#### United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines* for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Builetin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. if an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

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other names/site number Steiner F	Rowhouse #2 (DC	09:0122-050)			
2. Location			·		
street & number 1906-08-10 Jor	nes Street		·····	N/A not for publication	
city, town Omaha				N/A vicinity	
state Nebraska code N	VE county	Douglas	code	055 zip code 6	8102
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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions) DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions work in progress		
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7. Description			
Architectural Classification enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)		
	foundation Brick		
Other: Early 20th century 3-8 unit	walls Brick		
rowhouse aligned parallel to			
rowhouse aligned parallel to street.	roof Asphalt		

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This three-unit brick rowhouse was designed by architect Joseph Guth for Dr. N. F. Steiner in 1911. Joseph Kettnacker was the builder. The structure exemplifies the rowhouse property type formally and functionally, and exhibits elements associated with the early twentieth century Renaissance Revival style.

The two-story, flat-roofed, brick structure is rectangular in plan and measures approximately 65 x 35 feet. Functionally, the building consists of three attached dwelling units, each divided from its neighbor by a solid-masonry, load-bearing party wall in the standard rowhouse configuration. Each unit is accessed by a door on the street-side and a door at the rear. An interior stair near the front entrance of each unit leads to the second floor.

Two one-story porches with square brick columns and low-pitched hipped roofs shelter the building's entrances. The street-facing elevation features simple Renaissance Revival details. Limestone and corbelled brick form a belt course that links the segmentally-arched second story windows. Corners of the secondfloor windows are highlighted with limestone trim, which is also employed for coping, sills and the enlarged keystones of the round-arched grilles located at the sides of the porches. Wooden double-hung windows are used throughout.

A certified historic rehabilitation of the property for use as apartments is currently underway.

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8. Statement of Significance	
Certifying official has considered the significance of this proper	ty in relation to other properties: statewide II locally
Applicable National Register Criteria A B XC	D
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) Architecture	Period of SignificanceSignificant Dates19111911
	Cultural Affiliation N/A
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder Guth, Joseph Kettnacker, Joseph

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Steiner Rowhouse #2 -- significant under Criterion C, architecture -- embodies the distinctive characteristics of a property type important in Omaha history, the rowhouse. A popular form of multi-family housing in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the rowhouse has been identified as a notable multiple-dwelling type associated with the historic context topic "Dwelling in Dispersed and Clustered Settlement" in the Nebraska Cultural Resource Plan, the principal preservation planning document for the state.

As the largest metropolitan area in Nebraska, Omaha contains the greatest number and variety of rowhouses in the state. "Rowhouses in Omaha", a property type analysis report based on a sample of 110 surveyed structures, defines several rowhouse formal types and related general eras of stylistic influence. Steiner Rowhouse #2 exemplifies one of six specific formal sub-types identified in the report (3- to 8-unit rowhouse structures aligned parallel to the street) and it represents one of three distinct stylistic periods outlined, specifically the influence of the Renaissance Revival style as applied to rowhouses built in Omaha between 1900 and 1915.

The primary incidence of rowhouse construction in Omaha coincides closely with two periods of economic boom in the city--the first from approximately 1886 to 1890 and the second during much of the first quarter of the twentieth century. Both periods saw tremendous growth in commerce, industry, population and construction accompanied by a critical need for housing of various types. The rowhouse type of multi-family dwelling was utilized extensively during both boom periods.

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Multiple Dwelling Study, Omaha City Planning Department, 1989.

Omaha City Directory, 1911.

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Boundary Justification	
The area includes all historically associat	ted property.
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11. Form Prepared By	
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story single-family dwelling unit of simple rectangular massing most generally sheltered by a flat roof concealed by a parapet. Individual units from the late 1880's and early 1890's range in size from 22 to 24 feet wide by 35 to 40 feet deep and are slightly larger than those built after the turn-of-the-century. Rowhouse units were combined in a number of ways, from groups of two to eight aligned parallel to the street, to units arranged around landscaped courts in L-shaped and U-shaped configurations, to rowhouse complexes. Generally, the entrance to each rowhouse is defined by either a one-story porch or a simple canopy.

Stylistically, rowhouses fall into three general categories related to specific time periods. Late 19th century rowhouses primarily exhibit elements of one or more of the following styles: Italianate, Eastlake, Richardsonian Romanesque, and Queen Anne. Of the post-1900 rowhouses surveyed, the vast majority built between 1900 and 1915 were designed, in varying degree, in the Renaissance Revival style or in some way exhibit its influence. Rowhouses that date from the period 1916 to 1927 predominately exhibit elements of the Prairie, Arts & Crafts and Spanish Colonial Revival styles.

The registration requirements outlined in the property type analysis for rowhouses in Omaha indicates that rowhouses considered for the National Register should be compared with rowhouses of the same formal type and stylistic influence, utilizing the categories in the report as a guide. The 3-unit Steiner Rowhouse #2 is comparable to seven other surveyed structures. All are rowhouses comprised of between 3 and 8 units aligned parallel to the street(comparable formal type), and all were built between 1900 and 1915 and exhibit Renaissance Revival style elements to some degree (comparable era and stylistic influence).

Although the seven comparable rowhouses are essentially the same form, the extent to which they display the influence of the Renaissance Revival style varies. Two structures, as originally designed, are more elaborate than the Steiner Rowhouse #2, two are simpler and three are very similar in level of detail. While the Steiner Rowhouse #2 is not the most elaborate structure in its comparison group, it is nevertheless a good representative of its particular formal type and stylistic period, particularly United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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since it retains a higher degree of integrity than the more elaborate structures with which it was compared.

The Steiner Rowhouse #2, built at the height of the post-1900 boom period in Omaha, exhibits all requisite elements, as outlined in the property type analysis "Rowhouses in Omaha", of a specific rowhouse sub-type in its historical associations, massing, configuration, style and construction. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship and feeling, and retains a high percentage of its original materials. Of the seven comparable rowhouses, two have a higher degree of integrity than the Steiner Rowhouse #2, two have a lesser degree, and three have approximately the same level of integrity.

The registration requirements outlined in the property type analysis report on rowhouses suggests that each of the several rowhouse configurations and stylistic trends described in the report should be represented in the National Register in order to best portray the evolution of the type in Omaha. Presently, only one Omaha rowhouse (of nearly 200 surveyed structures) is listed in the Register, representative of a different era and stylistic period than the Steiner Rowhouse #2. The Steiner Rowhouse #2, and an adjacent structure, the Steiner Rowhouse #1 (which is being nominated separately) are the first two rowhouses of their particular sub-type to be nominated.