

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Lake Bridenthal House (GA15- 3)

and/or common NA

2. Location

street & number 113 South 9th Street NA not for publication

city, town Wymore NA vicinity of

state Nebraska code 31 county Gage code 067

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>NA</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Patricia M. Caporale

street & number 113 South 9th Street

city, town Wymore NA vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Gage County Courthouse

street & number Lincoln and Sixth Streets

city, town Beatrice state Nebraska

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date On-going federal state county local

depository for survey records Nebraska State Historical Society

city, town Lincoln state Nebraska

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date NA
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Lake Bridenthal house is located in Wymore, Nebraska (1981 population 1841), approximately twelve miles southeast of Beatrice, the county seat of Gage County. The large one-and-one-half story frame dwelling is irregularly shaped in plan and has a multi-planed roof. A prominent corner turret with domed roof, wrap-around porch, textured wall surfaces, decorative gables and dormer window with recessed balconet enhance the design of the house. Stylistically, the house exemplifies the Victorian Queen Anne style of architecture and was built in 1900 by Lake Bridenthal. Structural and historical integrity have been preserved except for minor alterations made to the porch where the side steps and a portion of the balustrade had been removed. Wrought iron railings have been added to the front entry steps. Non-original windows have been installed in the rear wing extension.

The Lake Bridenthal house is a one-and-one-half story frame Victorian Queen Anne dwelling, irregularly shaped in plan with a rusticated concrete block foundation and a multi-gabled roof, penetrated by a gabled dormer window with balconet. A prominent polygonal corner turret with a domed roof is situated at the southeast corner of the house, and features a paneled frieze, dentilled wall cornice and bracketed eaves. The wrap-around porch displays a pedimented gablet with sunburst motif, balustrade, spindles, and single and grouped columns with ornate abaci. Other exterior features include imbricated siding and King Post motifs with latticework in the gable facades, cut out bay windows with scalloped brackets on the northeast and southwest corners, and three exterior chimneys. The west facade shows a one-story extension, which is original to the house. Fenestration throughout the house includes double hung sash with one-over-one pane arrangement, with leaded glass featured in several of the upper sash units. Access to the house is provided by the front entry (east facade), which displays sidelights, and a rear (west) entrance.

The interior floor plan includes a foyer, front parlor, library, dining room, kitchen and bedroom on the first level with additional bedrooms on second.

Distinct interior features include three parlor stoves on the first level, floor to ceiling china cabinets with leaded glass fronts in the dining room, built-in bookcases with leaded glass doors in the library, and sliding doors separating the main living areas of the house. The front entryroom, library hallway and dining room display wooden wainscotting. A balcony is featured off the third floor attic space on the main (east) facade of the house.

The property includes a carriage barn which is presently used as a garage.

The house was built by Lake Bridenthal in 1900. It has served as a private residence throughout the years.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1900 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lake Bridenthal House is significant as an example of the Victorian Queen Anne style of architecture, which was popular in the eastern half of Nebraska in the late 1880's and through the 1890's. The Queen Anne style is characterized by irregularity of plan and massing, and variety of color and texture. As a prominent businessman, Mr. Bridenthal played a significant role in the banking and lumber interests of Wymore, serving as cashier for the First National Bank, and owner of Lake Bridenthal and Company, dealers in lumber and coal.

The Lake Bridenthal House attains architectural significance as a representation of the Victorian Queen Anne style, which played an important part in the development of residential architecture in Nebraska during the late 1880's-90's. The Queen Anne, a picturesque style, was one of the most popular architectural styles in 19th century Nebraska. It is characterized by asymmetrical compositions consisting of a variety of forms, textures, materials and colors. Features readily identified with Queen Anne houses include towers, turrets, bay windows, massive chimneys, projecting pavilions and ornate porches (Blumenson, John J.-G., Identifying American Architecture).

The Bridenthal house stands as the most significant example of the Queen Anne style locally, and as a notable example state-wide of the style in transition. Few Victorian dwellings survived the popular Neo-Classical Revival without the removal of Victorian porches and replacement with one of Neo-Classical design. The Bridenthal house, like other, later, Queen Anne designs (see Hargis house, NRHP, Grand Island, Hall County) was originally built utilizing more contemporary Neo-Classical elements. Most prominent is the porch, with its individual and coupled colonettes of Tuscan design so common to the turn-of-the century. Other transitional elements include the paneled and dentilled cornice of the tower, and the delicately leaded clear-glass panels of many of the upper sash units.

Lake Bridenthal was born in Larchland, Illinois in the year 1864, the son of James W. and Eleanor L. Bridenthal. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bridenthal, natives of Pennsylvania came to Gage County, Nebraska in 1884 where they purchased land in Sicily township and continued farming operations until 1904, when they moved to Wymore. Their farm, known as the "Sunnyside"¹ grew to a land holding of 320 acres at one time. After receiving his education, Lake Bridenthal was engaged in the profession of teaching for several years. Following, he became employed with the First National Bank as bookkeeper and later cashier, a position he held for many years. Mr. Bridenthal also served as the owner of a lumber yard in Wymore, established in the 1890's and known as Lake Bridenthal and Company, dealers in lumber and coal, a business which prospered into the 1900's.

1. Chapman Brothers, Portrait and Biographical Album of Gage County, Nebraska, Chicago, 1888.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Wymore, Nebr.-Kansas

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A	114	698990	4443675
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

D			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

E			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

G			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is located on the south 20' of lot 2, all of lots 3, 4 in block 28, Wymore's Addition to Wymore, Gage County, Nebraska, including all of the remaining intact historically associated real estate.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	NA	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date September, 1982

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city or town Lincoln

state Nebraska

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Marnie D. Knecht

title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

2/24/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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