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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Nebraska Loan and Trust Company Building (AD04-6)  
AND/OR COMMON  
Clarke-Buchanan Building

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Northwest corner of Second Street and Lincoln Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Hastings VICINITY OF 3rd  
STATE Nebraska CODE 031 COUNTY Adams CODE 001  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> 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  
Multiple owners; see continuation sheet  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Register of Deeds, Adams County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
500 West Fourth Street  
CITY, TOWN Hastings STATE Nebraska

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Survey of Historic Sites in Adams County  
DATE  
1978  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Nebraska State Historical Society  
CITY, TOWN Lincoln STATE Nebraska  
\_FEDERAL \_STATE  COUNTY \_LOCAL

## 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 1883-84 Nebraska Loan and Trust Company Building, commonly known as the Clarke-Buchanan Building, occupies the northwest corner of Second Street and Lincoln Avenue in the business district of Hastings, Nebraska (1970 pop., 23,580). This L-shaped Victorian Italianate structure, evidently adapted from a pattern book, has three stories at end sections and two stories above an elevated basement at the corner section. Walls are of brick construction and there is an abundance of stone trim. Neighboring buildings are either recent constructions or altered older structures.

The rusticated stone basement, a partial level exposed on the east and south, is approached from the sidewalk by two fine cast-iron staircases. The brick walls are rendered a sense of liveliness through the use of pilaster strips, stone bands, small polychromatic tiles, and a variety of treatments at window heads in either stone or terra cotta.

The street level of the double end sections on the north and west were cast-iron shopfronts; only one shopfront remains and it is in its nearly original state (see right side of accompanying exterior photograph). The principal entrance to the building's corner section was initially on the beveled corner wall. Around 1915 this opening--surrounded by an eclectic stone frontispiece--was moved to the neighboring western division and its former position was transformed into windows for the basement and first level.

A pressed-metal parapet synthesizing simulated moldings, modillions, and triglyphs and metopes wraps around the apex of the facades. Two pedimented cornice projections have been removed: one was situated atop the beveled corner wall and the other was above the corner section's auxiliary entrance on the east. The building fronts Second Street for 66 feet and Lincoln Avenue for 125 feet.

The best preserved interior spaces are in the building's corner or southeastern portion. This section presents one fenestral division to Second Street on the south, one division to the corner, and three divisions to Lincoln Avenue on the east. Retained in these spaces are interior fittings that include baseboards, window frames, and several ornate door frames. Some original hardware is intact, and there are three impressive light fixtures suspended by brass chains. North of the main entrance is a brick vault measuring seven by twelve feet. A similar vault is directly below in the basement level. An especially attractive interior feature is a leaded glass window in the hall of the second floor. Measuring four feet wide and five feet high, its central pattern consists of a C encircling a B--these letters representing Clarke and Buchanan, a company which owned the building and occupied most of it between 1906-31.

# 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 checked="" 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/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1883-84; 1906                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nebraska Loan and Trust Company Building, commonly known as the Clarke-Buchanan Building, is historically significant to Nebraska through its having been the headquarters of two financial institutions that augmented commercial, land, and other types of development in the south-central and western regions of the state. Architecturally, the building is a fine example of the High Victorian Italianate style as employed in commercial buildings. Its exterior is in a good state of preservation and the structure serves as a key corner edifice in the business district of Hastings.

Constructed between 1883-84, the building was erected as office and rental spaces for the Nebraska Loan and Trust Company, a business organized in 1882 with a capital stock of \$100,000. This company was mainly concerned with loaning money on first mortgage bonds, but school bonds and municipal securities were concerns also, and the company handled a great amount of money for capitalists in the East. When the corner building at Second and Lincoln was erected, Nebraska Loan and Trust's stock had increased to \$500,000, and by 1887 the company employed seventeen clerks in the headquarters, had sixty-four representatives throughout the state, and dealt with between 400-500 correspondents in the East (The Daily Gazette-Journal, Hastings, Imperial Edition, March, 1887). Company activities took place in the building's central section; the first level of the two sections at each end were rented as retail spaces and floors above these were rented as offices.

The Nebraska Loan and Trust was headed by prominent citizens of Hastings, and the community was most receptive to the company. In 1887 the local Daily Gazette-Journal declared:

The company has been of incalculable benefit to the prosperity of the city of Hastings. It has been instrumental in bringing many persons and enterprises to this city...With such an institution in our midst, it matters not what the effect of troublous times may be on the money market of this or any other section of the country... The building ... is one of the handsomest blocks in the city, being in point of architectural detail and finish second to none (Imperial Edition, March, 1887).

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Hastings West

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,4 | 5,5,1 | 5,4,0 | 4,4,9,2 | 7,1,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 22-24, Block 18, Original Town. NW Corner Second Street and Lincoln Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Daniel Kidd, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

March, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

1500 R Street

TELEPHONE

402/471-3270

CITY OR TOWN

Lincoln

STATE

Nebraska

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

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

Marvin D. Knell

3/14/79

TITLE

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-1-79

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

William H. Bradham

4.24.79

DATE

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For over two decades the Nebraska Loan and Trust prospered, and its contributions to Nebraska's economic situation enabled settlement and growth to occur in Nebraska and in portions of neighboring states. Early in 1906, however, the Loan and Trust made a voluntary liquidation, "an action brought about through the placing of loans on western Nebraska and Kansas lands situated in the arid regions which had become a burden" (Dorothy Creigh, Adams County: The Story, p. 885).

Succeeding the Loan and Trust was the Clarke-Buchanan Company which had organized in 1903. For a quarter of a century, the Clarke-Buchanan Company conducted a loaning business in the same building, enabling further development in the region and state to occur. But the Great Depression was a severe blow and on October 1, 1931, this company was placed in the hands of the receivers, "an action brought about voluntarily because of stringent financial conditions..., the entire resources of the company being invested in Nebraska farm mortgages" (Creigh, p. 152).

The design of the Nebraska Loan and Trust Company Building is assumed to have been taken from a pattern book: two similar buildings also erected in the 1880s formerly occupied key corner situations in downtown Hastings. Demolished at different dates, these buildings included; the Kerr Opera House on the southeast corner of Second and Lincoln, and the First National Bank on the northwest corner of First and Hastings. Like the Nebraska Loan and Trust Building, they were of brick construction with a good amount of stone trim, and they had beveled corner walls and emphatic pressed-metal parapets.

Thus, the Nebraska Loan and Trust Company Building is the sole survivor of three similar 1880s structures which distinguished downtown Hastings. Stylistically, it conforms to no major American architectural movement and can be termed High Victorian Italianate at best. The busy exterior was undoubtedly considered opulent by Hastings residents in the nineteenth century. Significantly, the building retains sufficient integrity to convey a strong impression of the era in which it was constructed. Despite the repositioning of its principal entrance, the loss of cornice projections, and the deformation of cast-iron shopfronts, it is the most viable commercial building remaining from the 1880s in a community of 23,580.

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Owners of Property  
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Post Office  
Inland, Nebraska