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V The Powell House is a two-story Victorian structure with a full basement located at 108 West Commercial street in Waterville. The house is typically Victorian with numerous porches, projecting wings and bay windows. The frame structure sits on a rough hewn native limestone base. The narrow clapboard siding is accented with white horizontal bands at the window sills and heads. The building corners are also accented with white painted vertical cornerboards. The building roof is unusually complex with a series of steep gables, projecting porches and towers. Gables run in all directions and occur in profusion around the building. Each gable is decorated with a scroll-like bargeboard. The tower is circular and forms a porch at both the first and second floor levels and ends in a steep conical roof. A11 roof surfaces are covered with wood shingles laid in a diamond pattern which gives a decorative appearance to the roof material. Two brick chimneys project from the roof. These chimneys are ornamented by corbeled brick work near the top and by a lower projecting brick band.

Many porches and balconies occur at both levels of the house. These are very sensitively done with airy ballustrades and thin ornamental columns. Windows and doors are, as one might expect, varied in design and size. Window shapes range from rectangular to half-circular to shallow arches at the lintels. All windows are shuttered. Bay windows occur on all sides of the house on both the first and second floor levels.

Complementing the house is a carriage house at the rear of the site. The carriage house is similar to the main house in style with gabled roofs and decorative bargeboards. Both structures are in very good condition and are believed to be basically unaltered on the exterior.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Powell House in Waterville was built in 1894-1895 for one of the town's most prominent citizens, Samuel T. Powell. Born and educated in New York, Powell began working as a bank clerk in Poughkeepsie, New York, in the early 1860's. In 1871 he came west, settling in Waterville in Marshall county, Kansas. He was employed for several years by the Marshall County Bank, and after it closed he established his own banking institution, the Bank of Waterville. Later he was active in a loan business, which contributed to the development of the area by bringing eastern capital into the state, and he also served as president of banks in two other Kansas towns for a number of years.

In June, 1894, the Powells moved their old house to a new location where they lived while their new home at 108 West Commercial was being erected. By late August the foundation of the house was completed. The contractor, W. E. Fitzgerald of Waterville, reportedly built 85 per cent of the houses constructed in Waterville prior to 1935, including some of the most beautiful in the town. The Powell House, completed by the fall of 1895, was the first of these spacious Fitzgerald homes.

The Powell house with its carriage house is an excellent example of Victorian architecture in north central Kansas. It is made more impressive by its location in a small rural community.



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