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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *nhc*

Ernst Martin Kohl Building

AND/OR COMMON

"Hotel Traveler's Home"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

300 East Main Street, Corner of Crockett + Main

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Denison

VICINITY OF

4

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Texas

CODE

048

COUNTY

Grayson

CODE

101

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. D.H. Brandt

STREET & NUMBER

1123 West Sears

CITY, TOWN

Denison

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Grayson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Sherman

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Texas Historical Commission Historical Sites Inventory

DATE

May 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ernst Martin Kohl Building is located in the railroad depot district in Denison, a railroad and industrial center in north Texas. Within two blocks of the location of the old Union Station, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas, the Southern Pacific, the Frisco, the Kansas-Oklahoma-Gulf, and the Texas-Pacific depots, stands the combination hotel, early mercantile store, and residence.

The Kohl building is a three and one-half story building which incorporates brick upper stories above an earlier one-story stone building. The one-story structure, built in 1893 as Kohl's mercantile store and saloon, had the upper stories added between 1908 and 1910 as the Kohl family's residence, used later as the "Hotel Traveler's Home."

Built to sustain the vibrations of the many trains moving through the area, the building is one of the sturdiest structures in Denison. The lower floor walls are over two foot thick and of limestone block quarried on the site. Four entrances provide access to the lower story. The north facade has one store entry with original double doors flanked by two large six over six light windows, all with fanlights. The attached "buggy shed", which forms an el to the east of the building, has a pair of large wooden doors under a stone segmental arch. The west facade has the other two store entries, both having double doors and fanlights, and one having side-lights. A six over six light window also with fanlights is between the entries. A canopy with pressed metal roof extends from the structure to the curb on the north and west sides and is supported by paneled concrete piers.

The front room and the west room on the Crockett Street side of the first floor have built-in cabinets and shelving constructed ca. 1910, which are still in excellent condition. A wine cellar is in the eastern portion of the first floor to the side of the old mercantile store. Inscriptions of important happenings and dates were written on the brick walls in the wine cellar by the Kohl family on important occasions.

Access to the upper stories is gained via an outside stone stairway which winds around the southeast corner of the first floor to a central

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oval-glassed door on the second story of the south facade. Each facade incorporates a three bay composition with belt courses of projecting brick located at floor and window sill levels. The bays are defined by coupled windows on the north and west and single windows on the south and east facades. All windows on the second and third stories are segmentally arched six over one pane double hung sash. Borrowed from the Edwardian style, the two oriel windows and the other gable ends are the most handsomely executed exterior detail of the eclectic composition. Half-timbering, decorative brackets, and bargeboards distinguish the oriels which are incorporated into the roof gables.

The multi-gabled roof is still the original pressed metal sheets stamped with an imbricated pattern. Clipped gable dormers with coupled windows, and pyramidally capped dormers with single windows define the bays below. Originally, a centrally located, pyramidally capped cupola graced the roof-line, but was removed in the 1960's. A telescoping flagpole was raised and lowered through a hole in the cupola floor into the hallway of the third floor, allowing for Kohl's flags to be easily changed. Several tall, corbeled brick chimneys were also removed in the 1960's.

The upper stories encompass seventeen rooms. There are six rooms, including a kitchen, plus a bathroom, two walk-in closets, and a back porch on the second floor. The third floor plan is much like a hotel with similar rooms connected by a central hall with a bath at one end. A closet within a closet which is yet inside another closet is located under the stairway to the fourth floor and is said to have been used for storage of valuables. A balcony above the kitchen was called the "roof garden" by the Kohl family and has a raised parapet wall forming the balustrade. The fourth floor encompasses six rooms, and a combination bathroom, storage space, and stairway to the roof. The building is designed for good cross ventilation, incorporating transoms and screens on all doors connected to the hallways. Two skylights, one in the hallway and one in an interior room, are used for extra illumination since the dormer windows are rather small. All hardware including doorknobs, locksets, drawer pulls, hinges, and transom controls are brass-plated copper, adding to the richness of detail.

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The interiors of the upper stories are distinguished by detailing which is in the Prairie style. Superb craftsmanship is reflected in the intricate, beaded wood paneling that encases doors, windows, and cabinets in the second floor main dining room. A built-in serving buffet blends with the high mahogany wainscoting and plate rail, imparting elegance to the dining room. Metal ceilings throughout are supported by carved beams or wood strips forming a grid pattern. Finely detailed second floor doors include leaded stained glass and floral patterned etched glass.

The "Hotel Traveler's Home" was advertised as fire-proof, being of unusually sound construction. Kohl used a corrugated steel lathe instead of the common wood lathe of the period under a plaster finish. Sand was packed between the floor joists, and sheet metal applied to all ceilings and closet interiors for extra fireproofing.

A two and one-half story carriage house is located to the southeast of the main building. A half-timbering effect is carried over from the oriel windows of the Kohl building and incorporated on the siding of the carriage house. A clipped gable roof is used with shed-roofed dormers to either side. Large central double doors allow access of vehicles, and loft doors above are indicative of a hay loft. The structure is in poor condition, the roof leaks badly, and the whole building is leaning to one side, but the owners intend to restore and incorporate it into their restaurant plan.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1893/1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ernst Martin Kohl

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Denison, in northeastern Grayson County five miles south of old Colbert's Ferry on the Red River, is a railroad and industrial center which came into existence as a stop on the Butterfield Overland Mail Route in 1858. The town was named for George Denison, director of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad when that line was built in 1872. Served also by the Kansas, Oklahoma, and Gulf and the St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railroads, Denison is the location of numerous railroad stops.

Ernst Martin Kohl was one of those profiting from the railroad boom that followed the Civil War. Born in Weimar, Germany in 1857, the son of a railroad director, Kohl's interest in railroads started at an early age. As a student in navigation school, Mr. Kohl enlisted in the German Navy at Hamburg in 1873. Advancing to the rank of captain, he served for fourteen years in the German Navy and Merchant Marine. Kohl came to Texas in 1884 and visited Austin where construction on the State Capitol Building was in progress. He was connected with the project for a short time, until moving to Denison in 1855 where he established a grocery business that prospered. Moving from two earlier locations, in 1893, Kohl took his business into the hub of the railroad shop district to the 300 East Main Street location.

Kohl was linked to railroading in several other ways. He was General Agent for the Frisco Lot and Land Company, bringing prospective settlers by railroad to inspect railroad-owned lands in Oklahoma which he sold on commission. As a devoted observer of the industry, Kohl had an extensive collection of railroad memorabilia including bills of lading on the first freight shipped to Denison by several different railroads and the original Denison sign that marked the first station there.

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E.M. Kohl's general grocery store and saloon prospered in the railroad district location. In 1908, he started construction on his residence built above the store. The two and one-half story residence, using 70,000 bricks, was built on top of the existing one-story stone structure. The Kohl family opened the "Hotel Traveler's Home" in 1929 in the lower portions of their residence. Railroad passengers and crewmen, and "drummers" were the usual guests, however, the dining room was always reserved for family and friends.

Kohl closed his grocery and saloon in 1933, shortly before his death in 1935. The "Hotel Traveler's Home" was in operation for a relatively short time, closing sometime after Kohl's death but before 1940. The Interstate Fine Arts Society occupied the first floor of the building from 1949-1951 and was the only commercial occupation after the hotel's closing. Mrs. Erna Wilson, E.M. Kohl's daughter and administrator for her father's estate, sold the land and building at 300 East Main Street to the Bud Tuckers in 1968. The Tuckers, local antique dealers, used the space for storage and kept the building intact. The Tuckers sold the property in 1975, to Dr. and Mrs. D.H. Brandt of Denison, whose three sons are in the process of restoring the building for use as a restaurant and private club. The backyard and wine cellar will be utilized as a beer garden, with plans calling for the restoration of the adjacent barn as well.

The Ernst Martin Kohl Building, presently under restoration for adaptive reuse, is important to Denison as a tangible link with the city's railroad heritage. The present owners, realizing the historic value of the building, are emphasizing this connection by utilizing a railroad theme in their proposed "Down By The Station" restaurant and club. In addition to being historically important to Denison, the Kohl Building is significant to the community as a fine example of eclectic architecture.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Historical Association, Austin, Texas, 1952.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately one acre
UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Joe R. Williams, Project Director
Mike D. Yancey, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION Texas Historical Commission DATE January 8, 1975

STREET & NUMBER 1511 Colorado TELEPHONE 512-475-3094

CITY OR TOWN Austin STATE Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

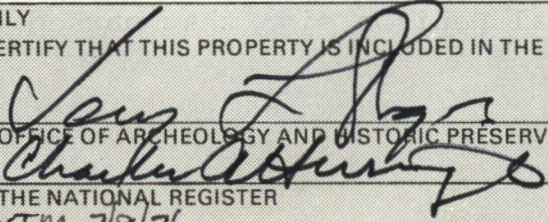
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TITLE

DATE 2/23/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: 

DATE 7/12/76

Acting KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6.25.76

RBR for WJM 7/8/76

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Property Kohl, Ernst Martin, Building

State TX Working Number 3.3.76.2678

Grayson

TECHNICAL

Photos 8
Maps 1

CONTROL

cm
OK 3.17.76

No statement of architectural significance in #8, but transportation and commerce OK

HISTORIAN

accept
J. Grovner
5/25/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
S Oldham
6/1/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

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6/14/76

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6.25.76

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Loc. Northwest Oblique

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North Elevation

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South Elevation

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East Elevation

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Loc. Lower Floor interior,
showing built-in store
cabinets

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Lower floor interior, showing builtin store cabinets

PHOTO NO. 6



Dining Room on 2nd floor = brass light fixture,
leaded glass door, hand carved "egg & arrow" + built in
cabinet.

THE E. M. KOHL BUILDING

GRAYSON COUNTY

4397

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Loc. 2nd floor interior
dining rm. looking
into kitchen

CAB

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Second floor interior, dining room looking into kitchen

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Loc. NW Oblique of
carriage house

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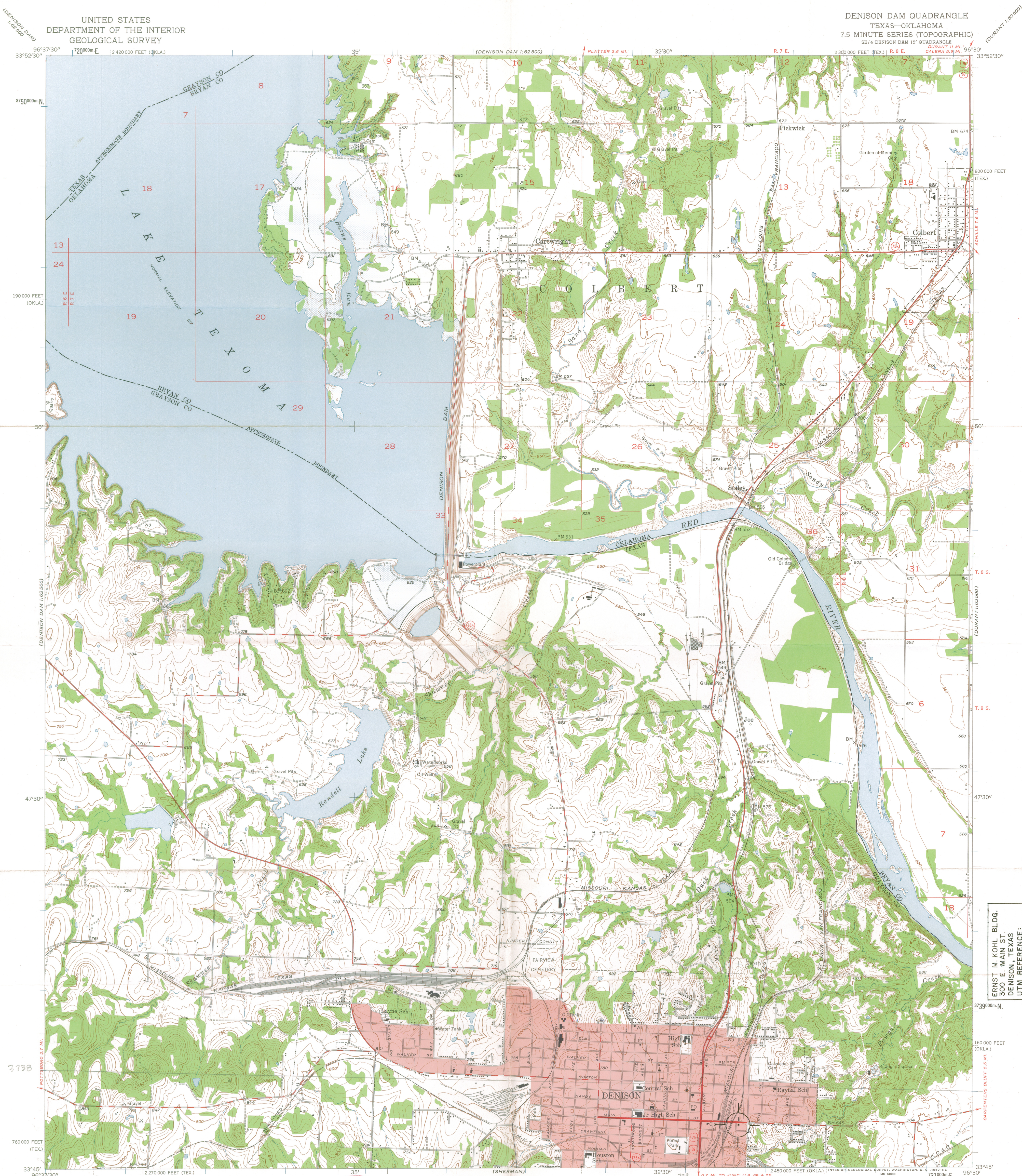
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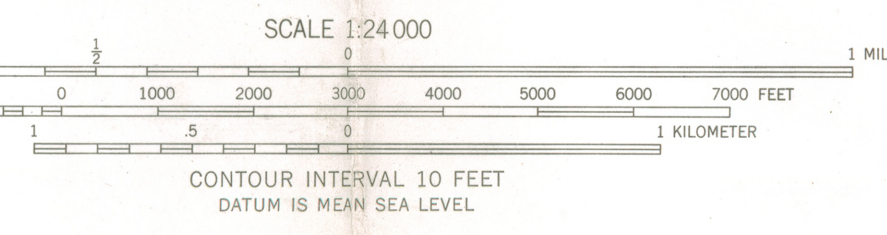
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1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Texas coordinate system,
north central zone and Oklahoma coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern
are subject to controlled inundation
Maximum elevation 640 feet. Normal elevation 617

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
U.S. Route State Route



DENISON DAM, TEX.—OKLA.
SE 1/4 DENISON DAM 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3345—W 9630/7.5
1957

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ERNST M. KOHL BLDG.
300 E. MAIN ST.
DENISON, TEXAS
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Colorado County Courthouse	Columbus Colorado County
Austin "Moonlight Towers"	Austin Travis County
San Antonio Loan and Trust Building	San Antonio Bexar County
Clarksville Historic District	Austin Travis County

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 5/25/76
 Reviewer INITIALS: BS
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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Kohl, Ernst Martin, Building
 OTHER NAMES: "Hotel Traveler's Home"

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: 300 East Main St.
 CITY, TOWN: Denison
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4
 STATE: Texas
 VICINITY OF: 048
 COUNTY: Grayson
 COUNTY code: 101

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline):
 FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
 NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR: Substantially intact-1, unknown-4, not applicable-7
 EXTERIOR: Substantially intact-2, unknown-5, not applicable-8
 ENVIRONS: Substantially intact-3, unknown-6, Not applicable-9

CONDITION - EXCELLENT, GOOD, FAIR, DETERIORATED, RUINS, UNEXPOSED, Unexcavated, UNALTERED, ALTERED, Reconstructed, Excavated, ORIGINAL SITE, MOVED, Unknown

ACCESS - Yes-restricted, Yes-unrestricted, No access, Unknown

historic district? YES NO
 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- store, tavern, residence, hotel, art society, storage
 now- under restoration as restaurant

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ~~E~~ Eclectic

architect/m.builder: ~~Ernst Martin Kohl~~

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP: German

NAMES:

personal Ernst Martin Kohl - builder and original owner, 1893 - 1935

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1893

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1908

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1893 - 1940

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY: /

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Brick,

~~description~~ stone 1st story, brick upper stories, 3 1/2 stories, rectangular, cross gabled sections, dormers with pyramidal caps, elaborate cross gables and dormers, east and west wrap around porch, pressed metal roof supported by gabled concrete piers, south and west wrap around porch, 1st-story windows and entrances, stone staircase wraps around southeast corner, stairway leads to 2nd-story entrance with porch on S, south facade, south entrance porch, segmental-arched windows, north and west oval windows; under gables, 1-story east buggy shed, not segmental arched double door entrance; east wine cellar; engravings in brick, pressed sheet metal roof stamped w/ intricate pattern, 2 skylights, fine interior detailing includes brass hardware, leaded paneling, and leaded and etched glass; detached carriage house. Eclectic.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Built as a ~~residence~~ combined residence / ~~and store~~ hotel frequented by railroad passengers and crew in the hub of Denison's railroad district. This building stands as a tangible link with the city's heritage as a railroad and industrial center.