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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

John Cattle Jr. House

AND/OR COMMON

Hughes House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Hillcrest St.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Seward

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Nebraska

31

Seward

159

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Carrie Hughes (see continuation sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

West Hillcrest Street

CITY, TOWN

Seward

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office, Seward County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Seward

STATE

Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This Second Empire Style house was built in 1885 by Seward banker John Cattle, Jr. Situated on the crest of a hill in west Seward, this two story house has a curbed mansard roof penetrated by eight pedimented dormer windows. Brackets support a built-in gutter system which drains by pipes running down the side walls.

The majority of the windows of the house exhibit Italianate influences. Those set in pairs are capped with stilted, segmental arches and elaborate architrave moldings.

In typical Second Empire fashion, a pavilion projects from the front of the house and forms an entrance tower which is topped by a separate mansard roof. This pavilion added to the basically tall proportions of the house give it a decided three-dimensional effect.

Other decorative features of the house include, a bay window on the east facade crowned with a railing, and two Victorian ground-level porches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hughes became the third owners of the house in 1940 after it had been left vacant for several years. They did make one rather major alteration, that being the addition of a four foot projection on the west facade which enlarged the kitchen. (see photos #4, #5) At this same time they added a brick angular shaped garage and used the window and door frames from the remodeled west facade in this garage in an attempt to provide continuity. Also during this same time period the front porch was enclosed with screening. A walk-out platform from the second story pavilion windows which originally was surrounded by a spindlework railing was never replaced.

The interior of the house is a basic four rooms over four plan with a central stairhall. The rooms have been tastefully redone in period furnishings.

The grounds surrounding the Cattle-Hughes house are nicely landscaped with trees and shrubs.

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
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<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 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cattle-Hughes House in Seward was built in 1885 by John Cattle, Jr. (1849-1902) a native of Skipton, England. He married Blanche E. Lloyd in 1874 in Wales, and that same year emigrated to America, settling in Seward County, Nebraska. During the next two years, his brother Walter and father John Sr. also came from England to settle in Seward County. They all pursued farming careers until 1881 when they purchased and incorporated the State Bank of Nebraska. The officers were as follows: John Cattle, Sr., president; John Cattle, Jr., first vice president; Walter Cattle, second vice president; and C. W. Barkley, cashier. John Cattle, Jr. continued his farming interests until 1886 when he moved into his new home in the town of Seward to give his fulltime attention to the bank. In 1888, after his mother died, his father John Sr. went back to England leaving John Jr. as acting president of the bank. He served in this capacity until his sudden death in 1902. John, Sr. died in England in 1905 leaving his son Walter presiding over bank affairs. Under Walter Cattle the bank was nationalized in 1930 and became the Cattle National Bank. This bank, long known for its conservative management, remains in operation today still under the direction of the Cattle family. In their 97 year banking history, the Cattle family has done much for the community's financial strength.

Besides presiding over banking matters, John Cattle Jr. owned much commercial and farming property in Seward County. He was also a large stockholder in the Seward Cereal Mills, a company which manufactured oatmeal.

The Second Empire Style enjoyed short lived popularity in Nebraska, probably due to the relatively late settlement of our state. Very few buildings of this architectural style can be found in Nebraska. This Seward landmark can be compared with the Joel Cornish house in Omaha (see NRHP, Douglas County) and the Lewis-Syford house in Lincoln (see NRHP, Lancaster County) as a fine example of the Second Empire Style.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See continuation sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

approx. 2.5 acres (G. Spencer)

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tax Lot #36, City of Seward

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Jeffries Spencer, Preservation Historian

ORGANIZATION

Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

February 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

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. Knell

2/22/78

TITLE

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

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

R. B. Rettig

DATE

9/13/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

William LeBouch

DATE

Sept 11, 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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13th & M
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

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