor and built the building for \$267,500. The Federal Building opened in 1936 and is still used today.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

x See bibliography for associated historic context.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

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- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- x State historic preservation office (Texas Historical Commission)
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- Federal agency
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- University
- x Other -- Specify Repository: Abilene Preservation League

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreeage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	14	431200	3590580	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Abilene Original Townsite, all of Block 20

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)

Name/Title: David Moore, Historian
 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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Federal Building
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: 92000228

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/25/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Federal Building is a significant building of the Great Depression era.

The nomination is returned for notification of USPS.

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Autoni et al
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 3/25/92

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

The above building is a significant building of the West Department

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 Autawell Quee Date 3/25/92



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of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Zabloudil-Hendrick House
802 Orange
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest
Photograph 37 of 48

Federal Building

341 Pine
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast
Photograph 38 of 48

Boyd-Hall House
502 Poplar
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest
Photograph 39 of 48

D.D. Parramore House
542 Poplar
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest
Photograph 40 of 48

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Abilene MPS
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COVER	Date Listed
Substantive Review	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
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Federal Building
NAME:

MULTIPLE Abilene MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Taylor

DATE RECEIVED: 6/12/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/27/92

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000228

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 7/20/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Federal Building is significant building of the Great Depression era.
The FPO commented on the nomination. Ms. Odom is the FPO for
the Memphis Facilities Service Center, USPS.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept / c
REVIEWER Autawella G Lee
DISCIPLINE History
DATE 7/20/92

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 _____



FEDERAL BUILDING

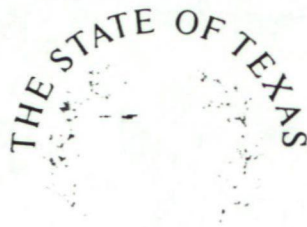
341 PINE

ABILENE, TAYLOR CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 38 of 48

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500625



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

December 28, 1989

General Services Administration/Region 7
Attn: Howard Cappell
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Re: Federal Building, 341 Pine
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Dear Mr. Cappell:

We are pleased to inform you that the above-mentioned property will be considered by the State Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at their meeting on February 3, 1990 at 9:00 A.M. in the Old Administration Building of the Abilene State School (front entrance faces Maple Street.) in Abilene.

The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition, assists in preserving our nation's heritage and results in the following for historic properties:

1. Consideration in planning for Federal, federally licensed, and federally assisted projects. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to have an opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the National Register. For further information please refer to 36 CFR 800.

2. Eligibility for Federal tax provisions. If a property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20 percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings. The former 15 percent and 20 percent Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) for rehabilitations of older commercial buildings are combined into a single 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

DATE

3/11/92

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mr. River Camp

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

CSA office - Wash. 501-1256

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I called regarding notice of intent to expropriate
Fed property by TX-SAPD sent to region 7 office
in TX. not to DC office.

Mr. River Camp said notice should be
sent to office in Wash' DC.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

DB

TITLE

OFFICE

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

Previous editions usable

TO:

Toni

YOU WERE CALLED BY - YOU WERE VISITED BY -

Rolando Pivas-Camp
OF (Organization)

GSA
 PLEASE PHONE ▶ FTS AUTOVON

501-1737

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

*call
tuesday*

*Fed Bldg not owned by GSA
owned by Postal Service.*

RECEIVED BY

RSC

DATE

3.13

TIME

AM

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

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April 20, 1992

Patsy A. Pigue
United States Postal Service
341 Pine
Abilene, TX 79604-9998

Re: Federal Building, 341 Pine
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Dear Ms. Pigue:

We are pleased to inform you that the above-mentioned property has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The building was presented to the State Board of Review on February 3, 1990 and a notification letter was mailed to the General Services Administration, the owner at the time the nomination was researched and written. We have since learned that the property is currently owned by the United States Postal Service and offer this opportunity for comment.

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3. Consideration in issuing a surface coal mining permit: In accordance with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic

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values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 30 CFR 700 et seq.

4. Qualification for federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available. Presently, funding is unavailable.

National Register listing does not:

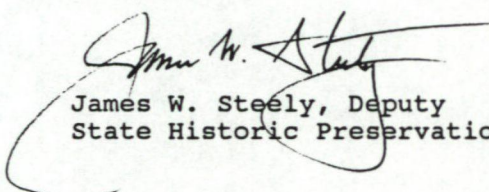
1. require the owner to provide public access,
2. obligate the owner to maintain the property,
3. require notification of changes in ownership, or
4. impose restrictions of any kind unless grant assistance is received or tax credits are taken.

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places have an opportunity to concur in or object to listing in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing. If a majority of the owners object to the listing, the property will not be listed. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of how many properties or what part of the property that party owns. If the property cannot be listed because a majority of owners object prior to the submission of a nomination by the State, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If you choose to object to the listing of your property, the notarized objection must be submitted to Mr. Curtis Tunnell, State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX, 78711.

If you wish to comment on the nomination of the property to the National Register, please send your comments to the State Historic Preservation Officer by May 29, 1992.

A copy of the nomination and information on the National Register and Federal tax provisions are available from the above address upon request.

Sincerely,


James W. Steely, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

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July 14, 1992

Ms. Antoinette J. Lee
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P. O. Box 37127
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Dear Ms. Lee:

This is in reply to your request for comments on the National Register nomination for the U. S. Post Office and Courthouse (referred to in the nomination as the Federal Building) in Abilene, Texas.

The April 20, 1992, letter from the Texas Historical Commission states that General Services Administration owned this building in 1990. It should be noted that the Postal Service has owned this building since 1971. Any confusion with ownership of buildings which contain postal operations can easily be resolved by contacting me.

Further, it is our hope that we will be advised of nominations of any postal-owned buildings before presentation to the State Board of Review as we should be afforded an opportunity to comment prior to that time.

We concur with the nomination of this building to the National Register of Historic Places and look forward to receiving a notice advising the actual date it is listed in the Register.

Sincerely,

Ila Ree Odom
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cc: Mr. James W. Steely, Deputy, Texas SHPO



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sent her a
copy on 6/18 -
asked her to
send letter
concerning w/
NL nomination

Toni,

Topic resubmitted
nomination but did
not notify Fed. Rep.
in Wash. DC or
designated regional
person to sign in TN

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