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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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NRIS Reference Number: 91001542	Date Listed: 1	.1/1/91
Gold Dust Hotel Property Name	Wilson County	
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1. Name of Property			
historic name Gold Dust Hotel	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
other names/site number Hotel Cun		and Gold Dust Hot	el and apartments
205-1870-0018			
2. Location			
street & number 402 North Sev	enth Street		not for publication
city, town Fredonia			vicinity
	KS county Wilson	code 20	5 zip code 66736
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3. Classification			
	Category of Property	Number of Resou	rces within Property
X private	X building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
public-local	district	1	buildings
public-State	site	 _	sites
public-Federal	structure		structures
	object		objects
		1	Total
Name of related multiple property lietings		Alumbar of contrib	
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N/A		listed in the Natio	nal Register0
4. State/Federal Agency Certificati	ion	<u> </u>	
Signature of certifying official Kansas State Histor State or Federal agency and bureau In my opinion, the property meets Signature of commenting or other official		egister criteria. See co	Date Ontinuation sheet. Date
State or Federal agency and bureau			
. National Park Service Certificati	on		
hereby, certify that this property is:			
entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National	Beth Bolond		1/1/91
Register. See continuation sheet.			
determined not eligible for the			
National Register.			
removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)			
	Signature of	the Keeper	Date of Action

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions Social: clubhouse	
Social: clubhouse	
Materials (enter categories from instructions)	
foundationStone: limestone	
walls Brick	
roof Asphalt	
other	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Gold Dust Hotel (c. 1884-1885) is located at 402 North Seventh Street in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas (pop. 3,047). The three-story, brick Italianate hotel stands on a cut limestone foundation, a parapeted, flat roof covers the building. The building has a western facade orientation and measures 36 feet from north to south and 72 feet from east to west. The Gold Dust Hotel stands at the southeast corner of the courthouse square. The building maintains a high degree of architectural and structural integrity.

The building retains its 2/2 double hung windows, accentuated with corbelled arched lintels on the west facade and south elevation. One transomed double door pierces the west facade and two transomed double doors pierce the south elevation. A pressed metal, classically inspired, High Victorian entablature ornaments the west facade. A corbelled brick entablature projects from the southern elevation's cornice line. The lesser elevations are not decorated. The hotel's classically styled wooden porch was reconstructed in 1905, the fret frieze was replaced with a solid entablature. In the 1940s the one-story kitchen projection off of the north elevation was expanded to accommodate an additional story.

The hotel was remodeled in 1965 to include twenty-eight rooms and six apartments. In 1986 the Gold Dust Hotel was purchased by Gold Dust, Inc., a nonprofit organization, for the purpose of restoring it for use as a community center. Since 1986 the organization has restored the original floorplan on the first floor, repaired the roof, and secured the building in other ways to prevent deterioration.

Much of the original door and window surrounds, doors, baseboards, and wainscotting are intact. Some of the pressed tin ceilings are extant. The three level cantilevered, circular staircase is intact as are the screen doors on many of the sleeping rooms.

Since it was built, the Gold Dust Hotel has been a major local architectural landmark in Fredonia. Before the Gold Dust Hotel was built, all of the hotels in Fredonia were of a simple, one and two-story wood-frame type of construction. Today the Gold Dust Hotel stands as Fredonia's only extant nineteenth century hotel.

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8. Statement of Significance		
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property	in relation to other properties: tewide \[\bigzim \text{X} \] locally	
Applicable National Register Criteria XA BXC	D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	D	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) Architecture	Period of Significance 1884-1941	Significant Dates 1884-1885
Social History	1884-1891	1884-1891
	Cultural Affiliation N/A	
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder Barton, John - Architect Doney, J.W Mason	

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

The Gold Dust Hotel (c. 1884-1885) is being nominated to the National Register under criteria A and C for its historical association with the growth and development of Fredonia and for its architectural significance as a late nineteenth century, Italianate hotel. The Gold Dust Hotel stands at the southeast corner of the courthouse square.

Fredonia, the county seat of Wilson County, is located in Center Township, near Fall River. The first building upon the townsite was erected in 1868. The growth of the new town was not rapid, five buildings were constructed in 1868, sixteen buildings were constructed in 1869. A boom occurred in 1870 with speculation that Fredonia would become the county seat, one hundred and fifty-three buildings were completed on the townsite that year. In 1871 Fredonia was incorporated as a third class city and was named the county seat in 1874.

The arrival of the St. Louis, Wichita and Western Railway in 1879 further stimulated the building boom in Fredonia and created the atmosphere for the construction of the Gold Dust Hotel. This period of growth was further aided by the arrival of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway and Missouri Pacific Railway lines in 1886. Fredonia's population increased steadily between 1870 and 1890, numbering 315 in 1878, 923 in 1880, and 1,515 in 1890.

The October 31, 1884 issue of the <u>Fredonia Democrat</u> describes Fredonia's growth in this manner:

"....there has been a steady, healthy and substantial progress, indicating the prosperous condition of the country, and responsive to the demands of trade. The frail, cheap and half finished structures common a few years ago and such as are still seen in most western towns, are very scare in Fredonia. The dwellings,

9. Major Bibliographical References				
Fredonia Democrat, 31 October 1884.				
Hollis, Barbara Beal. "The Gold Dust Hotel, Fredonia, Kansas." 1986.				
Hosack, Robert. The Gold Dust Hotel N	National Register nomination draft, 1990.			
Wilson County Citizen, 5 September 1884	; 8 May 1885.			
Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested	See continuation sheet Primary location of additional data: X State historic preservation office			
previously listed in the National Register	Other State agency			
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Federal agency			
designated a National Historic Landmark	Local government			
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	University Other			
recorded by Historic American Engineering	Specify repository:			
Record #	Kansas State Historical Society			
10. Geographical Data				
Acreage of property <u>Less than 1 acre</u>				
UTM References A 1 5 2 5 0 3 0 0 4 1 5 7 6 6 2 Zone Easting Northing C 1	B			
	See continuation sheet			
Verbal Boundary Description				
The nominated property is located on in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas. Seventh Street to the west, Madison Sproperty lines to the north and east.	The property is bounded by North			
	See continuation sheet			
Boundary Justification				
The boundary includes all property his hotel.	storically associated with the			
	See continuation sheet			
11. Form Prepared By	1 77 0 . A			
name/title <u>Martha Hagedorn-Krass, Architectura</u> organization <u>Kansas State Historical Society</u>				
organization <u>Kansas State Historical Society</u> street & number <u>120 W. 10th</u>	date <u>May 16, 1991</u> telephone <u>913-296-5264</u>			
city or town Topeka	etete Kansas zin code 66612			

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though not distinguished by any great display of architectural effect, are substantial and convenient and withal neat and tasty. Some two or three large, commodious business houses are being built and have recently been constructed in the business part of town, that will have in the future a commanding influence in locating the center of trade. A three story brick hotel on the southeast corner of the public square is fast assuming proportions, and will fill a long felt want...."

The Gold Dust Hotel reportedly cost \$17,000 to build. Samuel Baughman, who had the building constructed, was born in Greensburgh, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, on January 6, 1842. After serving as a sharpshooter with Union forces during the Civil War, Baughman married Lenora F. Kidder (1848-1913) on October 13, 1868, in Rock Island County, Illinois. In March, 1873, the Baughmans moved to Kansas. They located near Altoona, in Chetopa Township, Wilson County, where Baughman farmed and served as township clerk for five years. Baughman was elected as the Wilson County Sheriff in 1880 and served in that capacity until 1882. Following that he managed the Planters House hotel on the northeast corner of the Fredonia townsquare until the Gold Dust Hotel opened.

On September 5, 1884 the <u>Wilson County Citizen</u> reported that, "John Barton of Independence, architect of Sam'l Baughman's new hotel, has been in town the past few days." On October 17, 1884 the <u>Neodesha Register</u> announced that J.W. Doney of Neodesha had been awarded the contract to do the hotel's brickwork and plastering. A week later the Neodesha paper reported that the hotel's foundation had been completed and that the bricklayers had begun their work. The brick that Doney used the construction of the hotel may have been produced by S.D. Welch and Brother of Fredonia.

By December, 1884 the metal cornice had been added to the building's facade and interior carpentry work commenced. During the month of April, 1885 the Gold Dust Hotel was being made ready to open its doors for business and opened on Monday, May 4, 1885 with a grand ball.

The May 8, 1885 issue of the Wilson County Citizen wrote that:

"The Gold Dust is without doubt as fine a hotel as can be found in Southern Kansas. It would be splendid hotel in a city of ten or twenty thousand inhabitants. It is not only a grand building externally but contains the most modern appointments and

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