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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

*X

HISTORIC

Henry Sayles House

AND/OR COMMON

John Sayles House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

642 Sayles Boulevard

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Abilene

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

-17-

STATE

Texas

VICINITY OF
CODE

048

COUNTY

Taylor

CODE

441

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Dillard

STREET & NUMBER

642 Sayles Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

Abilene

VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas 79605

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Taylor County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Abilene

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Texas Historical Sites Inventory

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Austin

STATE

Texas

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Henry Sayles House, built ca. 1889 for an early Texas lawyer, businessman and author, is a one and one-half story residence generally classified as Victorian in style but encompassing stylistic elements of the Queen Anne style. The house faces east onto Sayles Boulevard and is flanked to the south by South Seventh Street. The lot includes 252 front feet on Sayles and is 156 feet deep. The exterior of the Sayles House is distinguished by its varied wall surfaces, window forms, and gable treatments.

The exterior of the house originally featured three gabled bays and four dormers decorated in various patterns of cut shingles, grid patterns of one-half inch molding, and various window configurations. The east, or front facade, has a projecting bay with a three-part a-b-a pattern round arched window, carved brackets, grid patterned molding, imbricated shingling, dentils and a decorated frieze in the gable end. Another three-part a-b-a pattern window is centered below the gable on the first floor. All first floor windows are eight foot ^{feet} tall. One-story porches with elaborate lattice-work are located to either side of the bay. A large dormer, centrally located over the front door, has detailing similar to that of the gable end of the projecting bay. The north and south facades also incorporate the use of a projecting bay off-center, with a central dormer having similar detailing. Each of the three pairs of gables and bays differ in treatment, with the east facade being the most elaborate. A central dormer was removed from the west elevation during an early addition.

The addition to the rear of the structure was made between 1896 and 1903, changing the house from seven rooms to ten rooms downstairs and from four rooms to six rooms upstairs. In keeping with the style of the original house, the addition has matching siding and window treatment, and three dormers similar to those on the main house. The original wood shingled roof is still in use on the addition while composition shingles have replaced the wood shingles on the rest of the house. Iron cresting around the flat peak of the roof was removed during reroofing.

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A chimney with fireplace is located on the west wall of the front bedroom and is the only one of three original corbeled brick chimneys remaining. One was removed from the rear kitchen wall during the early addition, and another was removed from the north wall of the dining room after collapsing in a storm.

Besides the rear addition, a number of relatively minor interior changes have been made at various times through the years. A porch on the southwest corner of the house was enclosed to create space for an early bathroom. A tin-lined wooden bathtub has recently been removed from this room. The front stairway was closed in 1941 so that access to the upper story was only from the added rear stairs, creating an independent apartment. Plans are to reopen this stairway and to reinstall the decorative latticework and other trim that once graced the entrance hall and stair landing. Large sliding doors between the entrance hall and the front parlor were also removed. Two cypress cisterns, fed by gutters and downspouts from the roof originally located under the house with a hand pump in the kitchen hallway, have been removed.

The present owners are restoring the exterior of the house to its appearance upon completion of the ca. 1900 addition. Included in this restoration is refurbishing decorative work, painting in the original color-scheme, and repointing the chimney. New plumbing, wiring, and air conditioning has been installed, and a suspended ceiling (ten foot floor to ceiling height) is proposed to accommodate this equipment. Once restoration work is completed, the Sayles House will be a good representative example of the Victorian era in Texas architecture.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT R.W. Miller and Samuel C. Wagner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry Sayles House was built ca. 1889 for a prominent lawyer, businessman and co-author of several important books on Texas law. The house, located in Abilene, is not only significant for its connection with the history of a prominent Texan, but is also noteworthy as an example of the Queen Anne style of architecture.

In 1852, Henry Sayles was born in the Gay Hill community near Brenham in Washington County, Texas. He spent his early years there and studied law under his father and other local lawyers as was the custom before law schools were established in Texas. Sayles started his legal career in Galveston before moving in 1886 to Abilene where he continued his legal practice and oversaw land investments belonging to his Galveston clients.

Soon after moving to Abilene, Henry's father, John Sayles (1825-1897) along with his family, joined Henry and his family, and father and son established the law firm of Sayles and Sayles. An adjutant general in the Civil War, John Sayles was the first full-time law faculty member of Baylor University, and his legal writings compiled in the 1876 statutes became the forerunner of Vernon's Texas Statutes. In addition to the practice of law, Sayles and Sayles continued to collaborate in the writing and revision of books on Texas law, including: Sayles' Early Laws of Texas, 1888; Sayles' Real Estate Laws of Texas, 1892; and Sayles' Annotated Texas Civil Statutes, 1897. Besides his law practice and his writing, Henry Sayles was also a chartering director and president of the Abilene Land and Improvement Company which built restricted subdivisions in Abilene. Henry also donated land and cash which was the impetus for locating Simmons College, now known as Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene. In 1889 Henry Sayles, prospering in his law practice and business enterprises, felt that his family numbering

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six should have an appropriately sized and styled home. He arranged for his house to be built on "Boulevard Street" by builders R. W. Miller and Samuel Calvin Wagner, early settlers from Tennessee. The Henry Sayles house was one of the first houses to be built on the boulevard later named "Sayles Boulevard" for the family, which was at one time the most exclusive residential street in town.

After moving into the house, three more Sayles children were born, prompting the enlargement of the house between 1896-1903. In 1908, Henry Sayles constructed and moved into a still larger and more elegant house about one-half block to the south of the first house, which was then deeded to his third son, John Sayles (1881-1958). In 1941 a fire badly damaged the top floor and southwest portions of the house. It was remodeled to repair damages and at this time the inside staircase to the second floor was removed and the first floor, rear portion comprising the 1896-1903 addition was converted into a self-contained, independent apartment.

John Sayles lived in the house until his death in 1958, and his wife Frances lived there until moving to the home of her son, Jack Sayles, in 1969. The house was vacant from 1969 until 1974 when Jack Sayles sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dillard, the present owners. The Dillards are living in the house and are in the process of restoring the property for use as their private residence.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Dillard, Richard R. Monograph by, 1975.
2. Rogers, Richard, "Henry Sayles Residence, Abilene, Texas." History of Early American Architecture for Professor Will Robinson, Texas Tech University, Spring, 1975, Unpublished.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.73 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 | 429690 | 35891610
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] | [] | []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northwest corner of intersection of Sayles Blvd. and South 7th Streets; lots B and C, and a portion of John Sayles subdivision of Lot 11, Block 9, The Highlands addition to Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

correction as per tel conv. of M. Yancey 5/4/76 C. Huberman

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Joe R. Williams, Project Director
Michael Yancey, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION Texas Historical Commission DATE April 20, 1976
 STREET & NUMBER P. O. 12276 TELEPHONE (512) 475-3094
 CITY OR TOWN Austin STATE Texas 78711

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE April 26, 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Charles [Signature]*
Acting KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6/24/76
 DATE 6.23.76

Property *Sayles, Henry, House*

76002069
Taylor

State *Texas*

Working Number 4.29.76.3203

TECHNICAL

Photos 9
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
4.30.76

Fine.

HISTORIAN

Accept
Rittenbaum
5/5/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

OK Lebovich

Accept 5/4/76
R. Carol Huberman

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
5-10-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Restoration in progress

Henry
6.23.76

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered

JUN 24 1976

Federal Register Entry

8-3-76

Re-submit _____

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Richard Dillard 1974
Northeast Oblique # 149

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Richard Dillard 1974
Southwest Oblique # 2 1/9

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Richard Dillard 1974
West Elevation # 3 29

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Richard Dillard 1974
North Elevation #4 29

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Richard Dillard 1974
East Gable Detail #5 of 9

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Richard Dillard 1974
East Dormer Detail # 6 49

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Richard Dillard 1974
South Gable & Dormer Detail
7 of 9

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Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Henry Stark 1895-1896 from Views
In Texas, Plate 31, by A.C.
Greene, Austin, Texas. 1974.
South Elevation #8 ^{of 9}

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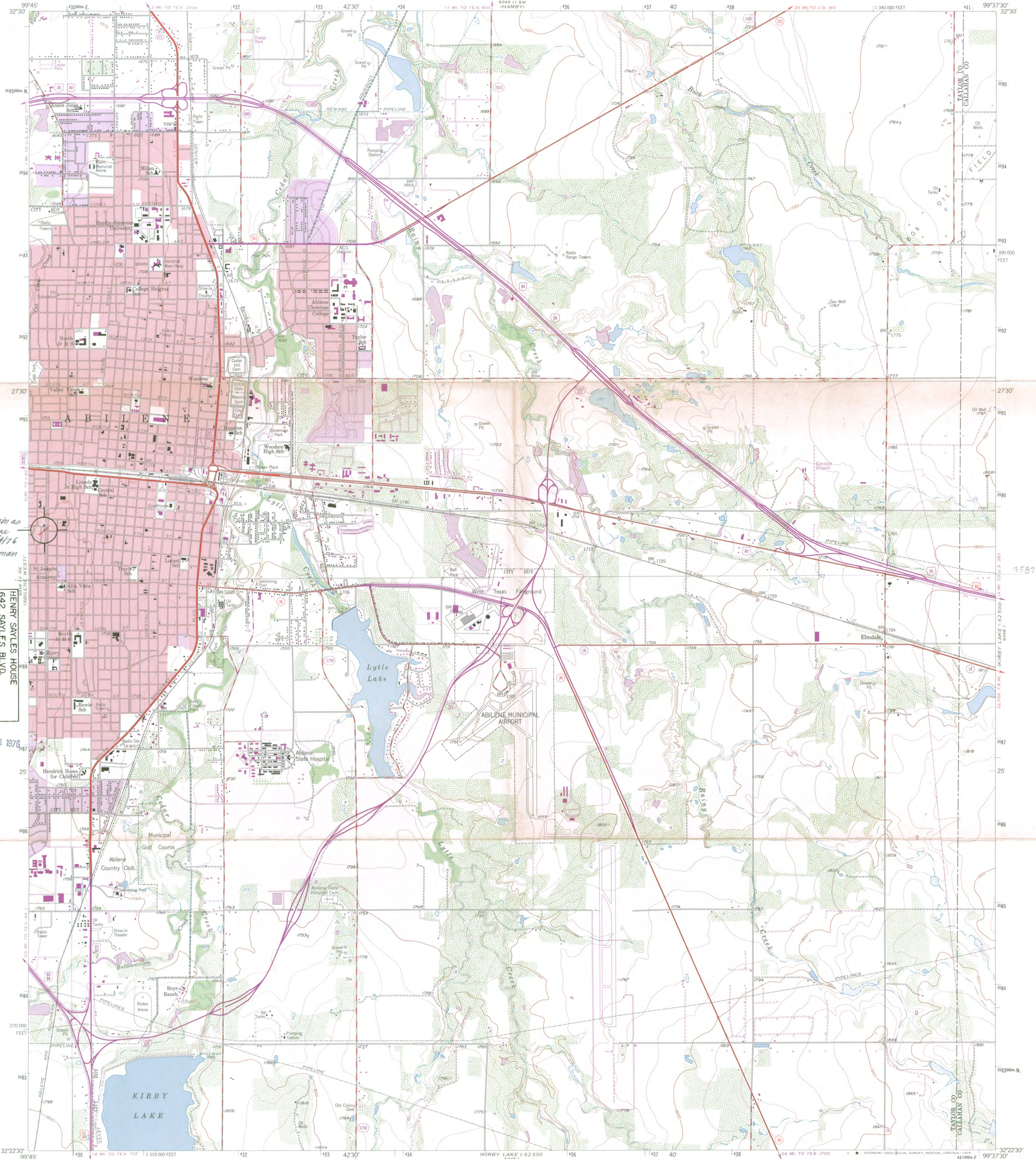


Henry Sayles House
Abilene, Texas
Taylor County
Photocopy of Sayles' Family Collection
Slide. ca. 1945
Negative filed at Dillard
East Elevation # 9 *1/9*

JUN 24 1976 DOE

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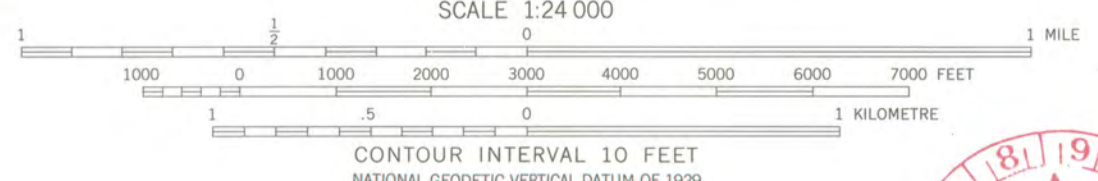
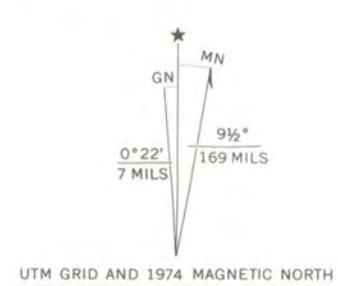


Correction as per phone call 5/4/76 A. Huberman

HENRY SAYLES HOUSE
642 SAYLES BLVD.
ABILENE, TEXAS
UTM REF: 14J429690/3589610

JUN 24 1976

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA
Topography from aerial photographs by ER-55 plotter
Aerial photographs taken 1954. Field check 1957
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system,
north central zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
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 1974. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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

ABILENE EAST, TEX.
NW/4 KIRBY LAKE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3222.5-W9937.5/7.5

1957
PHOTOREVISED 1967 AND 1974
AMS 6048 I NW - SERIES V882

3299-243

DATE 5/4/76

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL
10:40

AM
PM

1. CALL TO; FROM (Name)

Michael Yancey

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Texas Hotel Comm.

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Henry Saffles House nomination - map question

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Point on USGS map does not concur with described location w/in nomination. Would require minor change in dot. Mike will check his map, etc & call me back.

Mike called back w/info.

Verbal description on form correct, but dot placed incorrectly on ~~map~~ map (should be NW ~~corner~~ corner not SW corner)

UTM would change from 14/429690/3589610
to 14/429690/3589660

I have made corrections on map & form.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

R Carol Huberman

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered JUN 24 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Sayles, Henry, House</u>	Abilene Taylor County
Old D'Hanis Historic District	D'Hanis Medina County
Giddings-Stone Mansion	Brenham Washington County
Nueces County Courthouse	Corpus Christi Nueces County
Underwood, Ammon, House	East Columbia Brazoria County
Musgano Site	Tatum vicinity Rusk County
Sheeks-Robertson House	Austin Travis County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. Omar Burlison
Hon. Abraham Kazen, Jr.
Hon. J. J. (Jake) Pickle
Hon. John Young
Hon. Bob Casey
Office of Hon. Wright Patman

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director, Texas Historical
Commission
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Regional Director, Southwest Region
PR Mott 6/25/76

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 5/3/76
Reviewer: INITIALS: *rcd*
NR
DOE JUN 24 1976
(6-24-76)

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: *SAYLES, Henry, House* ^①

OTHER NAMES: *John Sayles House See.*

LOCATION: *642 Sayles Blvd.*
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN *Arlene*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT *17*

STATE *Texas* VICINITY OF *048*

COUNTY *Taylor* code *441*

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4	- unknown - 5	- unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7	- not applicable - 8	- Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	DETERIORATED	UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	GOOD	RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	MOVED
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	UNEXPOSED	Reconstructed	Unknown
		Unexcavated	Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
then- *house*
now- *House*

SIGNIFICANCE:

<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT		<input type="checkbox"/> urban & commun
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Queen Anne ②

architect/m. builder: ~~R. W. Miller &~~ ③ Sam'l Calvin Wagner engineer: R. W. Miller

landscape/garden designer: OP artist/artisan:

interior decorator: builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal

events

Henry Sayles, prominent lawyer, businessman, co-author of important books on Texas law

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): after 1886 1889-90 -18

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1896-1903

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

0.7

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Frame, clapboarding, shingling; 1 1/2 stories, irregular shape, hipped and cross-gabled roof sections, interior chimneys with corbeled caps, off-center entrance, ~~in~~ 1-story recessed porch, ~~side entrance porch~~, decorated dormers; ~~Has~~ addition, 1896-1903; alterations, 1941; restoration in progress. Eastlake and Queen Anne elements. Built for Henry Sayles, prominent local lawyer, businessman and author; one of 1st houses built on Sayles Blvd., later the most exclusive residential area in city.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Built for Henry Sayles, prominent lawyer, business... house is significant for its association of this prominent Texan; & it is also a noteworthy example of Queen Anne architecture. It was one of the first houses built on the boulevard, later named Sayles Boulevard, which was at one time the most exclusive residential street in Abilene.

guy 08.4

PUBLICATION DATA SHEET

TX SM

State:	IA	TEXAS
County/indep. city	I06	taylor county
City/vicinity	I07	Abilene
PRIMARY TITLE	I08	SAYLES, HENRY, HOUSE
(Secondary Title)	?	(John Sayles House)
Address/location	I09	642 Sayles Blvd.
Statement of significance including construction date, alteration date, present use, and style.	I10	KXX 1889--1890 Queen Anne house by builders R. W. Miller and Samuel Calvin Wagner; altered 1896--1903; under restoration to c. 1900 appearance.
Statement of significance including important peoples names; include key words for search of events and areas of significance.	I11	Noteworthy example of the style, located on KXX boulevard that was once the most exclusive residential street in Abilene; built for Henry Sayles, prominent Texan lawyer; businessman, and author.
Ownership/agency	#I	Private.
Other surveys, include number of habs or haer drawings	#C	
Date of entry	I12	(6-24-76)
Areas of Significance (circle those which apply to property)	I13	1. historic archeology 2. prehistoric archeology 3. agriculture 4. architecture 5. art 6. commerce 7. communication 8. conservation 9. economics 10. education 11. engineering 12. exploration 13. industry 14. invention 15. landscape architecture 16. law 17. literature 18. military 19. music 20. philosophy 21. politics/government 22. religion 23. science 24. social/humanitarian 25. transportation 26. entertainment 27. health 28. recreation 29. settlement 30. social/cultural 31. urban and community planning
Indexing Items	CE	Sayles, Henry: CF
	CE	Wagner, Samuel Calvin: CF
	CE	Sayles, Henry, House, TX: CF
	?-CE	Sayles, John, House, TX: CF
	CE	Miller, R. W.: CF
	CE	
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