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APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION IN THE LAWRENCE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

1. Property Nomination Information

Historic Property Name:	Andrew J. Griffin House
Property Address:	645 Connecticut
City, State, Zip Code:	Lawrence, KS 66044
Legal Description:	Lots 17 and 19

2. Applicant Information

Name:	Barry M. Shalinsky
Street Address:	1001 Coral Street
City, State, Zip Code:	Tampa, FL 33602-1012
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email Address:	bshalinsky@hotmail.com

3. Owner Information

Name:	Barry M. Shalinsky
Street Address:	1001 Coral Street
City, State, Zip Code:	Tampa, FL 33602-1012
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Email Address:	bshalinsky@hotmail.com

Is this an owner initiated nomination?: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, has the owner been notified by the applicant of this nomination?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If sponsored by an organization:

Organization Name: East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

Organization Address:

Organization City, State, Zip Code:

4. This property is being nominated for its:
 Historic Significance: ☒
 Architectural Significance: ☒
 Association with an Important Local, State or National individual or event: ☐

5. Historic Background Information

Date Built: 1902	Estimated Documented <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Source: Tax Records; newspaper	Comments:
Date of Building Alterations or Additions: 1960s	Estimated Documented <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Source: Cottonwood Inc addition	Comments: owner and other records

Description of Building Additions or Alterations: NW addition for Cottonwood Inc

Original Owner: Andrew J. Griffin	Source: Tax Records
Original Builder or Architect:	Source:
Original Use: Residential	Source: Tax Records

6. Architectural Significance

This exuberant, 1 1/2 story, Victorian house has high architectural integrity, representing the epitome of Queen Anne residential architecture. Its elevated site, diagonal orientation and entry to the street, gables and dormers reaching in every direction, modified octagonal porch and tower, and copious mix of architectural expressions, fine materials, and articulated building elements accentuate the desired complexity of the exterior. The interior spatial arrangement of double parlors and dining room that focus on a grand parlor staircase provide a panoply of original woodwork, fireplaces, built-ins, paneled pocket doors, brass hardware, colored glass, tiles, pressed metal ceiling and light fixtures.

7. Historic Significance

Andrew J. Griffin, one of Lawrence's most celebrated early businessmen, succeeded against unpredictable downturns of the business cycle. He fought in Ohio during the Civil War, and then moved to Lawrence in 1867 where he began a lime and stone business, adding coal later. In 1892, he paid the disgruntled laborers of the Polar Ice Company and established the Griffin Ice Company among more than a dozen other ice businesses in the city which he slowly bought up. He purchased a Hercules ice-making machine in 1894 and in 1896 Griffin, J. D. Bowesock, Junius Underwood, and W. L. Howe chartered a new company, doubling the capacity of the ice house. It was lost in the 1903 flood. By 1909, the company was again making 50 tons of artificial ice a day with two plants and 20 employees. The last ice plant, located at 616 Vermont and razed in 1994, covered 15,000 square feet.

8. Authorization and Certification

I, the undersigned do hereby have the legal authority to submit this nomination and I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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**INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SUBMITTAL WITH APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION
TO THE LAWRENCE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Use the checklist below to be sure your application is complete.

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Certified property owner list from County Clerk's office for properties within 250' of the requested property for nomination.
- ☐ Photographs of each elevation of the structure.
- ☐ Legal description of nominated property.
- ☐ If the property is listed on the State and/or National Registers of Historic Places, copies of the applications for nomination and pertinent resources materials.
- ☐ Any additional documentation you believe is relevant to this nomination which you would like considered in the review process.
- ☐ The fee for application processing is \$10.00 for landmark nominations and \$50.00 for district nominations.



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April 18, 2013

Lawrence Historic Resources Commission
Lawrence Mayor and City Commission
City of Lawrence, Kansas

Sent via e-mail: lzollner@lawrenceks.org

Re: Nomination of 645 Connecticut to Lawrence Register of Historic Places

Dear Commission members,

I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of 645 Connecticut Street, otherwise known as the A.J. Griffin House, to the Lawrence Register of Historic Places. I am proud to have owned the A.J. Griffin House for the last thirty years. It is well documented that A.J. Griffin was an important business and civic leader in Lawrence during the turn of the previous century. Moreover, the home he built contains many unique architectural elements that are very well documented in the application. Its elevated location, on a prominent corner in the East Lawrence neighborhood, makes it a well recognized and iconic neighborhood landmark. In fact, a line drawing of the home is included in the publication of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan adopted, I believe, in the 1970's. This designation is long overdue. I am grateful to Dr. Dennis Domer and his team for their excellent research leading to this nomination.

In addition to this nomination, there are many other properties in East Lawrence that are worthy of local historic register designation. I have long believed that East Lawrence contains many significant structures from Lawrence's early days, both pre- and post- Quantrill, that are worthy of designation and protection. I am pleased that there appears to be emerging community recognition of the important social, cultural, architectural and historical contributions that East Lawrence makes to the broader community. I hope that all East Lawrence nominations are given serious and favorable consideration and approval. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry M. Shalinsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barry M. Shalinsky