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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin 750, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

Historic name Smith, Ray L., House

Other names/site number Johnson Home; KHRI #: 015-796

Name of related Multiple Property Listing N/A

2. Location

Street & number 812 West Central Avenue not for publication

City or town El Dorado vicinity

State Kansas Code KS County Butler Code 015 Zip code 67042

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide x local Applicable National Register Criteria: A B x C D

Patrick Zollner
Signature of certifying official/Title Patrick Zollner, Deputy SHPO Date 11-12-14

Kansas State Historical Society
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register

 determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register

 other (explain): _____

John E. Beall
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 1.7.15

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2		buildings
		sites
		structures
3		objects
5	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic: Single family

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic: Single family

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals: Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Concrete
walls: Stone: limestone
roof: Stone: slate
other:

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources, if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary

The Ray L. Smith House (1936) is located at 812 West Central (KS 254 highway) in the Cooper Park addition in the city of El Dorado, Kansas. (Figures 1 through 4.) It is situated on the north side of West Central with the main entrance facing south. Houses in the neighborhood are mixed styles mainly single-family dwellings of Craftsman and Minimal Traditional styles and few 1880s homes. The addition was platted in 1877 by D.M. Bronson, who was one of the founders of the El Dorado.¹ His house was reported to be at 808 West Central, which may have been on part of this lot. (Figures 5 and 6.) A hospital parking lot is east of the house where an older house was torn down about fifteen years ago. The hospital complex is in the 700 block of West Central Avenue. A recently vacated middle school (1937 high school) is in the farther east in the 500 block, and the future of that building is uncertain.

This Colonial Revival-style house may have been designed by architect Thomas W. Williamson, but this claim has not been verified in primary sources.² The contractor that built the house is P.T. Cortelyou Construction Company of Wichita.³ The two-story house is rectangular in shape with a one-story porch extension on the west. The two-story part of the structure is faced with tan, fossiliferous native limestone of various sizes and shapes.⁴ The stone is laid in a rubble fashion, irregularly coursed, and is pointed with black mortar. End wall chimneys are on the side gables. Both chimneys still retain a steel S attached to the upper flue, and the S is also in the design of the working shutter hardware. The one-story wood-frame extension is located on the west side. The extension has clapboard siding and contains a screened veranda plus some interior space. The roof of the extension is flat with open gutters. The building's primary gable roof is multi-colored slate of plain pattern with attached metal gutters and down spouts.

The one-story, two-car, stone garage with slate roof is a contributing feature, as is the native limestone fences lining the property and concrete fish pond in the rear yard. All wood windows are double-hung sashes and have cut stone ledges and working shutters except where noted in the following elaboration.

Elaboration

South (front) elevation

The symmetrical façade features a central entrance, with two eight-over-eight wood windows on either side. There are three second-story windows above. A pediment and two fluted pilasters with Doric capitals highlight the entrance door. The wooden door has four panels with two small windows on top. A cut stone open porch (without a roof and defined only by a low retaining wall) runs east-west along the entire front of the house ending in the floor of the enclosed veranda. A pair of east-facing arched screen doors lead into the veranda. Two plain pilasters with Doric capitals frame the twin doors. Two arched screened walls in the veranda face the south with exterior plain pilasters. The stone porch wall extends four feet beyond the house on the opposite east end, sort of balancing the one-story veranda extension at the other end.

East (side) elevation

¹ Vol P. Mooney, *History of Butler County, Kansas* (Lawrence, KS: Standard Publishing Co., 1916), 55; Also, Plat map of Cooper Park, dated July 2, 1877 and transcribed by the Butler County Commission February 14, 1882. City of El Dorado Engineering Department. See figure 5.

² The current owners were told by long-time locals that the house was designed by Williamson, who was known to have designed the El Dorado high school during this same period.

³ "New Building Shows a Gain in El Dorado," *El Dorado Times*, 4 July 1936, page 1.

⁴ Although it has not been confirmed through primary sources, the current owners have been told that the limestone used in the property's construction came from fences and quarries on a farm south of town.

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An exterior, end-wall chimney is centered on the east side of the building, piercing the roof at the gable peak. There are six six-over-six wood-sash windows symmetrically arranged on this elevation. There is one window on either side of the chimney on each of the two stories and at the basement level. The two basement windows extend well below grade and have deep window wells. At the attic level, there are two half-fan shaped vents with wood louvers on either side of the chimney. In keeping with the Colonial Revival style, the gable end features cornice returns at the roofline.

North (rear) elevation

The north elevation is not symmetrical. There are two wood-sash windows (eight-over-eight) at the east end of this elevation – one on each story. Below them is a six-over-six basement-level window. Centered on the first story is a three-sided, wood-frame bay with four six-over-six windows (no shutters), a 12-light door into the dining room, clapboard siding, and a slate roof. A set of cut stone steps lead down from the door into the backyard. Above the bay are two second-story windows – one is six-over-six and the other is a small two-over-two – and neither are shuttered, but both have cut stone ledges. There is one window (three-over-three) at the west end of this elevation on the first story. A metal gutter is attached at the roofline and downspouts extend down to the ground at either end.

The north wall of the one-story wood-frame extension on the west side of the house is nearly even with the north wall of the main body of the house. The corners of the one-story section are defined by plain pilasters. It has a single (six-over-six) window on the north side.

West (side) elevation

The one-story, wood-frame extension occupies the entire first story. Plain pilasters with Doric capitals are on both ends of the extension. There is one six-over-six window and one door. The entrance has fluted pilasters with Doric capitals on either side. Arched screened walls frame the veranda and have plain pilasters. The open gutter has one metal downspout. This flat-roof section once featured a balustrade enclosing the roof's porch area. The west elevation of the second story of the main body of the house is visible and features a centered exterior chimney that pierces the roofline at the gable peak. And, like the east elevation, this gable end features cornice returns. Two half-fan vents with wood louvers are on either side of the chimney, which has a steel S. On the north side of the chimney is a six-over-six window with wood shutters. On the south side of the chimney is a door with floor-length shutters. The door opens from an upstairs bedroom onto the roof.

INTERIOR

Main level

The front door opens into a center hall with a straight-run staircase to the second floor. Parallel to the staircase is a hallway that leads to the dining room at the rear of the house. To the right (east) of the staircase is an opening into the spacious living room, which occupies the east portion of the building. The living room has an opening at its northwest corner into the dining room. To the left (west) of the staircase is an opening leading to the den, which also includes openings into the dining room, side veranda, and side (west) entrance. The veranda door at the room's southwest corner has 15 lights. The dining room is centered on the north portion of the first floor and features a three-sided bay that provides plenty of natural light and has a door that leads to the back yard. The kitchen opens into a small hallway that leads to a half-bathroom and the basement stairs. This hallway has an exit door to the west. Notable interior features include: hardwood and pine flooring, painted woodwork on baseboards, doors and window trim, arched doors, ceiling moldings, chair rail, classic fireplace, built-in bookcases, pantry, closets and storage cabinets.

Upper level

The carpeted staircase with turned balustrade, newell and railing leads to a small central hall adjoining three bedrooms and a bathroom. Another bathroom is off the master bedroom, which is situated along the west portion of the second floor. A door off the master suite leads to the outdoor porch atop the one-story extension. There is a built-in, double-door linen closet with drawers and six clothes closets on this level. The bathrooms have tile floors and walls, some areas of the second floor are carpeted, and the remaining floors are hardwood.

Basement level

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The concrete stairs, containing flecks of metal, lead to a center hallway in the basement. The full basement extends beneath the entire two-story stone portion of the house. From the hallway there is access to a utility room, electric room, bedroom, and family room. Notable features include knotty pine paneling, a native stone fireplace, an inlaid mosaic with a north arrow, four six-over-six wood-sash windows, all windows have concrete wells and are covered with steel grates, stained concrete floor with concrete mop board appearance in stair way, hall and family room walls, with a dry bar in family room. It has finished walls in hallway, family room and bedroom. The bedroom was originally for the maid and has a call bell, which is activated from the master bedroom. There is a new replacement shower in the utility room. A four-inch structural I beam is located in the utility room, running north-south, placed approximately under the center of the house. There are probably other I beams in this structure. Tile under drains enter into sewer drain in the utility room and sump pumps have been added to basement area recently.

GARAGE (1936, contributing building)

A freestanding, two-car garage is located northwest of the residence. It is accessed by a paved driveway that extends from Central Avenue along the west side of the house. The one-story limestone building has two paneled garage doors each with five lights on the south side of the building. It has a side-gabled slate roof. Like the residence, the gable ends feature cornice returns, though the gables are finished with clapboard siding. Centered in each gable end is a half-circle louvered vent. There are three six-over-six wood windows with cut-stone ledges – one on the east, west, and north elevations.

LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS (c. 1936, 3 contributing objects)

A mortared limestone fence defines the property on three sides. The east fence, which likely pre-dates the development of this property, is three feet tall and features a top row of stones set vertically mimicking the many dry-laid fences found throughout the Flint Hills. The other two walls bordering the south and west edges of the property are finished with limestone in pattern mimicking that of the house. These portions feature a smooth-cut capstone giving them a more finished and tailored appearance.

A small concrete fish pond, which is still operational, is located in the rear yard. It is set in the ground, is sort of kidney-bean shaped, and has underground piping running from the house. The edge of the pond is outlined by mortared rock at ground level. Its construction date is not known, but it appears to be of the era of the house, garage, and rock walls.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance

1936

Significant Dates

1936

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect: Unknown

Builder: P. T. Cortelyou Construction Company,

Wichita, KS

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance is 1936, the year the residence and contributing resources were constructed.

Criteria Considerations (justification)

N/A

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Narrative Statement of Significance

(Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Summary

The Ray L. Smith House is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its local significance in the area of architecture. Smith, a pipeline engineer, commissioned the construction of the Colonial Revival-style residence in 1936. It has been speculated that Topeka-based architect Thomas W. Williamson had a role in the design of the property, but this has not been confirmed through primary source documentation. It is known that P. T. Cortelyou Construction Company of Wichita built the residence and garage.

Elaboration

Although Butler County was one of the original 33 counties established by the first territorial legislature, its organization was largely delayed until after the Civil War. The county seat community of El Dorado was platted in 1868 and incorporated on September 12, 1871.⁵ It seems growth and development in El Dorado gained momentum in the late 1870s and early 1880s with the establishment of banks, the completion of a water works facility, the arrival of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, and the development of schools.

As the ATSF railroad completed its line to El Dorado in 1877, local real estate agent and attorney D. M. Bronson platted Cooper's Park Addition, west of the downtown.⁶ The official plat map document suggests this roughly 10-block area that the Bronson and his wife Martha E. owned had been known as Cooper Park. (Figures 3, 4 and 5.) The 1880 Federal Census reveals that Dan Bronson was an attorney (age 40) living in a house on Central Avenue with his wife Martha, three children, and a servant. A short biography of Bronson was included in William Cutler's *History of the State of Kansas* published in 1883. It identified Bronson, a native of New York, as an attorney and real-estate agent who came to Kansas by way of Springfield, Illinois where he had worked with the Wabash and Great Western railroads. Augusta was his first stop in 1866 where he served as the county attorney. At the time of Cutler's publication, Bronson was serving in the Kansas Legislature.⁷ It is not known how long the Bronsons remained in Kansas, and D.M. may have died before 1890 as his family cannot be found in later censuses. And, it appears his residence in block 7 of Cooper Park was torn down or removed during the early 20th century.

The Cooper Park Addition was not fully developed until the 1920s and 1930s, after El Dorado's boom period associated with the oil and gas industry. And, during this period, El Dorado seemed to be growing westward along the Central Avenue corridor. The decade of the 1930s was marked by drought and economic depression throughout Kansas and the region. There was high unemployment, bank closings, unusually high summer temperatures, and little rainfall that lead to dust storms. Even the oil industry and related auto industry, which had boomed during the late 1910s and 1920s in Kansas and Butler County, was ailing. Private development slowed in most places during this period, but many cities and states used federal New Deal programs to help their constituents weather the economic storm. El Dorado was no different. With help from New Deal programs, several important community buildings were constructed in El Dorado from 1935 through 1939. These included improvements to city-owned recreational facilities, the construction of a stadium, the demolition and salvage of McKinley School, and the construction of a school garage and shop.⁸ With financing from the Public Works Administration program, a new high school and junior college building designed by Topeka-based architect Thomas W. Williamson was built and dedicated in 1937.⁹ The high school and junior college building is located in the 500 block of West Central Avenue,

⁵ Christy Davis, "El Dorado Downtown Historic District," National Register of Historic Places nomination (Topeka, KS: Kansas Historical Society, 2013), 58.

⁶ Daniel M. Bronson's wife Martha's maiden name was Cooper. Russell Fisher, *Biographical Sketches of El Dorado Citizens* (El Dorado, KS: Thompson Brothers Stationery and Printing, 1930), 8.

⁷ William Cutler, *History of the State of Kansas, vol. 2* (Chicago: Andreas Publishing Co., 1883), 1434. See also: Mooney, *History of Butler County, Kansas*, 55 and 120.

⁸ Central Office Reference Card Location Project File, Works Progress Administration. KSHS Microfilm MF 6038-6042; See also: Jessie Perry Stratford and Lawrence P. Klintworth, *The Kingdom of Butler 1857-1970: A History of Butler County, Kansas* (El Dorado, KS: Butler County Historical Society, 1970).

⁹ "El Dorado High School and Junior College," Kansas Historic Resources Inventory record and hard-copy file. On file with Cultural Resources Division, Kansas Historical Society.

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a location that reflected the residential growth of the period, just three blocks east of the Ray Smith House. And, in the 700 block of West Central, a new memorial hospital opened in the first part of the decade. In 1935, the year prior to the construction of the Smith house, the City issued 100 permits totaling \$64,529.00.¹⁰

It was during this time that pipeline contractor and engineer Ray L. Smith (1893-1984) applied for a permit to construct a new house at 812 West Central in June 1936. The cost to construct the house was estimated to be \$13,400, and Smith hired P. T. Cortelyou Construction Company of Wichita to complete the work.¹¹ Smith had come to El Dorado in 1916 to work for the Empire Pipeline Company preparing and surveying of two pipeline systems the company had purchased. Smith later became resident engineer for the company. In 1926, he bought one-half interest in the Truman-Rayl Pipeline Construction Company. Apparently by 1936, the venture had prospered in spite of the Depression, as a well-off Smith prepared to construct an upper-middle-class residence.¹² The family had been living in a residence at 601 North Topeka in El Dorado, five blocks north of their new house. One is left to speculate as to why Smith chose the location at 812 West Central Avenue for a new home. Perhaps he chose the location for its proximity to the new school and hospital where other residential development was occurring.

In 1940, Smith went into the pipeline business by himself. His firm won many contracts and was engaged in work in all parts of the United States. Much of the work done by his company was for the War Emergency Pipelines, Inc., a network of the largest oil companies in the U.S. that developed the Big Inch and Little Big Inch pipelines in 1942 and 1943.¹³ The pipelines were built to transport crude oil and refined petroleum products from Texas to New Jersey. They were a vital part of the war effort during World War II as the government was securing the oil supply by installing pipelines from Texas to New Jersey. Smith was involved in the national trade association known as Pipeline Contractors Association, for which he served as director in 1949 and vice-president in 1950. He sold his pipeline equipment in 1955 at one of the biggest auctions held in Butler County.¹⁴

Ray Smith lived in the home with his wife Edna and son R. Leigh. Ray and Edna lived in the home into old age, and upon their deaths in 1984 the Smiths' granddaughter Rhonda Johnson inherited the house. She then sold the property in 1985 to the current owners Bill and Norma Johnson.¹⁵

Architecture: Colonial Revival Style

The Colonial Revival style of the late 19th and early 20th centuries is a reinterpretation of the earlier American styles of the Colonial period, including the English- and Dutch-influenced Georgian and Adam commonly found along the Atlantic seaboard. The revival emerged during the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876 with prominent architectural firms like McKim, Mead and White leading the way.¹⁶ The style was widely interpreted and remained popular in the United States until the mid-20th century. Within a five-block radius of the Smith house, there are four other houses reflecting the Colonial Revival style.

There are several sub-types of the style, generally defined by the roof type. Approximately 25 percent of Colonial Revival-style houses have a side-gabled roof, as the Smith house exhibits.¹⁷ This type is typically two stories, with a rectangular footprint, is symmetrical and features an accentuated front door with a pediment, fanlights, or sidelights. Windows are typically multi-light, double-hung wood sashes.

¹⁰ "New Building Shows a Gain in El Dorado," *El Dorado Times*, 4 July 1936, page 1.

¹¹ Ibid.; "Issues Permit for \$13,400 Residence," *El Dorado Times*, 25 June 1936, page 1.

¹² According to a Bureau of Labor Statics inflation calculator, \$13,400 in 1936 equates to \$229,680 in 2014.

¹³ For more information, see Christopher James Castaneda, *Regulated Enterprise: Natural Gas Pipelines and Northeastern Markets, 1938-1954* (Columbus: Ohio State University, 1993); "War Emergency Pipeline," Historic American Engineering Record files, Library of Congress.

¹⁴ The footnote covers the entire preceding paragraph. Lawrence P. Klintworth, ed. *The Kingdom of Butler - Her People: A Volume of Biographies* (El Dorado, KS: Butler County Historical Society, 1980), 182-183.

¹⁵ Property Deed. Copy on file with nomination.

¹⁶ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2002), 321-326; Marcus Whiffen, *American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles, Revised Edition* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1993), 159-165.

¹⁷ McAlester, 322.

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The Smith house is an excellent example of this side-gable subtype, as it features many of these characteristics, including the pedimented front door, the many plain and fluted pilasters with Doric capitals, the multi-light sash windows, the relative symmetry of the primary elevation, end chimneys, clapboard siding, fan-shaped louvered vents, cornice returns, and working shutters. There is a classic wood molding at the edge of the roof line. The style is carried through to the interior through such features as the living room fireplace that is of classic design with an urn and pilasters with Doric capitals. It retains exceptional integrity and, as a result, stands out among its neighbors.

Summary

The Ray L. Smith House is an excellent example of the Colonial Revival style executed on a single-family residence. It appears to have been designed by an architect, but this information has remained elusive. Not only does the house exhibit a popular style of the early 20th century, it also reflects the pattern of westward growth in El Dorado during that period.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: Kansas Historical Society

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre

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Provide latitude/longitude coordinates OR UTM coordinates.
(Place additional coordinates on a continuation page.)

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____ (enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1	<u>37.817719</u> Latitude:	<u>-96.860261</u> Longitude:	3	_____	_____
				Latitude:	Longitude:
2	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	Latitude:	Longitude:		Latitude:	Longitude:

Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

The nominated property includes the property described as follows (according to the Butler County appraiser):
COOPER PARK, PT BLK 7 BEG 125E SW/C N175 E95 S25 W20 S150 E75 TO POB.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

The nominated property includes the parcel historically associated with the Ray L. Smith House.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Bill & Norma Johnson

organization _____ date August-September 2014

street & number 812 W Central Avenue telephone _____

city or town El Dorado state KS zip code 67042

e-mail _____

Property Owner: (complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name Same as above

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Photographs

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Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each digital image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to a sketch map or aerial map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photograph Log

Name of Property: Ray L. Smith House

City or Vicinity: El Dorado

County: Butler State: KS

Photographer: Sarah Martin

Date Photographed: 13 August 2014

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 14: Front (south) side of residence, camera facing NW
- 2 of 14: East side of residence, photo taken from adjacent parking lot, camera facing W
- 3 of 14: Rear (north) side of residence, camera facing S
- 4 of 14: Northwest corner of house, camera facing SE
- 5 of 14: Southwest corner of house, showing rock wall, driveway, screened porch, and garage, camera facing NE
- 6 of 14: South (front) side of garage, camera facing N
- 7 of 14: Concrete fish pond in rear yard, camera facing NE
- 8 of 14: Residence Interior – Looking from front entrance down main hallway to dining room, camera facing N
- 9 of 14: Residence Interior – Looking from living room into dining room, camera facing NW
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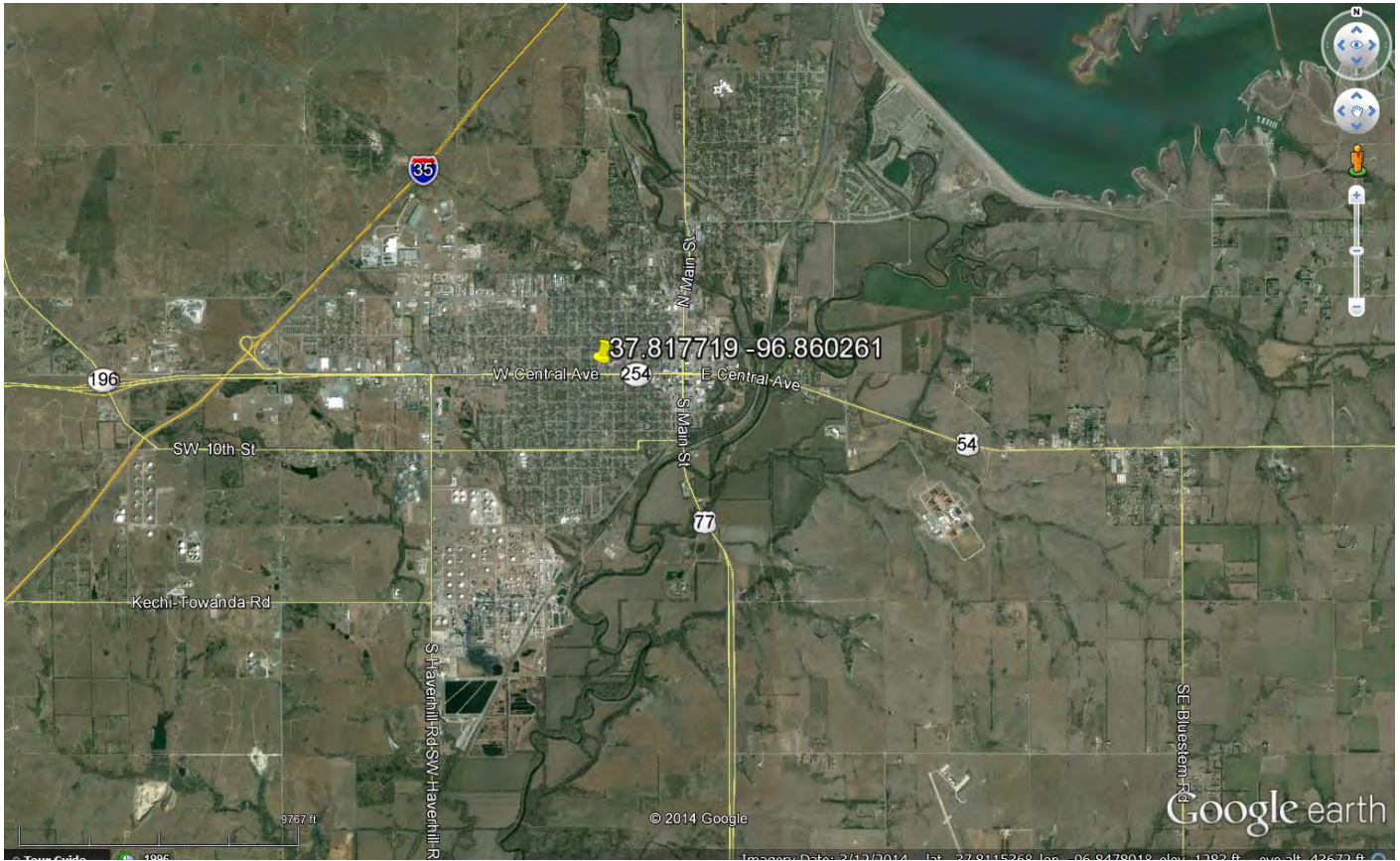
Figures

Include GIS maps, figures, scanned images below.

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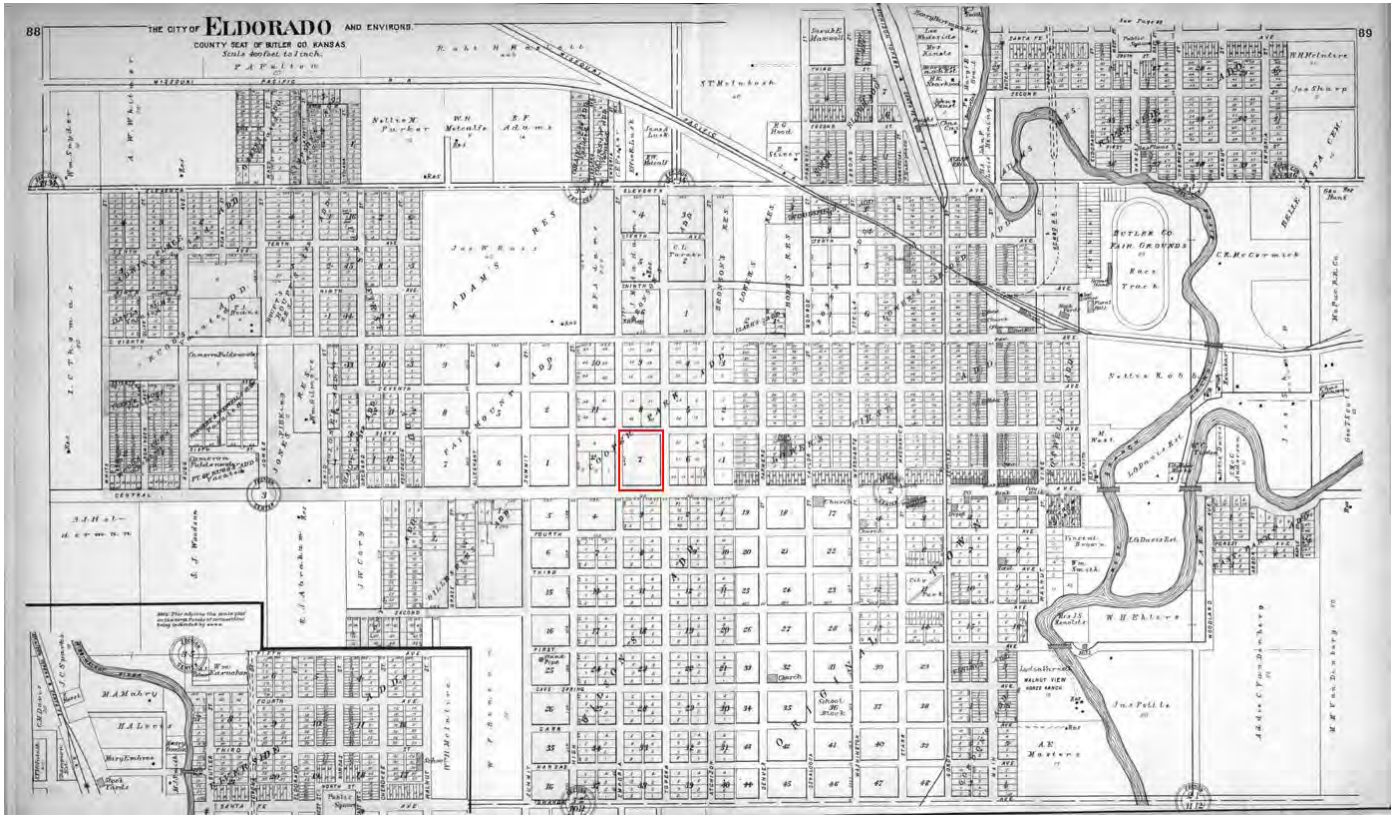
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Figure 5: This is the Cooper Park Addition plat map, dated July 2, 1877. The Smith house was later constructed in block 7 of Cooper's Park Addition (encircled by a red box below). Copy on file with nomination.

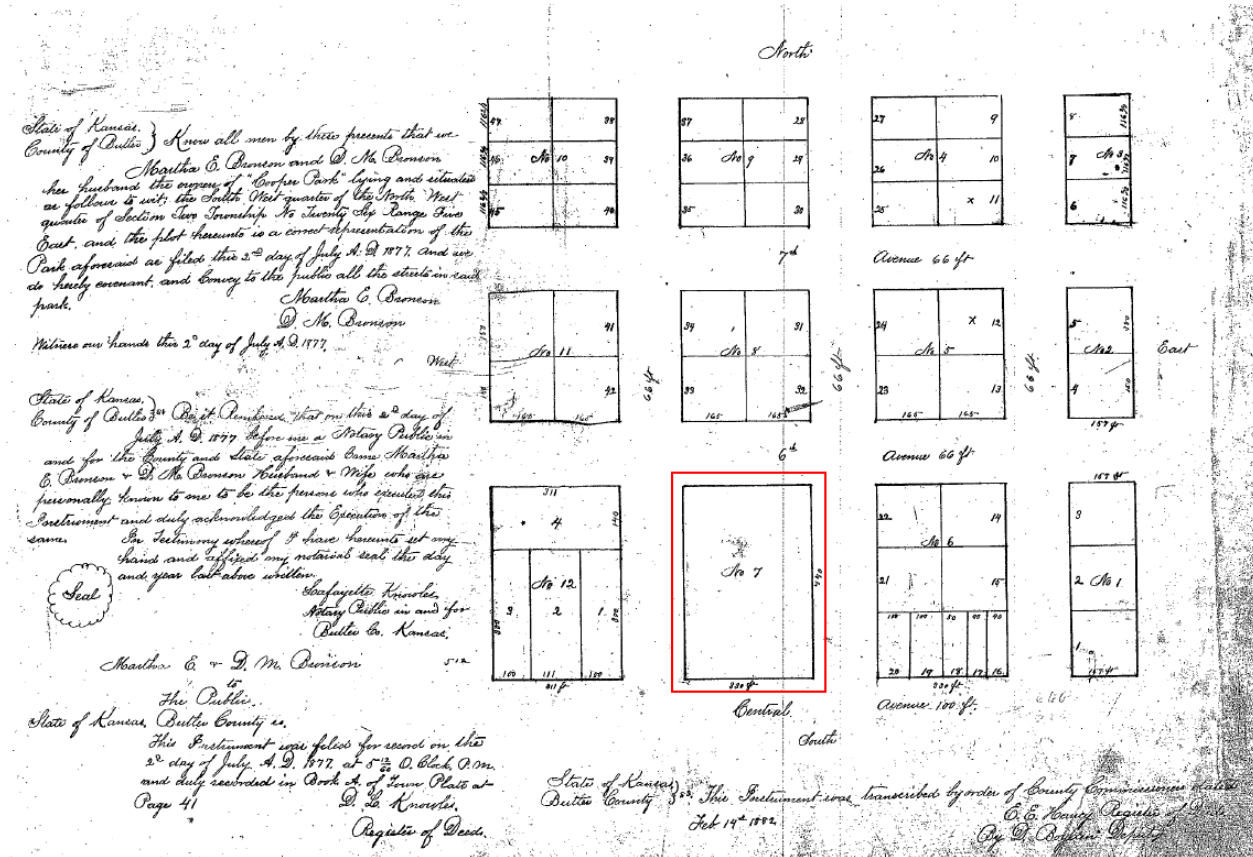


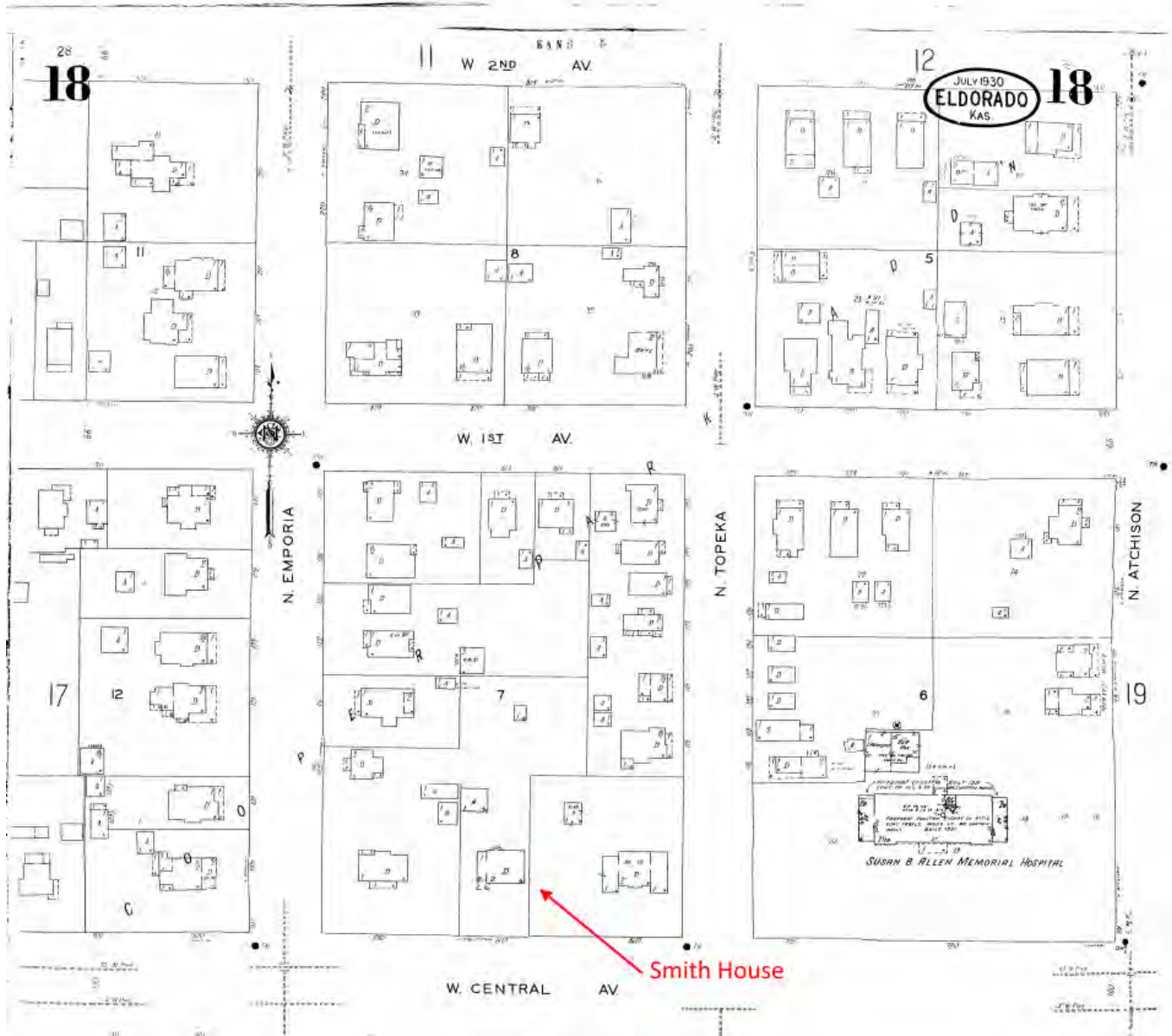
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Figure 7: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, El Dorado, Kansas, Original 1930 map updated in 1946, page 18.





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The main structure of the house is a two-story stone masonry building. It has a gabled roof with two stone chimneys. The ground floor features a bay window with a dark roof and a white door. The second floor has three windows with dark shutters. A white downspout is visible on the left side of the house.

The bay window is a three-paneled structure with a dark roof and white trim. It is located on the ground floor of the house.

There are four windows with dark shutters. Two are on the second floor and two are on the ground floor. The shutters are dark green or black.

A set of stone steps leads up to the front door of the house. A black metal railing is installed on the right side of the steps.

A wooden picket fence runs along the right side of the property. It is made of weathered wood and has a simple design.

A stone path leads from the foreground towards the front steps of the house. The path is made of irregularly shaped light-colored stones.

The house is surrounded by a well-maintained lawn. There are several trees and shrubs, including a large evergreen on the left and a large deciduous tree on the right. A white lattice structure is visible near the base of the house.













A tall wooden cabinet with a glass-paned upper section and a solid wood lower section with drawers and doors.

An arched doorway with a white frame, leading to a dining room with a table, chairs, and a chandelier.

A large, high-backed wing chair upholstered in a colorful, patterned fabric with shades of red, blue, and beige.

A built-in white bookshelf with multiple shelves filled with books, a framed picture, and a small desk area with a laptop and a lamp.

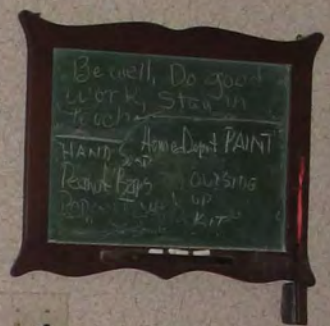
A wooden chair with a curved back and spindle legs, positioned at a desk.

A window with white horizontal blinds and a decorative valance with a blue and gold pattern.

A dark-colored desk lamp with a classic design, positioned on the desk.











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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Smith, Ray L., House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: KANSAS, Butler

DATE RECEIVED: 11/21/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/07/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14001117

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1.7.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

November 17, 2014

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, N. W.
8th Floor (MS 2280)
Washington, DC 20005



Re: National Register documents – 6 new nominations & 2 de-listing requests

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the following National Register documents:

- **Hotel Roberts – Pratt County, Kansas** (new nomination)
 - Enclosed: Signed copy of the document and 2 disks with a PDF of the nomination, mapping files, and photographs
 - The enclosed disk #1 contains the true and correct copy of the document.

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- **Smith, Ray L., House – Butler County, Kansas** (new nomination)
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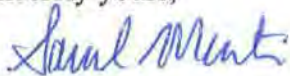
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I may be reached at 785-272-8681 ext. 216 or smartin@kshs.org.

Sincerely yours,



Sarah J. Martin
National Register Coordinator

Enclosures