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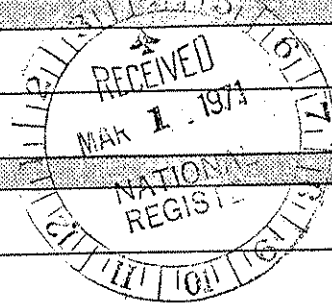
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	Chase
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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 66869 CODE: 20 COUNTY: Chase CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Davis-Noland-Merrill Grain Co.

STREET AND NUMBER: 127 West Tenth St.

CITY OR TOWN: Kansas City STATE: Missouri 64152 CODE: 29

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 66845 CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTIVE

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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.

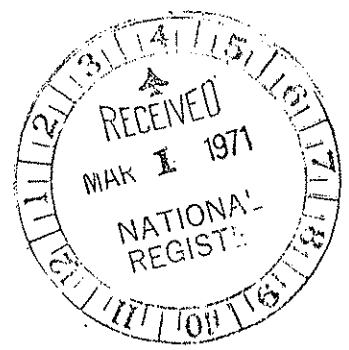
A decorative cornice separates the upper story at the bottom of the mansard roof. The cornice projection is supported at the corners by paired brackets.

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.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

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

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

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 cattleman 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.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE

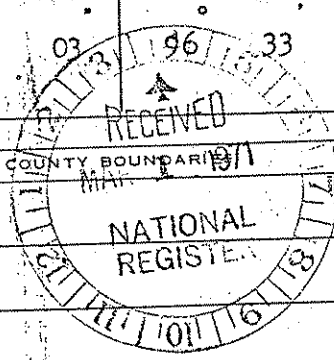
History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), p. 1361.
 McKinney, Florence, "Old Houses," Kansas Farmer, April 20, 1946.
 "S. F. Jones Family," Chase County Historical Sketches (n. p., Chase County Historical Society, 1948), v. 2, pp. 136, 137.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES									
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	38	26	03	96	33	29
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: October 30, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth St.

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

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 Local

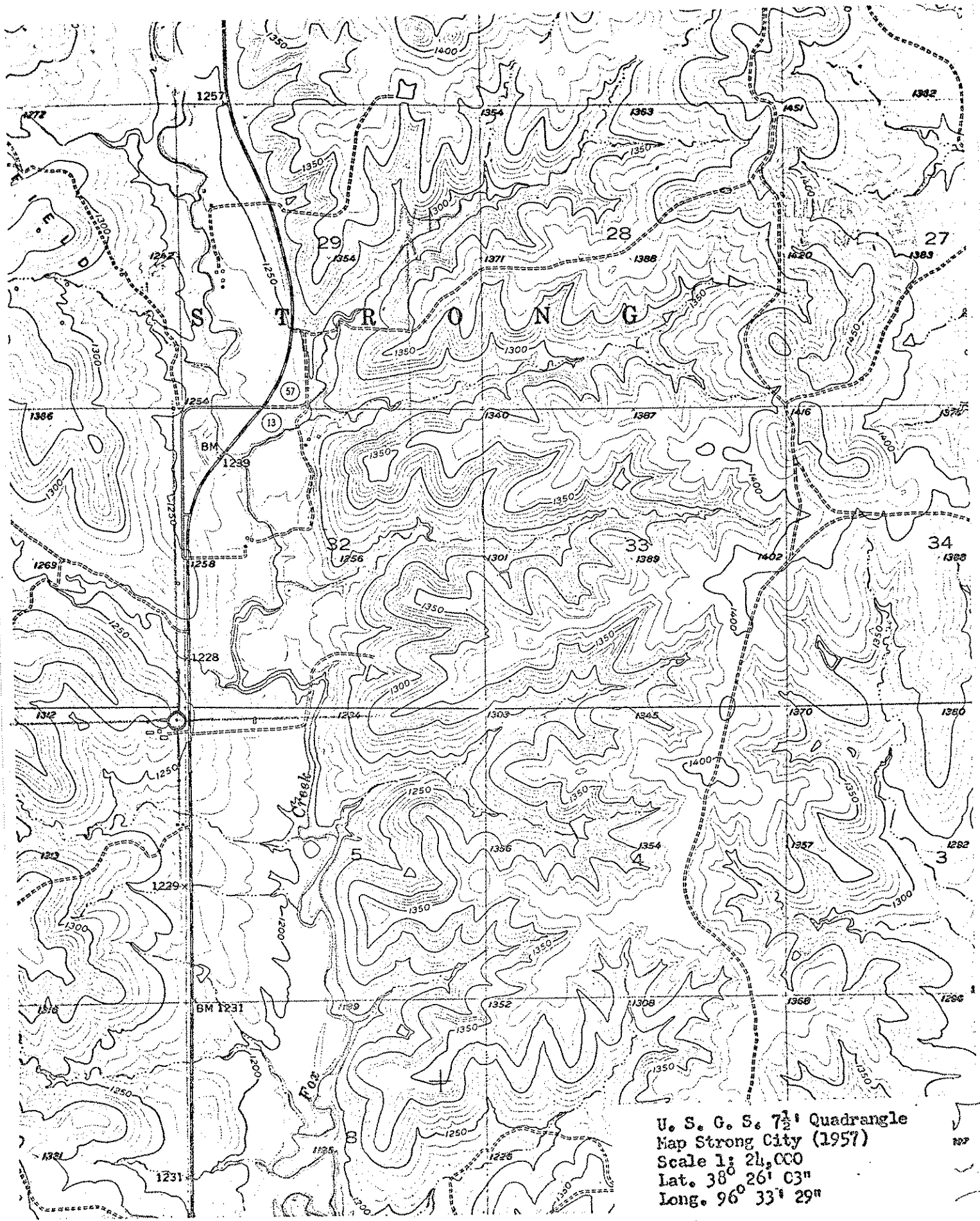
Name Nyle H. Miller
 Title Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society
 Date October 30, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Pomeroy
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 APR 16 1978

ATTEST:
William B. Stewart
 Keeper of the National Register
 Date MAR 29 1971



U. S. G. S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle
Map Strong City (1957)
Scale 1: 24,000
Lat. 38° 26' 03"
Long. 96° 33' 29"

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
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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.			

