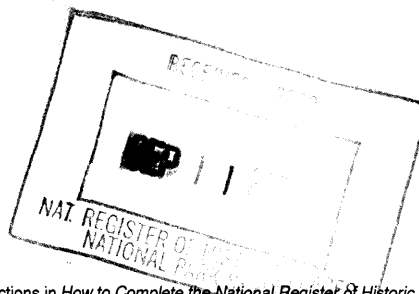


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Frederick Hotel
Other names/site number NEHBS #SM04-031

2. Location

Street & number 810 "O" Street Not for publication
City or town Loup City Vicinity
State Nebraska Code NE County Sherman Code 163 Zip code 68853

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Lawrence Sommer
Signature of certifying official

9/5/02
Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

see continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.

see continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): _____

Daniel J. Vivian

10/16/2002

for Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public-local
- Public-state
- Public-federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		Buildings
		Sites
		Structures
		Objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: hotel

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Commercial style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Foundation BRICK

Walls BRICK

Roof ASHPALT

Other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B Removed from its original location.
C A birthplace or a grave.
D A cemetery.
E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F A commemorative property.
G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Commerce

Period of Significance

1913-1952

Significant Dates

1913

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

O. Almquist

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 for additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local Government
University
Other
Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	502620	4569070	3.			
2.				4.			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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date March 2002

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name/title Helen McFadden

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telephone (308) 745-1551

city or town Loup City

state NE zip code 68853

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The Frederick Hotel is located in Loup City, Nebraska, the county seat of Sherman County. Loup City (2000 pop. 996) is located near the center of the county and approximately 140 miles west and slightly north of Lincoln, the state capital. Sherman County is composed of hilly land with moderated to steep slopes, sharp ridge crests, interspersed with nearly level plains. The Middle Loup River runs diagonally from the northwest to the southwest corner of the county.

Agriculture dominates the economics of Sherman County. However, topography and climate dictates the type of viable agricultural systems. The primary source of income results from the raising of livestock (cattle, hogs, and sheep), subsidized by grain production.

The Frederick Hotel is located at a prominent downtown intersection in Loup City, the southeast corner of 8th and "O" streets, one block west of the courthouse (NeHBS #SM04-135, listed NRHP 1990). The Hotel is a Commercial style two-story brick building constructed in 1913. Although both interior and exterior alterations have occurred through time, the majority of changes have been made during the property's period of significance, and the building's integrity is good. The nomination consists of one contributing building.

The two-story red brick hotel measures 50 feet by 80 feet. A stone belt course separates the first and second floors and the second floor from the cornice. The second floor retains six double-hung one-over-one wood windows on the primary (east) façade. Additionally, all but one of the secondary (north) façade double-hung 2/2 wood windows has been retained. All but while the original windows on the first floor have been replaced, a common occurrence with early 20th century commercial structures. However, all the windows retain the original masonry openings and lintels, resulting in a window configuration sensitive to the historic character of the hotel.

There are two entrances on either side of the first floor each covered by an extended brick porch. These are separated by a stairway leading to the basement. Originally open, the extended porches have since been enclosed with glass windows on the sides while the entryway remains open. The windows allow each porch to retain its historic sense of openness while protecting guests from the elements. The porches protect stairs leading up to the main doors to the building.

While no original floor plans of the hotel exist a newspaper account describes the interior (*Loup City Northwestern*, May 28, 1913). A comparison of this description with current floor plan drawings indicated some changes have occurred. Most evident is the reduction of sleeping rooms on the second floor from twenty-three to fifteen and in the basement where three apartments have been added. However, these evolutionary changes do not significantly detract from the building's historic character, and are common, indeed necessary, for the continued use of early 20th century hotels.

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The Frederick Hotel, constructed in 1913, is located in Loup City, Sherman County, in central Nebraska. It is eligible at the local level under Criterion A for its association with the commercial development of Loup City and with the building boom of second generation hotels that was occurring statewide during the first quarter of the twentieth century. Hotels built during this period, as exemplified by the Frederick, were multi-floor brick buildings that offered the most modern conveniences, and catered especially to the businessmen who traveled on the railroad. Aside from providing pleasant quarters for travelers, the new hotels became the symbol of a prospering community with a bright future. For this reason, residents in towns and cities of all sizes thought it was important to showcase a "modern" hotel as an indication of their prominent standing in the state. It is within this context the importance of the Frederick Hotel is realized. The hotel was in continuous use since its construction in 1913 through the mid 1990's and continues to be used, primarily by hunters, during the fall and winter months. The period of significance is from 1913 the year the hotel opened to 1952, reflecting the fifty-year cutoff specified in National Register guidelines.

Leaving a profitable hotel business in Grand Island, Cyrus and Lydia Rosseter, and their daughter Viola, moved to Loup City in 1873. This newly developed community promised fresh entrepreneurial opportunities. A post office opened in Loup City in 1873 and the town was declared the county seat the same year. That same year Cyrus Rosseter opened the first hotel in Loup City. In 1887, a second hotel, the St. Elmo (later renamed the Milburn) was constructed. Both of these were first generation hotels; characterized by wood frame construction and lacking such conveniences as indoor plumbing, electricity, and central heat.

While Mr. Rosseter continued to operate the hotel, his daughter Viola, married Charles Odendahl on March 1, 1880. The marriage resulted in three children Frederick, William, and Ernestine. Charles and his brother William operated the only drug store in town. As time progressed the drug store prospered and Charles expanded his business interests to real estate.

By 1897, Cyrus Rosseter was out of the hotel business having reduced the original building in size and converting it to his private residence. This left the St. Elmo as the only hotel in town. Just as Loup City was losing hotel space, the community itself continued to grow. From 826 residents in 1900 the town grew to 1,128 by 1910. Accompanying this population growth came a building boom shortly after 1910. The local newspaper, the *Loup City Northwestern*, noted the amount of new construction occurring, both residential and commercial (May 16, 1912).

Viola Rosseter Odendahl was one of those who joined in the building boom. Her husband, who died in 1904, left her financially comfortable. In 1912, she announced she would open a new hotel constructed of brick, with indoor plumbing, steam heat, and electric lights (*Loup City Northwestern*, February 8, 1912), all characteristic of a second generation hotel in Nebraska.

From her initial announcement the newspaper reported any additional news related to the new hotel. In early September 1912, a contract was let to Mr. O. Almquist of Central City to do the actual construction. With excavation beginning about one week later, Almquist said he would use as many local laborers as possible (*Loup City Northwestern*, September 12, 1912). By the first week of November the exterior of the first story was complete.

The rest of the construction apparently went without incident, as the next newspaper report does not appear until May 28, 1913, when the hotel opened for business. Named after her oldest son, Frederick, the twenty-three sleeping room hotel cost \$20,000. In addition to the sleeping rooms, the two-story brick building with full basement had steam heat, electric lights throughout, and baths and toilets. The basement contained sample rooms, laundry, and a furnace. The first floor

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accommodated the office, dining room, and kitchen. The large front room in the southeast corner of the first floor could be rented for business purposes. Aside from the sleeping rooms, the second floor housed a ladies' parlor, toilets and baths.

The *Loup City Northwestern* reported Viola Odendahl held a big dinner to commemorate "the erection of this elegant and expensive hostelry, which would do credit to a town many times the size of this," and that people showed up to "congratulate this enterprising lady for giving to the city such an elegant and up-to-date hostelry." The newspaper continued to laud praise by stating "'The Frederick' is at once a pride and honor to our city." Continuing, the *Northwestern* reported "Loup City cannot fail to be proud of her handsome new hotel, and equally congratulatory of the lady who has made it possible for such a building to be erected in our city." In conclusion, the article proclaims "Mrs. Viola Odendahl has invested a very large sum in the construction of this magnificent building and the people of Loup City, as well as the traveling public, should fully appreciate the splendid effort she has made." She is "the only woman [in Loup City] that ever ventured to stake so large a sum of money, practically her all, in a public enterprise" (May 28, 1913).

From this lengthy list of praises it is evident the Frederick Hotel was an important commercial addition to Loup City. Just as in so many communities in Nebraska in the first quarter of the twentieth century, the construction of a second-generation hotel indicated the economic viability of the community and a commitment to its future. Aside from its commercial importance the hotel is significant for other reasons.

The Frederick is the only hotel in Loup City extant from the early twentieth century or before, making it a rare resource in the community. While other towns in Nebraska were also building second-generation hotels, the source of inspiration and financing for the Frederick was quite different. Hotels such as the Lincoln Hotel (FR03-055, Franklin, Franklin County) and the Golden Hotel (HT13-003, O'Neil, Holt County) were the result of boosterism where the business community instigated and often helped finance the construction. In Loup City all available information indicates the concept of building the Frederick Hotel rested solely with Viola Odendahl (undoubtedly because of her father's background) as did the financing. This last fact is also significant. She was the only woman in Loup City, during that time period that invested such a large sum of money in a predominately male dominated business community. Ms. Odendahl owned the hotel until 1939 when, because of ill health, she sold it to her sons. The hotel operated continuously and consistently through the mid- 1990's, and continues to serve guests during hunting season. Given these circumstances, it is evident the Frederick Hotel is a rare local resource significant under Criterion A.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 23-24, Block 6, Original Town

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses all land historically associated with the property.