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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

*Historic name:* Abilene and Northern Railway Company Depot

*Other name/site number:* 5453

2. LOCATION

*Street & number:* 189 Locust st.

*not for publication:* N/A

*City/town:* Abilene

*State:* TX    *County:* Taylor

*code:* 441    *zip code:* 79602

3. CLASSIFICATION

*Ownership of Property:* Private

*Category of Property:* Building

<i>Number of Resources within Property:</i>	<i>Contributing</i>	<i>Noncontributing</i>
	<u>  1  </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>  1  </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 Annell*  
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.

Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

determined eligible for the  
National Register  
   See continuation sheet.

*Antoinette J. Lee*

2/23/92

   determined not eligible for the  
National Register

   removed from the National Register

   other (explain):

*for* Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. FUNCTION OR USE**

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*Historic:* Transportation                      Sub: Rail-related

*Current:* Commerce/trade                      Sub: Business

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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*Architectural Classification:* Mission Revival

*Materials:* foundation    brick  
                                 walls                      brick  
                                 roof                        tile  
                                 other                        N/A

*Describe present and historic physical appearance.  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:* A and C

*Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :* N/A

*Area(s) of Significance:* Transportation and Architecture

*Period(s) of Significance:* c. 1929-1939

*Significant Dates:* c. 1929

*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 Abilene and Northern Railway Company Depot is a 1-story, Mission Revival building with a rectangular plan and a flat roof. The foundation and walls are brick. The depot occupies the northeast corner of Locust and South Second streets in Abilene's central business district. It has been moderately altered since its original construction in about 1929. Although it no longer is used as a passenger depot and presently contains offices, the building is in good condition.

The building faces south onto South Second Street. The front has inset cast stone panels on brick veneer walls; one reads "Abilene" and the other "Burlington Route." A small, red tile, shed roof extends over a 3-sided bay window on this elevation. Both the front (south) and rear (north) elevations have a Mission Revival styled parapet with cast stone coping. The building's windows and most original doors have been replaced with modern ones or are covered with wood paneling. Masonry work reminiscent of quoins is on the corners but its irregular configuration gives the building a somewhat awkward finish.

## Statement of Significance:

The Abilene and Northern Railway Company Depot is nominated under Criterion A in the area of Transportation, for its association with the railroad industry, which made Abilene an important distribution center. Built about 1929, the building is also nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as a good local example of Mission Revival architecture as seen in its distinctive detailing. 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." One of two historic passenger depots in the city, this depot is in good condition and retains much of its integrity.

During the first decade of this century, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company enjoyed a monopoly on railroad service to and from Abilene. However, several of the town's leading citizens felt that the city would attain still greater significance if other lines extended to Abilene. Efforts to encourage well established lines, such as the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, to Abilene were unsuccessful; therefore, Abilene wholesaler Ed S. Hughes led the organization and establishment of a locally owned company.

Hughes and others were keenly aware of the Wichita Valley Railway Company that had established a line from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Stamford, about 35 miles north of Abilene. They consequently hired that railroad's builder, Morgan Jones, to link Abilene with the Wichita Valley Railroad at Stamford. In 1909 Jones successfully completed the line

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that was named the Abilene and Northern Railway Company. Its tracks enter Abilene from the northeast and extend along the eastern border of the original townsite. After it crossed the Texas and Pacific's tracks, the line turned westward and terminated at the northeast corner of Locust and South Second streets. The Abilene and Northern Railway Company operated as a subsidiary of the Wichita Valley, later incorporated into the Burlington Railroad System.

A frame depot formerly served the railroad but was replaced by the extant brick veneer building. This 1929 depot incorporated elements of Mission Revival architecture and is one of few local examples of the style. Despite the replacement of some windows, the depot retains enough of its integrity as an important architectural landmark in downtown Abilene.

**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:

- State historic preservation office (Texas Historical Commission)
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government (City of Abilene Planning Department)
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: Abilene Preservation League

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A	14	431460	3590060	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Abilene Original Townsite, Block 35, Lot 16

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

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Universal Manufacturing Company Building  
150 Locust  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest  
Photograph 17 of 48

### Abilene and Northern Company Depot

189 Locust  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast  
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McMurry College Administration Building  
McMurry College Campus  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
North oblique, camera facing south  
Photograph 19 of 48

Eugene L. Finley House  
208 Merchant  
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas  
Photographed by David Moore  
Winter 1989  
Negative with Texas Historical Commission  
Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest  
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Abilene MPS  
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Date Listed

COVER	Substantive Review	Date Listed
		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>owned by</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>owned by</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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: OWNER OBJECTION

PROPERTY NAME: Abilene and Northern Railway Company Depot

MULTIPLE NAME: Abilene MPS

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Taylor

DATE RECEIVED: 2/19/92

DATE OF PENDING LIST:

DATE OF 16TH DAY:

DATE OF 45TH DAY:

4/04/92

DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000191

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 Determined Eligible

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Abilene and Northern Railway Company Depot is significant as representative of the railway industry that made Abilene an important distribution center in West Texas. The property also is a significant architectural landmark in downtown Abilene and an unusual Mission Revival style building in the community.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept 1a & c  
REVIEWER Antonietta DeLee  
DISCIPLINE History  
DATE 3/23/92

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Abilene and Northern Railway Company Depot  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Abilene MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Taylor

DATE RECEIVED: 4/16/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/07/04  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/22/04 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/30/04  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000191

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 5/28/04 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept  
REVIEWER Edson Beal DISCIPLINE Historian  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 5/28/04

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



ABILENE & NORTHERN CO. DEPOT  
189 LOCUST  
ABILENE, TAYLOR CO., TEXAS

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BURLINGTON RAILROAD STATION  
ABILENE, TAYLOR CO., TEXAS  
SW OBLIQUE, CAMERA FACING NE  
189 LOCUST STREET  
MARCH 2004, PHOTO 1 of 1

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500625





**BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD**

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

3300 Continental Plaza  
777 Main St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
(817) 878-1510

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 22, 1990

Mr. Curtis Tunnell  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Texas Historical Commission  
P. O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Tunnell:

Burlington Northern Railroad Company, as sole owner of the depot located at 189 Locust St., Abilene, Taylor County, Texas does hereby notify you of our objection to the listing of our property in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

B. L. Nichols  
Director Operations Planning

STATE OF TEXAS )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF TARRANT )

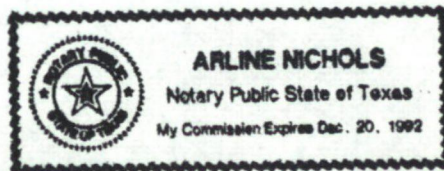
BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared B. L. Nichols, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same was the act of the Burlington Northern Railroad Company, a corporation, and that he executed the same as the act of such corporation for the purposes and consideration herein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 22nd day of January A.D., 1990.

ATTEST:

(Corporate Seal)

Notary Public in and for the  
State of Texas





TEXAS  
HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION

*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*

RICK PERRY, GOVERNOR

JOHN L. NAU, III, CHAIRMAN

F. LAWRENCE OAKS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 13, 2004

Linda McClelland  
National Park Service  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 Eye Street, NW 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

RE: Burlington Railroad Station, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Dear Ms. McClelland:

Mr. A.R. Falconi, current owner of the Burlington Railroad Station (189 Locust Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas) wishes to have the building listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A previous owner had objected to listing when it was first nominated (as the *Abilene and Northern Railway Depot*), and the National Register issued a DOE/Owner Objection in 1992. Mr. Falconi has rehabilitated the building, following the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*. The Abilene and Northern Railway Company was incorporated into the Burlington Railway System by the by the time of the building's construction in 1929, hence the name change, which better reflects the history of the depot. Enclosed is a photograph of the building, taken in March 2004. If you have any questions or comments, please contact National Register Coordinator Gregory W. Smith at (512) 452-4433 or [greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. Lawrence Oaks".

F. Lawrence Oaks  
Executive Director



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*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*

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TO: Linda McClelland  
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Gregory W. Smith, National Register Coordinator  
Texas Historical Commission

RE: Burlington Railroad Station, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

DATE: April 14, 2004



The following materials are submitted regarding: Burlington Railroad Station

<input type="checkbox"/>	Original National Register of Historic Places form
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmitted nomination
<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple Property nomination form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photographs
<input type="checkbox"/>	USGS map
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: SHPO cover letter – New owner requests change from DOE to listing in the National Register

COMMENTS:

SHPO requests substantive review

The enclosed owner objections (do ) (do not ) constitute a majority of property owners

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

