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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mann - Zwanick Home

AND/OR COMMON

William H. Mann House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

524 West 1st

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wilber

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

CODE

31

COUNTY

Saline

CODE

151

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ___ DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- ___ STRUCTURE
- ___ SITE
- ___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ___ PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- ___ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- ___ IN PROCESS
- ___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- ___ UNOCCUPIED
- ___ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- ___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ___ NO

PRESENT USE

- ___ AGRICULTURE
- ___ COMMERCIAL
- ___ EDUCATIONAL
- ___ ENTERTAINMENT
- ___ GOVERNMENT
- ___ INDUSTRIAL
- ___ MILITARY
- ___ MUSEUM
- ___ PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ___ RELIGIOUS
- ___ SCIENTIFIC
- ___ TRANSPORTATION
- ___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Kathryn Vosoba

STREET & NUMBER

524 West 1st

CITY, TOWN

Wilber

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk, Saline County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Wilber

STATE

Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Construction on the William H. Mann house began in August 1881, two weeks after he purchased a city block for his residential site. The house is basically vernacular Italianate in style and features a bracketed and dentiled cornice under the eaves. The stairhall protrudes from the front hall of the house producing, in effect, an entrance tower which becomes the focal point of the composition with its steeply pitched Mansard roof and iron cresting. Low pitched hipped roofs cover the remainder of the house, with iron cresting surmounting the truncated roof over the main body of the structure. The front porch was modified from the original which was similar to the small side porch at the southwest corner of the building. In the 1940's, the Zwoneček family had the house covered with aluminum siding, which the present owners are contemplating removing.

The interior of the house is in near original condition due to careful preservation by the Zwonečeks and tasteful repair and decorating by the present owners. The stairhall opens to the west into the front parlor which connects to the back parlor via a wide doorway. The dining room features built in cabinets and cupboards along the west wall, which once housed a passageway for a dumbwaiter carrying food from the original basement kitchen directly below the dining room. The present kitchen (ca. 1900) is located just north of the dining room. The large porch on the east side of the house is directly off the dining room. The stairway rises along the east wall of the stairhall and ends in a north-south hallway off of which are several bed chambers. The house was pictured in A. T. Andreas' History of Nebraska, 1882, pp. 1353.

There are two outbuildings on the property, a barn and chicken house. The barn, (located directly north of the house) is not original, however it was probably erected ca. 1900. It is large enough to have housed several horses and perhaps two buggies or wagons. The second floor was used for hay storage. The lean-to projection on the south was added ca. 1920's by the Zwoneček family to make room for their automobile in the building. The chicken house is situated just east of the barn and appears to be of turn of the century vintage. Both of these outbuildings are used for storage.

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	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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 1881

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William H. Mann was born in New York in 1833. He learned the milling trade as a youth and pursued this career as he worked his way west. In 1869, Mann settled in Johnson County, Nebraska and laid out the town of Sterling where in 1870, he built a grist mill. Mann moved farther west in 1874 to the two year old town of Wilber and obtained the water rights on the Big Blue River. That same year, he and town-founder C. D. Wilber built the Wilber Mills for \$19,000. This mill prospered for twenty years supplying the surrounding area with flour, rye, farina etc. and then was sold in 1894 to John Zwoneček and Joseph Aksamit, who later also became proprietors of the DeWitt Mills (see pending NRHP). William Mann also sold this house to the Zwoneček family in 1894 who continued to occupy it until 1968.

The milling enterprise founded by Mann was the chief industry in Wilber for several decades (it is no longer extant) and enjoyed a wide circle of trade under his leadership. Mann was also a civic-minded individual and did much to enhance the commercial and social climate of the community.

The William H. Mann house is the only extant home of imposing grandeur in Wilber dating to the early 1880's. Built with both Italianate and Second Empire features, the plan is thoroughly Victorian in character with an asymmetrical arrangement of rooms. These rooms are juxtaposed in a complex manner which creates the many varied protrusions in the exterior form of the house. The overall form of the house is reflected in the complexity of the plan outline. Bay windows and elaboration of the exterior walls do much to enhance its Victorian character. Roof lines, while not simple, do not achieve the complexity of form which the later Victorian styles represent. The William Mann house is a good example of early Nebraska vernacular Victorian architecture.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY about 2 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Wilber

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 672310 4483210
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Property overlaps two additions to the original plat Wilber:

Blk. 1, lots 4-6 Wilber's 2nd. Add.

Blk. 16, lots 4-6 Wilber's 3rd. Add.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Jeffries Spencer, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

October, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1500 R Street

TELEPHONE

402-432-2793

CITY OR TOWN

Lincoln

STATE

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 E. Kuntz

11/2/78

TITLE

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

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

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

William H. Rishman

DATE

12/29/78

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

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