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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas
COUNTY: Dickinson
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Eisenhower Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
201 South East Fourth St.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Abilene

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
no. 2, Bill Roy

STATE: Kansas      CODE:      COUNTY: Dickinson      CODE: 041

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
General Services Administration

STREET AND NUMBER:  
18th and F Streets, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE: District of Columbia      CODE: 11

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Dickinson County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Abilene

STATE: Kansas      CODE: 20

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE: District of Columbia      CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Eisenhower Home is a two-story white frame house with a hipped roof and a chimney in the center of the roof. It has a flat-roofed front porch on the south and a small side porch on the west. A one-story addition of two rooms was built to the east when Dwight's grandfather, Jacob Eisenhower, came to live with the family.</p> <p>Upstairs the house has two fairly large bedrooms and one quite small. The original downstairs consisted mainly of a parlor, dining room, and kitchen.</p> <p>Today the exterior of the house looks much as it did when young Dwight Eisenhower was living there. Original family articles, furniture, and furnishings remain in the various rooms, including hooked rugs Dwight's father made as a hobby and homemade bedspreads and coverlets.</p> <p>The Eisenhower Home has been open to the public since 1947.</p>	

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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) 1898-1911

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dwight David Eisenhower (1890-1968) moved with his family to this home in southeast Abilene when David Eisenhower (Dwight's father), bought this house in 1898 from his brother, Abraham L. Eisenhower. Ike grew up in this house, living here until he left Abilene in 1911 to enter U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

After his graduation from the academy in 1915, he served creditably at a number of posts and also continued his education, graduating first in a class of 275 students at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1926.

His skill as a tactician in the army maneuvers in Louisiana in the fall of 1941 brought him to the attention of the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. George C. Marshall. A series of command assignments successfully executed gained him the post of Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, in December, 1943, and the direction of the invasion of Europe.

In 1946 he was promoted to the rank of permanent General of the Army, which was made retroactive to December, 1944.

Pres. Harry Truman appointed him Army Chief of Staff in November, 1945, a position which he held until February, 1948, when he retired from active duty to become president of Columbia University. From December, 1950, to February, 1951, he was on leave absence to serve as Commander of Allied Powers in Europe and organize the armed forces of NATO.

He resigned from the army in July, 1952 to campaign for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. Successful in this effort, he handily won the 1952 election and won re-election in 1956 by an even greater margin. By his vote-getting powers Dwight Eisenhower proved himself one of the most popular political figures in American history.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Kornitzer, Bela, The Great American Heritage (New York, Farrar, Strauss, and Cudahy, 1955), p. 29.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Richard D. Pankratz, Director, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: 9/4/70

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West 10th St.

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

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____ <u>Nyle H. Miller</u></p> <p>Date <u>Sent to NR: 10/12/70</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ <i>Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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