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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: McMurry College Administration Building

Other name/site number: 3306

2. LOCATION

Street & number: McMurry College Campus

not for publication: N/A

City/town: Abilene

State: TX *County:* Taylor

code: 441 *zip code:* 79697

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.

Curtis Annell

2-12-92
Date

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
___ See continuation sheet.

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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):

fn

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: Education Sub: College

Current: Education Sub: College

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Classical Revival

<i>Materials: foundation</i>	concrete
<i>walls</i>	brick
<i>roof</i>	asphalt
<i>other</i>	terra cotta

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: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Area(s) of Significance: Education

Period(s) of Significance: 1923-1939

Significant Dates: 1923

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Castle, David S.

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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of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Description:

The Administration Building on the McMurry College campus is a 3-story, Classical Revival building with an open subdivided plan and a flat roof. The foundation is concrete and the exterior walls are brick. Modifications include window replacement and enclosure; the building, however, is in good condition and has been well maintained.

The 11-bay front facade is symmetrically composed. The center passage primary entrance, consisting of aluminum frame doors with glass lights, has a transom, as well as an architrave surround. Replacement windows on the front facade are fixed with aluminum sashes and have either single or multiple light sashes. Several windows on the other elevations have been filled with brick. A centered 3-bay pedimented portico with giant order Ionic engaged columns and pilasters that rise the full height of the front (north) facade and divide the upper floors into separate bays. Both the raking cornice of the pediment and the continuous cornice around the building are denticulated.

Statement of Significance:

The Administration Building at McMurry College, built in 1923, is nominated under Criterion A in the area of Education, for its associations with McMurry College and the institution's contributions to Abilene's development into an educational center in West Texas. The building is associated with the historic context "Educational Efforts in Abilene, 1881-1939." The Administration Building, exhibits Classical Revival styling and is the least altered historic building on campus, retaining much of its integrity.

When McMurry College opened in 1923, it was Abilene's third church-affiliated institution of higher learning. The Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South chartered the college and named it for Bishop William F. McMurry. Local architect David S. Castle designed the Administration Building, the first completed construction on the campus and the focal point of the institution. Its grand scale and Classical Revival detailing, such as the giant order Ionic columns and pilasters and the denticulation, made it stand out among the college's other buildings. The college still uses the Administration Building for administrative offices and classrooms.

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	429380	3588060	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary is indicated on the accompanying base map, see attached Continuation Sheet 10-6.

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

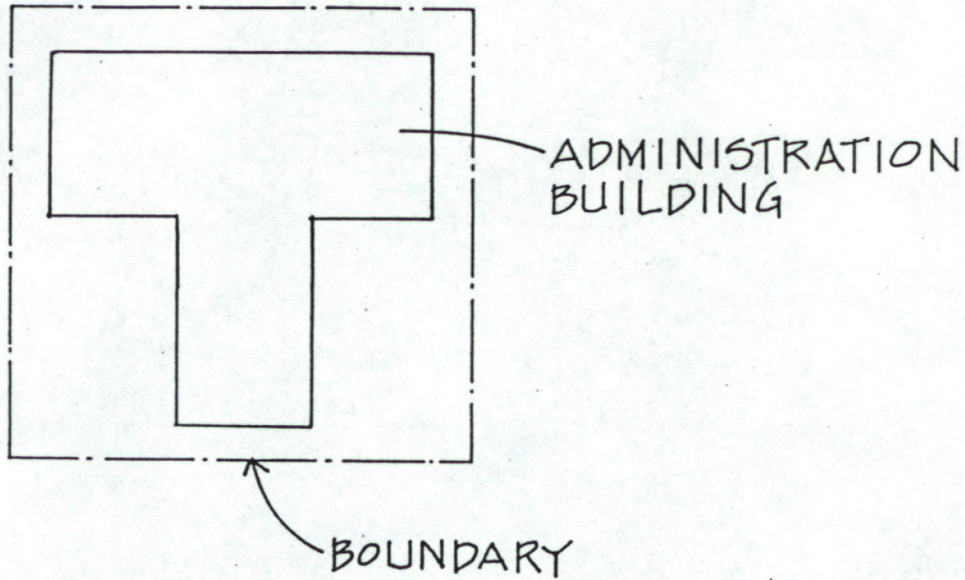
Date: June 1989; January 1992
 Telephone: 512/478-8014
 State: TX Zip: 78705

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MC MURRY COLLEGE
ABILENE, TEXAS
SCALE: 1" = APPX. 75'

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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
Photograph 18 of 48

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
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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>owner abt.</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>owner abt.</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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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000209 Date Listed: 3/23/92

McMurry College Administration Building
Property Name

Taylor County TX State

Abilene MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Antoinette Rice

Signature of the Keeper

3/25/92

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

USGS map: On the USGS map, this property is the T-shaped building to the left of the marked building.

This information was confirmed with Amy Daze of the Texas State historic preservation office.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: McMurry College Administration Building

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: 92000209

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/23/92 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The Mc Murry College Administration Building is significant for its association with Mc Murry College, an important institution in Abilene's development as an educational center in West Texas.

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REVIEWER Autumn... of...
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

See the history of the building at the University of Texas at Austin for its association with the University of Texas at Austin.

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



McMURRY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION BLDG
McMURRY COLLEGE CAMPUS
ABILENE, TAYLOR CO., TEXAS

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McMurry College Campus
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