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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: Evans, J.W., House

Other name/site number: 1032

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 258 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not for publication: N/A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>
	__1__	_____ <i>buildings</i>
	_____	_____ <i>sites</i>
	_____	_____ <i>structures</i>
	_____	_____ <i>objects</i>
	__1__	__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.

Carrie Durnell

2-12-92

Signature of certifying official
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

entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.

Arlene 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]

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: Queen Anne

<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.

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. 1895

Significant Dates: c. 1895

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 J.W. Evans House is a 2-story, frame dwelling with a complex asymmetrical plan and a steeply pitched pyramidal roof that covers the core of the building and secondary gable extensions that project from each side. Vernacular in form the house exhibits Queen Anne stylistic influences. Resting on a pier and beam foundation that is obscured by a stucco foundation wall, the house is sheathed with weatherboard and has a composition shingle roof (originally wood shingle). The house stands at the southwest corner of Clinton and North Third streets, facing east onto Clinton.

The 1-story porch has turned wood posts and balustrade. Jigsaw brackets provide further detail to the porch. The front facing gable extension is 2-stories in height and has paired double hung windows with 1/1 lights in the upper floor. The gable end has an ornate barge board with jigsaw woodwork. A similar 2-story gable extension on the south elevation has angled corners often seen on houses built in 1890s.

Statement of Significance:

The J.W. Evans House, built about 1895, is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as one of Abilene's best examples of vernacular residential architecture inspired by the Victorian era and Queen Anne stylistic influences. 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.

This 2-story building presents a strong vertical emphasis in its massing and overall proportions as is often found many contemporaneous residences of the Victorian era. The asymmetrical form, strong vertical emphasis, steeply pitched roof, and ornate woodwork on the house are also typically associated with Queen Anne architectural traditions. This house is one of the oldest in an area that contains many turn-of-the-century residences.

This is one of the few virtually unaltered 19th century dwellings to survive in Abilene and it represents a physical link to the city's early history. Only the Sayles House (National Register 1979) is a better, and more intact, illustration. This house reflects the trend of late 19th century residential architecture and is one of the best preserved in the city.

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>430040</i>	<i>3590660</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, Lot 3 and north 30' of Lot 7

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

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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
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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
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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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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 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>connected</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 Ada, 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>connected</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: Evans, J. W., House

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: 92000204

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



Evans, J.W. House
258 Clinton
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
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J.W. EVANS HOUSE
258 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