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The Amelia Earhart Birthplace faces east and overlooks the Missouri river from the crest of a bluff. The lot on which it is built slopes sharply to the west.

The front portion of the house is two stories in height and is constructed of wood with horizontal lap siding. The roof is a double pitch gable with an intersecting gable on the east side. Most window openings have a semicircular arched head; the arch form starts from two corbels at the spring line and is projected from the wall surface. The chimneys are brick masonry with expanded tops resting on corbels. A one-story, flat-roofed frame porch runs the length of the east front and is supported by six hexagonal columns, of which the four center ones are paired. The front entrance is flanked by two rectangular sidelights. Centered above the porch on the second floor is a large gothic window where a center gable extends from the main roof.

The rear portion of the house is one story and constructed of painted brick masonry. The window forms are similar to those of the front portion, and there are also a number of stained glass windows. The roof is hipped with quartered corners and a flat center section similar to a "captain's walk." A wrought iron railing is built around the perimeter of the "captain's walk," and further ornamentation is added by the brackets and dentils of the roof eave.

Under the rear portion of the house is a lower level which has been converted to a garage. The alteration was facilitated by the incline on which the house sits.

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The house where Amelia Earhart was born and raised was built in 1861 by her grandfather, Judge Alfred G. Otis. She was born in the southwest bedroom of the second floor. Although there is some disagreement about the date of her birth, records of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Atchison indicate the date was July 24, 1897. Her father, Edwin Stanton Earhart, was a lawyer whose position as claims agent for a railroad required him to travel a great deal. Consequently Amelia and her sister Muriel stayed with their grandparents much of the time. In one of her books she mentioned that she had attended grammar school in Atchison until the eighth grade and had skipped two grades in the process.

The accomplishments of Amelia Earhart in the field of aviation were many. However, she is best remembered as the first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic, May 20-21, 1932. For this achievement she was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Vice-President Charles Curtis on July 29, 1932.

On July 2, 1937, while on a round-the-world flight with her navigator, Fred Noonan, she disappeared in the Pacific and was presumed

Amelia Earhart was a person whose accomplishments have deservedly received recognition. Even though she lived in many different cities, she considered Atchison her hometown. Probably she spent more of her life in the Otis home than anywhere else. The Amelia Earhart Birthplace represents almost the only remaining tangible association with the famous aviatrix.

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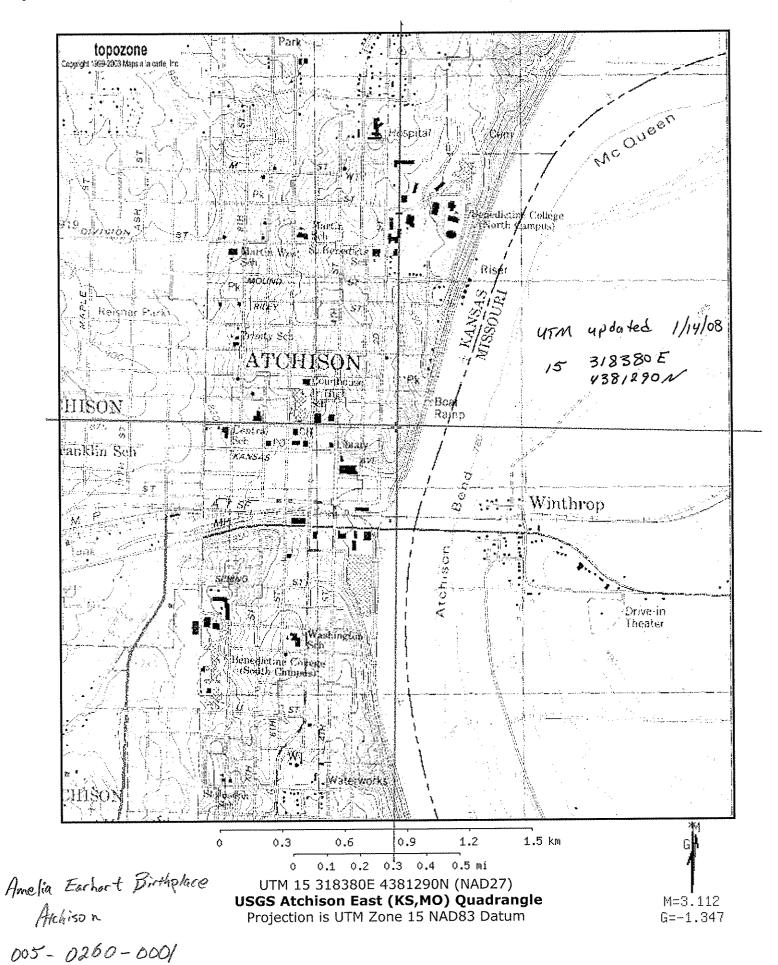
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