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7 **DESCRIPTION**

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The R. B. Hinkly House occupies a spacious lot at 217 North Freeman Avenue in Luverne. It is a square two story building constructed of random coursed rock faced red Sioux Quartzite from the Blue Mound Quarry north of Luverne. The stone mass is surmounted by a soaring, multigabled roof with four distinct decorative treatments. The north and south gables appear to be supported by simple brackets. The surfaces are sheathed in decorative scalloped shingles. Gables on the front facade are also supported by brackets, however dentils fill the cornices. Square mulitpaned windows are surrounded by a gridwork of square wood panels. At the apex of the roof are two eyebrow dormers facing north and south and two low windows set in a shingled gable under a jerkin roof. Stylistically the design features classify the building in the Queen Anne mode.

The elevations of the building are essentially symmetrical. The front elevation facing Freeman Avenue boasts central one story colonaded porch flanked by identical gabled bays. A polished cornerstone bears the inscription "R.B. Hinkly --1892". A pair of carved stone lions by the Norwegian stone-cutter Knute Steine (1900) flank the steps to the front porch and entry.

The exterior of the Hinkly House is in a good state of preservation. Recent work has included replacement of rotten wooden members, re-pointing of stonework, and re-roofing.

The interior comprises twelve rooms and two bathrooms. Woodwork and parquetry floors on the first level exhibit accomplished craftsmanship. Several different types of wood are used, including oak, maple, and pine. Stained glass transoms are found above large windows on the first floor rooms; the transom above the front door bears the name "Hinkly".

The Hinkly House has been basically unaltered since its construction in 1892 and presently serves as the Rock County Historical Society Museum.

8 SIGNIFICANCE PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
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1700-1799	ART	-ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR	MUSIC	THEATER
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hinkly House is one of the earliest residences in Luverne still standing as a landmark of the city. It is not only an outstanding example of local stone craftsmanship but also of R. B. Hinkly's engineering skill and foresight, and business expertise.

The Hinkly House represents Luverne's finest extant example of the vernacular style of architecture which was popular prior to the turn of the century. This residential design was executed in a square mass of red Sioux Quartzite with Queen Anne design features. Residences of a complementary style and construction comprise the streetscape.

Long before electricity reached Luverne, Hinkly wired his house in anticipation of its arrival. He outfitted his own plumbing system in the house by installing a large tank in the attic and pumping water into it to take care of household needs. The Hinkly House was the first residence in Luverne to have a telephone. Hinkly ran a telephone line from the Rock County Bank to his house; he eventually persuaded other Luverne residents to hook up to his line, thus forming the first telephone company in Luverne. To store dynamite for blasting in the local quarries Hinkly devised an underground system -- he kept the dynamite in an underground room in the middle of his yard which was reached through a bricked passageway from the basement of his house.

In the field of business R.B. Hinkly was likewise a forerunner. Before settling in Luverne Hinkly practiced law and edited a newspaper in Claremont, Iowa. During his long and successful career as a banker he assisted in the organization of a number of financial institutions in Minnesota and South Dakota. Hinkly organized and operated Luverne's largest industry -- the Luverne Brick and Tile Company. In addition, he owned several thousand acres of land in Rock County and Texas.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS;

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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.

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