

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 be-
come 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:

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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 QUAD BLOCK 13
CITY LOT
NAME: DeShong - Hudson House COUNTY: Wichita
ADDRESS: 111 Pembroke CITY: Wichita Falls

UTM: DATE: 1927 PERIOD: 1900 -
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Stinnett Brothers STYLE:
OWNER: Brown & Jeanne Hudson THEME:

DESCRIPTION: Two story square plan with hipped roof. Finished rafters ends become bracketed eaves. Finestration grouped in pairs or triplets with lights being four vertical panes over 1 solid pane. Front sash have limestone lintels. Roof entrance pedimented. Porte cochere. Garage apartment.
BUILDING MATERIAL: wall: Brick roof: Composition shingles
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent SITE: original ☒ or moved date

ALTERATIONS:

SIGNIFICANCE: Ralph DeShong, recognized magician, purchased the home in 1930. 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: LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
DESIGNATION: NR NHL RTHL HABS HAER HESI OTHER: PRESENT USE: Residence
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS:
ACREAGE/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA:
SEE INFO/CORRESPONDENCE FILES:
RECORDED BY: Susan H. Campbell INFORMANT: OWNER
DATE: PHOTO DATA: (rev. 6-79)