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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:* House at 1127 Ash

*Other name/site number:* 2141

**2. LOCATION**

*Street & number:* 1127 Ash *St.*

*not for publication:* N/A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>  2  </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>  2  </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.

Carrie Russell  
Signature of certifying official

2-12-92  
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.

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Entered in the National Register

   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**

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*Historic:* Domestic                      Sub: Single dwelling

*Current:* Domestic                      Sub: Single dwelling

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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*Architectural Classification:* Vernacular: Shotgun

<i>Materials: foundation</i>	wood
<i>walls</i>	wood
<i>roof</i>	asphalt
<i>other</i>	N/A

*Describe present and historic physical appearance.   x   See continuation sheet.*

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**8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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*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: c. 1910*

*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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Historic and Architectural Resources  
of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

The House at 1127 Ash Street is a 1-story frame dwelling in good condition. It utilizes frame construction with wood drop siding. This detached residence faces west onto Ash Street and has a steeply pitched gable roof with composition shingles. Classified as a shotgun house because of its distinctive form, one room wide and three rooms deep, the house is a vernacular building with little significant stylistic detailing and has remained virtually unaltered. Similar examples of this house form stand in the same neighborhood in the northeast quadrant of Abilene's original town plan.

A small shed roof porch with turned columns extends across the front elevation and protects the main entrance. The columns are not believed to be original. Most of the wood windows have 1/1 or 4/4 lights. Those on the rear, however, are modern replacements with aluminum sashes.

A 1-story frame garage with a front gable roof stands to the rear of the lot and is Contributing.

Statement of Significance:

The Shotgun House at 1127 Ash Street, constructed c. 1910, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as an outstanding local example of early 20th century vernacular architecture. Its plan, one room wide and three rooms deep with a front gable roof, are distinguishing traits of a shotgun house. 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 only minor alterations change its historic appearance, thus it retains much of its integrity.

Shotgun houses are one of the most distinctive vernacular house forms in the United States. John Vlach, folklorist, has traced its origins to mid-19th century Louisiana where Creole slaves brought their own building traditions from Africa by way of Haiti. Shotguns originally were built in rural landscapes but were soon found to be well suited to high density neighborhoods in urban areas. Thus, examples of this house form are found in most American cities, especially in the South.

The building at 1127 Ash Street is Abilene's best example of this house form. Similar examples of this form are in the low lying northeast section of the original townsite where the city's oldest and most intact Black neighborhood is, but none retain their integrity to such a high degree or are as good an example of this house form.

**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>431760</i>	<i>3591620</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:*

W.A. Stevenson Addition, Block 199, Lots 2 and 3

*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  
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*City or town:* Austin

*Date:* June 1989; January 1992  
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*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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Date Listed

COVER

~~Substantive Review~~

12/18/91

92000225	1915 Taylor County Courthouse	3/23/92	
92000193	Abilene Christian College Administration Building	5/23/92	Substan
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	Substan
92000214	Ackers, William and Mary, House	3/23/92	
92000234	Blanton, Thomas L., House <u>Substantive Review</u>	3/23/92	SCR
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	SCR
92000211	Chambers, Samuel A., House	3/23/92	
92000237	Davis, George R., House	3/23/92	
92000199	Dillingham, O. D. and <u>Ada</u> , House	3/23/92	
92000222	Dodd--Harkrider House <u>Substantive Review</u>	3/23/92	SCR
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	Substanti
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	SCR
92000194	Luce Hall <u>Substantive Review</u>	3/23/92	SCR
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	SCR
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 NAME: House at 1127 Ash Street

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: 92000196

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



HOUSE AT 1127 ASH  
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