

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

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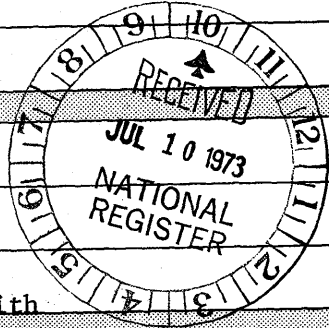
STATE: Nebraska	
COUNTY: Keith	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
"The Mansion on the Hill"  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Brandhoefer (Leonidas A.) Mansion *use this*

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
10th and Spruce Streets  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Ogallala  
STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31 COUNTY: Keith CODE: 101



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Keith County Historical Society  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Ogallala  
STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

STATE: Nebraska

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Register of Deeds, Keith County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
511 North Spruce Street  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Ogallala  
STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

COUNTY: Keith

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic Preservation in Nebraska  
DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Nebraska State Historical Society  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
1500 "R" Street  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Lincoln  
STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

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\*This nomination is located in the Third Nebraska Congressional District.

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

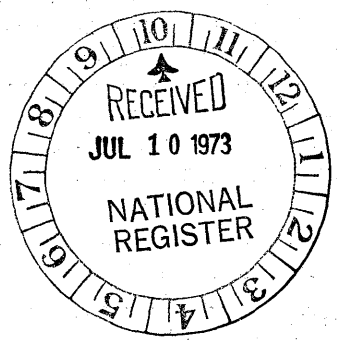
The Brandhoefer House, a three-story brick residence, was built in 1887 on a hilltop overlooking Ogallala, 10th and Spruce Street. The brick was fired in Ogallala and the cut stone was shipped from Lincoln.

The house contains nine rooms. The ceiling heights on the first floor are ten feet and the exterior walls are 16 inches thick. One of the most significant inclusions in the house are the two bathrooms, which were generally non-existent in residences of that region and period.

The tiles for the two fireplaces on the first floor were painted and glazed in New Jersey. The interior graining and painting was done by L. Saarby, a Denver artist. The hand-painted floral designs on the woodwork of the master bedroom represents the intricacies of this Victorian craftsman. Painted with hot oil paint, these designs have retained their original brilliance.

The wood cornice detailing and the exterior cast iron ornamentation complete the Victorian character of this prairie mansion.

In 1966 the Keith County Historical Society purchased the house and started restoration. In October of 1967 the house was dedicated as the Keith County Historical Museum.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

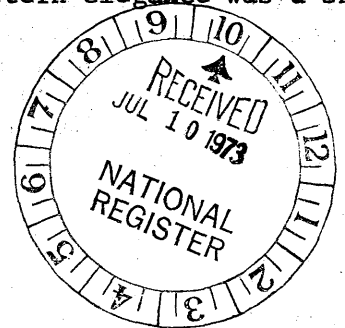
Leonidas A. Brandhoefer, originally from Pennsylvania, settled in Nebraska in the early 1870's. He initiated a lumber business in York, Nebraska, Brandhoefer and Co. Lumber. In 1885 he sold the company and moved to Ogallala, where he took the cashier position at the Bank of Ogallala, one of the first banks organized in the community.

Mr. Brandhoefer started planning a new home in 1886 and construction proceeded in mid 1887. On July 17, 1887, he collapsed with a paralytic infliction of the spinal column. During his convalescency in York, his home was completed.

The financial struggles caused by his illness forced him to sell his house in 1888. Shortly after selling it Mr. Brandhoefer resigned from the bank in order to find an occupation which would be of aid to his health.

By 1890 he was raising and shipping cattle and continued until the drought forced him out of business in 1892. In 1893 he moved to Omaha and later to Chicago, thus ending this man's development attempts in the West.

The Brandhoefer House is Ogallala's oldest brick landmark. The bricks were fired in Ogallala's first brick kiln and are the same as those specified for Keith County's original court house. Architecturally the house is one of Nebraska's best preserved examples of the Victorian Renaissance mode. Built in 1887, it was one of the first homes to express the popular eastern residential styles to the western settlements of Nebraska. The brick construction and eastern elegance was a sharp contrast to early Ogallala's prairie setting.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Files, Nebraska State Historical Society

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

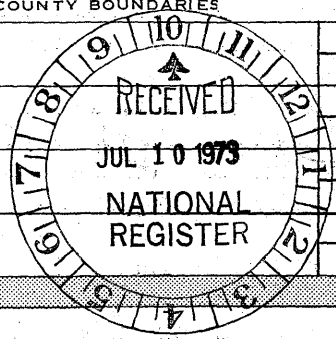
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SW	0 , "	0 , "				

NO  
UTM  
CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Persijs Kolberg, Curator of Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society DATE: June 1, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 "R" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Marcus O. Knott  
 Title: Director, Nebraska State Historical Society  
 Date: June 1, 1973 am

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

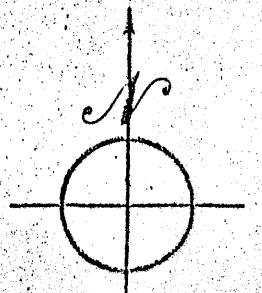
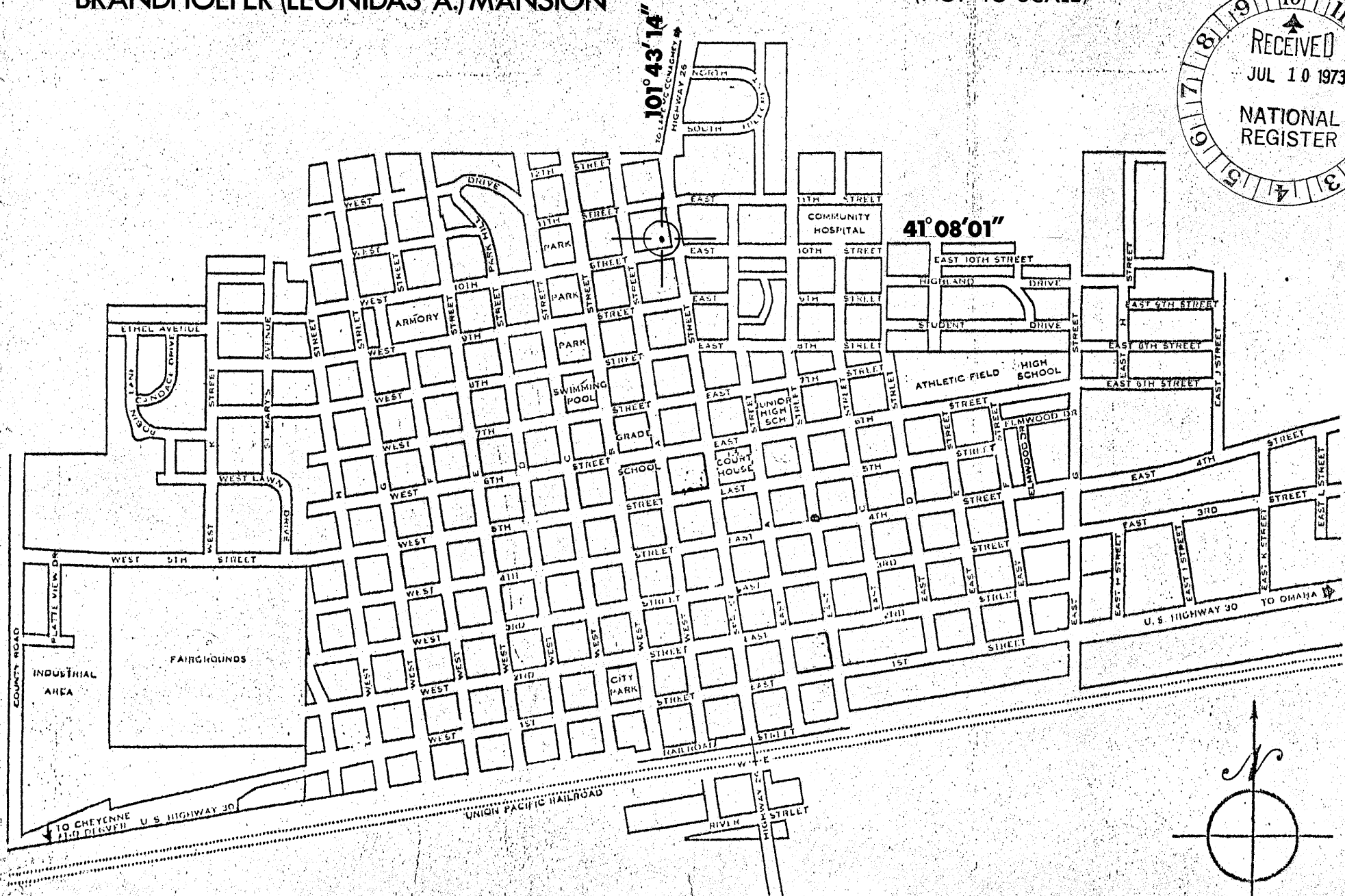
Robert M. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 Date: 10/3/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 9/20/73

# OGALLALA, NEBR.

BRANDHOEFER (LEONIDAS A.) MANSION

(NOT TO SCALE)



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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COUNTY	
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Nebraska	31	Keith	101
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
Ogallala Chamber of Commerce			
SCALE:			
Not to scale			
DATE:			
Ca. 1970			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

