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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: Thomas, Oscar P., House

Other name/site number: 1034

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 210 Clinton 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not for publication: N/A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__	__0__ <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

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. Russell

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
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 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

Historic: Domestic

Sub: Single dwelling

Current: Domestic

Sub: Single dwelling

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Classical Revival

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

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: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Area(s) of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1905

Significant Dates: c. 1905

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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of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

The Oscar P. Thomas House is a large, 2-story, frame dwelling with a boxy form and a low pitched hipped roof with extended eaves. The exterior walls are weatherboard and wood shingle siding and the roof is composition shingle. The main facade exhibits details associated with Prairie School architecture and, to a lesser extent, Classical Revival architecture. Standing virtually unaltered in a predominately residential area a few blocks west of the central business district, the house faces east. The present building was restored to its 1920 appearance based on a historic photograph.

Resting on a pier and beam foundation, the house is symmetrically balanced and has a 1-story, 3-bay porch that extends across the main facade. Large squared columns support the porch and rest on a solid balustrade with wood shingle siding. The main entrance is set within the central bay and has a single door, sidelights and a tripartite transom. Although the ground floor windows are broad and have 1/1 lights, those on the second floor have upper sashes with vertical muntins and a diamond pattern. A small balcony extends across the middle section of the porch and has a solid balustrade. Brick interior chimneys extend from the south and north slopes of the hipped roof.

A 2-story garage/apartment stands to the north of the house. A wood frame building with a hipped roof, it is Contributing.

Statement of Significance:

The Oscar P. Thomas House, built about 1905, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as a good local example of Prairie School-influenced architecture. It features a low pitched hipped roof and a strong, overall, horizontal emphasis make this house a good example of Prairie School-influenced architecture. The house also displays elements suggestive of the Classical Revival style. 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.

As Abilene's boomtown mentality in the years immediately following the city's founding gave way to more stable growth, local residents began to build more finely crafted and stylistically detailed houses. Built for Oscar P. Thomas, this house is indicative of such a trend. Thomas appears to have been part of the trend as he served as secretary and treasurer of the 25,000 Club, a local booster group dedicated to promoting Abilene's steady growth and a more diversified economy.

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of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Some of the town's wealthiest and most influential citizens erected large and majestic residences in the 1880s and 1890s, but the majority of local houses at that time were modest vernacular buildings. By the first decade of the 20th century, the town's overall economic health had improved, and newer houses reflected increasing stylistic sophistication. Prairie School-influenced houses, widely promoted in magazines such as Ladies Home Journal or were offered in pattern books and by mail order companies, gained popularity. The Thomas House is one of the earliest local illustrations of this trend in residential architecture.

The present building was restored to its 1920 appearance based on a historic photograph.

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>430020</i>	<i>3590560</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:

Thomas Addition (1-3), Block 206, Lots 1-3

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

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George W. and Lavina McDaniel House
774 Butternut
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest
Photograph 9 of 48

E.D. Williamson House
641 Chestnut
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
West facade, camera facing east
Photograph 10 of 48

Oscar P. Thomas House
210 Clinton
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
East facade, camera facing west
Photograph 11 of 48

J.W. Evans House
258 Clinton
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
Photographed by David Moore
Winter 1989
Negative with Texas Historical Commission
East facade, camera facing west
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92000095	Sayles Boulevard Historic District SR	<u>3/9/92</u>
92000213	Stith, William and Evla, House	<u>3/23/92</u>
92000203	Thomas, Oscar P., House	<u>3/23/92</u>
92000208	Universal Manufacturing Company Building	<u>3/23/92</u>
92000217	West Texas Utilities Company Power Plant	<u>3/23/92</u>
92000202	Williamson, E. D., House	<u>3/23/92</u>
92000238	Wooten, Horace O., Grocery Company Warehouse	<u>Substantive Review 3/23/92</u> SCR
92000197	Wooten, Horace O., House	<u>3/23/92</u>
92000227	Zabloudil--Hendrick House	<u>Substantive Review 3/23/92</u> SCR

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Thomas, Oscar P., House
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: 92000203

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



OSCAR P. THOMAS HOUSE
210 CLINTON
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