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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Sanborn, Henry B. and Ellen M., House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 1311 South Madison Street N/A not for publication

city or town Amarillo N/A vicinity

state Texas code TX county Potter code 375 zip code 79101

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Curtis J. Russell 30 March 1992
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Entered in the National Register

Date of Action

Guy M. Sapsley 8/14/92

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Classical Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick, wood

walls wood

roof asphalt

other wood

concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets 7-1 and 7-2.

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Henry and Ellen Sanborn House
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas

Description:

The 1902 Henry B. and Ellen M. Sanborn House is a 1 1/2-story frame dwelling with a center passage plan and a low pitched pyramidal roof. The house exhibits Italianate form and embellishments including modest classical detailing. Set on a pier and beam foundation, the exterior walls have weatherboard siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The house was moved to its present corner location in 1922 and fronts west onto South Madison in a predominantly residential area of the Plemons Addition. At the back of the lot is a frame outbuilding that is Noncontributing. The main house is in good condition, although a central cupola was removed in 1922, it and retains its integrity.

Potter County is in the Texas Panhandle, on the south portion of the High Plains. Topographical features in this area are characteristic of the plains; the county's terrain is level prairie land, broken by the Canadian River and its tributaries. Amarillo (1990 population 168,693) serves as county seat and the region's economic hub based on agriculture and the petrochemical industry. Centered at the county's south border, the south portion of Amarillo (beginning at 29th Street) is in Randall County. The community generally follows a grid plan that has little variation. (See USGS map.)

The main (west) facade has a full width 1-story porch; the original wood porch deck and steps are now concrete and the original wood balustrade is no longer extant (see Photographs 1 and 2). Four evenly spaced, slender wood columns with Ionic capitals below voluted brackets support the porch's low pitched roof with wide eaves. The eaves are decorated with small dentils and ornamental modillions. The main entry has a single oak door with transom. On either side of the door, wood windows are 1/1, the lower light larger than the upper, and both filled with art glass. Above the porch roof is a wide frieze adorned with wood shingles in a fishscale pattern. Sawn and turned brackets rest against these shingles and brace the main roof, which extends its slightly bellcast, wide eaves. A hipped dormer is centered above the porch and has a pair of 1/1 wood windows. Centered on the roof is a "pedestal," sided with wood shingles in a fishscale pattern; the pedestal once served as a base for a cupola with Italianate features, removed in 1922 (see Photograph 2).

The north and south sides of the building feature 1/1 wood windows with bracketed wood lintels (see Photographs 1 and 3). The upper frieze and brackets continue on these facades. These elevations also each have central dormers similar to that on the main facade. Chimneys, one at the southeast corner and one at the northeast corner, were most visible from these facades. These chimneys are no longer extant.

A c. 1912 1-story frame addition with a hipped roof spans the back (east) facade (see Photograph 3). The north side of this facade has a screened porch. This elevation also sports a dormer with similar details.

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The interior follows a typical center passage plan. The interior exhibits refined wood detailing such as an elaborate stairway, egg and dart molding, and finely detailed fireplace mantels.

The 1-story outbuilding at the rear of the property serves as a dwelling (see Photograph 4). A 1922 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map revealed two outbuildings on the site, one of which was a dwelling. The outbuilding is considered Noncontributing because it was neither associated with Sanborn nor does it enhance the Italianate character of the main building.

The property was originally constructed in a residential area facing west on 505 South Buchanan Street, taking up the block between 5th and 6th avenues (later the site of the Municipal Auditorium). The house had a fountain on the front lawn, two 1-story frame dwellings, one 2-story frame dwelling, and two large barns. When the building was moved in 1922 (more than 50 years ago) to its present site, the cupola, a chimney, and a weather vane were removed.

The historic features of the Sanborn House convey its architectural values and the building retains its integrity of setting, location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance See Continuation Sheets 8-3 and 8-4.

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

See Continuation Sheet 9-5.

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- 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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and DevelopmentArchitecture**Period of Significance**1902-19121922**Significant Dates**19021922**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Sanborn, Henry B.**Cultural Affiliation**N/A**Architect/Builder**Unknown**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX
Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, TX

Sanborn, Henry B. and Ellen M., House
Name of Property

Potter County, Texas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet 10-6.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet 10-6.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally S. Victor

organization _____ date July, 1989; February, 1992

street & number P.O. Box 1280 telephone 915/347-5794

city or town Mason state Texas zip code 76856

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mrs. Mary E. Kisner

street & number 1311 South Madison Street telephone N/A

city or town Amarillo state TX zip code 79101

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. 470 *et seq.*).

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Statement of Significance:

The 1902 Henry B. and Ellen M. Sanborn House is characteristic of dwellings built during development of the pivotal transportation network that radiated from Amarillo. The house, eligible at the local level of significance, meets Criterion B in the area of Community Planning and Development for its associations with Henry Sanborn, a major early developer in Amarillo. Instrumental in the early development of Amarillo, Sanborn lived in the building from 1902 until his death in 1912. The house also meets Criterion C in the area of Architecture as a late and rare example of Italianate architecture in the community. Because the property was moved in 1922, Criterion Consideration B applies.

Born in New York in 1845, Sanborn traveled westward as a young man, living in Minneapolis and DeKalb, Illinois. He married Ellen M. Wheeler in 1868. They had one son, Ellwood Bradley (1868-1890).

In 1875 Sanborn and his partner, Judson P. Warner, negotiated an exclusive contract to sell the products of Joseph F. Glidden, one of the first inventors and patentees of barbed wire in the United States. The Sanborns moved to a ranch in Grayson County, Texas, in 1876. With Glidden, Sanborn purchased 250,000 acres in Potter and Randall counties in 1881, known as the Frying Pan Ranch. They used this property to demonstrate the effectiveness of barbed wire.

Until its 1887 incorporation the Amarillo area remained a remote region of Texas. The community experienced boomtown growth in the last decade of the 19th century. This surge is due to the 1887 construction of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad through Potter County. Amarillo savored remarkable growth propelled by its position as a railhead for cattle ranches in the Texas Panhandle (by 1900 the Southern Kansas, the Pecos and Northern Texas, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf railroads had forged through town).

Sanborn's most fortuitous land purchase was that adjacent to the 1887 Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad construction camp, "Ragtown." When the first townsite of Amarillo, approximately three miles away from Ragtown, endured flooding in the spring of 1889, residents and businesses abandoned the area. Sanborn aggressively promoted the development of his own townsite and they flocked to purchase lots in the Glidden and Sanborn Addition, which includes the present central business district. Sanborn profited greatly and, in 1889 and 1890, purchased the Plemons Addition from Barnett Hawley Plemons. About 1890 the Sanborns moved to Kansas City. He and Glidden split their partnership and divided their holdings; Sanborn kept the property (Glidden and Sanborn and Plemons additions) in Amarillo and 25,000 acres of ranch land in northwest Randall County. Despite his move, Sanborn's holdings and their subsequent improvements put him at the forefront of the community's development and he became known as the "father of Amarillo."

The Sanborns returned to Amarillo in 1902 and Henry continued to work as a developer. Although, this property is not associated with the time period when Sanborn first achieved significance in Amarillo (1887-1890), following

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his return to Amarillo, he again achieved significance developing the city until his death. In particular, development peaked in both the Glidden and Sanborn and Plemons additions. He and his wife, in fact, built their house at 500 South Buchanan Street in the Plemons Addition. The residence and its related outbuildings took up the entire block between 5th and 6th avenues.

The Sanborn House exhibits Italianate design, a stylistic influence popularized by the influential pattern books of Andrew Jackson Downing. In the eastern United States, Italianate architecture came to the forefront of residential design in the 1860s and 1870s, while west of the Mississippi the style proliferated through the latter part of the 19th century. The Sanborn House is a relatively late example of the style, even in Texas.

Features that typify Italianate architecture include the bellcast roof; wide overhanging eaves with decorative supporting brackets, dentils, and modillions; and bracketed lintels over windows. The original central cupola was an important feature of the style. The house also bears some classical ornamentation such as the Ionic columns and the overall symmetry.

Sanborn died in 1912; his wife continued to live in the house until her 1921 death. The buildings were auctioned in 1922 and Charles D. Hoover (1888-1950) purchased the main house. [The original lot was sold to the City of Amarillo and became the site of the 1923 Municipal Auditorium.] Hoover moved the house to its present location, 1311 South Madison Street, on a corner lot in a residential area facing west. When the building was moved the cupola, a chimney, and a weather vane were removed. The property had two outbuildings evident on the 1922 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map; Hoover rented out the house until 1934 when he and his wife made it their home. They sold the property to Jerrell T. and Mary Kisner in 1964; Mary Kisner is the current (1989) owner.

The Sanborn House is the only extant property in Amarillo that had direct associations with this prominent local developer. No properties from his productive years survive. The school and a park that bear his name were constructed after his death.

Although the property was moved and the cupola was detached, the property retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association to a high degree. Because it was moved more than 50 years ago and continues to face west in a residential area, the property retains its integrity of setting and location, if to a lesser degree. The loss of the cupola is unfortunate, but does not hinder the ability of the building to convey its architectural value and retain integrity. Furthermore, it appears to be the only example of Italianate architecture in the community.

The outbuilding is considered Noncontributing because it was neither associated with Sanborn nor does it enhance the Italianate character of the main building.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Plemons Addition, Block 187, south 60' of Lot 3

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the area that has been historically associated with the property since its 1922 relocation and that retains its historic and architectural integrity.

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

Henry B. and Ellen Sanborn House
1311 South Madison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographed by Larry D. Hodge
1988

Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
Southwest oblique, camera facing northeast
Photograph 1 of 4

Henry B. and Ellen Sanborn House
1311 South Madison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographer unknown
Circa 1902

Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
West facade, camera facing southeast
Photograph 2 of 4

Henry B. and Ellen Sanborn House
1311 South Madison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographer unknown
Circa 1902

Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
East facade, camera facing northwest
Photograph 3 of 4

Henry B. and Ellen Sanborn House
1311 South Madison Street
Amarillo, Potter County, Texas
Photographed by Larry D. Hodge
1988

Negative on file with Preservation Amarillo, Amarillo, Texas
West facade, camera facing east
Photograph 4 of 4

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Sanborn, Henry B. and Ellen M., House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Potter

DATE RECEIVED: 7/01/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/17/92
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/15/92
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92000982

NOMINATOR: STATE

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 8/14/92 Entered in the National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



HENRY B. & ELLEN SANBORN HOUSE
1311 SOUTH MADISON STREET
AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 1 of 4



HENRY B & ELLEN SANBORN HOUSE
1311 SOUTH MADISON STREET
AMARILLO, POTTER CO., TEXAS

PHOTOGRAPH 2 of 4



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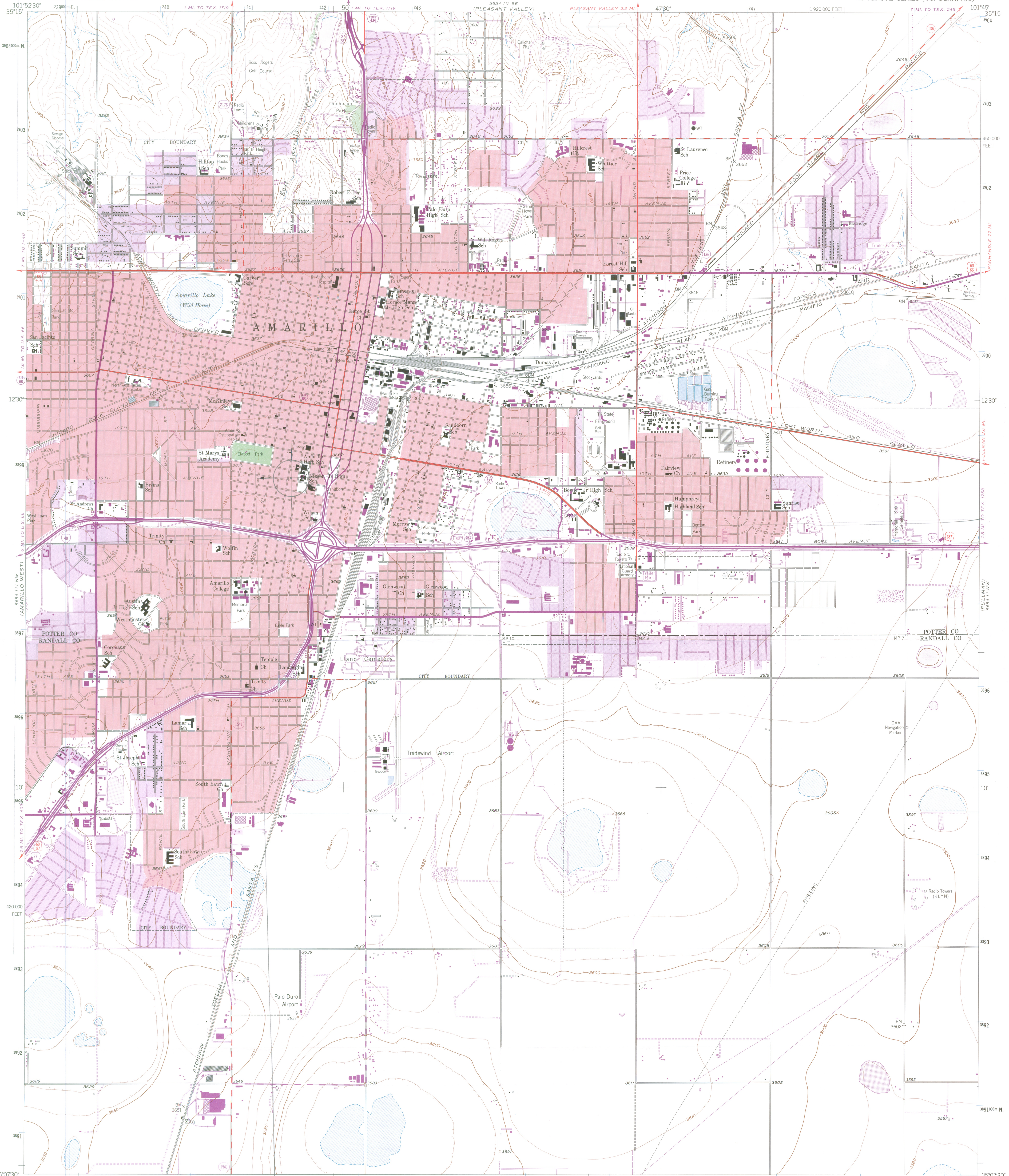
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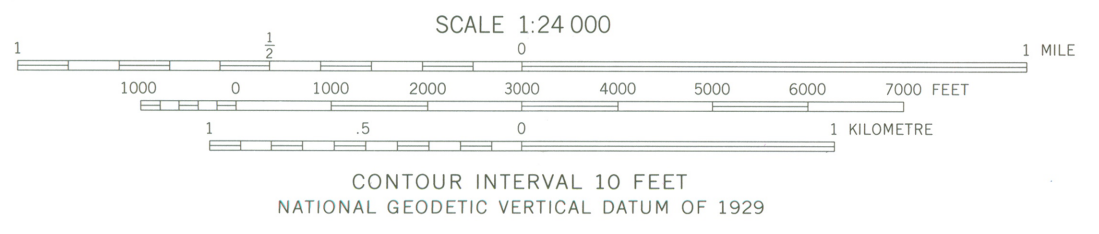
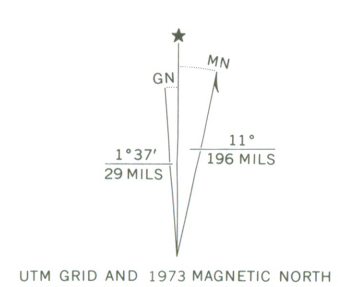
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SANBORN, HENRY B. & ELLEN M., HOUSE
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zone 14, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1967 and 1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route



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