

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES---COVER SHEET

Name of Property William Harkey House 91-1970-0003Location 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. Jackson224 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/Adate 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 shaked, 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.

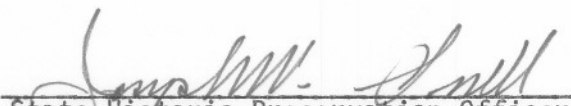
In Summer, 1985, the William Harkey House was endangered by a raw gasoline leak caused by the rupture of a storage container located at the gas station which stands directly west of the house. The raw gasoline flowed into a 21' hand dug well built into the west foundation wall of the William Harkey House. 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

May 10, 1986
Date