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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL
REGISTER

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic name: Wooten, Horace O., Grocery Company Warehouse

Other name/site number: 1967

2. LOCATION

Street & number: 101 Walnut

not for publication: N/A

City/town: Abilene

State: TX *County:* Taylor

code: 441 *zip code:* 79601

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.

Curtis Jinnell 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 Autawietta Allee 3/23/92
 See continuation sheet.

 determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

 determined not eligible for the National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain):
 Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. FUNCTION OR USE

Historic: Commerce/trade Sub: Warehouse

Current: Commerce/trade Sub: Warehouse

7. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Classification: Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals

Materials: *foundation* brick
 walls brick
 roof asphalt
 other 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: A, B, and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Area(s) of Significance: Commerce and Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1906-1939

Significant Dates: 1906; 1912

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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Description:

The Horace O. Wooten Grocery Company Warehouse is a 1-story load bearing masonry commercial building with a concealed flat roof. The building exhibits only slight stylistic detailing. The foundation and exterior walls are brick. Occupying a corner lot at the intersection of Walnut and North First street in Abilene's central business district, the building retains much of its integrity.

On the south and southwest facades, window openings at the basement level are flat arched, and are shielded by ornate iron grillwork. Denticulated brick string courses extend across the south elevation and continue to the southwest corner to the primary, single door entrance. A continuous, corbeled, brick cornice with a brick dentil course highlights these facades. Awnings cover the first floor windows. A brick parapet on the southwest facade, capped by a brick coping, obscures the building's flat roof.

A wood canopy, supported by metal poles, shades the concrete loading dock on the west elevation. Openings on this elevation have been expanded by the placement of a series of segmental arched clerestory windows.

Modifications of door and window dressing have altered the appearance of the building.

Statement of Significance:

The 1906 Horace O. Wooten Grocery Company Warehouse is associated with the historic context "The Railroad and Abilene's Development into a Wholesale and Distribution Center in West Texas, 1881-1939." It is nominated under Criterion A in the area of Commerce, for its associations with one of Abilene's best known and most important commercial enterprises, the Horace O. Wooten Grocery Company, a wholesale operation. The Horace O. Wooten Grocery Company, along with the James M. Radford Grocery Company and the Ed S. Hughes Company, helped to make Abilene an important wholesale and distribution center in West Texas. Also nominated under Criterion B in the area of Commerce, the building has strong affiliations with Horace O. Wooten, who founded this enterprise in 1898. Furthermore, it is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, as a well crafted local example of a warehouse. The building is in good condition and retains its integrity.

Horace O. Wooten, a resident of Taylor County before Abilene was established, originally was involved in the grain business but felt he could profit more as a wholesale grocer. Wooten recognized Abilene's great potential as a distribution center in the newly settled area of West Texas and he opened his own business on October 1, 1898 in a small building in the 100 block of Cypress. By 1906 the company had expanded so rapidly that Wooten erected this sprawling brick

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building which eventually became the headquarters for his firm, operating 14 branch offices in West Texas.

Most local warehouses, such as this one, were built in a period spanning Abilene's rise to significance as a wholesale center, from the 1900s to the 1930s. The majority stand in the downtown's eastern section. This warehouse is simple in form as its historic function would indicate, but exhibits decorative elements. The crowning element of this building is the patterned brick work and detailing.

A fire in 1912 gutted the interior of the building but it was rebuilt and reopened in December of that same year. The successful and profitable operation of the Wooten Grocery Company enabled its founder to become one of Abilene's wealthiest and most influential men. The firm occupied the building until the late 1950s.

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

Acreege of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	14	431300	3590300	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

Verbal Boundary Description:

Abilene Original Townsite, Block 11, Lots 12-15

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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Nathan J. and Nancy Roberts House

1430 South Sixth

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast

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J.G. Higginbotham House

2102 Swenson

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

East facade, camera facing west

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George R. Davis House

718 Victoria

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest

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Horace O. Wooten Warehouse

101 Walnut

Abilene, Taylor County, Texas

Photographed by David Moore

Winter 1989

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast

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92000095	Sayles Boulevard Historic District	SR	3/9/92
92000213	Stith, William and Evla, House		3/23/92
92000203	Thomas, Oscar P., House		3/23/92
92000208	Universal Manufacturing Company Building		3/23/92
92000217	West Texas Utilities Company Power Plant		3/23/92
92000202	Williamson, E. D., House		3/23/92
92000238	Wooten, Horace O., Grocery Company Warehouse	Substantive Review	3/23/92 SCR
92000197	Wooten, Horace O., House		3/23/92
92000227	Zabloudil--Hendrick House	Substantive Review	3/23/92 SCR

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 92000238 Date Listed: 3/23/92

Horace O. Wooten Grocery Company Warehouse
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.

fr Antoinette Daze
Signature of the Keeper

3/25/92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: Under Significant Person, Horace O.
Wooten is added.

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
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wooten, Horace O., Grocery Company Warehouse

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: 92000238

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 Horace O. Wooten Grocery Company Warehouse is significant for its association with the commerce of Abilene because it was the community's best known and most important commercial enterprise. It also is significant for its association with businessman Horace O. Wooten and as a good example of the warehouse property type in Abilene.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A, B+C
REVIEWER Autawith Lee
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

AL QUA
the Horace O. Wooten School Company Warehouse is significant for its association with the Commerce of Dallas because it was one community's first business and that important commercial enterprise. Its relationship with the Commerce of Dallas is significant for its association with the Commerce of Dallas.



H.O. WOOTEN WAREHOUSE
101 WALNUT
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