



# City of Lawrence Douglas County

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Pre-Application Meeting Required  
Planner \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Application Number \_\_\_\_\_  
L- \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

6 East 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
P.O. Box 708  
Lawrence, KS 66044

[www.lawrenceplanning.org](http://www.lawrenceplanning.org)

Phone 785-832-3150  
Tdd 785-832-3205  
Fax 785-832-3160

## APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION IN THE LAWRENCE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

### 1. Property Nomination Information

<b>Historic Property Name:</b>	John and Mina Madson House
<b>Property Address:</b>	1208 Delaware
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	Lawrence, KS 66044
<b>Legal Description:</b>	northwest quarter of block 5, Earl's Addition

### 2. Applicant Information

<b>Name:</b>	Lillian & Aaron Paden
<b>Street Address:</b>	1208 Delaware
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	Lawrence, KS 66044
<b>Home Phone:</b>	785 840-6400
<b>Work Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	aaron.paden@gmail.com

### 3. Owner Information

<b>Name:</b>	Lillian & Aaron Paden
<b>Street Address:</b>	1208 Delaware
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	Lawrence, KS 66044
<b>Home Phone:</b>	785 840-6400
<b>Work Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	aaron.paden@gmail.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:** Lawrence, KS 66044

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

<b>Date Built:</b> 1884	<b>Estimated Documented</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Source:</b> Tax Records	<b>Comments:</b> Lawrence Daily Journal
<b>Date of Building Alterations or Additions:</b> 20th century	<b>Estimated Documented</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Source:</b> Building	<b>Comments:</b>

**Description of Building Additions or Alterations:** Indoor bath separated from the kitchen

<b>Original Owner:</b> John and Mina Madson	<b>Source:</b> Tax Records;newspapers
<b>Original Builder or Architect:</b>	<b>Source:</b>
<b>Original Use:</b> Residential	<b>Source:</b> Tax Records

6. Architectural Significance

This double side-entry, hall house in the Italianate Style is an extraordinary example of High Victorian residential architecture in Lawrence. Erected in 1884, it was advertised as the "best built house in the city of Lawrence with 2 acres of most beautiful ground. The house is modern built, 7 large rooms fine bay window, all conveniences of closets;pantry, cellar under the entire house . The interior of the house must be seen to be appreciated or understood. Built for the owners home, no judicious expenses has [sic] been spared in uniting beauty with utility...." The house possesses high integrity. The interior is a dazzling display of historic interior appointments, doors, stairs, and hearths.

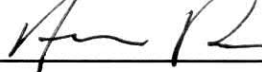
7. Historic Significance

Mina and John Madson's sold their new house in 1884 because, as the "Lawrence Daily Journal" reported, a "change in business alone forces this property on the market and it is offered at three-fourths real value." By 1890-91, John had a going lunch counter at 915 Mass but his house was long gone. Dr. Samuel Coffin had snapped it up for \$5,000 on the day it was advertised. Coffin was an national leader in the Friends Church and the big stone national meeting house was conveniently located down the block from his lovely house. Coffin left Lawrence in 1887 to found Whittier College but his son William stayed on longer to practice medicine. William eventually followed his family and became an important leader of the city of Whittier, California, accompanied Joseph Grinnell in 1898 on an expedition to Alaska, and in the 1920s was the doctor of Harold and Richard Nixon, the 37th President of the United States.

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: 6/7/2013

Signature:  Date: 6/7/2013