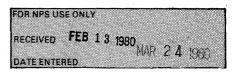
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wilber T. Reed House is located on part of three lots in Auburn (1970 pop. 3,650), the county seat of Nemaha County, Nebraska.

Constructed in the Italianate Style of architecture in 1884-1885, the house is a two-story brick structure with hipped roof and bracketed eaves. Decorative features include a one-story frontal bay window, and metal, pedimented-arched window hoods.

A ca. 1900 porch skirts the east and north facades, replacing the original front and side (north) porches (see historic photo #5). A second-story doorway on the east facade allows access to the roof of the frontal porch. Four chimneys penetrate the roof with two each rising from the north and south facades. A one-story brick and frame addition projecting from the west side of the house provided space for the original kitchen.

The interior floor space is basically a four-over-four-room plan with a central stairhall. The floorplan has been slightly altered to allow for the building's present use as apartments.

Current owner William D. Coulter plans to restore the house to its original appearance using historic photographs. This will include the rebuilding of the original porches and exterior shutters (see photos #1 and 5).

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

The Wilber T. Reed house is significant in the area of architecture.

Reed, a native of Shelby County, Ohio, was born in 1844 and migrated through Missouri before locating in Nemaha County, Nebraska, in 1874.

The town of Auburn, formerly named Sheridan, was surveyed in 1868. In 1875, Wilber T. Reed opened a grocery store, and by 1877 he owned stock in a general merchandise store which had been operating since 1876. Reed's business establishment became significant in the lives of the early settlers in central and western Nemaha County in that supplies could be purchased close to home. In about 1880, W. T. Reed and A. H. Gilmore platted an 80-acre addition to Auburn. This availability of residential lots encouraged more settlers to make this community their home and was a definite factor in increasing Auburn's population to 1,537 in 1890 as compared to 200 in 1880.

Architecturally, the Wilber T. Reed House exemplifies the Italianate style. This style enjoyed only a short-lived popularity in Nebraska, primarily in the eastern edge of the state. This style was popular in the United States at the time of Nebraska's initial settlement. The Italianate style was the first mode of architecture to appear with any consistency in Nebraska's early settlement period. Many other examples of this style are no longer extant which makes the few remaining structures of even greater significance to Nebraska's cultural heritage.

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