Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: Phillips, Josiah, House (HD-52) <u>Classification</u>: Building Common Name: Phillips, Josiah House

Owner: Mrs. Eunice Dwight, 507 W. Tenth St., Amarillo, TX 79101

Location: Western Avenue, Sonora, KY

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	1	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	2	Total:	0

Description:

The Josiah Phillips House is a two-story, eight bay, gable front and wing design residence built in 1897. On both the east and south facades are one-story porches with original frame balustrades and sawn balusters. The porch on the south facade retains its original chamfered posts while the porch on the east facade has replacement ca. 1970 wrought iron posts. Windows are two-over-two sash with brick relief arching. The house retains its original arched glass and frame doors. The house has a gable roof of metal standing seam with circular vents just below the eave. The house has a brick foundation and interior end brick chimneys. At the rear of the house is a small one-story ca. 1930 frame addition. The interior was inaccessible. Leading to the house is an original brick sidewalk which is included as a contributing structure.

Period of Significance: 1897-ca.1920

Area of Significance: Commerce

Criterion: B

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Josiah Phillips House is asociated with notable Sonora resident Josiah Phillips who was one of the leading businessmen in the community in the late 19th century. Phillips was the son of Josiah Phillips Sr. who was one of the first settlers in the Sonora area. Phillips was born in 1843 and operated several stores in the community after the Civil War. He became a prominent merchant and operated a general merchandise store in the commercial section of Sonora facing the railroad. Phillips also served as postmaster of the community, was a noted livestock dealer and was one of the original directors of the Bank of Sonora which was founded in 1896. Phillips built this brick residence in 1897 and it is one of the largest and imposing homes built in the community. Phillips resided here until he retired from his businesses around 1920 and died in 1935. The house has not been significantly altered since its construction.

Acreage: 1.8 acres

UTM References: Sonora Quad 16/597635/4153364

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for the Josiah Phillips House is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 193-4, lot 21, and is defined by its legal property boundary. The boundary includes the house and a brick sidewalk (contributing structure). The boundary includes property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.

