

WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
 WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY
 SURVEY FORM

NAME OF SITE: DeShong-Hudson House ADDRESS: 111 Pembroke
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision _____ Block _____ Lot _____
 PRESENT OWNER: Brown & Jeanne Hudson
 and MAILING ADDRESS: 111 Pembroke
 CATEGORY: District Building _____ Structure _____ Site _____ Object _____
 ORIGINAL USE: residence PRESENT USE residence ZONING _____
 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Two story square plan with hipped roof. Finished rafter ends become bracketed eaves. Fenestration grouped in pairs or triplets with lights being four vertical panes over 1 solid pane. Front sash have limestone lintels. Front entrance pedimented. Porte cochère. Garage apartment.
 MATERIALS: wall brick roof composition shingles
 CONDITION OF EXTERIOR: excellent
 ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: None discernible

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE/TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Colonial Revival elements.

SIGNIFICANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: Built 1927; architects were Stinnett Brothers; Ralph DeShong, recognized magician, purchased the home in 1932. DeShong added a raised stage in the living room with storage area for magic paraphernalia underneath. The Great Houdini visited DeShong here.

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: Part of scene.

CURRENT TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PRESENT DESIGNATION: _____

RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION: National Register _____ Registered Texas Landmark _____
 Local Landmark

If within a district: Significant _____ Contributing Compatible _____ Intrusion _____

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OTHER COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

PHOTO DATA: Roll 1 Frame 20

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Much of the information above may be transferred directly to survey cards of the Texas Historical Commission. The following information would need to be added, using the THC computer codes, to complete the State cards:

COUNTY: _____

PERIOD: _____

CITY: _____

STYLE: _____

DATE: _____

THEME: _____

CODED SITE NUMBER: _____

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COUNTY BLOCK
CITY QUAD LOT # PROVINCE STATE PARK
NAME: De Shong - Hudson House COUNTY: Wichita
ADDRESS: 111 Pembroke CITY: Wichita Falls
UTM: DATE: 1927 PERIOD: 1900 -
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Stinnett Brothers
OWNER: Brown & Jeanner Hudson
STYLE: Colonial Revival

THEME: Colonial Revival
DESCRIPTION: Two story square plan with hipped roof. Finished roofer ends become bracketed eaves. Fiberglass plan grouped in pairs or triplets with lights being four vertical panes over 31 solid pane. Front sash have, limestone. lintels. Front entrance pedimented. Porte cochere. Garage apartment.
roof: Composition shingles
BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: Brick
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent

ALTERATIONS:

SIGNIFICANCE: Ralph DeShong recognized magician, purchased the home in 1938. DeShong added a raised stage in the living room with storage area for magic paraphernalia underneath. The Great Houdini visited DeShong here.

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE:

DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HSI OTHER:

ORIGINAL USE: Residence PRESENT USE: Residence

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS:

ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA:

SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES:

RECORDED BY: Susan H. Campbell
DATE: _____

INFORMANT: OWNER
PHOTO DATA: _____ (rev. 6-79)