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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 Kendall, Wallace Warren and Lillian Genevieve (Bradshaw), House

other names/site number NeHBS #NU13-305

#### 2. Location

street & number 412 East Seventh Street not for publication [na]

city or town Superior vicinity [na]

state Nebraska code NE county Nuckolls code 129 zip code 68978

#### 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.)

Harold Sommer  
Signature of certifying official

November 1, 1993  
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.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

Entered in the  
National Register

- 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.

Gregory M. Lipsley 12/10/93

[ ] other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

for Signature of Keeper Date of Action

Kendall House  
Name of Property

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	2	Total

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

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Shingle Style \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

foundation Limestone  
walls Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof Asphalt  
other Wood  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**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

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#### Applicable National Register Criteria

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

- 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.)

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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#### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

##### Architecture

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

##### Period of Significance

1898

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

##### Significant Dates

1898

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

##### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

##### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_

##### Architect/Builder

Unknown

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

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### 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	579640	4430550		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.)

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### 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Wilfred & Helen Miller

organization Owners date March 9, 1992

street & number 412 East Seventh Street telephone (402) 879-3343

city or town Superior state NE zip code 68978

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### Additional Documentation

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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)

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### Property Owner

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

name Wilfred & Helen Miller

street & number 412 East Seventh Street telephone (402) 879-3343

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## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Kendall House

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### Description

The Wallace Warren and Lillian Genevieve (Bradshaw) Kendall House, located in the town of Superior in Nuckolls County, Nebraska, is a large, two-story frame Shingle style house built in 1898. The interior retains original features including molded and ornamented woodwork, mantle and fireplace surround, main staircase, embossed wallpaper, leaded glass entry door and sidelights, gas/electric light fixtures, and original maple floors. Several main floor rooms have beamed ceilings and all woodwork appears to be maple. The nomination includes one contributing building: the house, and two non-contributing buildings: a garage-shop and a storage shed. The house retains features that distinguish it as a turn-of-the-century dwelling with good architectural integrity.

The Kendall House is located in Superior (1992 population: 2,502) in Nuckolls County. At the time of its completion, it was one of the largest residences in Superior. The two-story frame house has a steeply pitched, cross gabled roof with a round two-story tower with conical roof, and a full-width frontal porch with columns and spindlework. Previous owners had enclosed the front porch, but rehabilitation work by the current owners in the late 1970s returned the porch to near-original appearance. The asymmetrical design of the south (main) facade is typical of the Shingle style, with the tower on the left and the elongated sweep of the roof line on the right. The entire second story is sheathed with wooden shingles. Above the front porch is a balcony area and a bay with a Palladian window unit. The bay is capped with a balustrade, and above is an oval window that lights the third floor ballroom.

The interior is largely unchanged. The stock ornamental woodwork and floors still show original finish, and the original textured wallpaper is intact on walls and ceiling of the main floor. A later resident, dividing the house into apartments, installed French doors in the otherwise clear openings between the foyer and dining room; and narrowed the opening between the foyer and the east parlor for the same purpose. The French doors have been removed, and the openings are now near original. The present owners plan to restore the wider opening as circumstances permit. The main staircase is intact with mostly original finish, and the second floor hall ceiling is to be restored. The steep, curving stairway leads from the second floor to the third (attic) floor space which was designed to house a ballroom, complete with a small stage. The ballroom is twenty by forty feet, and has a knotty pine floor. The third floor also houses the former servants quarters, now converted into a bathroom.

The property includes two non-contributing buildings, both moved from other sites in the last ten years. One of the buildings has been converted into a garage and shop, and the other is a storage shed.

The dwelling was built for local druggist Wallace Warren Kendall and his wife Lillian Genevieve Bradshaw in 1898. The Kendall family moved into the house on January 4, 1899 (*Superior Journal*, 1899). The property continues to be used as a private residence.

### Statement of Significance

The Wallace Warren and Lillian Genevieve (Bradshaw) Kendall House is architecturally significant as a locally notable example of the Shingle style. The Shingle style gained only limited popularity in Nebraska beginning in the 1890's, with most extant examples dating after the turn of the century. Built in 1898, the Kendall House represents an early example of the style. The period of significance is derived from the original construction date of the house (1898).

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### Statement of Significance (continued)

The Kendall House is a landmark, visually and historically, for its location on a half-block surrounded on three sides by streets, one being a main thoroughfare. Located as it is in a neighborhood of other large homes which are contemporary, the house is a notable example of a late nineteenth century residence in Superior.

Unusually free-form and eclectic in nature, the Shingle style was one with a wide range of variation, adapting traditions from various architectural styles, including the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival (McAlester, 290). In the Kendall House, elements from the Queen Anne style are evident, especially the wide frontal porch, asymmetrical form of the front facade, and corner tower. From the Colonial Revival style, the dwelling incorporates classical columns and a Palladian window in its design. The most distinguishing feature of the Shingle style is the ubiquitous shingle cladding, with houses covered wholly or in part with wood shingles. Typical to many Shingle style house designs, the Kendall House shows shingled walls on the second story only (McAlester, 289-290).

In the Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey (NeHBS) of Superior, both high style and vernacular architecture were identified in residential areas. Styles such as Queen Anne, Stick, Classical Revival, and Craftsman were evident in the town, however their numbers were limited, sometimes only one example of each style was identified. As a whole, the housing in Superior tends to be more vernacular with the majority of dwellings being simplistic in design, modest in scale and of frame construction. Only two other dwellings comparable in design to the Kendall House were identified. Both (NeHBS #NU13-183, 587) are large, two-story, frame houses with frontal porches and shingle siding on the second story only. Neither property attains the architectural sophistication of the Kendall House. The loss of historic integrity is an issue with NeHBS #NU13-183, which has non-original siding on the first story, and to a lesser degree with NeHBS #NU13-587, where solar panels have been installed.

The Kendall House is architecturally important as a product of the Shingle style, displaying details adapted from the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles. Built in 1898, the Kendall House represents an early example of the style in the state. In Nebraska, only a small number of houses designed in the Shingle style are listed on the National Register, and those listed post date 1900. Examples include the Carl Morton House (1901-02) in Nebraska City, the Glade-Donald House (c.1905) in Grand Island, the Arthur Ziemer House (1901-10) in Lincoln, and the Wightman-Ley House (1900) in Wayne.

### Bibliography

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984.

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"Restoration of landmark captures town interest," *The Superior Express*, April 13, 1978, Superior, Nebraska.

Whiffen, Marcus. *American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles*. Cambridge: The M.I.T. Press, 1969.

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### Bibliography (continued)

"W.W. Kendall moved into his new residence yesterday," *The Superior Journal*, January 5, 1899, Superior, Nebraska.

### Verbal Boundary Description

The property is described as Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 1, Original Town of Superior, Nuckolls County, Nebraska.

### Boundary Justification

The boundary includes that parcel of land which has historically been associated with the property.

### Photograph Descriptions

Wallace Warren & Lillian Genevieve (Bradshaw) Kendall House

NeHBS # NU13-305

Superior, Nuckolls County, Nebraska

Rita Blauvelt, photographer

March 1993

negatives in possession of Wilfred H. Miller, 412 E 7th, Superior, NE

Photo 2 of 9: View looking northeast showing south (main) and west facades.

Photo 3 of 9: View looking northwest showing south and east facades.

Photo 4 of 9: View looking south showing north (rear) facade.

Photo 5 of 9: Interior view looking south showing front entrance.

Photo 6 of 9: Interior view looking northwest showing main stairway.

Photo 7 of 9: Interior view looking south showing dining room.

Photo 8 of 9: Interior view looking northwest showing dining room.

Photo 9 of 9: Interior view looking south showing second floor hallway.