

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number All

Page 56

25. Name:  Smith House (Common name - ~~Smith-Storey House~~)

Location: 322 Scott Street

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

Owner of property: Ralph and Patricia Babcock  
322 Scott Street  
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Description: Condition - good; Altered; Original site.

Dominating the one-and-a-half-story frame Smith House is a dormer set at a 45° angle to the main axis of the house. A profusion of cross gables and dormers projecting from the V-crimp, metal, hipped roof make the roofline complex. Besides the southern dormer, other gable ends are located at the northwest, southwest (front facade), southeast, and northeast. A small dormer with a bell-shaped roof is also found on the front facade. Curving from the southwest ell to the southeast ell is a one-story porch supported by paired lathed posts. A kitchen wing extends to the northeast, and a brick chimney rises from the norhtwest gable.

Elaboration is varied. The under-eave trim of the porch consists of small spindles, while the rail is a Japonisone stick arrangement. Little chamfered sticks and spindle bargeboards are tucked in several of the gable ends, along with fishscale shingles and shingled pents. The bell-roofed dormer includes medallion trim. The gable end of the southwest ell has been screened to form a small balcony; turned and chamfered posts serve as its rail and bargeboard.

Long narrow windows with two-over-two lights pierce the southwest facade. A floor-length window with one-over-one lights occurs at the left of the front door, which is of original carved wood and etched glass. Other windows are of regular dimensions, and either have one-over-one or two-over-two lights.

The stair has been turned around to allow a separate entrance to the second floor, and the dining room has been converted into a kitchen. Otherwise interior alterations are minimal and do not detract from the exquisite wood details, some of them executed by the first owner and builder. In the living room crowned bullseye moldings cap the window frames and accent the wooden curtain rods. The same room boasts an oak and tile mirrored mantel. The southeast bedroom has a wood-burning fireplace. Mr. Smith's artistry is best displayed in the kitchen, where his pencil lines are still visible on an unfinished but exquisite, built-in, diagonal china cabinet.

Part of the northeast section of the exterior was filled in with canvas windows by the previous owner. Also in that area is a greenhouse addition. Neither of these changes is visible from the main approaches nor mars the general appearance of the house.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number All

Page 57

Significance: Period - 1800-1899; Areas of significance - architecture;  
Specific dates - 1897; B.W. Smith, builder.

An unusual floor plan that carries through to the exterior appearance makes the Smith House an interesting and significant example of the many forms used in Victorian residences. The southern-pointing wing is set among finely crafted exterior trim that is matched by interior work typical of the period.

Carrie Kone Smith, sister of Judge Ed R. Kone, bought the land in the McGehee Addition, one of the oldest subdivisions in town, from her sister L. Janie Kone Harper. She and her husband Byron Wynne Smith built the present house in 1897. Mr. Smith was a noted cabinet maker. Pieces of his work that remain in the house testify to his skill, although not all the details can be attributed to Smith with surety. Among the many embellishments that make the interior attractive are the crowned bullseye moldings, a carved oak and tile fireplace, wainscoting, and the original, etched-glass, front door. Intricacy of interior detail reflects the many angles and decorative features of the exterior.

Following her husband's death in 1908, Mrs. Smith lived here on Scott Street until 1940, when she died, leaving the house to her daughter, Rebecca Storey.

**Bibliography:**

Condensation of Abstract of Title, prepared by Frances Stovall, May 14, 1982.  
Interview with Patricia Babcock, May 19, 1982.

Geographical data: Acreage - less than one acre.  
UTM reference - 14 / 601460 / 3305910

Verbal Boundary Description - C.L. McGehee Addition, Block 2, parts of lots 5 and 6. Beginning at the east corner of the intersection of Burleson and Scott Street, the boundary follows Burleson to the northeast for 194.44 ft., turns a 90° angle to the southeast and runs 166.67 ft., then turns a right angle to the southwest and runs 84.44 ft., at which point it makes a right angle to the northwest and continues 65 ft. It then turns a right angle to the southeast to define an ell and runs 110 ft. to Scott Street. The Scott Street frontage, to the point of beginning, is 101.67 ft.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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

#25. Smith House

Photo by Melinda Koester/Stuart Strong, 1978.  
Negative on file at Texas Historical Comm.

South oblique, camera facing north.  
Photo 100 of 150.



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

#25. Smith House

Photo by Lissa Anderson, January, 1983.  
Negative property of HASM, on file at SMPL.

West oblique, camera facing east.  
Photo 101 of 150.





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

#25. Smith House

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

North oblique, camera facing south.  
Photo 102 of 150.



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

#25. Smith House

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

Detail, door and cabinet in diningroom.  
Photo 103 of 150.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000853