

April 26, 2013

Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
PO Box 61  
Abilene, KS 67410

RE: Strawsburg House – 405 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Abilene, Dickinson County, KS

Dear Mrs. Strawsburg:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 19, April 20, and April 23 regarding the potential National Register eligibility of the Strawsburg House. You requested that our staff reconsider our initial determination that the house is not eligible for listing in either the National Register of Historic Places or the Register of Historic Kansas Places. Our staff determination was based on our experience with and interpretation of the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, which are outlined in the booklet mailed to you on April 16.

We thank you for providing additional information about the house, including the copies of early photographs. The photos show the house as it was originally built with a full-width open-air front porch – a character-defining and original feature of the home that has been enclosed to expand the interior space. This alteration to the main façade of the house renders it ineligible under Criterion C (architectural significance).

We acknowledge the property's association with builder and developer Henry A. Andreson, but this association alone does not meet criteria for listing in the registers. From our review of the information submitted, the house was built in 1919-1920, and Andreson sold it to W. L. Logan in 1920. Only a property most closely associated with or representative of a builder, such as their studio or longtime residence, is eligible for nomination under Criterion B. Moreover, with the later infill of the front porch, this house has changed considerably in appearance since Andreson built it. Andreson's association with this house does not meet Criterion B.

Our staff maintains the initial determination that this house is not eligible for listing in either the National Register of Historic Places or the Register of Historic Kansas Places. Should you wish to appeal our staff's determination, you can prepare a National Register nomination and submit it to our office for consideration by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. This board is a governor-appointed group of eleven professionals from various fields that must approve the nomination before it can be forwarded to the National Register office in Washington, D.C.

A blank nomination form is enclosed along with the following:

- *National Register Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*
- An example nomination

Please cite the sources used in preparing the nomination (books, newspaper articles, etc.) and include copies of relevant research information, especially historic photographs.

With the nomination, please submit 10-15 digital photographs of the exterior and interior of the house. Digital photographs must be at least 2 megapixels (1200 x 1600 pixels) at 300 dpi and saved in .jpeg format on a CD. Although the nomination form requests it, there is no need to submit a map with the nomination.

Once the nomination draft is received, our staff will review it to ensure it is complete. When the nomination is considered complete, it will then be scheduled for consideration at a quarterly meeting of the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review.

Listing a property in the registers does not lead to public acquisition or require public access. Registered properties are subject to review under our state's preservation law (KSA-75-2715-75-2726), which requires the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) be given the opportunity to comment on proposed projects affecting historic properties or districts. Additional information about this statute is enclosed.

Should you have questions, I am available at 785-272-8681, ext. 216 or e-mail at [smartin@kshs.org](mailto:smartin@kshs.org). You may also contact my supervisor Patrick Zollner, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, at 785-272-8681, ext. 217 or e-mail at [pzollner@kshs.org](mailto:pzollner@kshs.org).

Sincerely,



Sarah J. Martin  
National Register Coordinator

cc: Jeff Sheets, Dickinson County Historical Society ✓

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March 22, 2013

Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
405 Northeast Eighth St  
Abilene, KS 67410

Dear Mrs. Strawsburg:

The property located at 405 Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Abilene, Kansas since 2005 has been recognized as a historic home and is currently on the local Historic Register established by the city of Abilene and its Heritage Commission.

The Heritage Home Association has also recognized this home in 2004. Through extensive research the HHA found the home to be historic significant. First because of its architectural style, this bungalow style home was built in 1920. The builder was Henry Anderson who was a local contractor who built several homes in the Abilene community.

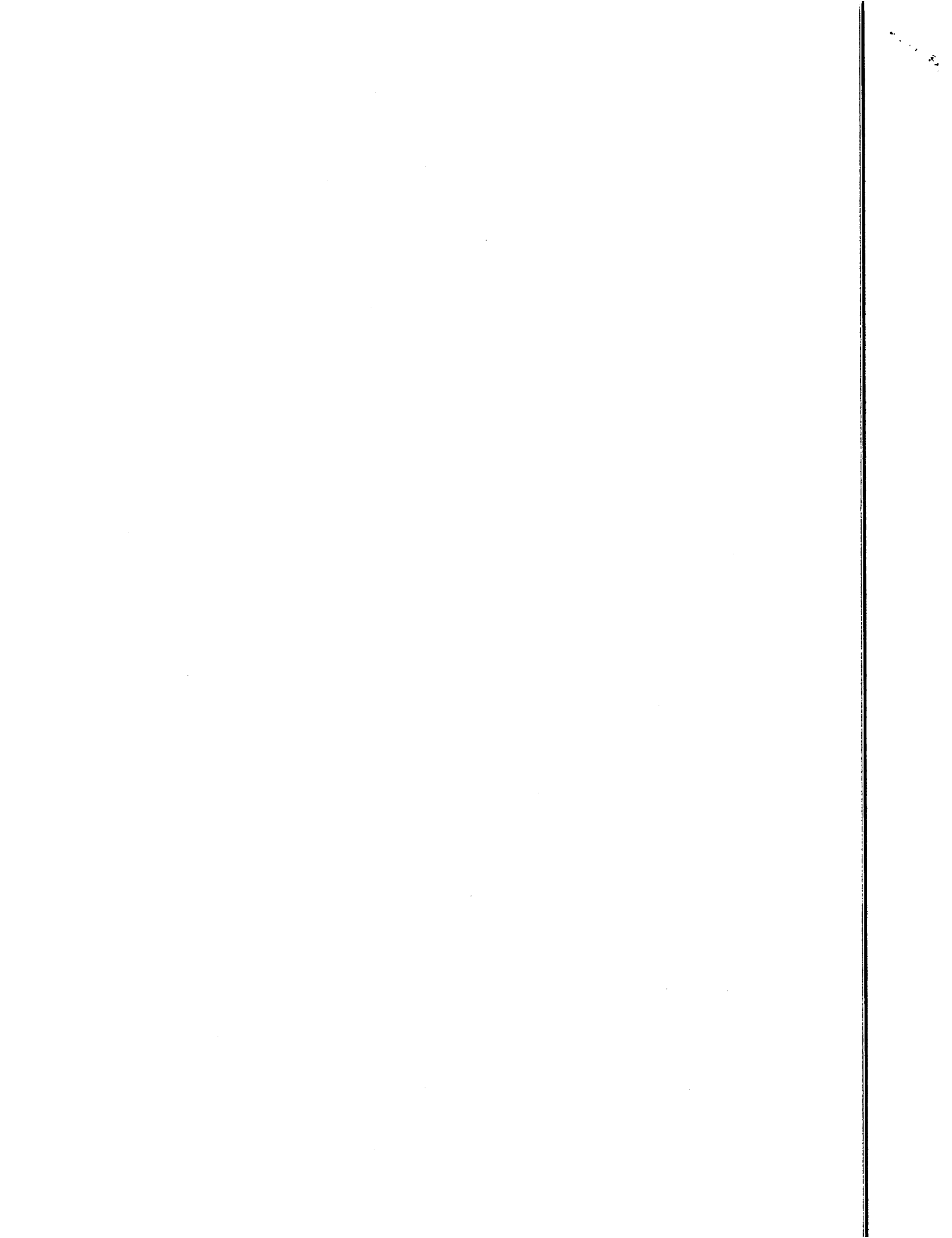
Secondly, this home is historically significant because of its own history. Henry Anderson, the builder, was the President of the Kansas Wesleyan Business College for two years, then moved to Abilene in 1906. Here he founded the Abilene Business College. In 1918 he then established the Abilene Hardwood Lumber company and began building houses.

The property was purchased by Elmer and Jenette Strawsburg in 1923. They had moved to Abilene in 1922 and started a women's clothing store. They purchased the house and live in it until the death of Mrs. Strawsburg in 1984. At that time the house was passed down to their son, Glen Strawsburg.

The Strawsburg family operated their retail store for thirty-six years. The Strawsburg's were highly respected in the Abilene community

This property has maintained its original design and integrity through the years. The only change was the enclosure of the front porch.

Furthermore, this property is eligible to meet the requirements of the National Register of Historic Places. It would meet the architectural design, craftsmanship and the historic significant requirements.



The Strawsburg home is a very important part of the built environment of the neighborhood it is located in as well as the community of Abilene.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sheets  
Director



405 N. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Abilene, Kansas

Mrs. Glen W. (Samatha) Strawsburg, owner

Based on research, we have come to the conclusion that this bungalow style home was built in 1920 by Henry A. Anderson who graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina in 1898 and later served as president of the Kansas Wesleyan Business College for 2 years. In 1903 he came to Abilene and organized the Central Kansas Business College, which he operated until 1918 when he went in to contracting and built many of the residences and business houses in Abilene. He later was the owner-manager of the Abilene Hardwood Lumber Company. Mr. Anderson was a political and legal counselor for many and was instrumental in helping secure the appointment of Dwight D. Eisenhower to West Point in 1910.

The fourth owners of the home were Elmer B. and Jenette Pollock Strawsburg who came to Abilene in 1921 and operated a women's fine clothing business for more than 36 years (1922-1957). They purchased the home in 1923 and it has remained in the Strawsburg family for over 84 years to the present. After the death of his parents the home was left to Elmer and Jenette's only child, Glen W., known to many as "Sparky". Although he did not live in the home for many years (he rented it out), he returned to the community of his youth in August 1999 with his bride of more than 10 years. Although Sparky died in 2001, his wife Samatha remains in the family home.

The only noted changes have been the enclosing of the front porch to enlarge the living room and master bedroom and the accessibility to the garage, originally from the south and now from the west. In 1999 the kitchen was updated when Sparky and Samatha returned to Abilene to make the property their home.

*by: Nano Schell*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD  
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405 North East Eighth Street, Abilene, Kansas

Built 1919

*by Nance Schell*

In reviewing the attached information, the following summary is submitted along with the information about the Strawsburg family:

**Tax Records:**

1919 Abilene City Tax Records, page 59 - Amount paid was \$30.19

1920 Abilene City Tax Records, page 56 - Amount paid was \$80.10 by Wm. L. Logan

**Abstract:**

In reviewing entry 58, 59, and 50 of the abstract for the property at 405 N. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Abilene we again come to the conclusion the property was built in 1919.

Mr. H. A. Anderson purchased the property in 1906 from D. W. and Mary E.

Howard and J. A. and Dora R. Graves, with the consideration being \$690.00. When

Mr. Anderson and his wife, Ada, sold the property in 1920 to W. M. Logan the

amount had jumped to \$3000.00. Mr. Logan retained ownership just one year when he sold to G. H. Baismeier.

David W. Howard and Mary Howard - sold in 1906

Julius A. and Dora Graves - sold in 1906

H. A. & Ada Anderson - bought in 1906, sold in 1920

W. Leslie & Iva E. Logan - bought in 1920, sold 1921

George Henry & Minnie Baismeier - bought in 1921, sold in 1923

Elmer B. & Jenette M. Strawsburg - bought in 1923 (remains in the family to this day, 2004)

**Obituaries:**

David Wesley Howard (B.: March 19, 1837 near Gettysburg, Adams Co., PA) married Mary Emma Chronister (B.: December 22, 1844 in York Springs, PA) on December 21, 1865 and moved to Dickinson County in 1872 settling in Cheever Township.

They moved to Abilene five years later. They had three children, two boys and a girl. David died February 5, 1913. Mary lived until November 23, 1924. The Howard's', along with two other families, settled on farms in North Dickinson

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Built 1919**

County near Buckeye and Mrs. Howard assisted her husband in the first general store and post office in that part of the county. They moved to Abilene in 1877 and remained here until his death in 1913. At that time Mrs. Howard went to spend the remainder of her life with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Howard were very active in the Presbyterian Church of Abilene.

Julius A. Graves (B.: August 23, 1858 in Flora, IL) married Dora Witter (B.: date unknown) in 1882. That same year they came west and settled in Abilene where they have lived ever since. Mr. Graves was engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business, holding the position of secretary of the Cemetery Association for many years. He also served as secretary of the Presbyterian Sunday school for many years. The Graves had three children. He died December 3, 1936.

Henry A. Anderson (B.: December 10, 1878 in Denmark, KS) married Ada Amanda Goodnow (B.: Sept. 15, 1879 in Polo, MO) on June 11, 1903. Mr. Anderson died April 20, 1955 after many months of illness. Mr. Anderson graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina in 1898 and from 1900 to 1902 served as president of Kansas Wesleyan Business College in Salina. In 1903 he came to Abilene and organized the Central Kansas Business College, which he operated until 1918. From 1918 until 1927 he was a contractor and built many residences and business houses in Abilene. From 1924 until 1927 he was owner-manager of the Abilene Hardwood Lumber Company. Mr. Anderson served in the Spanish-American War in 1898 and 1899 and was a long-time member of the First Methodist Church and of the Salina Masonic Lodge. He was a political and legal counselor for many and was instrumental in helping secure the appointment of Dwight D. Eisenhower to West Point in 1910. Mrs. Anderson was very generous with her time and service to many organizations. She was past-president of the Columbian Club of Abilene and of the Fifth District Federation of Women's Clubs. She died September 9, 1952, after a brief critical illness following years of failing health.

Based on the above information about Mr. Henry A. Anderson, it is believed that he personally built the home at 405 N. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

W. Leslie and Iva E. Logan were the second owners of the home at 405 N. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He was first vice president of Redman Motor Company at the time they purchased the home. They lived in the home just one year before selling to G. H.

Form 1041-100 (Rev. 1-1-79) Individual Income Tax Return  
1978

1. Name of decedent (or estate): John Doe  
2. Social Security number: 123-45-6789  
3. Date of death: 12/31/78  
4. Date of distribution: 1/1/79  
5. Name of estate (if any): John Doe Estate  
6. Name of executor (or administrator): John Doe  
7. Name of trustee (if any): John Doe  
8. Name of beneficiary (if any): John Doe

9. Gross estate: 100,000  
10. Deductions for estate tax: 10,000  
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**405 North East Eighth Street, Abilene, Kansas**  
**Built 1919**

**& Minnie Baismeier.** It is presumed that the Logans left Abilene upon the sale of the property.

**George Henry Balsmeier** (B. December 25, 1853 near Huntingburg, IN) moved to Rice County Kansas in 1886. He married Minnie Allinger (B.: July 2, 1857 in Santa Claus, IN moving to Kansas in 1889 to join her brothers and sisters) on May 22, 1980. They had three daughters. They homesteaded in western Kansas, moving to Enterprise in 1902 and to Abilene in 1921. Mr. Balsmeier died February 17, 1923 and at that time Minnie sold the house and moved to Salina to live with her daughters.

**Elmer B. and Jenette Pollock Strawsburg** came to Abilene in 1921 to operate a business, which he did for more than 36 years until his death July 13, 1957. Jenette and Elmer purchased the home in May 1923. Jenette died in November 1951 and he later married Mrs. Marie Bettis in 1953. After Marie's death, the home was left to Elmer's son, Glen W. "Sparky" Strawsburg. Although he did not live in the home for many years (it was a rental property) he returned to the community of his youth in August 1999 with his bride of more than ten years. Sparky died November 4, 2001 leaving his second wife, Samantha who still lives in the home today. The Strawsburg family has retained ownership of the home at 405 N. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Abilene, KS for over 84 years, preserving the history of one of our older homes. (Note the obituary for Sparky said his second wife's name is Sandra, which is incorrect, her name is Samantha.)

There has been very little change to the home since its construction. The front porch was enclosed, giving more living space to the living room and master bedroom. The detached garage was accessible from Eighth Street with a driveway entrance along the east side of the house. The driveway and land was then graded. When the lot to the east of the house was sold and a house was built on it, the garage was enlarged and the entrance was then accessible from the alley. The garage was constructed on the north side of the house. In 1999 the kitchen was updated when Sparky and Samatha returned to Abilene to make the property their home.

Submitted by:

Mrs. Glen (Samatha) Strawsburg,  
March 1, 2004.



Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
405 NorthEast Eighth Street  
Abilene KS 67410

March 2nd, 2004

Mrs. Nanc School, Marking Committee  
Heritage Homes Association  
813 North Olive  
Abilene, KS 67410

Dear Nanc,

Re: Request for additional personal information and diagram for final consideration.

One of the most important issues facing us today is personal information. Data can be electronically and mechanically altered, photo's superimposed, and being a victim of Fraud ID and scams for the elderly one month after Glen died I would like to address the issue of "restrictions".

I'm sure this problem has already been called to your attention and the boards, but I would like to address my concern for the boards kind consideration and request that all rights on "personal information on the Strawsburgs" are reserved by me, and "restrictions" be enforce.

Your presentation on the previous and present owner's of our house is well written, and I've truly enjoyed our time together researching these additional facts; however, I'm submitting minor changes on the Strawsburgs as the reader might have a different interpretation.

- \* Elmer B. and Jane Pollock Strawsburg. Correction. Elmer and Jenette Pollock Strawsburg.
- \* Elmer operated the store for more than 36 years.
- \* The Strawsburg's purchased the home. Reader is left with interpretation that Elmer and Marie purchased the home. Elmer and Jenette purchased the home in May 1923.
- \* Glen returned to the community of his youth in 1999 with his bride for more than ten years.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud.

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3. The third part of the document addresses the issue of data security. It stresses that all financial data must be stored in a secure environment and that access to this data should be restricted to authorized personnel only. This is to prevent unauthorized disclosure of sensitive information.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of transparency and accountability. It states that all financial activities should be clearly documented and that the results of these activities should be made available to the appropriate oversight bodies for review and reporting.

5. The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed and offers recommendations for further improvement. It suggests that ongoing training and education for staff are necessary to ensure that they remain up-to-date on the latest best practices in financial record-keeping.

Page 2 Strawsburgs.

\* Strawsburgs has retained ownership for 84 years.

\* Garage - Reader is left with the interpretation that the garage was moved. The detached garage was accessible from Eighth Street with a driveway entrance along the side of the house. The driveway and land was then graded. The garage enlarged and the entrance was then accessible from the alley.

As requested, a very rough diagram of the floor plan is enclosed.

I trust my concerns will be addressed and a tribute to the community be given to Abilene for all they had and are giving to the Strawsburgs.

In closing, my deep appreciation to you, Mr. Jeff Sheets, Mrs. Twila Jackson, Mrs. Herietta Zernickow who have been involved, helpful and interested in sharing with me information on the Strawsburgs. This project has renewed my appreciation for the value of archival material. I hope I've given credit where credit is due and haven't neglected those to whom we owe so much.

Kind personal regards,

*Mrs Glen Strawsburg*  
Mrs. Glen Strawsburg

Attachment

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both primary and secondary data collection techniques. The primary data was gathered through direct observation and interviews, while secondary data was obtained from existing reports and databases.

The third section details the statistical analysis performed on the collected data. Various statistical tests were used to determine the significance of the findings. The results indicate a strong correlation between the variables being studied, suggesting that the observed trends are not due to chance.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and their implications. It highlights the need for continued research in this area and offers practical recommendations based on the study's results. The overall goal is to provide a clear and concise overview of the research process and its outcomes.

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March 21, 2013

Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
P.O. box 61  
Abilene, KS 67410

Dear Mrs. Strawsburg:

After researching the topic of historic home valuation, I have do not have any good news for you. Although my personal opinion is that a historic home should hold more value than a regular home of like style and age. However my opinion doesn't count in the matter of house appraisals.

The State of Kansas and Dickinson County doesn't have any statues regarding historic home valuation. The valuation is based on sale of like homes within the community. I even called several of the local realtors and they told me the same thing. Although a person selling their home can put whatever asking price they want, the reality is the buyers will be comparing the house with other houses that are for sell in the community.

I have found one state that had any guidelines towards the pricing of a historic home and that was California. Until the State of Kansas passes a statute we are forced to sell real estate according to the current market value.

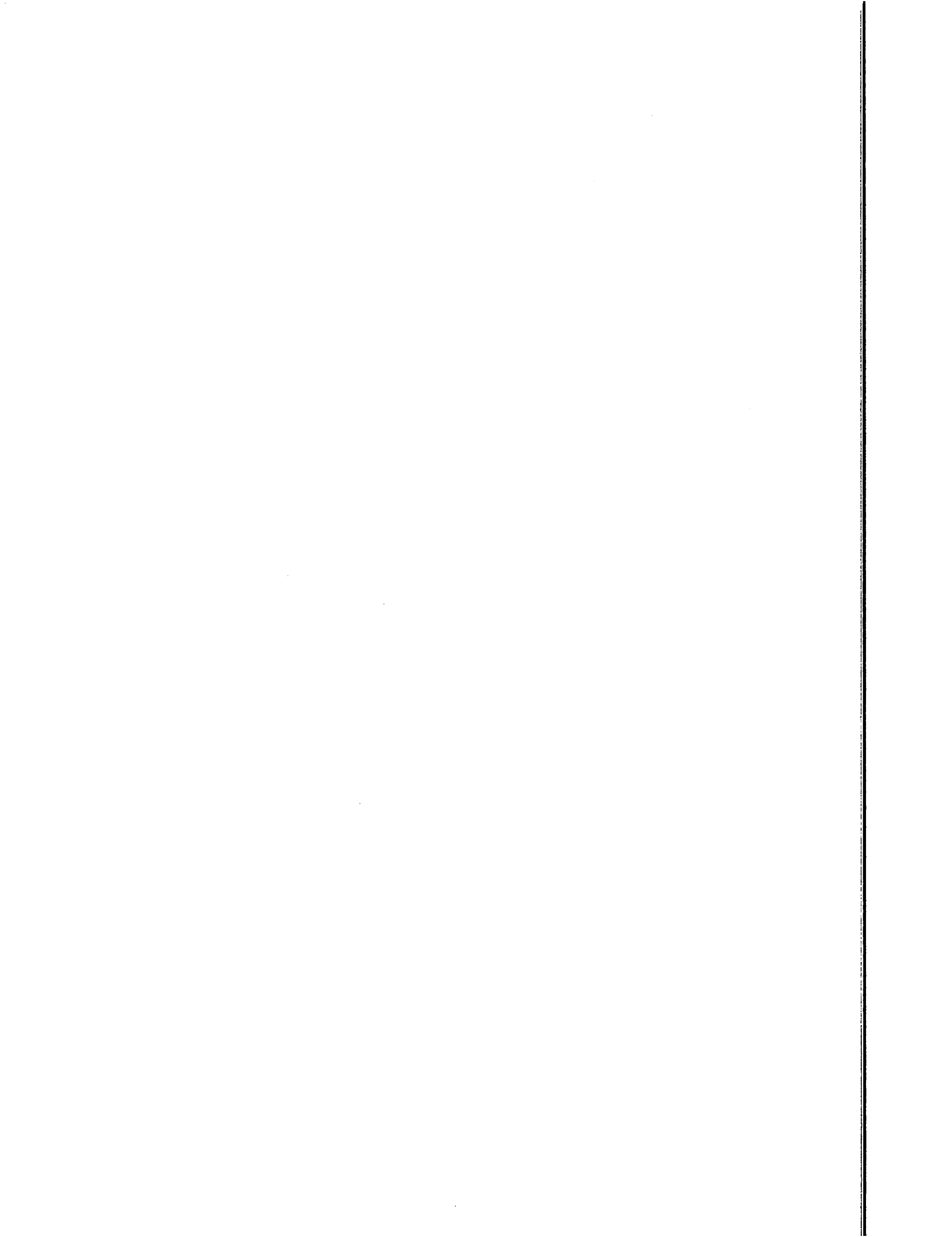
If you have any questions I would be glad to visit more with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Sheets". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeff Sheets  
Director

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MRS. GLEN STRAWSBURG  
P.O. Box 61  
Abilene KS 67410

11th February 2013

Mr. Tim Hamilton,  
Historic Preservation Officer  
City of Abilene  
419 N. Broadway Street  
Abilene KS 67410

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

Re: Request for decommissioning of real property of Strawsburg located at 405 NorthEast Eighth Street, Abilene, Kansas, from the Abilene Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for the courtesy and comments in your letter dated January 31st, 2013.

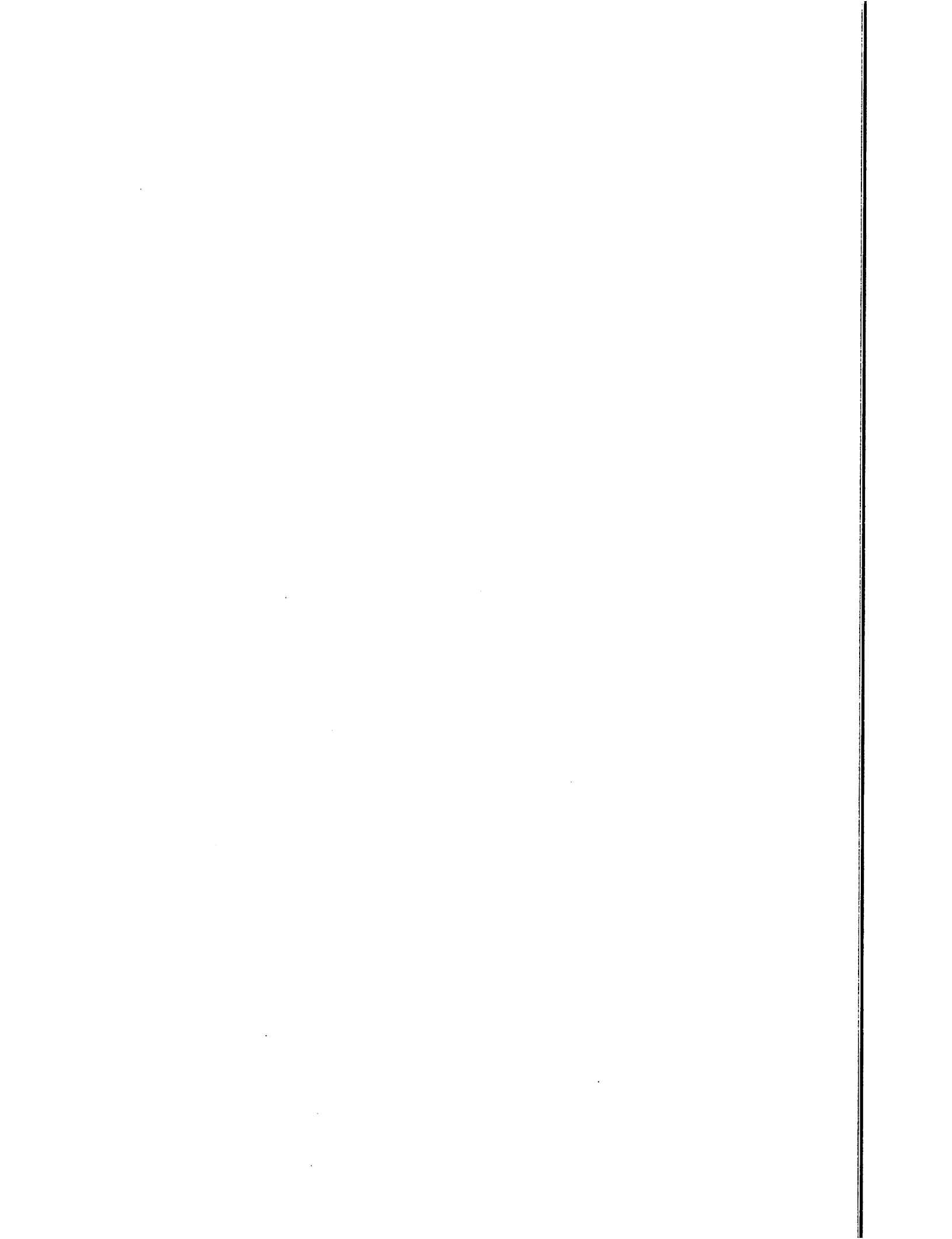
I am herewith officially withdrawing my request for removal from the registry in writing to the Community Development Department in City Hall.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs Glen Strawsburg*

Mrs. Glen Strawsburg

cc: Mr. Sheets X  
Judge D. Thompson





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February 27, 2012

Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
P.O. Box 61  
Abilene, KS 67410

Dear Mrs. Strawsburg:

As you have requested, I am writing a few comments about selling your home at 405 Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Abilene, Kansas.

Since the home was placed on the local register of historical property through the Abilene Heritage Commission, there are a few procedures a homeowner will need to be aware of. Since the Heritage Commission was formed to safeguard the historic built environment in Abilene and this property was placed on the local register, the property owner must submit a written proposal to conduct any major modification to the exterior of the property. This generally means any work that requires a building permit must be reviewed by the Heritage Commission.

The Heritage Commission uses the same guidelines as the National Park Service has developed for the National Register of Historic Structures. Again these are guidelines the home owners are encouraged to use when making modification to a historic property.

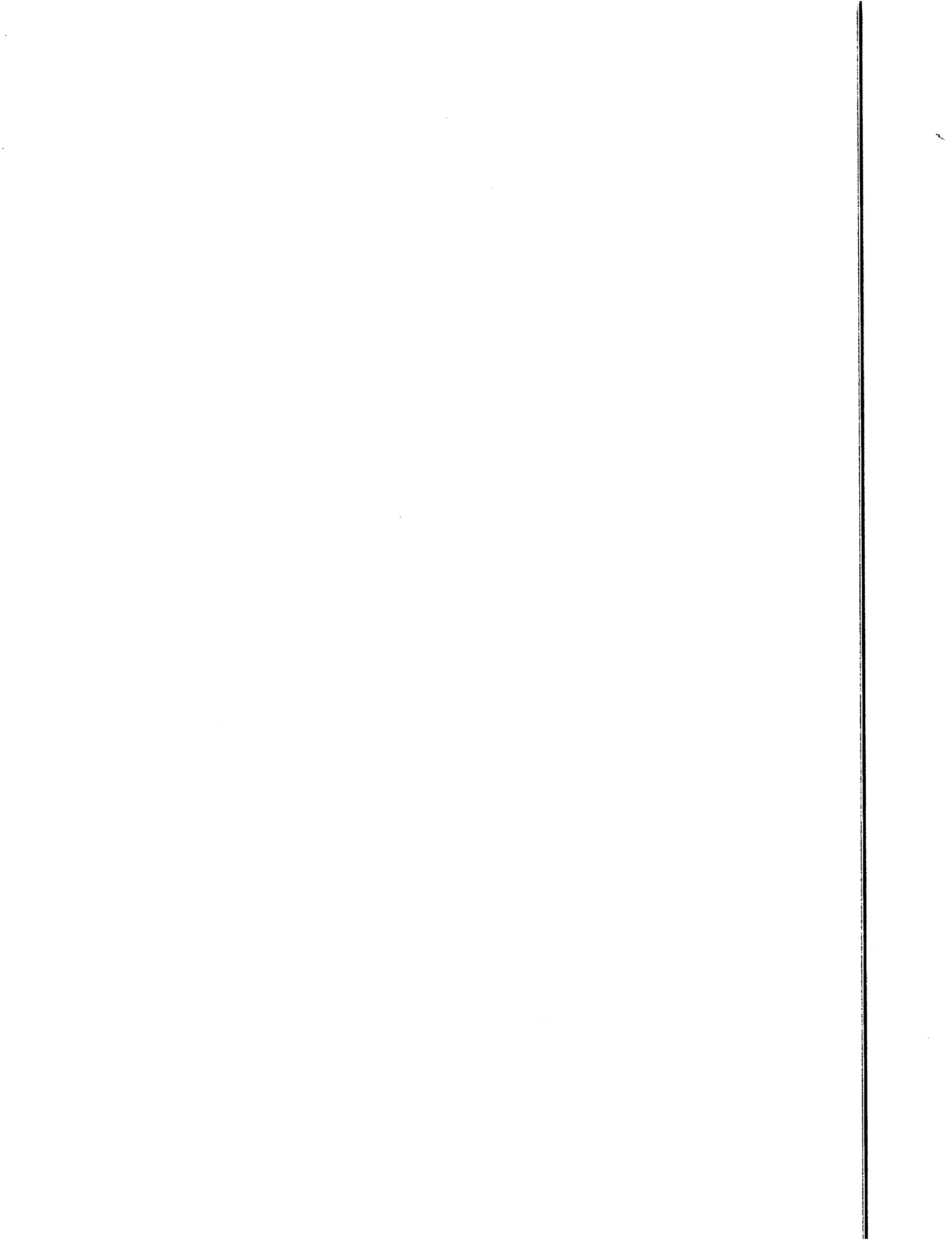
The plaques that were placed on the home are the property of the home. When a property is sold the plaques remain with the home. There are a few miss conceptions about marked historic homes. I would visit with your reality agent who can answer specific questions or they can contact the Community Development Office at 785-263-2355.

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sheets

"Experience the Past"



Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
405 NorthEast Eighth Street  
Abilene KS 67410

February 18th, 2004

Mrs. Nancy Scholl  
813 North Olive Street  
Abilene KS 67410

Dear Mrs. Scholl:

It was good to connect with you again yesterday. Thank you for your time.

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge with gratitude from your research on archival tax records and obituaries the following facts:

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As mentioned in my last letter, one can conclude from this supported material our house was built in 1919.

I would be grateful for the board to consider these findings for a plaque for our home in honor of what the community had given to the Strawsburgs and a young boy in welcoming them as a citizen.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs Glen Strawsburg*  
Mrs. Glen Strawsburg

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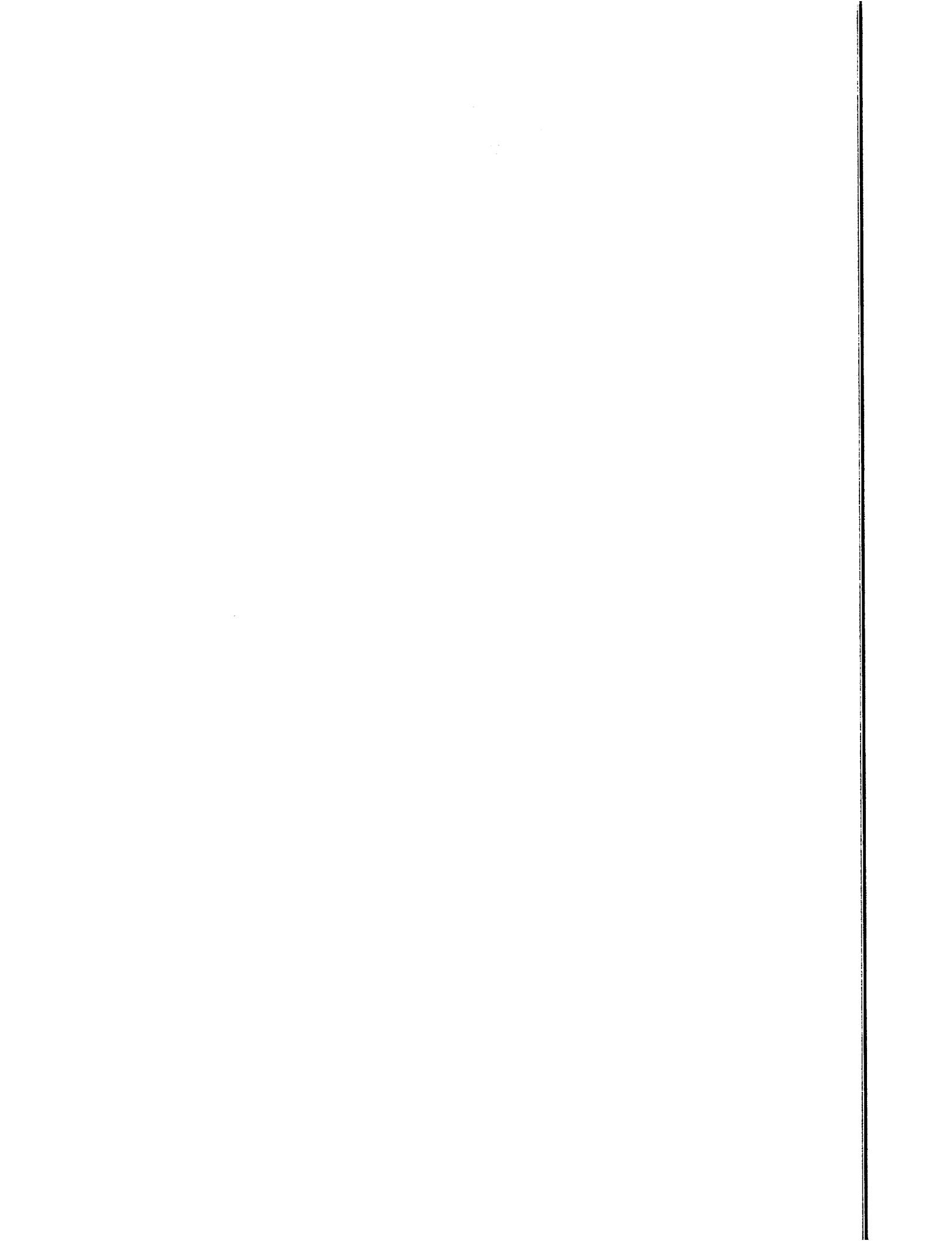
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If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sheets

"Experience the Past"



Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
405 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Abilene, KS 67410

August 23, 2007

Dear Mrs. Strawsburg:

I want to write to you to assure you that there was no mean intent on the part of the Heritage Commission to dishonor you or your husband's family name. The mistake that was made in the newspaper was just that a honest mistake.

I talked with Christie Carl and with James Holland and both are sorry of the mishap. I have also talked to Dave Bergmeier at the newspaper. He will print a correction in the paper.

We are appreciative that you have such pride in your home and the heritage of Abilene. We also know the impact the Strawsburg family had on the business community of Abilene.

Please except my personal apology and the apology of the Heritage Commission for the mistake that was made in reporting your address.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sheets  
Chairman; Abilene Heritage Commission

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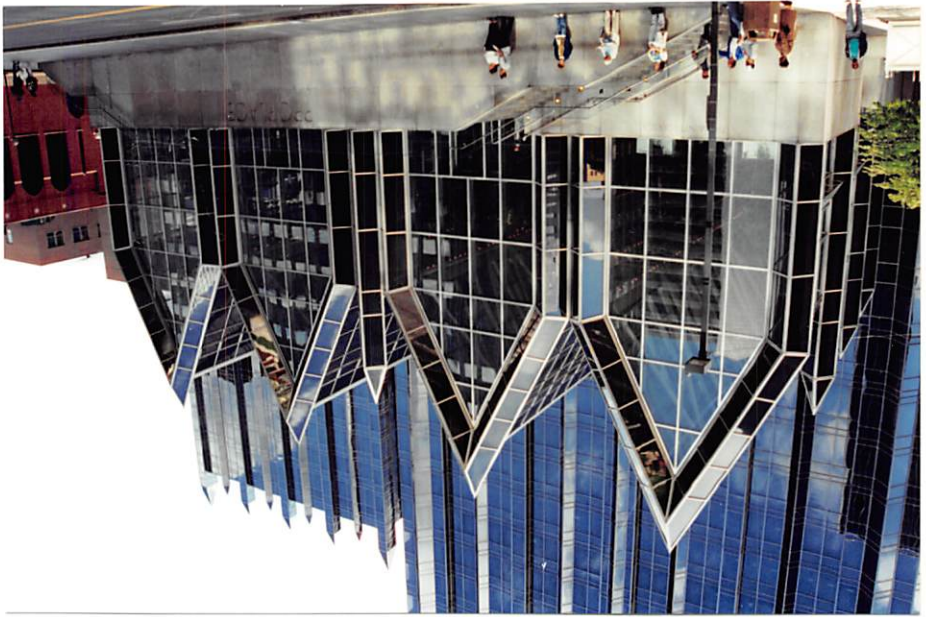
DEAR Mr Sheets,

AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON THE STRAWSBURG HOME - NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC VIEWING. I THANK YOU FOR THAT CONSIDERATION.

IF AT ANYTIME YOUR COMMISSION AND/OR BOARD NEEDS TO REACH ME. MY RESIDENT NO - 263-7086. NOTE CHANGE.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A JOYOUS AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON FILLED WITH WARM MEMORIES AND A NEW YEAR OF HEALTH HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Mr Glen Strawsburg



Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
P.O. Box 61  
Abilene KS 67410

January 24th 2013

Mr. Jeff Sheets, President  
Heritage Center  
412 South Campbell  
Abilene KS 67410

Dear Mr. Sheets,

Re: (2) separate Heritage Plaques for Mr. Elmer Strawsburg for his contribution to the development of the City of Abilene and for his residence located at 405 NorthEast Eighth Street, Abilene.

The purpose of my letter is to address the (2) separate plaques. (1) Plaque in honor of Mr. Strawsburg's contribution to the City of Abilene, and (1) in honor of the heritage home in which he and his family resided.

I will be placing the real property on the market to sale. The (2) plaques I have removed, and I will retain as I beared the cost in the initial award. I, if willing, appreciate all personal identification on the Strawsburg's returned, deleted or restricted, pictures of the interior and exterior of the home situated at 405 NorthEast Eighth Street, returned to me, and personal family photographs.


The legal description of the property was first presented to you in the initial application. The Deed is recorded in Book 222 Pg. 734. Convey and warrant to Glen W. Strawsburg and Sandra G. Strawsburg, Trustees of the Strawsburg Family Trust. All the following description Real Estate in the County of Dickinson and the State of Kansas, to wit:

Lots Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24) in Block Two (2), Grandview Subdivision of a part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 13 South, Range 2 East of the 6th P.M., in the City of Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas.

My personal check for this application is attached for the fee of \$75.00.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 263-7086.

Sincerely yours,

  
Mrs. Glen Strawsburg

cc: Honorable Judge D. Thompson





P.O. BOX 519  
419 N. BROADWAY  
ABILENE, KANSAS 67410-0519  
PHONE: 785-263-2550  
FAX: 785-263-2552  
www.abilenecityhall.com

Mrs. Glen Strawsburg  
405 NE. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Abilene, Kansas 67410

July 26, 2005

Re: City Commission Action HC 05-15

Dear Mrs. Strawsburg:

On July 25, 2005, the City Commission approved your request to have the property addressed 405 NE. 8<sup>th</sup> Street designated as a local landmark to be listed on the Abilene Register of Historic Places through the passing of Ordinance 3042. This action ensures that the architectural and site features of the property will be protected through future Heritage Commission review of modifications to the property.

**Commission Findings:**

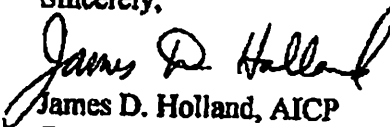
Pursuant to Section 29-701 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Heritage Commission found that the property is eligible for designation since it meets the criteria established in 29-701.c., which states:

- c. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state or nation.

The Commission found that Mr. Elmer Strawsburg was a significant contributor to the business local community and his contribution is worthy of recognition through the designation of his former residence as a local landmark.

I encourage you to maintain an on-going relationship with the Heritage Commission to ensure long-term recognition of the property as a local landmark. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (785) 263-2550 or send e-mail to [citydevelop@abilenecityhall.com](mailto:citydevelop@abilenecityhall.com).

Sincerely,

  
James D. Holland, AICP  
Community Development Director

Cc: File HC 05-15



ABILENE KANSAS

SATURDAY APRIL 30, 1955

ANDRESON, HENRY A

April 20, 1955

wife: Ada

Abilene, Kansas,

Saturday, April 30, 1955

**HENRY A. ANDRESON**

Henry August Anderson was born in Denmark, Kas., Dec. 10, 1878, and died at Dickinson County Memorial hospital in Abilene, April 20, 1955. Death came after many months of illness.

H. A. Anderson was a graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina with the class of 1898 and from 1900 to 1902 served as president of Kansas Wesleyan Business college in Salina. In 1903 he came to Abilene and organized the Central Kansas Business college which he operated until 1918. From 1918 until 1927 he was a contractor and built many residences and business houses in Abilene. From 1924 until 1927 he also was owner-manager.

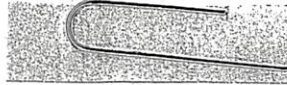
of the Abilene Hardwood Lumber company. After a period of retirement he became interested in farming and in this venture his interest continued until a year ago.

On June 11, 1903, Mr. Anderson and Ada Goodnow were united in marriage. Mrs. Anderson died Sept. 9, 1952.

Surviving are two sons, Everett of Minneapolis, Minn., and Ralph L. of Daytona Beach, Fla., five grandchildren, Francis Everett, Ralph Jr., Ronald, Clara Jean and Arlene.

Mr. Anderson served in the Spanish-American war in 1898 and 1899. He was a long-time member of the First Methodist church in Abilene and of the Salina Masonic lodge. He was a political and legal counselor for many and was instrumental in helping secure the appointment of Dwight D. Eisenhower to West Point in 1910.

Funeral services were held at the Danner Funeral home with the Rev. E. A. Hull in charge. Mrs. Russell Worman was at the organ and Henry Wise sang, "The Lord's Prayer," and "Crossing the Bar." Burial was in Abilene cemetery and pall bearers were O. B. Landes, H. J. Royer, Paul Royer, Ted Viola, Raymond Eshelman and Chester Dornberger.



ABILENE KANSAS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 1952

MRS H. A. ANDRESON <sup>ada</sup>  
Sept. 9, 1952

Abilene, Kansas,  
Friday, September 19, 1952

**MRS. H. A. ANDRESON**

Ada Amanda Goodnow, daughter of Lewis Emerson and Louisa Sophia Goodnow, was born at Polo, Mo., Sept. 15, 1879.

On June 11, 1903 she was married to Henry Augustus Anderson of Lincoln, at Salina where the home was established. Since 1905 they have lived in Abilene.

Two sons were born, Everett Harlan of Minneapolis, Minn., and Ralph Leland of Sarasota, Fla. Her loving devotion has also been extended to five grandchildren: Francis Everett, Clara Jean and Arlene, and Ralph Leland Jr., and Ronald Kessinger.

Although her home came first Mrs. Anderson gave her time and service to many organizations. She was past-president of the Columbian club of Abilene and of the Fifth District Federation of Women's Clubs. She was an active member of the First Methodist church of Abilene, the Auxiliary of the V.F.W., the D.A.R., and the Quayle Bible class.

Mrs. Anderson died Sept 9 after a brief critical illness following years of failing health. Despite physical weakness she maintained a cheery spirit and was looking forward with eagerness to the observance of a golden wedding anniversary.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Tufts-Danner Funeral home with the Rev. Ernest A. Hull in charge. Henry Wise sang, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "No Night There," with Mrs. R. E. Worman at the organ. Burial was in the Abilene cemetery. Pallbearers were O. B. Landes, H. J. Royer, Dr. R. E. Miller, Raymond Eshelman, Lyman Marshall and H. W.



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Common labor gets about \$1.50 per day for men and 50 cents to 60 cents for women. Many of the girls and women work in the fields at home in the summer and make lace in the winter. They certainly keep everything clean.

While in London, though the influence and gold seals carried by Harve Motter and the judicious use of a few U. S. one-dollar bills given as souvenirs (?) we were admitted to the House of Com- mons. It was very interesting and one of our most valuable experi- ences.

## CROSSING OCEAN DIFFERENT

Great Liners Are Like Floating

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## PUBLIC SALE

Having decided to quit farming, we will sell the following prop- erty at public auction, at the J. R. Hatfield farm, 1 mile west and 2 1-4 miles north of Hope; 1-2 mile east and 4 3-4 miles south of Navarre, on

**Wednesday, Aug. 4**

Commencing at 10 a. m.

9 HORSES AND MULES

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## Administrator's SALE

The undersigned will sell at pub- lic auction at the old McAdams farm, 1 mile south of Carlton, on

**Saturday, July 31**

Commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. 10 HEAD HORSES AND MULES

Team brown horses, 6 years old; brown mare, 5 years old; 2

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# MESSAGE FROM AIRPLANES AS THEY GO OVER

Abilene had a message from the air this morning and it was picked up by A. J. Schreiber, who was listening over his radio.

Four planes from Fort Riley flew over about 9 o'clock on their way to Salina where they participated in the dedication of Salina's new flying field. Mr. Schreiber followed them from the time they started from the Fort until they were ready to land at Salina. The leading plane was the Meteor, piloted by Lieutenant Fisher, and which carried the radio broadcasting set. The announcer was Andrew Cottrell, formerly of Solomon, but whose home is now in Salina. The rear plane had photographic equipment and pictures were to be taken of the Salina old.

As they flew over Abilene Mr. Cottrell sent a greeting to the city and requested anyone who had heard them to write to the Fort and let them know it. He said they were flying along the Victory highway but going in a direct line and that the curves on the road between the Fort and Salina made it look as though the motor-ists lost much time in winding around. He mentioned Sand Springs as they passed over there. A pilot of having lived in Solomon when they reached there, sent greetings to New Cambria and as they neared Salina explained that they would have to pull in their radio antennae which hung about 100 feet down from the plane, before they landed. They were flying at an altitude of from 1,000 to 500 feet.

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## PUBLICATION NOT

In the District Court of 1 County, Kansas. Alfred L. Stenger, plaint vs. Carl H. Stenger, defendant. The defendant, Carl H. will hereby take notice that been sued by the plaintiff, L. Stenger, in the District of Kansas, and that unless sworn or otherwise pleaded, portion of plaintiff, on the action, on or before the 10t

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### STICKERS ON HIS CAR AND HE'S MAD

Editor Reflector: I have just finished a messy job washing off the windshield of my car a crude poster advertising the chautauqua that some impertinent advertiser pasted on with glue that was mighty tough. There is a law in this state against tampering with a motor car and if I knew who had the nerve to mess up my car I would see whether or not it is good—and if I caught him at it he would wash it off right then and there or I would know why.

The chautauqua has nerve enough to ask the town to guarantee it against any loss no matter how much comes out of our pockets—and I'm on the guaranty for this year—but it is rather putting it on when it pastes stickers on the windshields of the motor cars. Not only it is annoying to those who have a pride in the looks of their cars and object to having glaring colored pictures on the windshields but it prejudices folks against the chautauqua. No merchant of town could do it and stay in business. Why should a Kansas City bunch have the right to come here and deface property? My idea is that it is doing the chautauqua no good and certainly it is making a lot of folks disgusted. Washing off the signs is no joke—I've had to do it.—SUBSCRIBER.

### HERINGTON WILL HAVE CITY ZONING SYSTEM

Herington Times: With the appointment by the mayor and commission of the members of the planning commission in compli-

### Large Attendance at Formal Opening

About 2,500 persons attended the formal opening of the new Long building Friday night. The Strawsburg store, on the north side and Curry-Swanzey Clothing store on the south side downstairs, and Dr. C. E. Richter, whose offices occupy the south side on the second floor, joined as hosts at a reception between the hours of 7:30 and 10:30. Crowds commenced coming as soon as the stores were opened and there was no lull at any time during the evening. The ladies received carnations at Strawsburg's, the gentlemen were given cigars at the Swanzey-Curry Clothing store and Dr. Richter served light refreshments upstairs. The beautiful new building was all open for inspection and the stores had handsome displays of their new stocks.

### CHECK YOUR VALUABLES

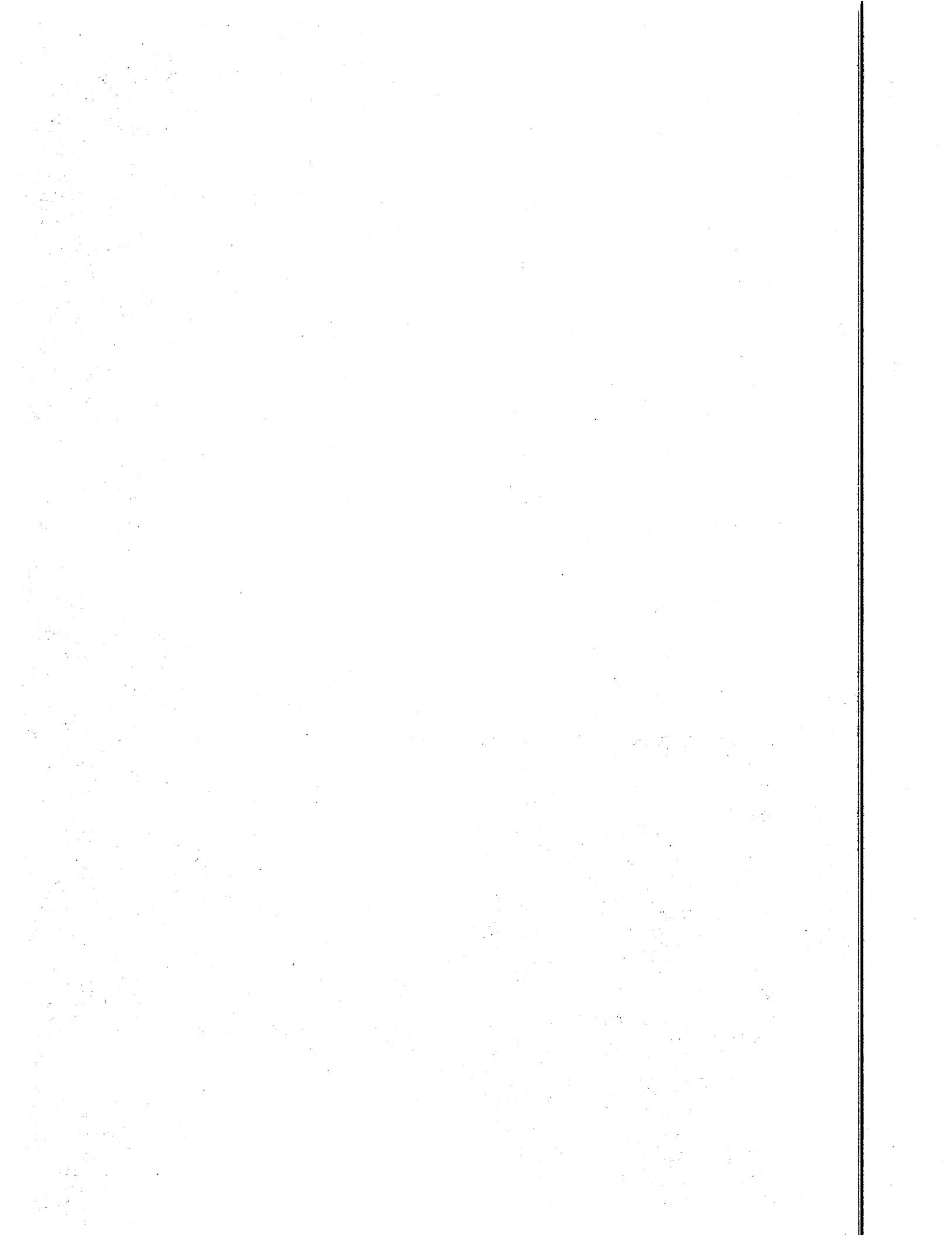
#### Sneak Thief Operates in the Swimming Pool Lockers

A visitor to the city who presumed on the honesty of the Abilene folks and left money and other valuables in his clothing when he took a swim at the natatorium Thursday afternoon had an awakening. His clothing was rifled of the cash, some \$4.50, while he was in the water. Fortunately several hundred dollars in travelers checks and a watch were not taken. Of course he should have checked his belongings at the desk—but did not notice the sign to that effect. Manager Van Osdel explained that it is easy for thieves as all

### U. S. Church Seized by Mexicans



(By Pacific & Atlantic) The first United States church to be taken over by the Mexicans. An exterior view of the American Episcopal church of San Jose de Garcia in Mexico City, which has been seized by Mexican authorities because the rector failed to register and give informaton required under the new religious laws.



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## Formal Opening Will Be Friday

A formal opening of the handsome new Long Building on Broadway will be held Friday night, August 6 from 7:30 to 10:30 and the public is invited to attend.

Strawsburg's, the Swanzey-Curry Clothing Company and Dr. C. E. Richter will join as hosts to the visitors. Light refreshments will be served and flowers will be given to the ladies and cigars to the gentlemen as favors. The Swanzey-Curry Clothing store, with its complete new stock of men's apparel, Strawsburg's store, with its handsome new line of fall and winter coats and dresses, downstairs, and Dr. C. E. Richter's large and well-equipped offices on the second floor, will all be open for inspection. The building is beautifully finished inside and out and each store and office has the latest fixtures and equipment, making the building one of the finest in this section of the state.

## PLEADED GUILTY TO DRINKING AND DRIVING

M. McDonald, a commercial traveler living in Chicago, pleaded guilty before Judge Brann to an amended complaint charging him with driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and paid a fine of \$100 and costs.

He was arrested by Sheriff McCoy July 4 and was originally charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor.

## Is Missionary to China

Freeman Havinghurst, president of the Anglo-Chinese school at Foo Chow, China, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kauffman. Mr. Havinghurst has spent the past six years in China and is now in this country seeking funds to continue his school there. He and Mr. Kauffman were friends when they attended the University of Kansas and have not seen each other for almost ten years. Mr. Havinghurst is visiting his parents whose home is in Kansas City.

## Hope Bank Test Case on Guaranty Fund's Payments

A mandamus suit was filed in the Kansas supreme court Wednesday to determine the priority of claims against the state bank deposit guaranty fund. The suit was filed by George McDermott of Stone, McDermott, Webb & Johnson of Topeka, acting for a group of Kansas banks owning guaranty fund certificates. The suit is brought in the name of F. M. Thompson of Herington, who owns a certificate of the Hope State Bank, the earliest failure of a guaranteed state bank which has not already been liquidated.

When the supreme court last spring held that the state banks participating in the guaranty fund could be held only for the bonds they had deposited as a guaranty they would pay the regular assessments for the guaranty fund, it left the guaranty plan virtually a wreck. The estimated net liabilities of the guaranty fund are around 4 million dollars and the state bank commissioner has only a little more than 1 million in cash and the bonds of the banks with which to pay liabilities.

When the Hope State Bank failed three years ago the court ordered that all claims against it be filed within six months. Then the receiver proceeded to liquidate the bank as rapidly as possible and several months ago he reported to Roy L. Bone, bank commissioner, he had collected all he could, had paid the final dividend and there was then due to depositors approximately \$186,000, which the guaranty fund should pay.

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