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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The F. H. Hart House, located at 304 East Main street in Beloit, is a two-story irregularly shaped structure with a full basement. The building measures approximately 50 feet long, 35 feet wide and 30 feet in overall height. It is constructed of rough hewn native limestone blocks which are generally uniform in height and laid in regular horizontal courses. The broken face stone gives the house a rugged appearance which is contrasted by the smooth trim stone. A horizontal belt line of cut stone accents the foundation line. The building corners are quoined with smooth-cut stone blocks. These blocks are quite large and alternate on opposing sides of the corners. The same alternating pattern of smooth-cut stone is used along the sides of the window openings giving a checkerboard look to the building facades.

The roof is a hip style with wood shingles. A small gable projects from the roof on the west side just above a two-story bay window. The roof overhangs the wall below and is supported by a series of coupled brackets. Stamped metal decorative elements further enhance the roof overhang. Several corbelled brick chimneys protrude from the roof. A lace-like bargeboard is used in the gable end.

Several porches are located around the building, all of the same general appearance. The largest porch is situated at the southwest corner. It has a flat roof supported by a colonnade. Lace-like arch forms span the distance between the columns, adding to the decorative effect of the column capitals. A dentil treatment accents the roof cornice. Hanging pendant forms occur at the center of the arches as well as on each of the coupled brackets. Two large bay windows appear on the west side, one above the other. Brackets are used on the cornice separating the lower bay from the upper. Arches adorn the space between the upper bay and the roof.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The F. H. Hart House in Beloit was originally built for a prominent local banker who had moved to Beloit from Iowa in 1873. Hart quickly became interested in promoting the town, purchased part of the town site, and established the first bank in the area. Plans for the house at 304 East Main street were drawn for

Plans for the house at 304 East Main street were drawn for Hart in October, 1879, by A. B. Cross. Work on the structure began in February, 1880, with Walter Kensil as the primary contractor. James Kinneard did the stone work and the lumber was purchased from a Chicago lumber company. By May the walls of the house were up, and the entire house was completed in the fall of 1880 at an expense of about \$11,500. Construction records show that landscaping and other finishing work continued until the summer of 1884, with the final cost being \$13,648.19.

In 1898 the Hart house was purchased by J. W. Bartleson, and in 1948 it was acquired from Bartleson's son, Clarence, by A. L. Street, the present owner. Except for a small addition on the southeast corner, most alterations to the structure have been made on the interior.

The building is an excellent stone example of Victorian architecture in north central Kansas. It has been maintained in very fine condition and is one of the outstanding residences in the area.



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