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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas	
COUNTY:	Douglas	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Maupin-Mecaskey House

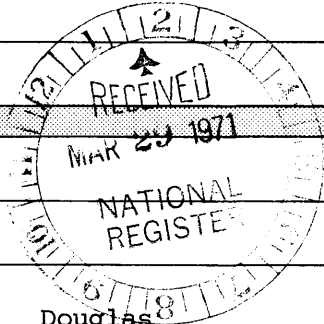
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
\* Ludington House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 1613 Tennessee Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrence

STATE: Kansas CODE: 66044 COUNTY: Douglas CODE: 045



**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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Tom Maupin and Neil Mecaskey

STREET AND NUMBER: 1613 Tennessee Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrence STATE: Kansas CODE: 66044

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Douglas County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrence STATE: Kansas CODE: 66044

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ludington House was built in two sections, the front part in 1860 and the back in 1872. It is a red brick structure with light-colored stone quoining at all outside corners of the original 1860 section.

The roofline varies in height from one to three stories with both round and square towers being employed. It is further complicated by the seven brick chimneys serving the ten fireplaces in the house.

Two balconies extend from the east facade; these are the only horizontal projections from the very vertical wall design. No lines tend to carry the eye around at any given level.

Most openings for windows and doors are rectangular with stone lintels and sills. The exceptions are the arched window and door lintels of the square tower and the round windows in the gable ends of the 1860 section.

To the rear a large rambling wooden porch protects the first floor and terminates in a porte-cochere.

With its cherry woodwork, gold leaf moldings, embossed leather wainscoting, and ten fireplaces, it is regarded as the most splendid of the early houses of Lawrence.

Since the present owners acquired the Ludington House in 1959, they have restored the house to its nineteenth century appearance.

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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) **1860 and 1872**

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)
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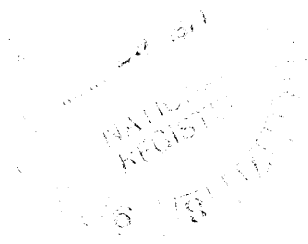
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ludington House was designed in 1860 by John G. Haskell, one of Kansas' best known early architects. It was commissioned by Reuben W. Ludington, an important businessman and civic leader in Lawrence.

Judge Solon O. Thacher, who had been chairman of the 1859 Wyandotte convention which wrote the Kansas constitution, acquired ownership in 1869. Following Thacher's appointment by Pres. Chester A. Arthur in 1872 as "Ambassador to Central and South America and Mexico," the house was remodeled extensively and the entire back half with its round tower and porte-cochere was added.

The Ludington House is an excellent building by one of the earliest prominent Kansas architects, John G. Haskell. The house incorporates a variety of influences including Romanesque arches in the tower, English Manor House chimneys, and Renaissance window pediments.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lawrence Journal-World, November 13, 1959.  
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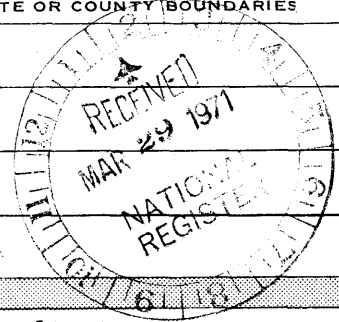
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "		95	14	23
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2-3 acres

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: Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant  
Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: March 26, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Nyle H. Miller  
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date March 26, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert A. Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 14 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: William Stewart  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 29 1971