REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property  William Harkey House  9/ 1970 - 003

Location  224 East Main Street
(street and number)

Gardner, KS  66030
(city, town, or vicinity location) Less than 1 acre; East 5' of Lot 178; Lots

180 and 182 inclusive; and west half of Lot 184 on Main Street in Gardner, KS.

(legal description)

Johnson
(county)

Owner of Property  David B. Jackson

224 East Main Street
(street and number)

Gardner, Johnson County, Kansas  66030
(city, town, county)

National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic
Sites Board of Review  N/A

date entered in National Register  N/A

Description: The William Harkey House (ca. 1902) is located at 224 East Main Street in
Gardner, Johnson County, Kansas (pop. 2,402). The one-and-one-half story frame, "L" shaped
Queen Anne cottage stands on the eastern edge of Gardner's historical business district,
its facade oriented to the south. A cedar shaketed, modified hipped and cross gabled roof
covers the structure, which sits atop a cut stone foundation. Decorative features employed
on the house include fishscale shingling on the southern facade gables and carved, pine
woodwork in the interior. A small board and batten garage (ca. 1902) sits on the north-
west corner of the nominated property.

In Summer 1985, the William Harkey House was endangered by a raw gasoline leak caused
by the rupture of a storage container located at the gas station which stands directly west
of the house. The raw gasoline flowed into a 21' hand dug well built into the west founda-
tion wall of the William Harkey House. The clean-up which ensued entailed the removal of
six inches of contaminated soil from the basement floor, the laying of one piece of neoprene
lining onto the newly exposed, uncontaminated soil, and the pouring of a cement floor.
Significance: The William Harkey House (ca. 1902) is being nominated to the Register of Historic Kansas Places for its historical association with William Cathey Harkey (1872-1935), a prominent Gardner physician who practiced medicine in the community from 1902 until 1910.

Born in Gardner, Harkey attended Fort Scott Normal and the University Medical College in Kansas City, Missouri, receiving his medical degree in 1900. Harkey left Gardner to pursue post-graduate study at Tulane University in 1910. He returned to the Kansas City/Overland Park area to resume his practice. The William Harkey House was constructed by J.M. Cramer and C.H. Eyerly, a well known Johnson County building firm, at a cost of $2,000.00.

Form prepared by Martha Hagedorn date 4/3/86

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on May 10, 1986. I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

State Historic Preservation Officer Date