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**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

Ernest A. Calling House (DS06-15)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1514 Lake Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Gothenburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Nebraska

CODE

31

COUNTY

Dawson

CODE

047

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

Douglas German

STREET & NUMBER

1514 Lake Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Gothenburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dawson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Seventh Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The E. A. Calling House, built ca. 1907, is located directly west of Ehmen's Park in Gothenburg, Nebraska (1970 pop. 3,158). The house occupies two lots in a residential neighborhood and has a variety of shrubberies and trees on its well-tended grounds.

A modified rectangle, this small-scaled Queen Anne residence is of frame construction above a concrete block foundation. The core of the house and an extension on the north (see photo 1) are a story and a half and have gambrel roofs. On the south (see photos 2 and 3) is a two-story extension with a gabled roof. All roof sections are clad with cedar shingles.

A shed-roofed porch spanned the rear; this part has been clapboarded and incorporated into the kitchen (see photo 4). A gable-roofed portico with a flared covering and Ionic colonnettes shelters a short flight of steps on the northeast corner. Wrapping around portions of the east and south is a bowed porch, also with Ionic colonnettes.

A conical-roofed turret emerges on the southeast corner, and projecting from the gabled extension on the south is an oriel sheltered by a small shed roof. Imbrication appears in the upper level of each facade (see photos 1, 2, 3, and 4). Windows are in a variety of shapes and arrangements, ranging from the three-part window piercing the oriel to diminutive fanlights in the attic level. No significant fenestral changes have occurred, excepting the removal of leaded glass and the installation of plate glass in the second-level window of the front facade.

Two staircases connect the first and second levels of the Calling House -- an open staircase past the main entrance, featuring a squat Ionic column as a newel post (see photo 5); and an enclosed staircase linking the kitchen with the rear of the second-floor hall. There is a generous use of leaded glass in many windows throughout the house (see photos 5, 6 and 7), and the interior woodwork is treated with delicate Neo-Adamesque forms. Three sets of sliding doors connect the downstairs rooms. The set between the living and sitting rooms is cut with yellow pine to match woodwork of the former and with light oak to match woodwork of the latter.

The second level contains a hall with a bedroom to either side and a sitting room at the front (see photo 7). The only interior alteration, aside from the kitchen expansion, has been the removal of one upstairs partition wall.

Southwest of the Calling House is a frame garage constructed in 1952. Its scale and construction material minimize its intrusive effect (see photo 3).

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 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 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	1907	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	L. J. Anderson
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ernest A. Calling house is architecturally significant to the community of Gothenburg as a fine and well-preserved vernacular Queen Anne residence. In its location in South-central Nebraska, the house clearly illustrates the retention Queen Anne forms and elements enjoyed in Plains architecture past the turn of the century.

Ernest A. Calling (né Carlson), for whom the house was built, was born in Klippin, Sweden, in 1870. He immigrated to the United States in 1889, initially settling in Bloomington, Illinois, but shortly afterward moving to the vicinity of Gothenburg, Nebraska, which had a sizeable Swedish population. Chronologically, Calling was engaged in ranching, business, local government, and land development. Upon his death in 1945, a newspaper in the area judged him "a pioneer resident of Gothenburg and one of its most prominent businessmen" (The Cozad Local, March 23, 1945, p. 1).

Gothenburg was incorporated in 1885 -- the name originally being Guttenburg, named in honor of an early resident's birthplace in Sweden, but altered later by a postmaster of German descent (The Early History of Gothenburg p. 16). Many civic improvements had been accomplished by 1906, the approximate year Ernest Calling contracted L. J. Anderson, a local builder, to construct a dwelling for him immediately west of Ehmen's Park in a residential neighborhood.

Little is known of L. J. Anderson. There are several other residences in Gothenburg that appear to have been built by him. The Calling House, however, possesses the most pleasing design and is in the best preserved state. Alterations have been limited to the incorporation of a rear porch into the kitchen and the modification of a window on the principal facade. Otherwise, the house significantly retains its early-20th-century appearance.

This vernacular house, probably adapted from a builder's guide, is smaller than the typical Queen Anne residence. Nevertheless, it is permeated by the eclectic spirit indicative of the style. Built when the Queen Anne was much out of favor, both the interior and exterior exhibit Neo-classical forms which were becoming manifest in American architecture in the early 1900s. The Calling House is characterized by its irregular massing, multiplicity of roof shapes, variety of windows, and textural flourishes. The interior features a good amount of woodwork in an exemplary condition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Gothenburg, Nebr.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,4 | 4,0,2 | 3,4,0 | 4,5 | 3,1 | 7,8,0

B | | | | |

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 3 and 4, block 10, Ehmen's subdivision, Gothenburg, Nebraska.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Telephone

308/537-7217 -- 308/784-2500

Kieth Buss/Doug German, 503 Lake Avenue/1514 Lake Avenue, Gothenburg, Nebraska

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Dan Kidd, Nebraska State Historical Society

September, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1500 R Street

402/471-3270

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Lincoln

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

Marion W. Kereth

9/11/79

TITLE

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

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

Charles Schuch

DATE

10-25-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

William H. R. Williams

DATE

10-24-79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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