

HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Resource no.

Resource Address:
641 Chestnut St
Abilene Texas 79601 United States

County: Taylor

Historic name: Williamson House

Present name: Williamson House

Local place name:

Visible from public right of way: Yes

Ownership: Private

Owner/Address:

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Land unit size:

Site/Setting:



Lat/Long: 32.4424916736764860, -99.7340471018524100 [WGS84]

UTM: Zone 14S, 430999.5698 mE, 3589721.3940 mN

Parcel No.

Historical Information

Historic Function: Domestic: Single Dwelling

Construction Date: ca. 1890-1899 , approximate 1898*

Original or Significant Owners:

Significant Date/Period:

Areas of Significance:

Current Function: Vacant/Not in Use

Architect:

Builder:

Developer:

Architectural Information

Category: building, domestic building

Structural: Wood Platform

Stories: 1, Bays: 2

Form or Plan: hall-parlor, L

Foundation: piers

General condition: Poor

Basement: none

Style: Folk/Traditional and Late Victorian

Exterior Material(s): original wood siding, original wood shingles

Roof Material: replacement standing seam metal

Roof Type: High side gable

Windows: original wood 1/1 double-hung sashes

Chimney(s): one brick offset right

Porch: single-story full-span open porch

Additions (1910-1920)

Alterations

Moved

Other

Ancillary structures:

Historical Summary:

Status (Current Listing or Designation)

National: indiv. district landmrk.

State/Province: indiv. district landmrk.

Local: indiv. district landmrk.

Evaluation (Preparer's Assessment of Eligibility)

Recommendation

- Individually eligible
 Eligible as contributing resource
 Not eligible / non-contributing
 Not determined

Level of potential eligibility

- National
 State
 Local

Landmark potential

- National
 State
 Local



641 CHESTNUT • ROWLAND HOUSE • BUILT 1900

The Charles Rowland house is a small vernacular two-room dwelling. The dwelling is representative of pre-World War I building traditions, which are overlooked because of the predominance of 1920 structures in historic Abilene. Throughout its history the house has had many owners and occupants. Today it's called "Turn of the Century."

1990

Description/Remarks

This is a 1-story, 2-bay domestic building in the Folk/Traditional style with Late Victorian influences built ca. 1898. The structural system is wood platform. The foundation is piers. Exterior walls are original wood siding and original wood shingles. The building has a high side gable roof clad in replacement standing seam metal. There is one offset right, brick chimney. Windows are original wood, 1/1 double-hung sashes. There is a single-story, full-span open porch characterized by a shed roof clad in standing seam metal. A rare example of a small vernacular building from the early frontier days of Abilene. The additions on the rear have become historic in their own right. Currently vacant.

Date source: Taylor CAD

Survey and Recorder

Project: City of Abilene - Historic Buildings and Districts	Sequence/Key no.: 56	Survey Date: 10/2011
Prepared By: Hill	Report Title/Name: Texas SHPO Grant to update existing Survey	Previous Surveys:
Inventoried: 10/22/2012 9:46:36 am Last updated: 01/13/2017 3:38:35 pm by Hayden Brodowsky /	Level of Survey: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive	Additional Research Recommended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No