

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Dupee Music Hall

Multiple Name:

State & County: NEBRASKA, Franklin

Date Received: 2/3/2017      Date of Pending List:      Date of 16th Day:      Date of 45th Day: 3/20/2017      Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT85002484

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

X Accept       Return       Reject      3/17/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Building has been razed

Recommendation/ Criteria: Remove from National Register

 3-17-2017

Reviewer Jim Gabbert

Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275

Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION:    see attached comments : No    see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

# Memo



**To:** State Historic Preservation Board  
**From:** Jessica Fortney, National Register Coordinator  
**Date:** 1/26/2017  
**Re:** Removal of the Dupee Music Hall (FR03-001) from the National Register

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The Dupee Music Hall in Franklin County, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance in 1985, is no longer in its original location, and therefore no longer exhibits those characteristics that made it eligible for listing.

The staff of the State Historic Preservation Office reviewed the existing National Register of Historic Places nomination and compared the site description to the current condition of the property as required by the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Guidelines for Removing Properties from the National Register of Historic Places.

## **Dupee Music Hall (FR03-001)**

The Franklin Congregational Academy opened in December 1881. The academy expanded through the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Dupee Music Hall was built in 1902. After the Academy closed in 1902, the buildings slowly were removed and the Music Hall is the only surviving structure. This property was significant because it was the last surviving structure of the Franklin Academy, it played an important role in the social history of the City of Franklin and was an asset to the city park.

## **Current Physical Description**

The Dupee Music Hall was purchased from the City of Franklin in November 2015, and moved from its location in the Franklin City Park on P Street to a location on Highway 136 east of Franklin. The building was removed from its location to avoid demolition. It was the last remaining building of the Franklin Academy Campus. The Academy Campus is now the Franklin City Park and the Music Hall is now out of context being removed from the original site. The removal from its original location and context cause the Dupee Music Hall to no longer be eligible for listing.

Therefore, the State Historic Preservation Office recommends that this property be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic N/A  
and/or common Dupee Music Hall

**2. Location**

street & number 1402 P Street NA not for publication  
city, town Franklin NA vicinity of  
state Nebraska code 031 county Franklin code 061

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>NA</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name City of Franklin  
street & number N/A  
city, town Franklin NA vicinity of state Nebraska

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds  
street & number Franklin County Courthouse  
city, town Franklin state Nebraska

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date On-going  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Nebraska State Historical Society  
city, town Lincoln state Nebraska

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Dupee Music Hall is a rectangular two story frame structure built in 1902. Located on its original site in what is now the Franklin City Park, the building is a simple vernacular structure erected to serve as a home for the Franklin Academy Music Department. The hall which sets on a raised limestone foundation measures 9.58 meters by 13.84 meters and has a full frontal porch (2.45 meters by 9.58 meters). The structure has a low-pitched hipped roof.

The Dupee Music Hall is situated on its original site within the old Franklin Academy campus bounds in the city of Franklin, Nebraska (1980 population 1,167). The area is now a city park. This rectangular two story frame structure, built in 1902, sets on a raised limestone foundation which provides daylight windows throughout the full basement. The music hall measures 9.58 meters by 13.84 meters and has a full frontal porch (2.45 meters by 9.58 meters). Simple classical hoods top the window and door openings of this vernacular structure. The hall has a low-pitched hipped roof.

The basic floor plan consists of six over six rooms plus the open stairwell which is located on the south side of the structure about midway down the central hallway. Both floors as well as the basement have central halls which run east and west across the building.

The first floor of the music hall originally had three lesson rooms which could be opened up and combined to make one large recital space. There were also two practice rooms and a reception area/office located at the foot of the open staircase. Tongue and groove wainscotting line the walls in every room on first floor and along the hallways on first and second floors. The interior space of the lower floor has been altered to some extent, but the changes are reversible and the basic architectural integrity has not been compromised. This building has served as home to the city park caretaker for many years, therefore, a kitchen and bathroom were installed in two of the rooms and the open stairway has been surrounded with wallboard to save energy. Six practice rooms were located on second floor. These spaces are in original condition and are now used for storage. The basement contains the furnace room, two early 20th century bathrooms installed for city park patrons, (these are no longer used) and several storage rooms.

The Franklin County Historical Society as well as the City of Franklin, owners of the building, are interested in the future preservation of the structure. This local historical society, who operates a museum at the opposite end of the park is very interested in obtaining "guardianship of the building and proposes to use the structure to house some of their collection. The Society also wants to insure the physical preservation of the Music Hall. Details of this mutual arrangement will be finalized at a future date.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1902 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The 1902 Dupee Music Hall is significant in the area of education as the only extant structure on the Franklin Academy campus, a now defunct school sponsored by the Congregational Church. The building has social significance for the role it played in the social life of the community. The music hall served the Franklin's social needs by providing concerts, recitals and plays for area residents.

By 1888, Nebraska had five Congregational academies in the state offering college preparatory courses to students who desired more academic training than a typical 19th century high school provided.

The sponsorship of these academies were a part of a mission outreach program within the Congregational Church. Of these five: Crete/Doane Academy, Crete; Franklin Academy, Franklin; Gates Academy, Neligh; Weeping Water Academy, Weeping Water; Chadron Academy, Chadron, only the Crete/Doane Academy which merged with Doane College is still operating as a Congregational Church affiliate school. Doane offers a four year liberal arts program. The State of Nebraska purchased Chadron Academy which is now known as Chadron State College. The other three academies are defunct.

During Nebraska's early settlement period, few if any local high schools offered a college preparatory curriculum. For example, until 1881, when Franklin and Gates academies opened, Doane College had to train entering freshmen in its preparatory department before the students would be ready for college-level courses.

Academies provided a necessary service until the early 20th century when they began losing popularity. The decline in enrollment was due to the increased number of accredited high schools throughout Nebraska.

Franklin Academy was called the "mother" of the Congregational academies west of the Missouri River. It was the first to be established, located the farthest west of any other such institution, and the last to close. This academy commenced operations in 1881 under the auspices of the Republican Valley Association of Congregational Churches. An Illinois minister, Reverend C. S. Harrison was visiting the Franklin area in 1881 and decided that the location in south central Nebraska would be ideal for an academy. Harrison believed in mixing religion with education to insure righteous living. Also, an institution dedicated to teaching college prep courses was lacking in this area. At this time, the tiny town of Franklin had only seven houses and most importantly no saloons. Reverend Harrison laid the groundwork for the academy and returned to Illinois, however, three years later, in 1884, he was called to serve the Congregational Church in Franklin as pastor. When Harrison returned to Franklin he found the fledgling academy in serious financial trouble. The school had opened in December 1881 with 70 enrolled for the first term. The

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Franklin, Nebr.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state NA code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet Jeffries Spencer, Cultural Historian

organization Nebraska State Historical Society

date July, 1985

street & number 1500 R Street

telephone 402/471-4767

city or town Lincoln

state Nebraska

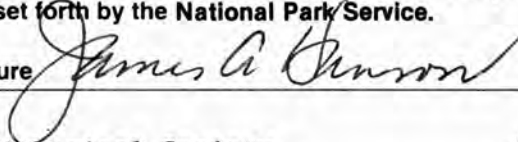
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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



title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

date 8-8-85

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

Entered in the National Register

date 9-26-85

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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campus consisted of one frame building situated on 15 barren acres. Harrison started a fund-raising campaign for the erection of more buildings and began landscaping the grounds.

Expanded courses in the late 1890's provided students the opportunity to take one year of college level instruction. The academy was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This Franklin school actually required 144 more hours for graduation than did the North Central Association. Along with regular academic courses, the academy promoted regular Chapel visits and Bible study. Athletics and military tactics classes were also offered.

The Academy closed in June 1922 after serving 2,570 students in its 41 year history. The largest enrollment for any one term was 180.

Dupee Music Hall, the subject of this nomination, is the last surviving structure of the Franklin Academy. It was built in 1902 to house the music department which had become one of the major interests of the school. The music hall is significant in the area of education as the only extant building on the Franklin academy campus. This school was well known for its academic excellence and high percentage of successful graduates. The building has social significance for the role the academy played in the social life of Franklin townspeople. The academy was very important to the community and the Music Hall especially served the social needs of the people through the concerts, recitals, plays and lectures held there. Dupee Music Hall is an imposing landmark in the city park which provides a setting similar to its original rural campus environment.

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Verbal Boundary Description

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This property is described as an independent artifact with boundaries described by an imaginary line located  $62\frac{1}{2}$  feet from each wall of the building located in Block 4, Buck and Greenwood's Addition to the town of Franklin excluding any adjacent real estate which originally served as the Franklin Academy campus; but which no longer retains its historical and physical integrity. This distance of  $62\frac{1}{2}$  feet was chosen as this is the distance from the south wall of the building to P Street, the street which borders the park on the south. This  $62\frac{1}{2}$  foot green space provides an appropriate historic setting for the structure.



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Photo # 1 of 3

Dupee Music Hall (FR03-1)  
Franklin, Franklin County, Nebraska

Photo by Joni Gilkerson, 1985  
Nebraska State Historical Society  
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South and east (front) facades.



Photo #2 of 3

Dupee Music Hall (FR03-1)  
Franklin, Franklin County, Nebraska

Photo by Joni Gilkerson, 1985  
Nebraska State Historical Society  
(NSHS 8504/2: 26)

East facade.

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Photo #3 of 3

Dupee Music Hall (FR03-1)  
Franklin, Franklin County, Nebraska

Photo by Joni Gilkerson, 1985  
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(NSHS 8504/2: 30)

West and south facades.

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2/1988 1006

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Dupee Music Hall  
Franklin County  
NEBRASKA

Working No. AUG 29 1985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 9/26/85 - 10/3/85  
Action:  ACCEPT 9-26-85  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. Carol Shull  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of  
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1100 "L" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Dupee Music Hall, Franklin County, Franklin, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the above named property. This nomination has met all notification and other requirements, as established in 36 CFR Part 60.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please let us know.

Sincerely,

*James A. Hanson*  
James A. Hanson  
State Historic  
Preservation Officer

rrp  
enclosure

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January 26, 2017

J. Paul Loether  
National Register—National Historic Landmarks Programs  
National Park Service  
1201 "I" Street NW, 8th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

RE: Dupee Music Hall  
Franklin, Franklin County, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed letter and disk contains the true and correct removal memo and images for the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places. This form has met all notification and other requirements as established in 36 CFR 60.

If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Fortney".

Jessica Fortney  
National Register and Historic Markers Coordinator  
Nebraska State Historical Society

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