

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kouns-Jackson House

other names/site number Stamps Building

2. Location

street & number 1118 South Harrison Street N/A not for publication

city or town Amarillo N/A vicinity

state Texas code TX county Potter code 375 zip code 79101

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Courtis J. Munnell 30 March 1992
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

for Signature of the Keeper entered in the National Register Date of Action
Myrtle M. Rapsley 8/14/92

Kouns-Jackson House
Name of Property

Potter County, Texas
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
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| 1 | 0 | buildings |
| 0 | 0 | sites |
| 0 | 0 | structures |
| 0 | 0 | objects |
| 1 | 0 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/trade: Professional

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Prairie School

Other: American Four Square

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls wood

roof wood

other stucco

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets 7-1 thru 7-4.

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Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1Kouns-Jackson House
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The c. 1908 Kouns-Jackson House is a 2 1/2-story frame dwelling with a center passage plan and a low pitched hipped roof. The house exhibits Prairie School design and embellishments applied to American Four Square form as well as modest classical detailing. The foundation is brick piers, the exterior walls have weatherboard siding, and the roof is covered with wood shingles. Wedged between two large churches and their associated parking lots, the house faces east on two large city lots in Amarillo. The building is in good condition and retains its integrity to a high degree.

Potter County is in the Texas Panhandle, on the south portion of the High Plains. The county's terrain is level prairie land, broken by the Canadian River and its tributaries. Amarillo (1990 population 168,693) serves as county seat and the region's economic hub based on agriculture and the petrochemical industry. The south part of the town (beginning at 29th Street) is in Randall County. The community follows a grid plan that has little variation. (See USGS map.)

The Kouns-Jackson House is in what was once a predominantly residential area in the Plemons Addition. In recent years, most of the adjacent houses have been razed. The only vegetation on the lot is a massive pine tree at the southeast corner and a number of small shrubs. The lawn area has been paved with asphalt and concrete for use as a parking lot. The 1921 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map shows a windmill, cistern, and outbuilding on the property; none of these structures now survive.

The main (east) facade is symmetrical with three bays, the center bay slightly projected (see Photograph 1). A 1-story projecting porch with a wood balustrade spans the porch. Two large, square stucco columns at each end and two thin, wood columns with Ionic capitals at either side of the front steps support the porch, which sports a hipped roof with wide, projecting, flared eaves and decorative wood brackets. The main door with sidelights is centered on this elevation; it and the 1st floor windows are hidden behind protective bars. Windows on the 2nd level are 12/1. A gable dormer with boxed cornice returns and decorative brackets is centered above the porch and has a simple tripartite window with 6/1 lights.

At the west end of the south facade, the 1st level has a squared, tripartite bay window covered with a flat roof decorated by wood brackets (see Photograph 2). On the second level are two sets of paired, wood windows. A hipped dormer with decorative brackets has paired windows.

The back (west) facade is marked by a centered, wood window on the first level (see Photograph 2). At the northwest corner is an enclosed entrance with a hipped roof. While the entrance itself may have had a porch originally, the present infill is modern. The second level of this facade has a small, centered wood window. A gable dormer mimics that on the main facade. Near the southwest corner, an interior brick chimney is visible.

The north facade is punctuated with asymmetrically placed windows that vary in size and light configuration (see Photograph 1). A hipped dormer mimics that on the south.

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The interior plan has rooms flanking a central hall (see Continuation Sheets 7-3 and 7-4). Living areas are on the 1st floor, bedrooms on the 2nd, storage in the half-story attic. The house also has a full basement. The interior exhibits refined wood detailing that includes a heavy cornice, door and window moldings, and newel posts (see Photograph 3). Most of the rooms on the first floor have been converted to office space.

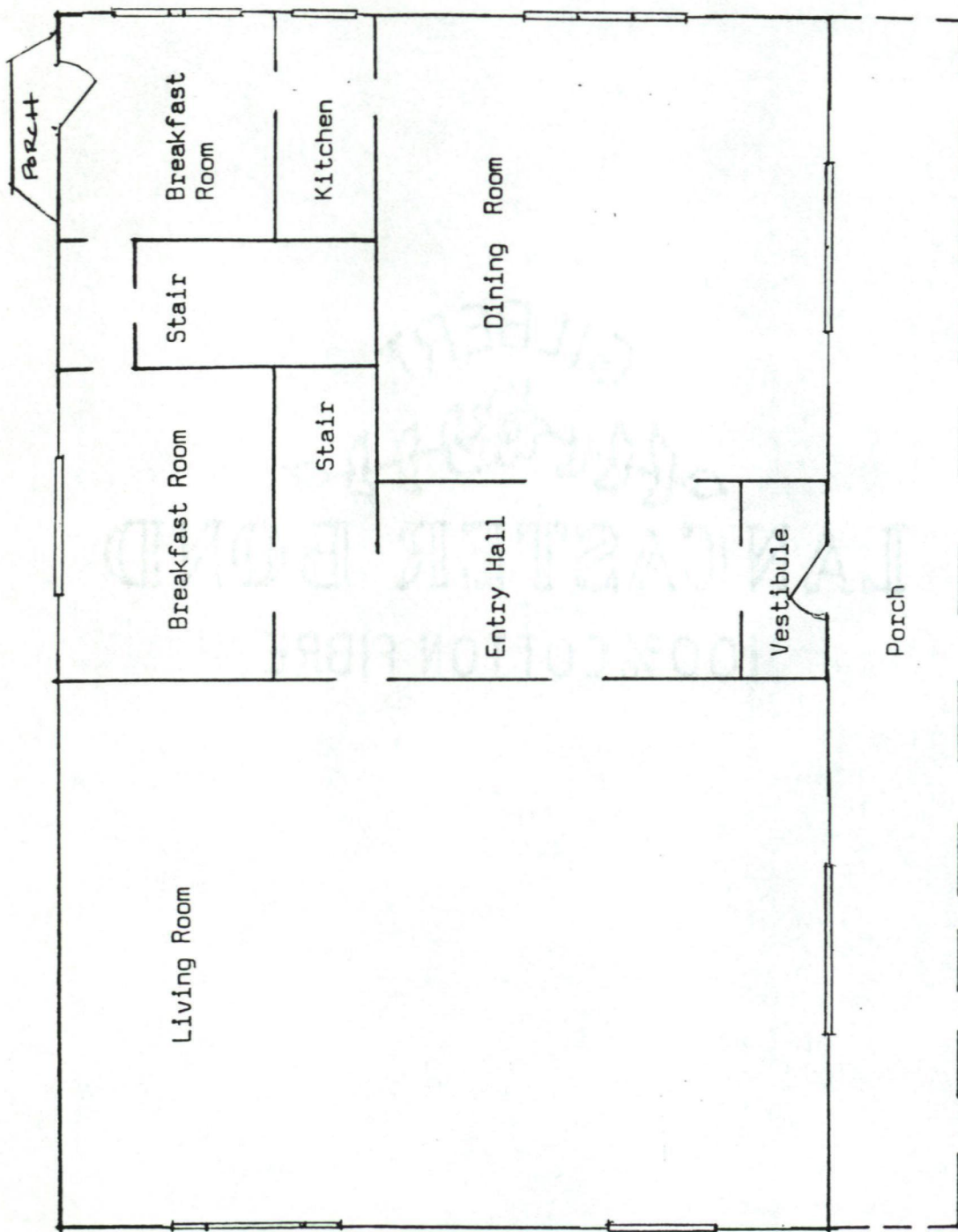
A historic photograph taken at the time of construction reveals that the Kouns-Jackson House has not undergone major alterations (see Photograph 4). While the property lacks its integrity of setting, it retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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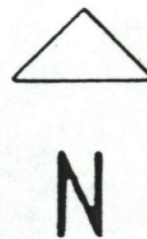
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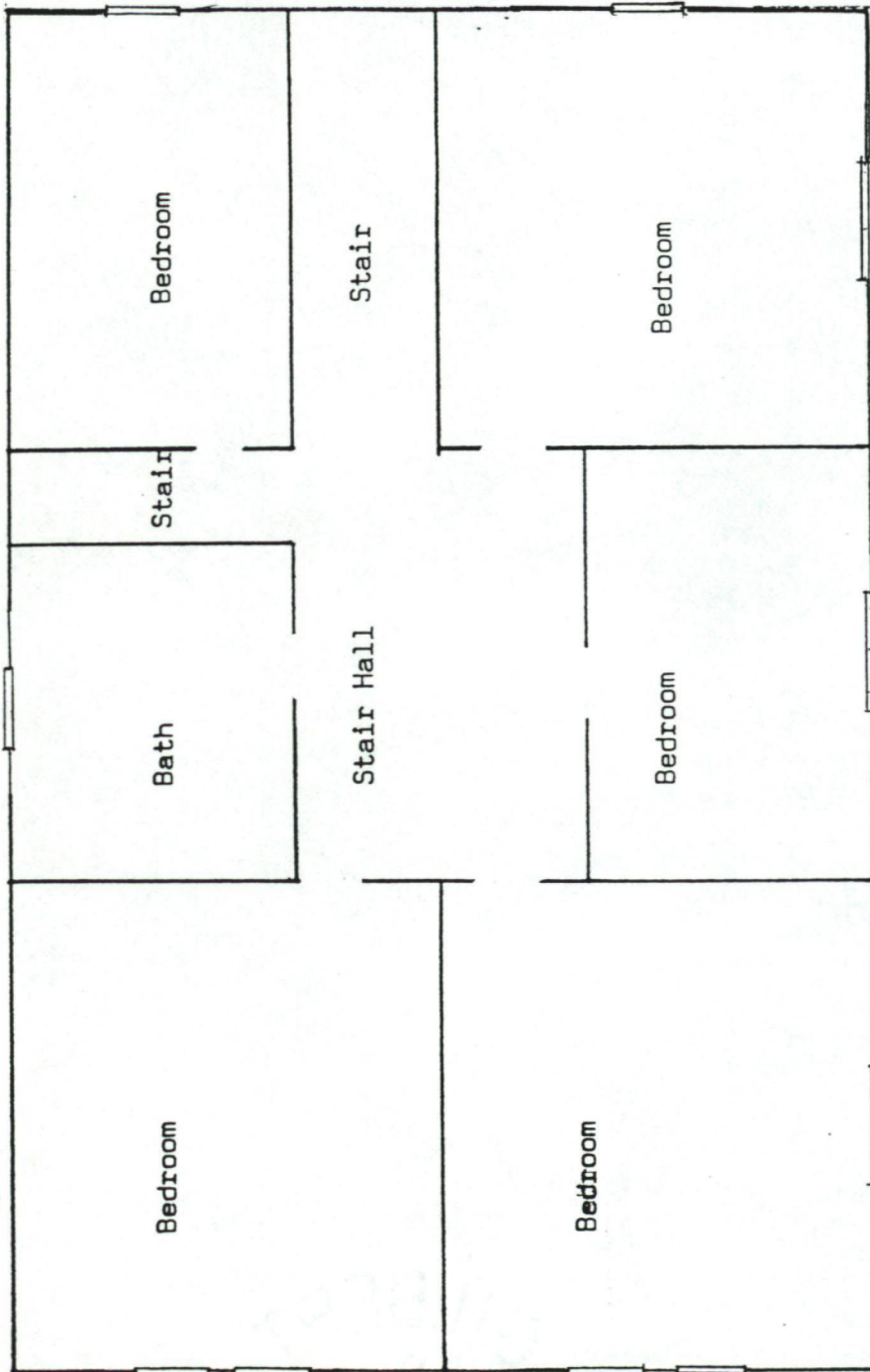
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AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

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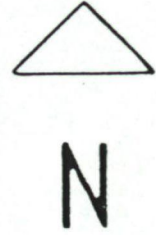
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NOT TO SCALE



SECOND FLOOR

KOUNS-JACKSON HOUSE
AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

N/A

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c.1908

Significant Dates

c.1908

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance See Continuation Sheets 8-5 and 8-6.

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See Continuation Sheet 9-7.

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX
Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, TX

Kouns-Jackson House
Name of Property

Potter County, Texas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description See Continuation Sheet 10-8.
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification See Continuation Sheet 10-8.
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally S. Victor and Larry D. Hodge

organization _____ date July, 1989; January, 1992

street & number P.O. Box 1280 telephone 915/347-5794

city or town Mason state TX zip code 76856

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Thomas P. Stamps

street & number 460 E. Paces Ferry Road telephone 404/364-9200

city or town Atlanta state GA zip code 30305

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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The c. 1908 Kouns-Jackson House represents a link to the transportation network that radiated from Amarillo. A significant number of railroad employees lived in the Plemons Addition, one of Amarillo's oldest neighborhoods. This house was built about 1908 for Charles Kouns, general manager of the East Railway of New Mexico System. A fine local example of Prairie School design applied to Four Square form, the property is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture.

Until its 1887 incorporation the Amarillo area remained a remote region of Texas. The community experienced boomtown growth in the last decade of the 19th century. This surge is due to the 1887 construction of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad through Potter County. Amarillo savored remarkable growth propelled by its position as a railhead for cattle ranches in the Texas Panhandle (by 1900 the Southern Kansas, the Pecos and Northern Texas, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf railroads had forged through town), and its vital role in the cotton industry. The population almost tripled between 1890 and 1900. This large influx of residents, which included more than 1,000 railroad employees, heralded a construction boom that resulted in unprecedented building.

The Kouns-Jackson House follows an American Four Square plan. Typical features evident on this property include its 2-story cube shape, hipped roof, central front dormer, and wide 1-story front porch. Four interior rooms on each floor are roughly equal sized with a side stairway. The Four Square plan became popular in reaction to the chaotic, excessively adorned Victorian era design.

An early adaptation of Prairie School architecture styling to the Four Square form, this house reflects the transition of residential architecture to 20th century design. Unlike Victorian era architecture, Prairie School houses present a strong horizontal emphasis with low pitched hipped roofs, broad expansive porches, and squared or tapered columns. They are more straightforward in their design, with little of the frivolity or formality that characterized earlier styles. Harmonious materials and colors that blend with the landscape became the preferred aesthetic considerations, in contrast to Victorian era polychromatic brights and 20th century revival whites.

During the 1910s through 1930s, Prairie School design was a popular stylistic choice. Local contractors and architects turned to fashionable architectural trends, especially through the popularization of pattern books, to please their clients and thus boost business. With its wide overhangs and strong horizontal emphasis, the Prairie School style is a distinctly American architectural expression that originated in the Chicago area at the turn of the century. It quickly spread throughout the midwestern United States and reached Texas by the first decade of this century. Local architects and contractors selected the style as a basis for residential designs and subsequently interpreted it in a more vernacular fashion. Such a trend prevailed in Amarillo, resulting in the construction of a large number of dwellings inspired by Prairie School innovations.

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The Kouns-Jackson is typical of Prairie School design. A 2-story frame building (later Prairie School dwellings usually had brick veneer), its features reinforce horizontal lines distinguishing Prairie School design; for example, a low pitched hipped roof with broad extended eaves and a long, linear, 1-story porch with large, squared supports.

Detailing on the house references classicism, a harbinger of the revival styles that became major influences on residential architecture in the early 1900s. The slender Ionic columns, almost-pedimented center bay of the main facade, the Palladian-like tri-partite windows in the dormers, and the ornate brackets allude to classical traditions.

The Kouns family lived in the house until about 1911 when they moved and rented the house to J.C. Paul, secretary and treasurer of the Amarillo Street Railway. Around 1913 the house was rented by J.L. Kendrick, owner of a local furniture company. In the early 1920s the house was sold to Claude D. Jackson, a travelling leather goods salesman and a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church. After Jackson's death, his wife lived in the house until 1966, when she sold the property to W.R. and Opal Haley, who used it as a studio for their interior decoration business. The building is now used as an attorney's office.

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Amarillo, Potter County, Texas

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Plemons Addition, Block 153, south 30' of Lot 4, all of Lot 5

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the area that has been historically associated with the property and that retains its historic and architectural integrity.

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

Kouns-Jackson House
1118 South Harrison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographed by Larry D. Hodge
1988
Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
Northeast oblique, camera facing southwest
Photograph 1 of 4

Kouns-Jackson House
1118 South Harrison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographed by Betty Howell
April 1989
Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast
Photograph 2 of 4

Kouns-Jackson House
1118 South Harrison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographed by Larry D. Hodge
1988
Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
Interior, 1st level stair hall, camera facing north
Photograph 3 of 4

Kouns-Jackson House
1118 South Harrison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographer unknown
c. 1908
Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
Southeast oblique, camera facing northwest
Photograph 4 of 4

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Kouns--Jackson House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Potter

DATE RECEIVED: 7/01/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/17/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/15/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000981

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8/14/92 **Entered in the
National Register**
DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Kouins/Jackson Residence

1118 S. HARRISON, Site # 1013

AMARILLO, TEXAS, POTTER CTY

NORTHEAST OBLIQUE VIEW

CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

PHOTOGRAPHER: L.D. Hodge, 1988

Negatives on file: PRESERVATION AMARILLO,

AMARILLO, TEXAS

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KOULNS - JACKSON HOUSE
1118 SOUTH HARRISON STREET
AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

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Kouns/Jackson Residence

1118 S. Harrison

Amarillo, Potter Cty, TX

Photo by: Betty Howell 4/89

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Camera facing NW

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KOUNS-JACKSON HOUSE
1118 SOUTH HARRISON STREET
AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 2 of 4



Kouns/ JACKSON RESIDENCE
1118 S. Harrison, Site # 1013
AMARILLO, POTTER CTY, TX
INTERIOR VIEW, STAIR HALL
Photographer: L.D. Hodge, 1988
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AMARILLO, TX

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KOUNS - JACKSON HOUSE
1118 SOUTH HARRISON HOUSE
AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

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KOUNS/ JACKSON RESIDENCE

1118 S. HARRISON, SITE # 1013

AMARILLO, POTTER CTY, TX

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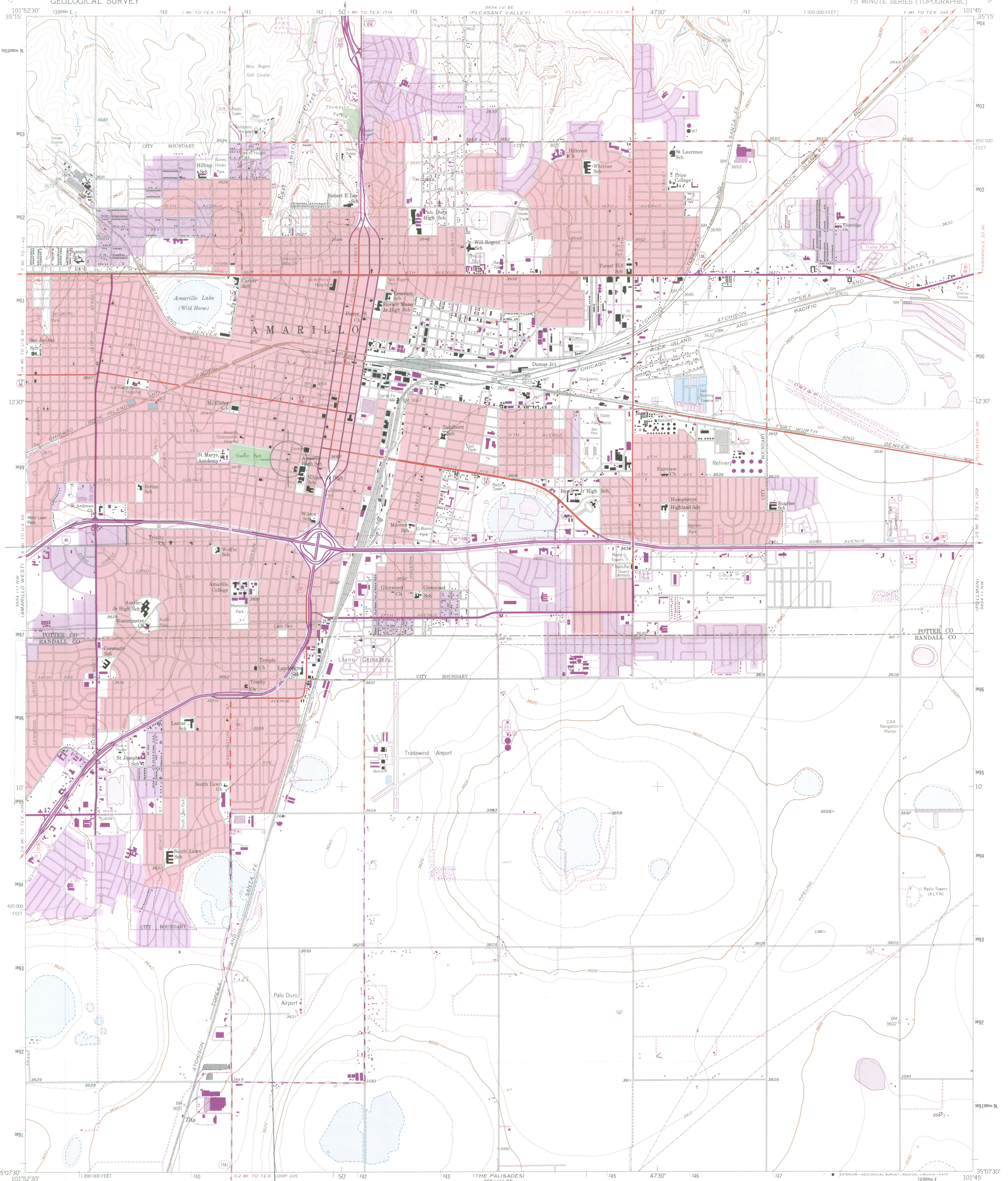
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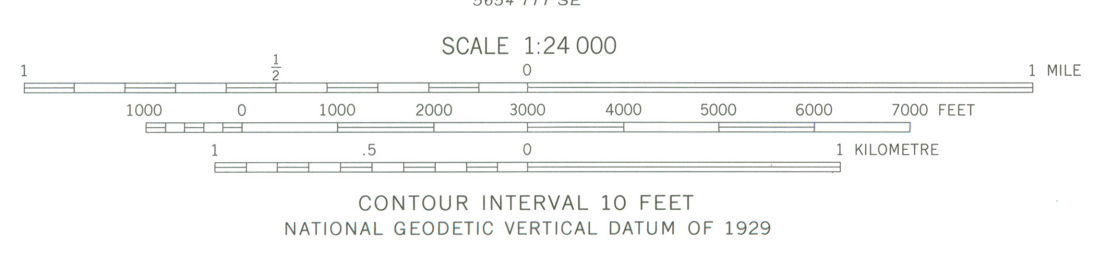
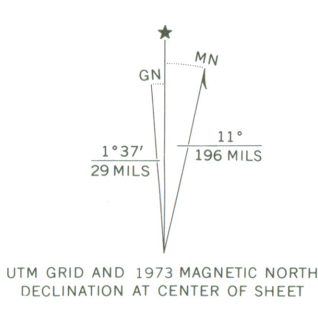
KOUNS - JACKSON HOUSE
1118 SOUTH HARRISON HOUSE
AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 4 of 4.



KOUNS-JACKSON HOUSE
1118 SOUTH HARRISON STREET
AMARILLO, POTTER CO, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCE: 14/241400/3898940

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10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, north zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1967 and 1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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| Primary highway, hard surface | Light-duty road, hard or improved surface |
| Secondary highway, hard surface | Unimproved road |
| Interstate Route | U. S. Route |
| | State Route |

AMARILLO EAST, TEX.
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