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27. Name: Rylander-Kyle House (~~Common name - Henry Kyle, Jr., House~~)

Location: 711 West San Antonio Street

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

Owner of property: Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Kyle, Jr.
711 West San Antonio Street
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Description: Condition - good; Altered; Original site.

Classical details grace the sedate, two-story Rylander-Kyle House, a basically symmetrical frame edifice of carefully balanced horizontal and vertical lines. Beneath a low-pitched pyramidal roof broken by two large gabled dormers, the front facade is centered on a shallow pedimented portico, which leads onto a double-level porch supported by six colossal, unfluted Ionic columns.

The front porch is in a three-bay arrangement and divided horizontally by a spindle rail on the second floor. There is no rail on the first floor, nor was there ever, but originally there was a second rail on the roof cornice. Two unfluted flat pilasters echo the columns. Porch ceilings are beaded. In the pediment's tympanum are plaster and stick detailing and dentils. The dormer gable ends are finished similarly. Brackets under the heavy architrave complete the elegance of the front facade.

Except for the small northeast porch, which once had an open, arbor-like arrangement of boards for a roof, the other facades cede prominence to the front. Additional dormers point to northeast and southwest. Also on the southwest wall is a wood stair to the second-floor porch. The rear wall is flat, since the small porch that was once there has been filled in. There are two brick chimneys with plaster caps.

Window sizes vary, but almost all are original. The front, first-floor facade features two triplets of 6/1, 12/1, and 6/1 sash windows flanking the door, which carries its own triplet transom and two sidelights, which are multipaned. Above this arrangement, opening to the second-floor porch, are two side windows made of a decorative, leaded-glass panel in an elongated diamond pattern and a single large pane. Between them is a door with similar detailing.

The kitchen has been modernized somewhat, including the removal of a refrigerator room. Instead of also opening onto the living room, the stair now opens only to the hall; evidently a newel and inglenook were removed. The main exterior change consisted of lowering the porch floor, replacing it with red concrete, and placing the columns on red-brick pedestals. A small, spindle rail on the side porch roof, like that of the main roof, is no longer there. The strong lines and fine details of the house have easily weathered these changes.

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The Kyles have an exceptional collection of handmade and antique furnishings which are suitable props for the beautiful, but restrained, interior. Stained-glass windows flank the fireplace. Original brass light fixtures hang in the living room and dining room, which are joined by a pocket door.

Also on the property is a nonintrusive but noncontributing garage. Behind the house is a huge garden where Mr. Kyle raises bouganvilleas, and approximately 700 chrysanthemum plants. A wisteria arbor, planted in 1913, graces the front yard.

Significance: Period - 1900- ; Areas of significance - architecture, agriculture. Specific dates - 1912-13. Roy L. Thomas, architect, S.B. McBride, builder.

One of the most important buildings in the locally designated, San Antonio Street Historic District is the Rylander-Kyle House, an imposing residence that typifies the Colonial Revival style of Texas. Ignatius Bramwell Rylander, the first owner, was a distinguished agriculturalist from Alabama.

Born in 1842, Rylander enlisted in the Confederate Army (Company I, First Alabama Calvary) and fought in the battle of Shiloh and several other engagements. After a stint in a Maryland prison camp, he walked back to Alabama. He came to Texas in 1867. Five years later he married Clarissa Glennie Malone, and the marriage produced eleven children.

Rylander's work was in farm demonstration, in the Department of Agriculture. Gov. Colquitt commissioned him to represent Texas in 1913 at the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits. He was sent by Gov. W.P. Hobby to the National Farmer's Association at Kansas City in 1919, and to the American Cotton Conference at Montgomery, Alabama, in 1920. Rylander was also a director of the First National Bank and on the board of trustees at Coronal Institute.

Members of the Rylander family have remained in the house since its construction in 1912-13. The present owner is Henry C. Kyle, I.B. Rylander's grandson. He and his wife Marian have filled the home with beautiful antiques, unique pieces, and Oriental rugs.

Bibliography:

Henry C. Kyle, Jr. and Henry C. Kyle III, "The Family and Home of Ignatius Bramwell Rylander," unpublished and undated monograph, provided by Frances Stovall from "Tours of Distinction" files.

Interviews with Henry C. Kyle, Jr., April 24, 1982, and July 21, 1982.

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Geographical data: Acreage - less than one acre.
UTM reference - 14 / 601710 / 3305590

Verbal Boundary Description - Part of Farmlot 12. The rectangular property measures 97.22 ft. along W. San Antonio St., starting at a point 97.22 ft. south of the intersection of Jackman and W. San Antonio, and is 416.67 ft. deep. The boundary encloses the house, garage, and gardens.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Rylander-Kyle House (San Marcos MRA)
Hays County
TEXAS

Working No. 7-14-83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 8/11/83 - 8/28/83
Action: ACCEPT 8/26/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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*)

- 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

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 _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

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 courtesy of the owner, dated 1949.
Copy photo by Sally S. Victor, negative
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Northwest facade, camera facing southeast.
Photo 108 of 150.



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Northwest facade, camera facing southeast.
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North oblique, camera facing south.
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Interior of livingroom, camera facing north-
east.
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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