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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Frederick W. Neef House
AND/OR COMMON
2143 Grove Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
2143 Grove Street

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

VICINITY OF

CODE
08

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2

COUNTY
Denver

CODE
031

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Vincent W. Tanko

STREET & NUMBER
2143 Grove Street

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

VICINITY OF
80211

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
City and County Building, 1445 Cleveland Place

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites (16/01/0001)

DATE
Ongoing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Colorado Historical Society; 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN
Denver

STATE
Colorado

80203

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located at the southwest corner of 22nd Avenue and Grove Street in Denver, the Frederick W. Neef House is a single detached structure in the Queen Anne/Eastlake style of architecture. The structure is basically rectangular in plan and has two and one-half stories set over a rusticated stone foundation. The primary building material is brick. The main or east facade has two bays, the other sides a varying number depending upon individual interpretation. The house has many gables and roof forms, and several chimneys project through the roof.

The secondary elements give the house its distinctive appearance as one set in the basic Queen Anne style with Eastlake decoration. There is a profusion of window types and ornately decorated gables. The main facade alone has an oriel, porch, secondary gables, and roof often supported by ogee-carved brackets holding up pediments. For the most part the windows are two-sashed and double hung, but the larger openings have fixed glass, and there are a variety of carved stone lintels: circular, semi-circular, segmental, and flat. The main windows also have stained glass transoms. The main brick walls also have two dressed stone string courses capped by a carved wood band. The gable infill above is a wavy shingle, and the roof trim is of heavily carved barge boards. An interesting feature of the secondary gable on the main facade is the carved, sunburst pattern. Also intriguing are the two small bronze plaques centered in the entrance porch gable above the pediment. Two of the posts on the porch resemble table legs, and there are a number of spindles, both characteristic of Eastlake decoration. Finally, the property lines are bordered by a low, dressed stone wall capped by rusticated stone surmounted by an iron fence with a highly decorative scroll pattern.

The house has had relatively few exterior alterations. The stone and brickwork have been painted, the wood roof has been reshingled with asphalt, and a small one-story addition has been tucked into the northeast corner adjacent to the front entrance porch. Yet there is an obvious need for repair and maintenance work, particularly on the gutters and downspouts and on the wood and masonry painting.

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6 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/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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Neef House is significant for two reasons: (1) it was constructed for an important early day Denver businessman, Frederick W. Neef, and (2) it is an outstanding surviving example of a late 19th century architectural style.

Frederick W. Neef was an important businessman in Denver. A well-educated German, he settled in Denver in 1873 and in partnership with his brother purchased the Western Brewery at 733 Eighth Street. They renamed the firm the Neef Brothers Brewery. Frederick subsequently bought out his brother, expanded the plant, and continued operations until the company was dissolved in 1917. Meanwhile, in 1886 he constructed this substantial residence at 2143 Grove Street where he and his family lived for thirty-one years.

The Neef House is a fine example of late 19th century architecture in Denver. There are strong indications that the structure was not designed by a local architect, but rather that it was taken directly from an architect's pattern book by a local builder, although investigation did not substantiate this hypothesis. In all events, the Neef House is a well-executed version of the popular Queen Anne/Eastlake style, probably the finest surviving example in Denver. It clearly demonstrates the Victorian preoccupation with complex volumes and roof forms, and their love for elaborate detail. Of particular note is the east facade which has a strongly sculptured aspect and, in spite of the profusion of elements, displays a rich unified composition which is at once pleasant and dynamic. The original craftsmanship was of a high caliber and survives well despite an obvious lack of maintenance. The present owners intend to maintain the house as a residence and start a complete exterior restoration.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Records, Denver Landmark Preservation Commission.
2. Wiberg, Ruth Eloise, Rediscovering Northwest Denver (Denver, 1976).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .31

QUADRANGLE NAME Fort Logan

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 497730 4399770

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 8 Witter and Cofields Subdivision, City and County of Denver. The property extends seventy-five feet along Grove Street and is 180 feet deep.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Langdon E. Morris, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

Colorado Consulting Committee

DATE

May 29, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

720 E. 18th Avenue

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(303) 861-0812

CITY OR TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

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

Arthur C. Anderson

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 30, 1979

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

Arthur C. Anderson

DATE

10-25-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

William H. Bratham

DATE

10-23-79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION