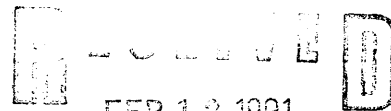


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Registration FormNATIONAL
REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Eberhardt, Philip & Addie (Ellis), Farmstead

other names/site number Eberhardt, Roy Albert & Ola Elizabeth (Anderson), Farmstead;
NEHBS #FMOO-42

2. Location

street & number Route 2 Box 14

N/A ☐ not for publication

city, town Exeter

☒ vicinity

state Nebraska code NE

county Fillmore

code 059

zip code 68351

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒
- private
-
- ☐
- public-local
-
- ☐
- public-State
-
- ☐
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐
- building(s)
-
- ☒
- district
-
- ☐
- site
-
- ☐
- structure
-
- ☐
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
10	0 buildings
0	0 sites
2	0 structures
0	0 objects
12	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

February 5, 1991
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒
- entered in the National Register.
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- ☐
- See continuation sheet.
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- ☐
- determined eligible for the National
-
- Register.
- ☐
- See continuation sheet.
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- ☐
- determined not eligible for the
-
- National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:)Entered in the
National Register

3/14/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Agriculture/Agricultural Outbuilding

Agriculture/Storage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Work in Progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian/Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood

roof Shingle

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Philip and Addie (Ellis) Eberhardt farmstead is located in the Central Plains region of the state of Nebraska, Fillmore County, Exeter Township. It represents a well-preserved example of an early twentieth century Nebraska farmstead that has become scarce due to the change in farm operations. The farmstead retains all of the original buildings and structures pertaining to the raising of livestock, and storage of feed and grain. The farmstead includes the 1900-01 frame Victorian dwelling, the c. 1905 large frame barn situated east of the main dwelling, numerous outbuildings, and surrounding windbreaks. A German immigrant, Philip Eberhardt, the principal builder, and his family lived on the farmstead beginning in 1895, obtaining ownership from the heirs of the homesteader John "Pat" Drommond. Philip continued to own the land until 1951, when he released ownership to his son, Roy Albert. Roy Albert and Ola Lizabeth (Anderson) farmed and lived on the farmstead until 1961 at which time it became rental property. The nomination consists of twelve contributing resources: ten buildings and two structures. Historical integrity is good for all contributing resources. Work is in progress to restore the buildings.

The Eberhardt Farmstead is located north of Exeter, a small town (1989 population 740) in Fillmore County. The farmstead is a striking assemblage of early twentieth century agricultural architecture, noted for its use of wood-frame construction in all buildings in the farm group. Lumber became available in this area with the advent of the railroad in the 1870's. Prior to the railroad the treeless prairies had nothing to give the builder except the sod or small rise in the land for a dugout which the enterprising homesteaders used to build their homes. The main farm group is situated on the original 160 acre homestead obtained by John "Pat" Drommond in 1877. This nomination comprises a four acre tract of land that contains all of the representative buildings and structures in the farm complex. Because the property is being nominated under Criterion "C", only that parcel of land that contains the architecturally significant resources is being nominated.

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The inventory of principal buildings and structures follows with their numbers corresponding to the accompanying site plan.

Contributing Buildings

1. House (photos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) built 1900-01, two story, wood frame, "T" or Tri-gabled, Queen Anne styling, east facade one-story addition, 15.38 x 8 meters (50' x 26'), clapboard wood siding, wrap around front porch with wooden carved posts and spindlework, decorative fish scale shingles, (porch railing, turned supports removed between 1933-1937), gable ends, gingerbread wood decorations, built in back porch (screens originally, windows later), south dormer window, gingerbread, double hung windows with one-over-one pane arrangement, large "picture" windows, leaded and stained glass panels (upper section) and livingroom doors (upper half), gable roofs, green asphalt shingles, original cedar wood shingles, two center chimneys (red brick) removed above roof intact inside house, basement under house dug 1926, basement entry north facade, enclosed stairwell above to upper story, entry door with frosted glass, main level six rooms, upper level three rooms.
2. Brooder house (photos 8, 9) built 1905, rebuilt c. 1920's, one-story, wood frame 4.92 x 3.79 meters (16' x 12'4"), south facade windows, exit below windows, right moveable small window, west facade high window, east facade door, glass above, wood clapboard, gable roof, cedar wood shingles.
3. Hen house (photos 10, 11) built c. 1905, rebuilt after tornado c. 1934 same plan, rectangular, one story, wood frame 9.84 x 5 meters (32' x 16'3"), south facade six windows, two doors, east facade one high window, board and batten wood vertical, cedar wood shingles, gable roof, inside wooden roosts east half, wooden nesting boxes south and west walls, scratching area west half.
4. Corncrib/Machine shed (photos 12, 13, 17) built c. 1912, rectangular, wood frame, air spacers horizontal, 8.77 x 7.38 meters (28'6" x 24'), corrugated metal sheeting under gable ends, cedar wood shingles, gable roof, alleyway south to north, two bins each side, west facade outside doors each bin,

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east bins south and north doors, large sliding wooden doors on track, one north facade, two south facade, attached machine shed built c. 1920, one story, rectangular, wood frame, open east end 8.77 x 4.30 meters (28'6" x 14'), large wood sliding track door, roof extension of corncrib, cedar wood shingles, dirt floor, east facade open, middle post supports roof.

5. Granary (photo 14) built c. 1905, one story, loft above alleyway, rectangular, wood frame 6.30 x 9.18 meters (20'6" x 29'10"), wood clapboard siding, large track sliding doors, gable roof, cedar wood shingles, foundation concrete block, grain bins either side of alleyway.

6. Barn (photos 15, 16, 17) built c. 1905, two-plus-story, rectangular, wood frame, hay loft 12.30 x 11.23 meters (40' x 36'6"), vertical board and batten, cedar wood shingles, gable roof, three double horse stalls either side of alleyway, west facade three solid split doors, south facade one split door, two windows, eastside one door, north facade three grain bin doors, huge flip down hay mow door with hay fork and track, cow shed 11.23 x 4.61 meters (36'6" x 15'), manger area, 1.2 x 8 meters plus calf pen 1.2 x 2.92 meters inside measurements (36' x 4'), wood stanchions 10.91 meters (35'6"), concrete slab with trough behind cows 8 x 2.77 meters (26' x 9'), foundation concrete block.

7. Hog house (photos 17, 18) built c. 1905, one-story, rectangular, wood frame, covered with corrugated metal 7.46 x 5.69 meters (24'3" x 18'6"), gable roof, asphalt shingles (cedar wood shingles originally) north and south facades identical, split door to alleyway, window each side, hog pen or farrowing pen each door to outside west and east facade.

8. Garage #1 (photos 17, 19) built c. 1905, one-story, wood frame covered with corrugated metal, rectangular, 7.54 x 5.02 meters (24'6" x 16'4"), gable roof, metal sheeting over original cedar wood shingles, south side work area one window, west facade one door, high square door under gable peak, north facade one large sliding door, east facade one window, one split door, cob house section 2.38 x 5.02 meters (7'9" x 16'4").

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9. Garage #2 (photos 20, 21) built c. 1930, wood frame, square, 6.30 x 6.30 meters (20'6" x 20'6"), wood clapboard siding, cedar wood shingles, gable roof, south facade one single pane window, door, east facade two large sliding double doors, dirt floor.

10. Privy (photo 10) built c. 1900, wood frame, rectangular 1.15 x 1.64 meters (4'7" x 5'4"), wood clapboard siding, cedar wood shingles, gable roof, south facade door, west facade window.

Structures

11. Horse tank (photo 22) built c. 1926, round, concrete, (original wood staves, metal bands) 3.23 x .923 meters (10'6" x 3'), originally covered.

12. Windbreak (photos 23, 24) 1918, north and west exposures, mulberry (white and red), catalpa, plum thicket, c. 1930's Russian olive, Platte River evergreen, cottonwood and ash.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1900-1934

Significant Dates

1900-1934

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Architecturally significant (Criterion "C"), the Philip and Addie (Ellis) Eberhardt Farmstead represents a well-preserved example of a Nebraska farmstead in Fillmore County, more specifically north Exeter Township, retaining all the buildings used in the early 1900's for diversified grain farming and storage of wheat, oats, barley, and corn (sometimes alfalfa seed), and a small hog and dairy cow operation and hay making operation. Today the farmstead represents a by-gone era in the growth and development of diversified grain farming in southeastern Nebraska, and should be saved and restored for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. The period of significance is derived from the original construction date of the earliest farm building (1900), through significant later additions (1934), inclusive of all construction dates for contributing farm buildings and structures.

The Eberhardt Farmstead is architecturally significant on a local level, as a well-preserved example of an early 20th century Nebraska farmstead. The farm still retains all representative buildings and structures used in the stock raising and grain farming operations of the Eberhardt family beginning in the 1890s.

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☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other _____

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 4 acres.

UTM References

A 114 6301195 4504270
Zone Easting Northing

C

B
Zone Easting Northing

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is described as a square tract of land commencing at a point in the middle of the NW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, thence running west 417.5 feet, thence north 417.5 feet, thence east 417.5 feet, thence south 417.5 to the point of beginning, a rural legal description in Fillmore County, Nebraska.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes that parcel of land that has historically been associated with the property and which contains all architecturally significant buildings and structures in the farm complex.

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organization N/A date August 15, 1990

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Philip Eberhardt, principal builder, an immigrant in 1881, used some of the same principals of arrangement of buildings that he had known in Germany. He was born in Unter Gersprenz, Odenwald, Hesse, Germany on February 22, 1864 on a farm that was constructed in a quadrangle, all buildings connected, side by side. Philip lived in Illinois, Peoria, with his older brother and family before he migrated westward where the land was available and cheaper than land in Illinois. With the large expanse of available land Philip spread his buildings apart but still using the quadrangle arrangement.

In 1895 he began to acquire the one hundred sixty acres from the heirs of the homesteader, John "Pat" Drommond. Wood had become available locally due to the coming of the railroad through the town of Exeter, two and one half miles to the south of the farmstead. Eberhardt utilized wood-frame construction in all of his farm buildings. The Eberhardt Farmstead is the only farmstead left intact along this two-to-three mile stretch of road. Some farms have had the buildings removed and only the trees are left that encompassed them. Others now contain ranch style or prefabricated houses that sit in the midst of metal machine sheds or round grain metal structures.

The 1983 Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey (NEHBS) of Fillmore County identified eight similiar farm properties which utilized wood-frame construction for the majority of buildings. Although other farmsteads were identified in the survey of Fillmore County, these farm groupings utilized brick construction, namely for the main dwelling house, and as such, are not included in this comparison of farm types.

Those farms using frame building material include: in the Milligan area--NEHBS #FM00-4, a farm which contains a two-and-one-half-story Victorian dwelling, barn, and several outbuildings, and FM00-5, an abandoned farm; in the Strang area--FM00-16, a farm with contemporary intrusions (e.g. metal quonset building) and FM00-17, a farm with alterations made to the dwelling; and in the Exeter area--FM00-26, an abandoned farm, FM00-27, a farm with a two-story square house, barn, and several outbuildings, and FM00-29 and 43, both abandoned farmsteads. The integrity of those farm groupings abandoned is poor, with many buildings in deteriorated condition. The Eberhardt Farmstead exhibits good integrity and in comparison to other surveyed properties, contains a high concentration of farm buildings and structures in its agricultural group. The Eberhardt farmstead is the first agricultural property to be nominated in Fillmore County.

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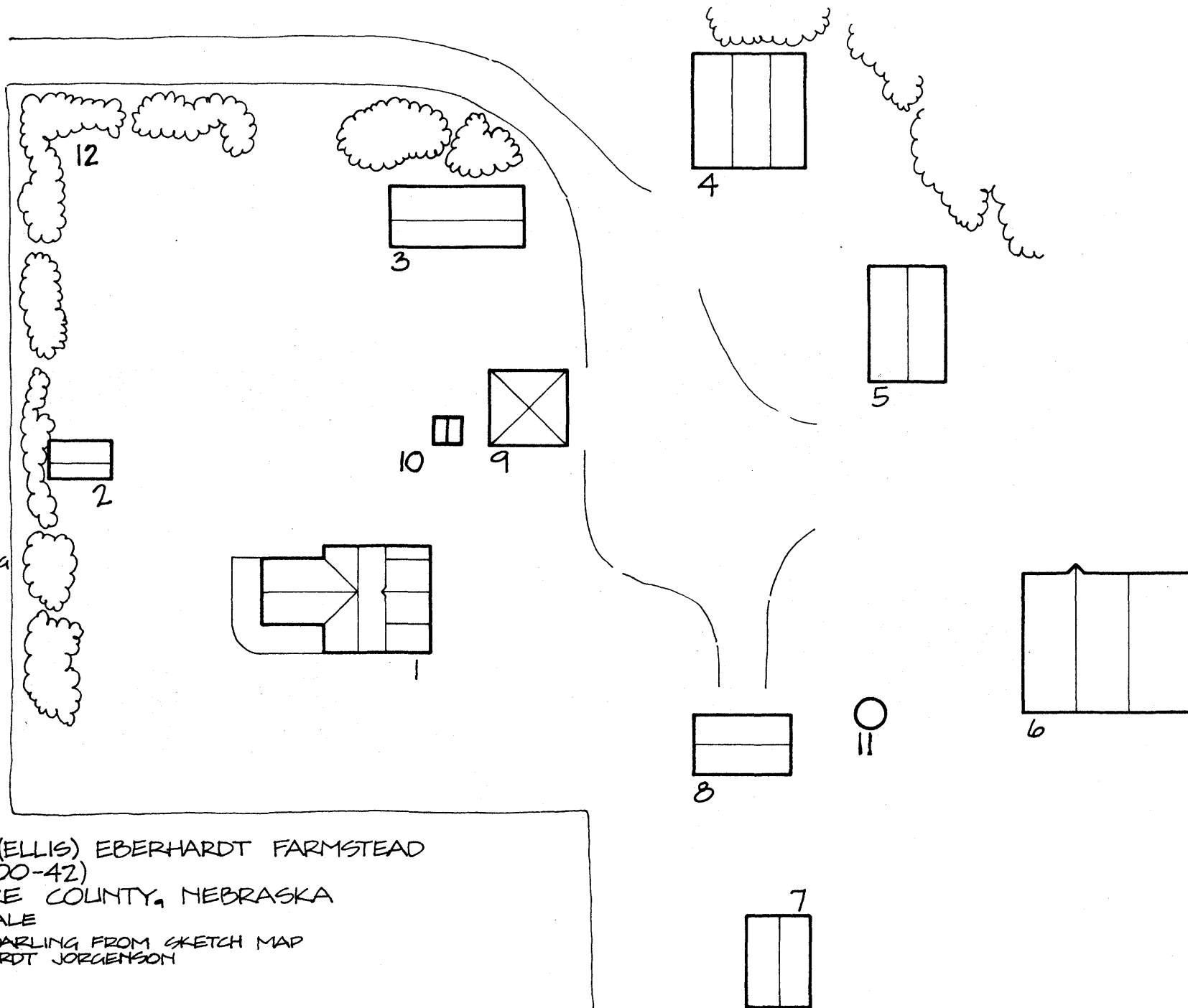
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Today, the property represents an important Nebraska farm type in that it reflects the availability of frame building materials and technology utilized by an early settler in the establishment and development of a general farm operation in the Central Plains region of Nebraska. The farm type is associated with the agricultural context: Central Plains Cash Grain and Livestock Production. Further development of this historic context and farm type will occur as the NESHPO continues its research and historic buildings survey.



KEY

1. HOUSE
2. BROODER HOUSE
3. HEN HOUSE
4. CORNCRIB/MACHINE SHED
5. GRANERY
6. BARN/COWSHED
7. HOG HOUSE
8. GARAGE
9. GARAGE
10. PRIVY
11. CONCRETE WATERING TANK
12. WINDBREAK



PHILIP & ADDIE (ELLIS) EBERHARDT FARMSTEAD
(NEHBS #FM00-42)

RURAL FILLMORE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SITE PLAN - NO SCALE

DRAWN BY DELL DARLING FROM SKETCH MAP
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