

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

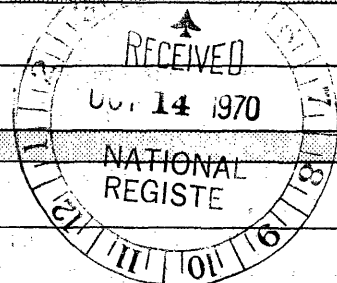
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STATE: **Kansas**

COUNTY: **Dickinson**

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1. NAME

COMMON: **Eisenhower Home**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **201 South East Fourth St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Abilene**

STATE: **Kansas** CODE: **67410** COUNTY: **Dickinson** CODE: **041**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **General Services Administration**

STREET AND NUMBER: **18th and F Sts., 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: **67410** CODE: **20**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic American Buildings Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER: **10 First St., S. E.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **11**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<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
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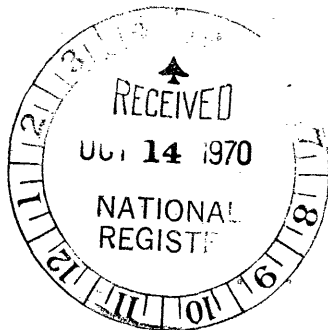
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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 on to the east when Dwight's grandfather, Jacob Eisenhower, came to live with the family.

Upstairs the house had two fairly large bedrooms and one quite small. The original downstairs consisted mainly of a parlor, dining room, and kitchen.

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 bed spreads and coverlets.

The Eisenhower Home has been open to the public since 1947.



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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"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dwight David Eisenhower (1890-1969) moved with his family to this home in southeast Abilene when David Eisenhower (Dwight's father) bought it in 1898 from his brother, Abraham L. Eisenhower. Ike grew up in this house, living here until he left Abilene in 1911 to enter the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

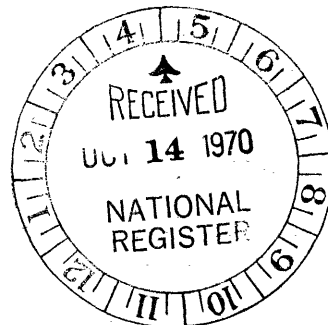
After his graduation from the academy in 1915, he served creditably at a number of posts and also continued his education, graduating first in a class of 275 students at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1926.

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. President 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 of 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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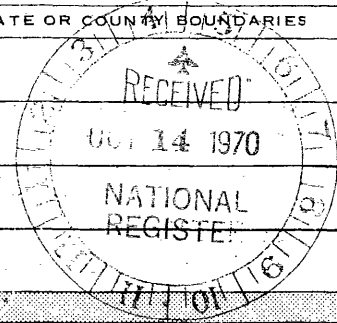
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Richard D. Pankratz, Planner**

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **September 8, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West 10th St.**

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

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

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
Nyle H. Miller

Title **Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society**

Date **October 12, 1970**

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **JAN 25 1971**

ATTEST:

William J. Stout
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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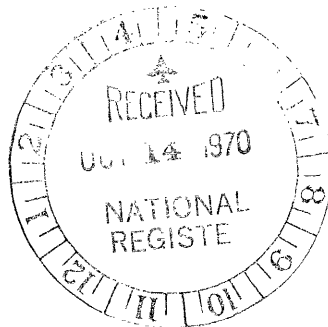
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6. Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas (State)
1957
Kansas State Historical Society
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Topeka, Kansas 66612 Code: 20

9. "Report on the Eisenhower Memorial Foundation," Kansas Historical Quarterly, v. 16, no. 1 (February, 1948), pp. 92-95.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

1. STATE Kansas	2. THEME(S). IF ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE, WRITE "ARCH" BEFORE THEME NO. Theme XXI: Political and Military Affairs after 1865
3. NAME(S) OF SITE Eisenhower Boyhood Home	4. APPROX. ACREAGE 75 x 125 feet
5. EXACT LOCATION (County, township, roads, etc. If difficult to find, sketch on Supplementary Sheet) 201 SE Fourth Street, Abilene, Kansas	
6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESENT OWNER (Also administrator if different from owner) Eisenhower Foundation, Abilene, Kansas: Sam Heller, President; Earl Endicott, Museum Director	

7. IMPORTANCE AND DESCRIPTION (Describe briefly what makes site important and what remains are extant) Born on October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas, to Mennonite parents, David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover Eisenhower, David Dwight Eisenhower (who later changed the order of his Christian names) was the sixth in a family of seven sons, six of whom grew to manhood. When Dwight was one year old, the father moved his family to Abilene where, from 1891 to 1898, they occupied a small house on South Second Street. In 1898, David Jacob Eisenhower bought this home on South Fourth Street, with its three acres of land and big barn, from his Uncle Abraham, a veterinarian. In this home Dwight D. Eisenhower lived until he was 20 years old. The house was occupied by David Jacob and Ida Elizabeth Eisenhower until their deaths in 1942 and 1946, respectively.

Near the house are the railroad tracks which divided the "south side" of Abilene from the better-off "north side." Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a speech at the dedication of the Eisenhower Museum and Library in June, 1954, remarked that ". . . I have found out in later years we were very poor, but the glory of America is that we didn't know it then." The home was very simple. All six brothers slept in one room; hardly a waft of hot air from the pot-bellied stove which heated the two downstairs rooms ever reached the boys' bedroom. Baths were taken in a tin tub in the kitchen, with water from the well which had been heated on the stove. Food was mainly made up of frugal dishes, and clothes were handed down from one boy to the next.

At the age of 20, "Ike" applied for admission to Annapolis, but found that he was overage to be a Midshipman. However, he was accepted at West Point and was graduated as a member of the class of 1915. In 1916, as a newly-appointed Second Lieutenant at Fort Sam Houston, he married the Denver belle, Mamie Geneva Doud. When he was 55, General George C. Marshall put "General Ike" in command of the North African invasion. Dwight D. Eisenhower's career since that time, as Supreme Allied Commander, President of Columbia University, and President of the United States, is well known and need not be reiterated here.

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8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (Give best sources; give location of manuscripts and rare works)
- Davis, Kenneth S.: A Soldier of Democracy (New York: 1945).
 Endicott, Earl: Letter to Merrill J. Mattes, January 22, 1965.
 Jones, Cranston, and Schleisner, W. H.: Homes of the American Presidents (New York: 1962).
 McCann, Kevin: The Man from Abilene (New York: 1952).

9. REPORTS AND STUDIES (Mention best reports and studies, as, NPS study, HABS, etc.)

None.

10. PHOTOGRAPHS* ATTACHED: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	11. CONDITION Excellent	12. PRESENT USE (Museum, farm, etc.) Historic house museum	13. DATE OF VISIT September, 1964
14. NAME OF RECORDER (Signature) <i>Merrill J. Mattes</i>		15. TITLE Acting Res. Studies Advisor	16. DATE FEB 8 1965

* DRY MOUNT ON AN 8 X 10 1/2 SHEET OF FAIRLY HEAVY PAPER. IDENTIFY BY VIEW AND NAME OF THE SITE, DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH, AND NAME OF PHOTOGRAPHER. GIVE LOCATION OF NEGATIVE. IF ATTACHED, ENCLOSE IN PROPER NEGATIVE ENVELOPES.

(IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED USE SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET, 10-317a, AND REFER TO ITEM NUMBER)

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SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET

This sheet is to be used for giving additional information or comments, for more space for any item on the regular form, and for recording pertinent data from future studies, visitations, etc. Be brief, but use as many Supplement Sheets as necessary. When items are continued they should be listed, if possible, in numerical order of the items. All information given should be headed by the item number, its name, and the word (cont'd), as, 6. Description and Importance (cont'd) . . .

STATE	NAME(S) OF SITE
Kansas	Eisenhower Boyhood Home

After their mother's death in 1946, the Eisenhower brothers deeded the family home and all adjoining grounds, consisting of about one city block, as well as all personal effects within the home, as an outright gift to The Eisenhower Foundation Organized to Promote Citizenship and to Honor Veterans of America's Wars, Inc. (The Foundation was chartered as a non-profit corporation by the State of Kansas on July 23, 1945, by eminent persons not only from Kansas but across the nation.)

The home is unique in that it was not necessary to restore or replace with replicas any of the original and historic items. The home was kept just as it was at the death of Mrs. Eisenhower. The simple pieces of furniture remain in the same places. Hooked rugs made by David Jacob Eisenhower are on the floors; homemade spreads and coverlets cover the beds; on the walls, in chest drawers, and on tables are souvenirs and mementos of the full lifetime of David Jacob and Ida Elizabeth Eisenhower with their boys. There is the room outside which Edgar stood with a club and refused to let anyone in when Ike was critically ill and doctors wanted to amputate his leg. There is the piano which Mrs. Eisenhower bought with her dowry money, and on which all the boys had to take lessons. There are the boys' books. There is the bedroom where both David and Ida Eisenhower died, with her cotton dustcap still hanging on the back of a wooden rocker.

One original outbuilding remains, this being the old garage made from the original barn, now used as an office.

The Boyhood Home occupies a lot described as 75 x 125 feet. However, it is now part of a park complex embracing 13½ acres, which has been acquired by the Foundation. In addition to the original home and outbuilding, three other structures have been erected on the property: a modern museum, erected in 1954; pylons donated by the Kansas Society, D.A.R., honoring the Veterans of America's Wars and the Eisenhower family; and the Presidential Library, south of the Museum, which is one of the largest research centers in the Midwest. The Library has been presented to, and is now operated by, the National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, of the U. S. Government. The Library is intended primarily for the use of scholars, but the public may view the lobby and one display gallery.

The Museum building, like the Boyhood Home, is operated by the Eisenhower Foundation. This building offers a modernistic atmosphere throughout. The structure is of native stone quarried about 20 miles northeast of Abilene. Long before President Eisenhower entered the White House, he designated the Foundation in his home town as the recipient of a major portion of his vast collection of mementos, trophies, medals, souvenirs, and personal tokens of honor, valued at well over \$3,000,000. Altogether there are over 15,000 items, including gifts and special displays from many states and foreign lands. The size of the collection has grown considerably since he became President-- and is still growing.

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The exhibits in the Museum are arranged to bring into focus the intrinsic, historic, and educational values. Starting with his early boyhood at Abilene, the Museum displays trace the life of President Eisenhower through high school in Abilene; West Point; his military career; and on to the Presidency. Murals in the lobby also depict events in the life of Dwight D. Eisenhower. These were made possibly by the bequest of Mary Gertrude Abbey in honor of her husband, Edwin Austin Abbey, famous mural painter and illustrator who died in 1911. The bequest is administered by the National Academy of Design in New York City. Paintings illustrating events from the President's boyhood to the Presidency were done by Ross Moffett of Provincetown, Massachusetts; two murals depicting his military career were done by Louis Bouche of New York.

Since June, 1947, the home has been open to the public daily, and more than 1,100,000 persons from all the states and territories and 114 foreign countries have registered as visitors. In 1956 the home was reconditioned to make a permanent and lasting memorial for future generations to enjoy.

The Eisenhower Home, Museum, and Library are open to the public daily, including Sundays and holidays, except for Christmas day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge for the Home, but a contribution box is provided to help pay the expense of maintaining it. The Library display areas and lobby are open to the public with no admission charge. The Museum has a charge of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children 6 to 18 years of age.