**1. NAME**

- COMMON: Spring Hill Farm and Stock Ranch House
- AND/OR HISTORIC: Jones Ranch House

**2. LOCATION**

- STREET AND NUMBER: Three miles north of Strong City on K-177 NE 1/4, Sec. 6, T 19 S, R 8 E
- CITY OR TOWN: Strong City vicinity
- STATE: Kansas

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Industrial
- Military
- Religious
- Entertainment
- Museum
- Scientific
- Park
- Private Residence
- Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

- OWNER'S NAME: Davis-Noland-Herrill Grain Co.
- STREET AND NUMBER: 127 West Tenth St.
- CITY OR TOWN: Kansas City
- STATE: Missouri

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

- COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Deeds
- STREET AND NUMBER: Chase County Courthouse
- CITY OR TOWN: Cottonwood Falls
- STATE: Kansas

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

- TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE
- DATE OF SURVEY: 
  - Federal
  - State
  - County
  - Local
- DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: 
- STREET AND NUMBER: 
- CITY OR TOWN: 
- STATE: 
- CODE: 
- ENTRY NUMBER: 
- DATE: 

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

- ENTRY NUMBER: 70420000621
- DATE: 7/17/70
- COUNTY: Chase
- STATE: Kansas
The Steve F. Jones Ranch house (Spring Hill Farm and Ranch house) is built of native limestone quarried locally. The individual building stones are square cut on all bearing surfaces and have a rough hewn face. The stones are uniform in size and laid in regular horizontal courses. All corners of the building are quoined with the stone blocks projecting from the building's surface.

The house is built on a hillside with a two-story exposure on the upper side and a three-story facade on the lower. The top story is enclosed behind a mansard roof, which is painted white and articulated with dormers and projecting mansard gables. A large porch with classic columns extends along the lower floor of the three-story facade.

A decorative cornice separates the upper story at the bottom of the mansard roof. The cornice projection is supported at the corners by paired brackets.

Windows are simple and rectangular with shallow arched lintels. A large projecting keystone accents the lintel. The window sill is extended to form a flower box and is supported by brackets.

Enhancing the appearance of the house are the surrounding outbuildings. The barn is of rubble stone masonry with smoothed quoin blocks at the corners. The roof is a modified gable. Window openings are rectangular with flat, smoothed lintels and sills. Door openings are simple with shallow arched lintels. An unusual feature of the barn is the two bridges ramping up to the second story loft.

Other outbuildings are squared stone block construction with hipped shingle roofs and simple openings for doors and windows.
### Significance

**Period:**
- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known):** 1881

### Areas of Significance

- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

### Statement of Significance

The Steve F. Jones Ranch house (Spring Hill Ranch house) is a striking three-story structure built on a bluff overlooking the Fox creek valley north of Strong City.

A native of Tennessee, Jones had ranched in Texas and Colorado before moving to Chase county, Kansas, in 1876. He purchased several farms and ranches and became one of the largest and most important ranchers in the area. Although he was primarily a cattlemen and stock-raiser, he had substantial lumber and banking interests in nearby Strong City.

His large stone house was built in 1881 by men who had also worked on the Chase County Courthouse eight years earlier. With its mansard roof and dormer windows the house reflected some of the same Renaissance influence as the Courthouse.

The Jones Ranch house is architecturally significant in that it represents a blending of Renaissance influence and Plains Vernacular architecture. The house and outbuildings together present a composite grouping of rural buildings, using a single building material and functioning as a unit.
## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:** 2

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARY:**

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY:

**NAME AND TITLE:** Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant

**ORGANIZATION:** Kansas State Historical Society

**STREET AND NUMBER:** 120 West Tenth St.

**CITY OR TOWN:** Topeka

**STATE:** Kansas 66612

## 12. STATE Liaison officer CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

- National [ ]
- State [X]
- Local [ ]

**Name:** Nyle H. Miller

**Title:** Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

**Date:** October 30, 1970

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**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

**Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

**Date:** APR 16 1976

**ATTEST:**

Keeper of the National Register
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STATE: Kansas 66869 CODE: 20 COUNTY: Chase CODE: 017

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U. S. G. S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle, Strong City, Kansas
SCALE: 1: 24,000
DATE: 1957

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.