

Inventory Number _____

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property Haldeman-Julius House

Location Route 4
(street and number)

Girard, Kansas
(city, town, or vicinity location)

NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S18-T29-R24
(legal description)

Crawford
(County)

Owner of Property Kenneth Tersiner

Route 1
(street and number)

Farlington, Kansas 66734
(city, town, county)

National Register Status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review N/A

date entered in National Register N/A

Description: The Haldeman-Julius House (c. 1908, 1923) is located just east of Girard, Crawford County, Kansas (pop. 2,888). It is a two-story frame house with a ridge hipped roof. The original core was constructed in 1908, in 1923 the northern and southern wings were added. Changes to the house include the addition of siding, the removal of some windows, extensive remodeling of the kitchen, and the removal of a stage from the north room on the first floor.

Significance See attachment.

Form prepared by Martha Hagedorn-Krass/Gene DeGruson Date May 2, 1988

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This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on June 25, 1988

I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Ramon Powers

State Historic Preservation Officer

June 25, 1988

Date

Haldeman-Julius House - Significance

The Haldeman-Julius House (c. 1908, 1923) is being proposed for nomination to the Register of Historic Kansas Places for its historical association with Emanuel and Marcet Haldeman-Julius, socialist progressives who conceived and published the Little Blue Books. The Little Blue Books were reprints of the classics, English translations of foreign literature, and essays on socially important and popular issues of the day. Many prominent literary figures wrote for the Little Blue Books, including Anne Louise Strong, Jane Addams, Clarence Darrow, Havelock Ellis, Bertrand Russell, Margaret Sanger, Will Durant, H.G. Wells, and Upton Sinclair. The Haldeman-Julius' hoped that the books would provide the population at large, but especially the underprivileged, with the opportunity for education and self-improvement.

The Little Blue Books were inexpensive, ranging from five to twenty-five cents an issue, and sold extremely well. Between 1919, the first year of their publication, and 1951, the year of Emanuel Haldeman-Julius' death, 500 million copies were sold. In 1928, daily orders ranged from 2,500 to 4,000.

Emanuel Julius was a self-educated newspaper man who came to Girard in 1915 to work for the late Julius Wayland's Appeal to Reason, the largest socialist periodical in the country at that time. Julius married Marcet Haldeman, a local banker, in 1916, and in 1919 the couple purchased Appeal to Reason. With a channel for their views against racial and sexual oppression and in support of pacifism, companionate marriages, equal rights for women, equitable pay and the like, the couple began to publish and write extensively. In addition to the Little Blue Books, the Haldeman-Julius' published the

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Big Blue Books, the Haldeman-Julius Weekly and the American Freeman, continuations of Appeal to Reason, the Haldeman-Julius Monthly, the Haldeman-Julius Quarterly, The American Parade, periodicals by leading writers of the first half of the Twentieth Century, and numerous books and pamphlets.

In the 1920s the farm became something of a national cultural retreat, hosting Upton Sinclair, Clarence Darrow, Jane Addams, Will Durant, Abraham Walkowitz, and numerous other writers, artists, musicians, and reformers. The Haldeman-Julius' added the two wings to their 1908 house in 1923. In the 1960s or the 1970s, new siding was added and many of the windows were altered. The property was sold by the Haldeman-Julius family in 1968. In 1973 it was purchased by the Steffen family who sold it to the Tersiner family in 1988. The deteriorated outbuildings are not included in this nomination.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

received

date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Emmanuel and Marcet Haldeman-Julius Farm

and or common

2. Location

street & number Route 4

not for publication

city, town Girard

vicinity of

state Kansas

code

county Crawford

code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Farmers' Home Administration, Girard, KS

street & number

city, town Girard

vicinity of

Crawford Co.

state

Kansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crawford County Kansas Register of Deeds

street & number Crawford County Courthouse (legal description attached)

city, town Girard

state

Kansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>June 8, 1987</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

A two-story Greek Revival home built in 1908, this home was remodeled by E. Haldeman-Julius in 1923, when he added two wings, one to the north (play room, first floor; library, second floor) and one to the south (sun room, first floor; study, second floor). Purchased by Mr. and Mrs. John Steffans in 1973. Exterior ~~unaltered~~ except for 1) addition of lap siding, 2) removal of small porch and the awning from front of house. (Photographs of original exterior enclosed) Interior remodeling includes 1) extensive remodeling of kitchen, 2) stage removed from north room, first floor. Library and bedrooms on second floor essentially in original condition, except for covered door. (Photographs of original interior enclosed).

Part of Government Lot Number Four (4) of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eighteen (18), Township Twenty Nine (29) South, Range Twenty Four (24) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, According to the United States Government Survey thereof, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a Point One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven (1947) Feet South of the Northwest Corner of said Southwest Quarter, Thence East Six Hundred Seventy (670) Feet, Thence South Six Hundred Fifty (650) Feet, More or less, to the North Right of Way Line of the Kansas 57 Highway; thence West along said North Line of Right of way Six Hundred Seventy (670) Feet to the West Line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North Six Hundred Fifty (650) Feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning. Subject to Easement of Rural Water District No. 7, Crawford County, Kansas, as shown by "Right of Way Easement" recorded in Miscellaneous Record 69 at Page 19 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas. Also, subject to Easement of the City of Girard of Crawford County, Kansas, as shown by "Right of Way Easement" recorded in Miscellaneous Record 89 at Page 641, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Kansas.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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 type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1918-1951

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The home from 1918 until his death in 1951 of E. Haldeman-Julius, the publisher of the Little Blue Books, "which had a potent influence [upon America] between the two world wars. Where access to libraries was difficult, as in many rural areas and small towns, this effect was profound. . . . [Haldeman-Julius] turned from the socialist transforming of society to the more acceptable, yet equally nonconformist, task of enlarging the American public's cultural horizons through cheap paperback books."¹ "The quality of good literature . . . is considerable; and to have made a successful business venture out of issuing it in cheap pamphlets is not a small achievement. Some of the authors . . . have probably been read by more people since the 1920s in Little Blue Book editions than in any other form; in terms of cultural impact, therefore, the booklets . . . for certain authors may be among the more significant items in their bibliographies."² In addition to the Little Blue Books, Haldeman-Julius published the Big Blue Books series; the Haldeman-Julius Weekly and the American Freeman, continuations of the Appeal to Reason; the Haldeman-Julius Monthly, the Haldeman-Julius Quarterly, The American Parade, periodicals which published leading writers of the first half of the twentieth century; and numerous books and pamphlets unrelated to his well known series for Upton Sinclair. The Haldeman-Julius farm was the site for the first companionate marriage in America between Josephine Wettstein, a foster daughter of the Haldeman-Juliuses, and Aubrey Roselle in 1927. At that time Marcet and E. Haldeman-Julius renewed their vows in a companionate ceremony.³ Guests at the home included Upton Sinclair (whose Jungle was commissioned by the Appeal to Reason, purchased by Haldeman-Julius in 1919), Clarence Darrow, Jane Addams (maternal aunt of the first Mrs. E. Haldeman-Julius), Will Durant (whose Story of Philosophy was first published in Little Blue Books), Abraham Walkowitz (pioneer American modernist artist, who painted murals of the E. Haldeman-Julius farm during his 1945 visit, as well as numerous paintings of local coal mines and barns), and numerous other writers, artists, musicians, and reformers. The archives, publications, and private library of E. Haldeman-Julius are deposited at Pittsburg State University; where the E. Haldeman-Julius Collection was established in 1968.

¹ American Reformers: An H. W. Wilson Biographical Dictionary, ed. Alden Whitman (New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1985), p. 388, s.v. "Haldeman-Julius, Emanuel."

² Richard Colles Johnson and G. Thomas Tanselle, "The Haldeman-Julius 'Little Blue Books' as a Bibliographical Problem," Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America 64 (First Quarter 1970): 69.

³ Andrew Neilson Cothran, "The Little Blue Book Man and the Big American Parade: A Biography of Emanuel Haldeman-Julius," doctor's dissertation, University of Maryland, 1966, pp. 294-304.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10.1 acres

Quadrangle name SE/4 Girard, KS, 15' Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:2400

UTM References W3730-W944517.5

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification
figures by measuring each corner

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>NA</u>	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gene DeGruson, Curator of Special Collections

organization Axe Library, Pittsburg State University date June 7, 1987

street & number 1701 S. Broadway telephone 316-231-7003

city or town Pittsburg state Kansas 66762

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

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

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date _____

Chief of Registration