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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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22. Name: [✓]Kone-[✓]Cliett House

Location: 724 Burleson Street

Classification: Category - building; Ownership - private; Status - occupied;
Accessible - yes, restricted; Present use - private residence.

Owner of property: Mrs. Azlete R. Little
100 Algarita
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Description: Condition - good; Altered; Original site.

Judge Ed Kone built his two-story frame house on the bluff overlooking the town. Like many of its period, the structure has an asymmetrical plan, with a double gallery curving from the bevelled-corner ell around to the side wall. A corrugated, metal, pyramidal roof with cross gables to the southeast, southwest, and northeast covers the main portion of the house, which is supported by a cedar-post foundation skirted with pressed metal.

Ornament is restrained but elegant. Both porch levels are framed by turned posts with sawn brackets, have beaded-board "friezes" under the eaves, have beaded ceilings, and are edged with spindle rails. Floors and steps are wood, with turned newels. Once the steps curved outward, but they were replaced incorrectly. Also, a few of the brackets fell off, but are in storage awaiting repair. Similar sawn brackets fill in the gable ends. Doors onto the porch on both levels are original.

Some of the sash windows with one-over-one lights are extra wide. The den, at the rear, contains nine-pane windows. Major doors have transoms.

The centerpiece for the interior is a double stair that converges from the front entry and rear den to a common landing. Each stair is in several different sections, creating an interesting interplay of planes, and is decorated with beading and carved newels. Beading is used liberally for walls and ceilings. Bullseye moldings are common in the front part of the house, plain frames in the back. A built-in gun rack is a feature upstairs.

Modern stained glass fills two transoms, two closets have been added, a bathroom was modernized, and a second-floor, rear porch was filled in. The kitchen has been slightly updated, but the old cabinets and high ceilings keep it strongly in character with the Victorian period. The present owners have begun a renovation program that will correct the surficial alterations.

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Significance: Period - 1800-1899, 1900- ; Areas of significance - architecture, law. Specific dates - 1890, 1902.

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January 18, 1902, at least part of the Kone House burned, as irony would have it, while a firemen's benefit party was in full swing across town. Research has not revealed how much of the house burned, and it was not mentioned in a list of well-remembered fires. Perhaps only the rear had to be rebuilt. At any rate, the Kones did rebuild immediately and remained on the property for several years more.

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The property passed in 1914 to Oran W. Cliett, owner and operator of Cliett Cotton Breeding Farms and, after 1933, postmaster. The present owner's family acquired it in 1956.

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Geographical data: Acreage - Approxiamtely two acres.

UTM reference - 14 / 601340 / 3305870

Verbal Boundary Description - The nominated property is "D" lot of Farm Lot 15 of the Original Town Site, and can be more accurately described as two rectangles joined together. The first rectangle measures 130 ft. along Burleson, from the north corner of Burleson and Browne Streets, and 431.9 ft. along Browne, from the same corner. The second rectangle is adjacent to the first and measures 104.4 feet southwest to northeast, or against the rear line of the first rectangle, and 66.67 ft. along Browne Street.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kone-Cliett House (San Marcos MRA)
Hays County
TEXAS

Working No. 7-1483
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 8/11/83 - 8/28/83
Action: ACCEPT RETURN 8/26/83 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	date _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

X 13. Other

- Maps *Property nominated not indicated on USGS maps*
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *Delores Byers* Date *8/20/83* Phone: _____

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 RETURN
 REJECT
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Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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San Marcos, Hays County, Texas

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Photo by Lissa Anderson, July, 1982.
Negative property of HASM, on file at SMPL.

East oblique, camera facing west.

Photo 90 of 150.



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San Marcos, Hays County, Texas

#22. Kone-Cliett House

Photo by Lissa Anderson, July, 1982.

Negative property of HASM, on file at SMPL.

East oblique of southeast facade, camera
facing west.

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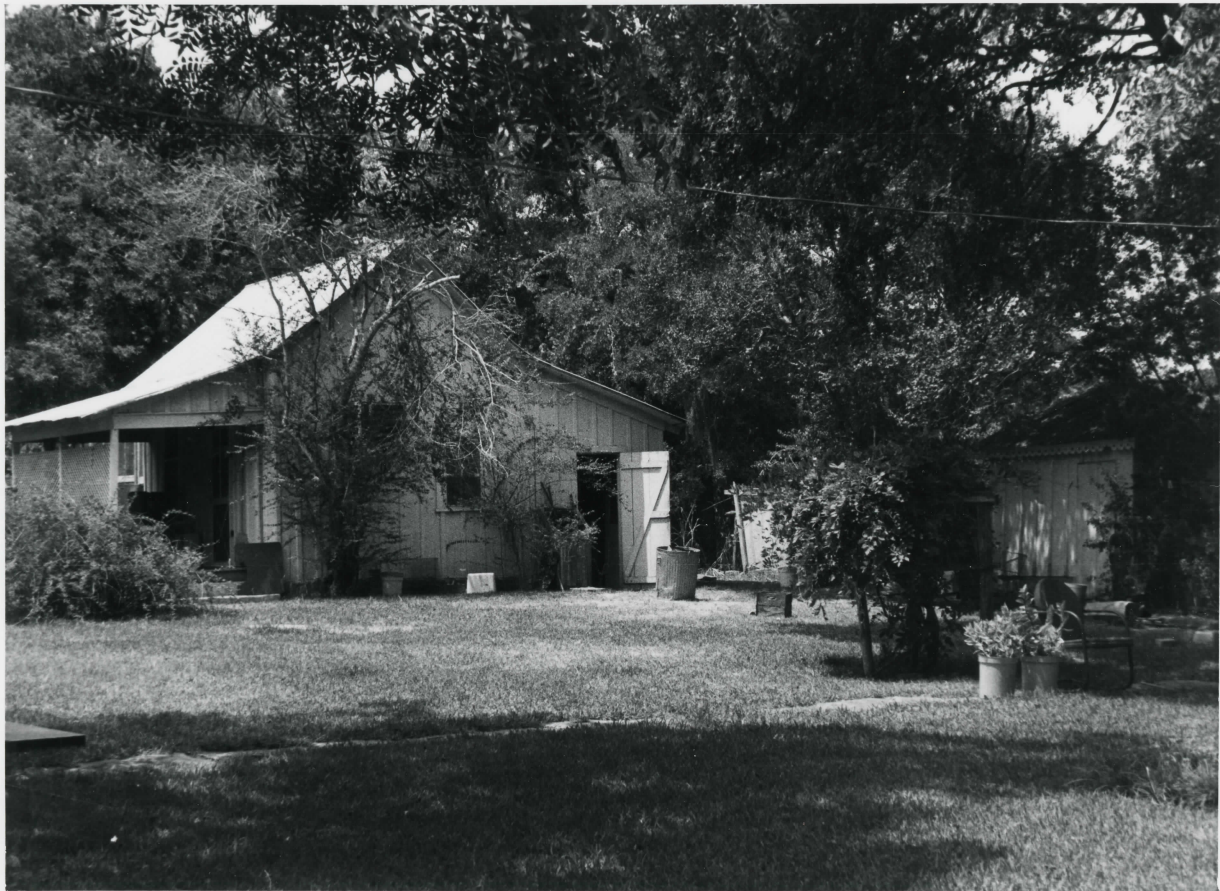


Historic Resources of San Marcos
San Marcos, Hays County, Texas

#22. Kone-Cliett House

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Interior, detail of stair.
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East oblique of servants' quarters and well-
house, camera facing west.

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000853