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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wilber T. Reed House

NH01-5

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1204 N Street

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Nebraska

VICINITY OF

CODE

31

COUNTY

Nemaha

CODE

127

**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 MUSEUM COMMERCIAL PARK EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION MILITARY OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William D. Coulter

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 511-1204 N Street

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

STATE

Nebraska

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Nemaha County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

STATE

Nebraska

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

A History &amp; Historic Sites Survey of Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties in

DATE

1969

southeastern Nebraska.

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Nebraska State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln

STATE

Nebraska

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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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).

## 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 1884-1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

### STATEMENT OF 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.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Andreas, A. T. History of Nebraska, Western Historical Company, Chicago, 1882.  
Nebraska Republican, Auburn, Nebraska. October 29, 1884; September 26, 1885.  
 Nemaha County, Nebraska land records.

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**      **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre      Quadrangle Name Auburn, Nebr.  
 UTM REFERENCES      Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

A	1 5	2 5 8 5 9 10	4 4 7 5 10 1 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is located on the east half of lots 1-3, block 2, Reed and Gilmore's Addition to Auburn.

## 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 / TITLE: Janet Jeffries Spencer, Cultural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society      DATE: January, 1980

STREET & NUMBER: 1500 R Street      TELEPHONE: 402/471-3270

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: Merrill R. Kuetto      DATE: 2/6/80

TITLE: Director, Nebraska State Historical Society      DATE:     

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

W. Ray Luce      DATE: 3/24/80  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION      KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William H. Bradham      DATE: 3-7-80  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER