



THE KAUFFMANN HOUSE

*National Register of Historic Places
Landmark Inn State Historical Park
Manager's Residence*

Although this structure may have been built earlier and further research is needed, this property was purchased by Michael Kauffmann in 1873. This almost square one-story house, 33 feet by 31 feet, is built of random-laid limestone. It is painted and plastered on its front and rear elevation only, with stone exposed on its side walls. Historic graffiti on the side walls and photos indicate these sides were exposed stone rather than plastered. The unequal gable roof, a saltbox form, is made of standing seam metal. All interior walls are plastered limestone. There is no evidence of fireplaces and the two chimneys probably served as vents for stoves. Dividing walls for the two front rooms are wood. The addition to the original structure is modern and was added by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Garden Club records indicate the house was built some time before 1859 by John Illies and sold to John Vance by Mr. Illies. The house has the Pioneer Castroville Home Marker.