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National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name Downtown Neligh Historic District

Other names/site number N/A

Name of related multiple property listing N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

Street & Number Main St. from 5<sup>th</sup> St. (north) to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (south)

City or town Neligh State Nebraska County Antelope

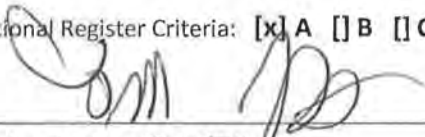
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## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:  national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

  
Signature of certifying official/Title

SHPO/Director

Date

9/13/17

Nebraska State Historical Society

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of Commenting Official

Date

Title

State of Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain):

  
Signature of Keeper

11-9-2017  
Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public-local
- Public-state
- Public-federal

**Category of Property** (Check only **one** box)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property** (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>41</u>	<u>14</u>	Buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	Sites
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	Structures
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	Objects
<u>41</u>	<u>14</u>	Total

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register** N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

- COMMERCE/TRADE: Business
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Department Store
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Restaurant
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Professional
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Financial Institution
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Warehouse
- SOCIAL: Meeting Hall
- SOCIAL: Clubhouse
- GOVERNMENT: Courthouse
- GOVERNMENT: Fire Station
- GOVERNMENT: Post Office
- FUNERARY: Mortuary
- RECREATION AND CULTURE: Theater
- RECREATION AND CULTURE: Auditorium
- INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION: Energy Facility

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions.)

- COMMERCE/TRADE: Business
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Department Store
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Restaurant
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Professional
- COMMERCE/TRADE: Financial Institution
- SOCIAL: Clubhouse
- GOVERNMENT: City Hall
- RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility
- EDUCATION: Education-related
- HEALTHCARE: Medical Business/Office
- DOMESTIC: Multiple Dwelling
- VACANT/NOT IN USE

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions.)

- LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate
- LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS: Classical Revival
- LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS

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MODERN MOVEMENT: Art Deco

MODERN MOVEMENT: Moderne

**Materials** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Brick, Stone, Metal, Wood, Terra Cotta, Concrete

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Description

Summary Paragraph (Briefly describe the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

The Downtown Neligh Historic District (District) encompasses the heart of the City of Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska. The approximately 8.1 acre district contains forty-one contributing resources and fourteen non-contributing resources that form the historic commercial center of the city. The boundaries of the district are roughly the east and west sides of Main Street from 2nd Street (south) to 5th Street (north). The boundaries extend across West 5th Street to include 502 Main St. and across the alley east of Main Street at East 4th Street to include 112 and 116 E. 4th St. Residential neighborhoods surround the commercial district. This area developed as Neligh's primary business district after the town's founding in 1873. The existing buildings date from circa 1887 to 2007. Two-lane paved streets with concrete curbs and sidewalks form the grid that organizes the town center. Commercial buildings in the center of the district form a unified streetwall that abuts the sidewalks. Most of the buildings in the Downtown Neligh Historic District are vernacular one- and two-part commercial blocks with flat roofs and brick cladding. Ornamental materials such as terra cotta, aluminum, cast iron, and wood provide detailing at cornices and storefronts. The one- and two-part commercial block forms have well-defined ground floor storefronts. Buildings in the district house a variety of businesses that support Neligh's continued development, including offices, financial institutions, restaurants, and specialty stores. The non-contributing resources include properties that do not retain sufficient integrity due to alterations or those that have not reached the fifty-year threshold for historic significance. Overall, the district retains integrity and communicates the commercial development of Neligh, Nebraska, throughout the period of significance (c. 1887-1964).

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable.)

LOCATION AND SETTING

The Downtown Neligh Historic District covers approximately 8.1 acres in Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska. With a population around 1,500, Neligh lies 150 miles northwest of the larger metropolitan area of Omaha, Nebraska, between the cities of Norfolk, Nebraska, and O'Neill, Nebraska. U.S. Highway 275 and Nebraska Highway 14 run directly through the city and the Elkhorn River borders the city to the south (Figure 1). Agricultural landscapes surround the area outside of the city limits. The Downtown Neligh Historic District lies near the city center. In the District, concrete sidewalks and curbs line the two-lane paved streets that organize the blocks. The roads are wide enough to accommodate diagonal parking spaces on either side of the driving lanes. The blocks within the District are relatively flat. Outside the boundary of the commercial center, building types transition to residential uses.

The Downtown Neligh Historic District includes forty-five properties along Main Street between East/West 2nd Street and just north of East/West 5th Street; one property on East 3rd Street between Main Street and L Street; three properties on West 3rd Street between Main Street and N Street; five properties on East 4th Street between Main Street and L Street; and one property on West 4th Street between Main Street and N Street (Figures 2-4). The buildings lining Main Street and East/West 3rd and 4th Streets present a dense cohesive street wall of commercial buildings between one and two stories tall with shared party walls that directly abut concrete sidewalks. They form a cohesive streetscape that illustrates the evolution of Neligh's commercial center.

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**RESOURCES**

Dating from circa 1887 to the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, most of the buildings in the Downtown Neligh Historic District are simple one- and two-story structures. The traditional building material is brick. Of the fifty-five resources in the Downtown Neligh Historic District, forty-one are contributing and fourteen are non-contributing. Several different property types with shared physical or associative characteristics exist with the historic district.

The buildings are predominantly commercial. The resources exhibit two building forms: one-part and two-part commercial blocks. The variety of businesses housed in these buildings reflects the needs of a thriving town. The structures represent functional subcategories such as businesses, specialty stores, financial institutions, restaurants, warehouses, and department stores. Out of the fifty-five resources, only six were built for non-commercial functions. Three were constructed as civic buildings such as a post office, senior center, and fire station, one was built as a power plant, one was built as an Opera House and social hall, and one as a movie theater. Many of these historic functions align with current building use. Current functions of the commercial buildings include businesses, specialty stores, restaurants, doctor’s offices, and financial institutions. Some buildings are vacant.

The majority of commercial building forms represented in the historic district are one-part commercial blocks (33) and two-part commercial blocks (12). Most of the buildings have a utilitarian architectural style with subtle stylistic influences. The resources were constructed over a period from circa 1887 to 2007, with the majority of the buildings constructed between 1904 and 1920.

**INTEGRITY**

The Downtown Neligh Historic District retains sufficient architectural integrity to communicate the evolution of Neligh’s commercial core during the period of significance. The buildings within the district and the streetscapes they create define the setting and visual character of the District. The buildings were constructed from circa 1887 through 2007. The dense streetwalls in the center of the District illustrate the growth of Neligh’s commercial core and represent a typical downtown streetscape of early commercial centers. The resources in the commercial core form a cohesive downtown commercial center that retains its original location and setting. The District as a whole communicates feelings about and associations with the continued commercial development in downtown Neligh from the late nineteenth century to the 1960s.

Alterations to buildings within the historic district reflect the modernization of first-story display windows, entrances, and façades. Many of these alterations have left the historic openings and spatial relationships of the storefront and upper stories intact. The majority of these changes occurred during the period of significance and have become historic in their own right. A number of buildings in the District have wood-shingled shed roofs above the first-story storefronts. These Buckaroo Revival modifications were installed in the 1970s as a celebration of America’s pioneer heritage, commemorating the Nation’s bicentennial. While these modifications are less than fifty years old, they do not detract from the building’s integrity. The modified buildings continue to communicate the historic commercial functions and the eras in which they were constructed.

**DISTRICT PROPERTIES**

105 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
AP04-152: Dew Drop Inn; Photo 15

Non-Contributing Building  
c. 1920

This one-story one-part commercial block building has stucco cladding and a flat roof. The stucco covers all but a corbeled brick cornice below the flat parapet. The front (north) elevation has seven irregular bays, each with a single punched segmental-arched opening. One short window and one door opening have solid infill. The center

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door opening has a deeply recessed metal slab door. The four remaining openings have vinyl sliding windows and vinyl infill. Alterations to the façade of this building compromise its integrity and its ability to clearly communicate its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

101 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
AP04-220; Photos 18-20

Contributing Building  
c. 1950

This two-story commercial block building has buff brick walls and a flat roof. The front (north) elevation has six irregular bays at the first story and five irregular bays at the second story. The three bays at the east end of the building have single one-over-one wood windows flanking a center pair of doors, all of which are historic. The center bay has a large vehicular opening with a historic wood overhead garage door. The two west bays each contain a large single-pane fixed window. The openings have stone sills. The punched window openings on the second story have stone sills and lintels. Corrugated metal panels cover the windows. A brick dentil course caps the first story while a corbeled cornice caps the second story below a flat parapet. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

103 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
AP04-151; Photos 18-20

Contributing Building  
c. 1915

This one-story commercial block building has glazed brick cladding. A non-historic corrugated metal shed roof rises above the historic flat roofline. Concrete framing creates a storefront with three bays. The west bay is a vehicular opening with a historic wood overhead garage door. The center bay is a single wood door with a narrow transom. The east bay is a wide storefront display window with wood framing set on a glazed brick bulkhead. A wood transom with non-historic infill spans the storefront display window. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

110 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
AP04-xxx

Non-Contributing Building  
c. 1974

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick cladding and a flat roof. Brick pilasters divide the front (south) façade into five irregular bays. Three narrow bays contain narrow fixed windows while the wider bays each contain a single glazed aluminum door. A wide brick chimney rises above the roofline at the center of the façade. A wide opening in the west elevation has been enclosed with concrete block. This building was constructed outside the period of significance, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

108 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
AP04-209; Photos 6, 8

Contributing Building  
c. 1920

This one-story one-part commercial block building has buff brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (south) elevation has three symmetrical bays. The two outer bays each have a single punched opening with stone sills and rowlock brick arches. Smaller non-historic vinyl windows and stucco infill are slightly recessed within the segmental arched openings. The wide center bay has a non-historic metal door and stucco infill slightly recessed within the rowlock brick segmental arched opening. Brick corbeling forms the cornice below the flat parapet. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

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110 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
AP04-210: Former Fire Department Hall; Photos 6-8

Contributing Building  
c. 1920; alt. c. 1960

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick cladding. A non-historic standing seam metal shed roof rises above the historic flat roofline. The front (south) façade has five irregular bays. The punched openings include three single windows with two-over-two metal sashes and stone sills, and two metal doors. Rowlock brick segmental arches indicate the locations of earlier openings that have been infilled. Brick corbeling forms the cornice below the flat parapet. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

111 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
AP04-213; Photo 9

Contributing Building  
c. 1920

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (north) façade is divided into five irregular bays. Two center bays each contain a pair of non-historic windows that fill the historic openings. The east bays contain a single window and a door with an attached window. The door is a fully-glazed aluminum door. All of the windows have stone sills. The westernmost bay has a recessed entrance with a non-historic door, sidelights, and a transom. The building has a flat parapet with a chimney that rises above the roofline towards the middle of the front elevation. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

112 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
AP04-211; Photos 6-8

Contributing Building  
1940

This two-story two-part commercial block building has painted brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (south) façade has two bays. The west bay has a large aluminum storefront with a display window and a glazed door. The east bay has a single glazed wood door that accesses the second floor. A flat aluminum canopy spans the façade above the storefront. The second floor has two bay, each with a single historic two-over-two metal window and a stone sill. A rowlock brick band frames a large rectangular panel of soldier course bricks above the second story. The flat parapet has stone coping. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

116 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
AP04-167; Photos 6-8

Contributing Building  
c. 1920

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (south) façade has two bays. The west bay has a narrow entrance with a single non-historic aluminum glazed door set within the historic segmental arched opening. The east bay has a non-historic fixed pane aluminum window set within the historic segmental arched opening. The window has a stone sill. The cornice has broken brick corbeling and a stone band below the flat parapet. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

108 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
AP04-227

Contributing Building  
c. 1920

This two-story two-part commercial block building has brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (south) façade has four symmetrical bays at the first story and three symmetrical bays at the second story. The outer bays of the first story have single pedestrian entrances with historic stone surrounds and non-historic doors and infill. The inner bays have large openings with non-historic three-part windows and shed-roof awnings. A stone belt course forms the sill for the second-story windows. The outer bays of the second story have single window openings while the

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inner bay has five individual windows set within a recessed opening. Brick pilasters form wide mullions between the five windows. Each window has a round arch with non-historic infill above the non-historic rectangular windows. Elaborate broken corbeling forms the cornice below the stepped parapet with stone coping. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District

202 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-216: Neligh City Hall, former power plant; Photo 17

1928

This two-story building has buff brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (east) façade has three bays at each story. The outer bays on the first story have wide openings with stone sills and non-historic fixed aluminum windows. Partial-height brick pilasters flank the center bay which has a wood framed entrance and partial sidelights. The door and windows are non-historic aluminum and a corrugated metal panel covers the transom above to fill the tall opening. The second story has three narrow punched window openings filled with non-historic aluminum windows. Rowlock and stretcher brick bands frame each bay as well as a stepped nameplate in the stepped parapet. Square stone blocks articulate the corners of these bands. The secondary south façade has eight irregular bays filled with either historic multi-light steel windows or non-historic aluminum. There are two large vehicular entrances at the west end of the south elevation. Bays on the south also have rowlock and stretcher brick bands that frame each opening. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic utilitarian and civic function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

204 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-218; Photo 17

1973

This one-story building has concrete block walls and a flat roof. The front (east) façade has two historic bays. The south bay has a single non-historic door while the north bay has a wider window opening containing a smaller non-historic vinyl window with cement fiberboard plank infill. Decorative concrete blocks form a diamond pattern at the parapet. This building was constructed outside the period of significance, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

210 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-xxx: Neligh Senior Center; Photo 17

2010

This one-story building has concrete block and stucco panel cladding with a front-gable roof. The front (east) façade has three bays. The outer bays each contain a single tripartite vinyl window while the center bay has a pair of aluminum doors. Plank siding clads the gable end. Vinyl siding clads the secondary elevations. This building was constructed outside the period of significance, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

212 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-217; Photo 17

c. 1950

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (east) façade has three bays. The outer bays each contain a single opening with a concrete sill and a non-historic fixed aluminum window. The center bay has a single aluminum glazed door. The non-historic door and windows fill the historic masonry openings. A single band of soldier course dentils runs the length of the façade below the flat parapet with concrete coping. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.



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214 Main St.  
AP04-197; Photo 17

Contributing Building  
c. 1890

This one-story one-part commercial block building has frame construction, asbestos shingle siding, and a gable roof with a tall flat parapet. The front (east) façade has a single historic storefront with wood framing of the wide display windows and a center recessed entrance with a historic wood door and transom. Asbestos shingles clad the storefront bulkheads and the tall parapet. A wood cornice caps the parapet. The front-gable roof has corrugated metal paneling. A vintage blade sign reading “Gibson Refrigerators Ranges” hangs above the front entrance. This building retains excellent integrity as one of the oldest intact commercial buildings and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

218 Main St.  
AP04-219; Photo 17

Contributing Building  
c. 1940

This one-story one-part commercial block building has painted concrete block walls and a non-historic metal shed roof that rises above the historic flat roof. The front (east) elevation has four irregular bays. The southernmost bay has a large rectangular window opening with a stone sill. A smaller non-historic aluminum window and non-historic infill fill the historic opening. A round-arched opening with a recessed single door fill the center-south bay. The center-north bay contains a single non-historic door in a larger historic opening with a stone lintel. The northernmost bay contains a square non-historic window set in a historic window opening with a stone sill. The parapet has a shallow peak above the two south bays. A blade sign is attached above the northernmost bay. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

220 Main St.  
AP04-xxx; Photos 17-20

Contributing Building  
c. 1950

This one-story one-part commercial block building has pink vertical corrugated metal siding and a flat roof. The building has a recessed entrance at the northeast corner. The single door is not historic. The north façade has a band of six aluminum frame windows with solid panels above and below the fixed glazing. The east façade has a band of four windows with solid panels and a single such window. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

223 Main St.  
AP04-215; Photos 15-16, 20

Contributing Building  
1945

This two-story two-part commercial block building with Streamlined Moderne features a concrete base, brick cladding, and a flat roof. The front (east) façade has three symmetrical bays. The outer bays each contain a single large display window with historic aluminum framing, a fixed aluminum panel, and a small awning. The center bay has a single, slightly recessed aluminum glazed door with a concrete surround. The second story has three bays with historic two-over-one steel awning sash windows and concrete sills. Slightly recessed header courses at every fifth course create a banding effect at the windows. The banding continues on the north elevation. The north façade has six bays at the first story and eight bays at the second story. The two west bays have large display windows with a continuous concrete lintel. The center bay has a multi-light steel window. The three east bays have a historic steel window and two historic openings with non-historic window and door infill. The second story has the same brick banding and steel awning sashes as the west façade. Basket weave brick patterning and concrete coping cap the north and west façades. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

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302 Main St.  
AP04-221; Photos 11-13

Contributing Building  
1901; alt. c. 1975

This two-story two-part commercial block building has buff brick cladding and painted stone ornament that reflects the influence of the Jacobean style. The front (east) façade has six bays at the first story and eight bays at the second story. The first story has a single storefront with stone bulkheads and non-historic vertical plank siding infill around the non-historic aluminum display windows. The center entrance has an aluminum frame door with sidelights and transoms. A wood shingle shed roof spans the façade above the storefront. The second story has tall narrow openings that alternate between round arched openings with rowlock brick arches and rectangular windows with large stone lintels. The outer two round arched openings have bands of white painted brick that project slightly, to highlight the arches and the pilasters that flank these bays. The outer bays have an elaborate entablature with ornate carved stone panels. A wide cornice runs the length of this portion of the façade. The corner bay has a stepped, shaped parapet with elaborate carved finials. The window openings have smaller non-historic windows and vertical panel infill. The secondary south façade has eight irregular bays. The east corner bay is identical to the south corner bay on the east façade. The remaining bays have tall rectangular openings with large stone sills, non-historic windows, and vertical panel infill. A single door with aluminum framing and a historic entablature pierces the west end of this façade. Despite alterations to the storefront, this building retains sufficient integrity to clearly communicate its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

305 Main St.  
AP04-xxx; Photos 10, 12, 14

Non-Contributing Building  
1975

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls with a flat roof. The front (west) elevation has two round-arched windows flanking a center entrance with a pair of aluminum doors. The building has Neo-Colonial details including keystones in arched frames and a broken scroll pediment and finial framing the door. The stepped parapet has decorative brickwork with soldier courses and broken corbels. A portico over the drive-through teller window on the south elevation has brick piers and a flared metal shed roof. While this building is compatible with the scale, materials, and commercial character of the District, it was constructed outside the period of significance and is therefore non-contributing.

306 Main St.  
AP04-222; Photos 11, 13

Contributing Building  
1920-1921; alt. c. 1975

This two-story two-part commercial block building has red brick cladding and a flat roof. The first story has one storefront with stone bulkheads and non-historic vertical plank siding infill around the non-historic aluminum display windows. The center entrance has an aluminum frame door with sidelights and transoms. A wood shingle shed roof spans the façade above the storefronts. The red brick north end of the façade has three bays with rowlock segmental arches, a rectangular panel framed with a rowlock brick band, and brick dentils at the cornice. The window openings have smaller non-historic windows and vertical panel infill. Despite alterations to the storefront, this building retains sufficient integrity to clearly communicate its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

307 Main St.  
AP04-xxx; Photos 10, 12, 14

Contributing Building  
c. 1899; alt. c. 1960

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls with a flat roof. The symmetrical front (west) façade has three bays. Aluminum storefront display windows on brick bulkheads flank the center entrance with a single fully-glazed aluminum door. Vinyl transoms fill the transoms. Metal paneling covers the tall parapet. This building retains integrity of the storefront configuration and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

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Non-Contributing Building

c. 1996

This one-story commercial building has vinyl siding and a flat roof. The front (east) façade is substantially recessed from the main streetwall and contains one bay. The entrance exhibits Colonial Revival details, including a single paneled door with sidelights and fluted pilasters supporting a denticulated entablature with a pediment. A wood cornice with dentils and a vinyl soffit cap the façade. This building was constructed outside the period of significance, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

309 Main St.

AP04-225; Photos 10, 12, 14

Contributing Building

c. 1920; alt. c. 1960

This one-story one-part commercial block building is a buff brick enframed wall façade with stone ornament. Glass block and brick surround a center entrance while soldier and rowlock brick courses frame the large opening. A stone band ornamented with geometric shapes forms the cornice. The flat brick parapet has stone coping. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

310 Main St.

AP04-xxx; Photos 11, 13

Non-Contributing Building

c. 1904; alt. c. 1960

This one-story one-part commercial block has a rectangular plan and a flat roof. Vinyl siding and faux brick siding clad the front (east) façade. The front elevation contains three bays, with two large display windows flanking a recessed center entrance. The windows and door are not historic. A shingled pent roof awning spans the façade above the windows. Vinyl siding clads the parapet above the awning. While this building clearly retains its commercial function, alterations to the façade materials compromise the integrity of the building and its ability to clearly communicate the era in which it was constructed, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

312 Main St.

AP04-xxx; Photos 11, 13

Contributing Building

c. 1904; alt. c. 1950

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls and a flat roof. The front (east) elevation has a historic mid-century storefront with buff brick bulkheads and a recessed center entry with flanking large display windows. The storefront and entrance framing systems are aluminum. A flat metal canopy spans the front elevation. Metal paneling clads the tall parapet above the storefront. Alterations made to the building were performed during the period of significance and have achieved significance in their own right. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

313 Main St.

AP04-xxx; Photos 10, 12, 14

Contributing Building

c. 1920; alt. c.1960 (storefront), c. 1975 (awning)

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls with non-historic wooden paneling and a flat roof. The storefront retains its historic configuration of large display windows flanking a center recessed entrance. The storefront has aluminum and wood framing with brick bulkheads. The center entrance has a single door with flanking sidelights. A wood shingled pent-roof awning spans the facade. Non-historic wood paneling clads the parapet above the awning. This building retains integrity in the configuration and materials of the storefront and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

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314 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-223; Moyer's Department Store; Photos 11, 13

c.1950

This two-story two-part commercial block building has textured buff brick walls and a flat roof. A historic storefront with tile bulkheads, aluminum framing, and a deeply recessed center entry comprises the first story. A non-historic hipped roof rises from the canopy that spans the storefront. The second story has three bays. The two outer bays have short narrow windows while the center bay has a band of three windows comprised of single-hung windows flanking a fixed single pane window. While the windows are not historic, they fill the historic masonry openings. The punched openings have concrete sills. A band of soldier course brick spans the façade at the cornice below the short, flat parapet. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

315 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-194; Photos 10, 12, 14

c. 1900

This one-story one-part commercial block building has a historic cast iron storefront with pressed metal panels installed over brick. A pressed metal cornice caps the building with its flat roof. The symmetrical storefront has cast iron and wood framing with wood bulkheads. The recessed center entrance contains a single door with glass block sidelights and two transoms, indicating that this was probably originally two storefronts that have since been combined into one. The awning appears to be historic. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

317 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-193; Photos 10, 12, 14

c. 1887; alt. c. 1975

This two-story two-part commercial block building has red brick walls with a flat roof. The storefront has historic cast iron posts with non-historic vinyl infill to create taller bulkheads and to frame vinyl windows. The configuration of the recessed entrance is retained. A shingled pent roof awning spans the front (west) façade. The cornice is metal and below is white stone decorative trimming. The second story has four tall narrow windows with stone sills and elaborate stone hoods. The openings have non-historic infill. Corbeled brick courses and a pressed metal cornice cap the building. This building retains integrity, particularly with the cast iron storefront framing, and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

319 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-214; Photos 10, 12, 14

c. 1940

This one-story one-part commercial block building has orange brick walls with a flat roof. An asymmetrical storefront spans the front (west) façade. The historic storefront has aluminum frames, brick bulkheads and a continuous awning. The recessed entrance has historic fully-glazed aluminum doors with sidelights and transom. The tall unadorned brick parapet is capped with a row of soldier brick dentils. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

320 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-196; Photos 11, 13

c. 1947

This one-story Streamlined Moderne theater building has glazed terra cotta cladding and a flat roof. The curved stepped parapet culminates in a sign tower with a crescent finial that rises above the center of the front (east) façade. The tower has a recessed niche to contain the historic neon sign. The front elevation contains four

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symmetrical bays. The outer two bays each have a storefront with a large display window set on a glass block bulkhead. The wood storefront frame has a single glazed wood door. There are two sets of projecting and inset display cases adjacent to the storefronts. The two inner bays each contain non-historic aluminum doors with sidelights. A lighted marquee juts out from above the front entrance. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

322 Main St.  
AP04-224; Photos 11, 13

Contributing Building  
c. 1950; alt. c. 1975

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls and a flat roof. The storefront retains its historic configuration with historic metal framing of the display windows and recessed entrance. Black plastic panels cover the bulkhead and pilasters framing the storefront. The entrance to the rear space has a historic aluminum door. A shingled pent-roof awning spans the façade above the storefront. Soldier and header brick form a band that frames a buff brick panel at the center of the parapet. The flat parapet has stone coping. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

323-325 Main St.  
AP04-192; Photos 10, 12, 14

Contributing Building  
1909-1910; alt. c. 1960

This two-story two-part commercial block building has red brick walls and a flat roof. The first story of the front (west) façade has two storefronts flanking the slightly recessed entrance to the second story. Non-historic vinyl panels clad the area surrounding the storefronts. The north storefront has two large display windows with historic aluminum frames set on low perma-stone bulkheads. The recessed entrance has a fully-glazed aluminum door. The entrance to the second story has a non-historic door and transom set in a historic wood frame. The south storefront has historic copper framing and a deeply recessed wood entrance with a fully-glazed wood door, sidelights, and transom. The vinyl panels cover the bulkhead and storefront transom. The second story has four symmetrical bays. Broken corbeling and decorative brick work frame two slightly recessed areas, each containing two punched openings. The window openings have stone sills and stone flat-arched lintels, with non-historic windows. A flat parapet with a broken corbel cornice caps the building. The secondary north façade has five irregular bays at the first story and nine bays at the second story. The second-story windows match the front elevation while the first-story windows are different sizes and have only stone sills. The single door at the east end of the building has a stone flat-arched lintel. The vinyl paneling wraps the first bay of this secondary elevation. A similar cornice with broken corbeling runs the length of the secondary façade. Despite the alterations to the area surrounding the storefronts, the storefronts themselves retain historic materials, as does the second story. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

324 Main St.  
AP04-168: Atlas Bank; Photos 11, 13

Contributing Building  
1917

This two-story Classical Revival commercial building has terra cotta cladding while a one-story Modern Movement addition to the south with granite cladding. The two-story building occupies the corner lot. The front (east) elevation has two-story pilasters that divide the façade into three bays. Non-historic aluminum frame windows with mirrored glass fill the full height of the two-story bays. The terra cotta pilasters have granite bases and terra cotta capitals. An elaborate cornice with an ornate entablature featuring polychrome terra cotta pieces depicting classical motifs spans the east and north façades. A terra cotta parapet rises above cornice. The center of the east parapet features an ornate niche with the statue of Atlas. The globe the statue was designed to support is no longer extant. The north elevation of the two-story building has two-story pilasters that rise from granite bases and divide the façade into eight bays. The first story contains non-historic aluminum storefront windows that fill the

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large historic openings in the first five bays. The sixth bay has solid terra cotta panels; the seventh bay contains the recessed entrance to the second story; the eighth bay contains a historic tripartite window with wood framing and multi-light sashes. The entrance has a historic canopy. The second story contains historic multi-part wood window frames infilled with non-historic single pane glazing. The Modern Movement addition on the south is slightly recessed from the primary east elevation. Granite panels clad the walls of the adjacent buildings that abut the recessed façade. Pilasters clad in granite panels divide the façade into three bays. Aluminum frame windows with mirrored glass fill the tall openings. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

401 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-195; Photos 5-6

c. 1900

This one-story one-part commercial block building has buff brick walls with a flat roof and a canted corner. The primary west façade has two bays, the center corner has the entrance, and the secondary south elevation has seven irregular bays. The west bays, the entrance, and the first bay on the south each have round arched openings with rowlock brick arches and stone pendentives at the spring points. The west bays have blind arches with stucco and non-historic vinyl windows. The center entrance has a non-historic door and non-historic infill surrounding it. The first bay on the south elevation has a historic arched multi-light wood frame. The remaining bays on the south elevation are alternating tall narrow window and door openings with rowlock brick segmental arches and stone sills. They have non-historic infill, including non-historic windows and doors. Built simultaneously but separate from 403 Main Street, the brick cornice with broken corbels, dentils and a stone cap match the adjacent building. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

402 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-226; Photos 3-4

c. 1920

This two-story two-part commercial block building has brick walls and a flat roof. The first-story storefront has display windows flanking a center entrance. The historic storefront frame is wood with stucco surrounds and stone sills. The entrance has a historic wood frame and glazed wood door. A transom with a stained glass window caps the entrance. Non-historic metal awnings cover the display windows. The second story has four punched window openings with a continuous stone sill. The windows are historic wood two-over-one windows. Stucco clads the parapet above the windows. Simple stone ornaments are painted. The secondary south elevation is stucco with a series of irregular bays. The punched window openings have stone sills and historic wood frames with non-historic single pane glazing. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

403 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photos 2, 5

c. 1900; alt. c. 1950

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls with a flat roof. Corrugated aluminum pilasters divide the storefront into three symmetrical bays on the front (west) façade. The two outer bays contain large display windows on tall historic perma-stone bulkheads. The center entrance has sidelights flanking a fully-glazed door. The non-historic clear anodized aluminum windows and doors are set within a historic clear anodized aluminum storefront that is a mid-century alteration that has since gained significance. A non-historic wood sign is attached to the historic corrugated aluminum panel at the transom area. Historic buff brick frames the storefront with pilasters at each end and a relatively ornate brick and stone cornice with broken corbels, dentils, and a stone cap. A flat parapet with buff brick and stone coping caps the façade. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

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405 Main St.  
AP04-xxx; Photos 2, 5

Non-Contributing Building  
c. 1909; alt. c. 1980

This one-story one-part commercial block building has perma-stone cladding and a flat roof. The front (west) façade has four bays with two rectangular windows at the north and a door and window at the south. The punched openings have non-historic vinyl windows while the entrance has a fully-glazed aluminum door. A small red awning covers the entrance. Details in the perma-stone mimic historic features, such as the nameplate above the storefront area and the slight projection at the cornice line that continues from the adjacent buildings. Alterations to the building, including the addition of perma-stone cladding and replacement windows, compromise the integrity and impact its ability to clearly communicate its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

406 Main St.  
AP04-228; Photos 3-4

Contributing Building  
c. 1962

This one-story one-part commercial block building has buff brick walls and a flat roof. The historic aluminum frame storefront with ceramic tile bulkheads fills nearly the full length of the façade. A historic aluminum canopy spans the façade above the storefront. The center recessed entrance has a pair of fully-glazed doors. Tile clads the wall adjacent to the storefront. A narrow portion of the south end of the building is two stories accessible from a historic door at the first floor. The buff brick parapet has stone coping. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

408 Main St.  
AP04-xxx; Photos 3-4

Contributing Building  
c. 1962

This one-story one-part commercial block building has red Roman brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (east) façade has a single storefront with display window walls that angle inward toward a center entrance. With a non-historic door. The historic storefront display windows are square with wood and aluminum frames. A red metal awning spans the façade above the storefront. Corrugated metal panels clad the parapet above the awning. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

409 Main St.  
AP04-208; Photos 2, 5

Contributing Building  
c. 1909; alt. c. 1980

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls with a flat roof and vinyl cladding at the storefront. The symmetrical front (west) façade has three bays. Single windows are punched in slightly recessed areas in the outer bays while the entrance is recessed in the center bay. The non-historic windows and front entrance are vinyl. A non-historic canopy spans the façade above the storefront. The historic brick wall and parapet are visible above the canopy. Brick corbeling forms a simple cornice. This building retains integrity in the openings and rhythm of the historic storefront and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

410 Main St.  
AP04-229: Wanek Drug Store; Photos 3-4

Contributing Building  
c. 1890

This two-story two-part commercial block building has painted brick cladding and a flat roof. The front (east) façade has a single storefront on the first story and four bays at the second story. The storefront has brick

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bulkheads, stone sills, and non-historic multi-light replacement windows flanking a center non-historic door. A large metal sign panel spans the transom area above the storefront. There is a partial metal cornice on the side of the building. Below brick cornice is stone trim decoration. Non-historic multi-light vinyl windows fill the four historic masonry openings on the second story. These openings retain historic decorative stone lintels and a carved stone pediment above the space between the two center windows. Exposed back-up brick indicates the locations where ornament, such as beltcourses and cornices, were removed. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

411 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photos 2, 5

c. 1909; alt. c. 1960

This one-story one-part commercial block building has metal siding and a flat roof. Historic wood and cast iron frames comprise the full-width storefront with its wide display windows and recessed center entry. The entrance has narrow glass block sidelights flanking a full-light glazed wood door. A flat metal canopy spans the façade above the storefront. Corrugated metal panels cover the brick above the canopy. This building retains integrity, specifically the full historic storefront, and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

413 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photos 2, 5

2007

This one-story one-part commercial block building has blue vinyl siding and a flat roof. The front (west) façade has two bays, including a vinyl door on the north and a vinyl casement window on the south. A shingled pent roof awning spans the front façade. This building was constructed outside the period of significance and is therefore non-contributing.

415 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-188; Photos 2, 5

c. 1909

This one-story one-part commercial block building has painted yellow brick walls with a flat roof. The front (west) façade has three symmetrical bays. The outer two bays each contain a single rectangular window with a stone sill and a blind brick arch. The center entrance has a single door with partial sidelights. The sidelights have stone sills. The blind brick arch above the door may be intact beneath the non-historic metal awning that spans the façade. Non-historic vinyl windows and doors fill the historic masonry openings. Two courses of angled brick ornament the façade below the pressed metal cornice. This building is a twin of the adjacent building at 417 Main Street. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

416 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photos 3-4

c. 1899

This two-story Second Empire dwelling has vinyl siding and a flared mansard roof with asphalt shingles. The front (east) façade has three bays. The outer two bays each contains a single entrance with a non-historic storm door and a historic wood door. The single tripartite window in the center bay is not historic in configuration or material. Three narrow segmental arched dormers rise from the center of the east roof. A stucco-clad chimney rises above the roofline at the center of the south side of the building. This former residential building does not contribute to the commercial context of the District, rendering it non-contributing.



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417 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-187; Photos 2, 5

c. 1909

This one-story one-part commercial block building has red brick walls with a flat roof. The front (west) façade has three symmetrical bays. The outer two bays each contain a single rectangular window with a stone sill and a blind brick arch. The center entrance has a single door with partial sidelights. The sidelights have stone sills. The blind brick arch above the door may be intact beneath the non-historic metal awning that spans the façade. Non-historic vinyl windows and doors fill the historic masonry openings. Two courses of angled brick ornament the façade below the pressed metal cornice. This building is a twin of the adjacent building at 415 Main Street. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

418 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photos 3-4

c. 1940; alt. c. 1970

This one-story one-part commercial block building has non-historic fiberboard cladding and a flat roof. The entire front (east) façade was replaced in c.1970. The primary façade has three bays. Two fixed single pane windows flank a center pedestrian entrance. An asphalt shingle pent roof spans the façade below the roofline. Alterations to the primary façade compromise the integrity of this building and its ability to clearly communicate its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

419 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photos 2, 5

c. 1909; alt. c. 1980

This one-story one-part commercial block building has non-historic metal siding and a flat roof. A small portion of historic brick parapet is visible above the non-historic siding. The front (west) façade has two bays, including a non-historic door on the north and a non-historic vinyl window on the south. A non-historic metal awning spans the front façade. This building does not retain integrity due to the addition of non-historic siding, which compromises its ability to communicate the era in which it was constructed, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

420 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photos 3-4

c. 1909; alt. c. 1980

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick and metal panel cladding and a flat roof. The entire front (east) façade was replaced in c.1980. The primary façade has three bays. Two fixed single pane windows with brick sills flank a center pedestrian entrance. Metal panels clad the parapet and the area above the windows. Alterations to the primary façade compromise the integrity of this building and its ability to clearly communicate its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it non-contributing to the District.

423 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-207; Photos 2, 5

c. 1909

This one-story one-part commercial block building has brick walls with a flat roof. The front (west) elevation has four bays arranged symmetrically. The two outer bays are wide and each contain a single window opening with a stone sill and segmental arch. The two inner bays each contain a narrow doorway with a segmental arch. Non-historic vinyl windows fill the historic openings in the outer bays. Non-historic wood siding fills the south doorway while a non-historic door fills the north doorway. Slightly projecting decorative brickwork provides the only ornament on the building and the façade is painted to highlight bricks that project. Such brickwork includes window hoods, a row of brick crosses, and a cornice comprised of dentils and corbeling. This building retains

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integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

424 Main St.

Non-Contributing Building

AP04-xxx; Photo 3-4

c. 1970

This one-story commercial building has brick walls and an asphalt shingle mansard roof. The narrow rectangular building has an aluminum framed vestibule at the east end. Punched openings in the north and south façades have brick sills and white shutters. A porte cochere with brick columns and mansard-roof canopy projects southward from the south elevation of the building to provide a sheltered drive-thru for the bank. Slightly projecting bricks form a pattern the long north and south façades. This building was constructed outside the period of significance, therefore rendering it non-contributing to the District.

427 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-009: Neligh Auditorium; Photos 2, 5

1907

This two-story two-part commercial block building has brick walls with a flat asphalt roof. The front (west) façade has five bays at the first story and three bays at the second story. Brick pilasters with stone bases and simple painted stone caps frame the entrances in the first, third, and fifth bays. The second and fourth bays each contain a single tall, narrow window with a stone sill and a flat arch lintel. Non-historic T-111 siding fills the first four bays from the north. The first bay has non-historic windows while the third bay has a non-historic door. The fifth bay has a pair of five-panel wood doors and a historic wood transom recessed within the opening. The second story has three tall narrow windows with stone sills and flat-arch lintels with exaggerated keystones. A metal cornice caps the second story while a tall stucco clad parapet ornamented with the letters "I.O.O.F." rises above the roofline. The secondary north elevation has five bays on the first story and six bays on the second story, each containing a single window or door. The openings all have stone sills and flat-arch lintels with exaggerated keystones. Non-historic vinyl windows fill the historic masonry openings. This building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

502 Main St.

Contributing Building

AP04-230; Sieg Building; Photo 1

c. 1905; alt. c. 1980

This two-story two-part commercial block building has brick cladding and a flat roof. Non-historic corrugated metal panels clad the storefront area at the first story. The front (east) elevation has five irregular bays. The four bays at the south end include a pair of doors and three fixed square windows, all aluminum. A brick bulkhead is visible beneath the metal siding. The single bay at the north end is the entrance to the second story. The recessed entrance has a historic wood panel door with an upper glazed panel and a transom. The second story has five symmetrical bays. The outer bays are narrow punched openings with stone sills and lintels. Plywood boards fill the historic masonry openings. The center bay contains a pair of historic one-over-one wood windows with a stone sill and lintel. A non-historic band of marble veneer panels clads the parapet above the corbeled brick cornice. The south façade has four irregular bays at the first story, including three small window openings infilled with brick, a large window opening with a stone sill and glass block infill, and a historic cast iron storefront with wood infill. The second story has seven regular bays, each containing a tall narrow window opening with a stone sill and lintel, and infilled with wood and a small non-historic window. Despite alterations to the storefront, this building retains integrity and clearly communicates its historic commercial function and the era in which it was constructed, rendering it contributing to the District.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** Removed from its original location.
- C** A birthplace or a grave.
- D** A cemetery.  
A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- E** A commemorative property.
- F** Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE

**Period of Significance**

Circa 1887-1964

**Significant Dates**

1887

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Downtown Neligh Historic District (District), in the heart of Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for local significance under Criterion A for the area of COMMERCE. The District, roughly bounded by the east and west sides of Main Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (south) to 5<sup>th</sup> Street (north), encompasses forty-one contributing resources and fourteen non-contributing resources built between circa 1887 and 2007. The nominated buildings and the streetscapes they compose form the historic commercial core of Neligh. The historic district functioned as the central business area of Neligh since the opening of the Neligh Mill one block south of the District at the southwest corner of Main and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets in 1874. Businesses in the District supported Neligh's agricultural community. The commercial buildings within the District illustrate the evolution of Neligh from a mill site and railroad depot to a thriving agricultural community and county seat. The buildings housed a variety of commercial functions essential to the development of a growing city, such as groceries, agricultural implement stores, financial institutions, blacksmiths, hardware stores, and offices. Upper floors housed fraternal lodge halls and professional offices. Most of the commercial buildings in the Downtown Neligh Historic District are masonry one- and two- part commercial blocks. These one- and two-story buildings form unified streetwalls and illustrate the architectural trends common to the commercial centers of small cities during the period of significance. The District is an excellent example of a compact and cohesive commercial core established in association with the railroad and sustained through the advent of the automobile. The resources in the District represent the evolving commercial needs of the citizens of Neligh. The period of significance begins circa 1887, with the estimated date of construction of the earliest extant resource in the District, and ends in 1964, the year that the Neligh Mill closed. The mill's continual operation from 1874 to 1964 drew customers to the District, generating economic growth and prosperity for Neligh.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

**COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NELIGH**

Neligh was founded in 1873, a year after John Neligh purchased land along the banks of the Elkhorn River from the Omaha and Northwestern Railroad. Niels Larson, a Cuming County surveyor, platted the town in 1873 and filed the plat on September 30, 1875. Soon after the town's founding in 1873, John Neligh began constructing flour and saw mills along the Elkhorn River. A wood-frame dam built across the river powered the mills. The Neligh flour mill opened in 1874, drawing customers to Neligh from as far as fifty miles away. A large portion of the mill's business came from cattle ranches at the head of the Elkhorn River southeast of Neligh, who ordered hundreds of wagon loads of flour and feed. The saw mill supplied construction materials for the town.<sup>1</sup>

John Neligh, William Lambert, and John B. Thompson were the first settlers in Neligh, building their homes in 1873 and the first store at the corner of present-day 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets in 1874. D. V. Coe opened the town's first hotel in 1874, and H.M. Cox, a physician, opened a practice in Neligh that same year. A school and two churches, established in 1875, served the citizens of Neligh. At the time of Neligh's founding, the town of Oakdale was the seat of Antelope County. In 1874, D. V. Coe, along with other Neligh residents, signed a petition calling for an election to move the county seat from Oakdale to Neligh. Neligh was more centrally located than Oakdale, and being the county seat would attract businesses that supported county government, such as lawyers, to Neligh. In 1883, after several elections, Neligh was designated the county seat.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A. J. Leach, *A History of Antelope County Nebraska: From Its First Settlement in 1868 to the Close of the Year 1883* (Chicago: The Lakeside Press, 1909), 134

<sup>2</sup> Antelope County Historical Society, *The History of Antelope County, Nebraska, 1868-1985* (Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corp, 1986), 173-174.

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Neligh's early years were beset with environmental disasters. A blizzard in 1873, a grasshopper plague in 1874, and a prairie fire in 1878 brought Neligh's population growth to a standstill. However, improved weather conditions and new business opportunities in the early 1880s brought economic growth to Neligh. The Neligh District branch of the General Land Office relocated from Norfolk to Neligh in 1880. That same year, the Fremont Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad completed the construction of tracks through Neligh as well as a passenger and freight depot located near the mill (*Figure 5*).<sup>3</sup> Close proximity to the Fremont Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad spurred Neligh's growth. The railroad enabled grain, livestock, and dry goods to be easily exported and imported, which supported the town's agricultural community. Neligh prospered, growing to a population of approximately 600 in 1882.<sup>4</sup>

By the early 1880s, businesses in Neligh's commercial district offered a variety of goods and services. In 1882, Neligh had four general stores, two hardware stores, three grocery stores, five agricultural implement dealers, two blacksmith shops, three hotels, two clothing stores, two jewelers, and one gunsmith. Several other businesses opened in subsequent years. The Wolfe Brothers opened another general store in 1884 at 444-445 Cottonwood (319 Main) Street; the building is not extant.<sup>5</sup> E. T. and C. J. Best established Neligh's first newspaper, *The Neligh Leader*, in 1885. As the town's commercial district grew, city services also improved. Neligh established a water system in 1886 and a volunteer fire department the next year.<sup>6</sup> By 1890, electric lights illuminated the city's houses; the city's first streetlights were installed in 1900.<sup>7</sup>

Between 1880 and 1890, Neligh's population doubled, growing from 600 to 1,209. In 1886, Neligh incorporated as a second-class city with W. C. Estes elected as mayor.<sup>8</sup> Sustained population and economic growth through the 1880s supported a boom in the construction of commercial buildings. Buildings developed around the railroad depot in order to support the agricultural community. An 1893 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map of downtown Neligh illustrates the growth of commercial buildings along Cottonwood (Main), Coe (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Putney (4<sup>th</sup>) Streets (*Figure 6*).<sup>9</sup> Development centered around Cottonwood (Main) Street between Coe (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Putney (4<sup>th</sup>) Streets. Most of these early buildings were small one-story wood-framed structures with wood shingle roofs. They housed a variety of stores such as agricultural implement stores, groceries, banks, hotels, barbers, drugstores, milliners, hardware stores, blacksmiths, and tobacconists. Some of the buildings constructed during this period are still extant, such as the commercial buildings at 405 Cottonwood (210 Main) Street (contributing), which was a dwelling until 1920 when it became a tailor shop and later, a drycleaners; 443 Cottonwood (317 Main) Street (contributing), originally a post office and print shop; and 423 Cottonwood (410 Main) Street (contributing), which served as the Antelope County Courthouse until a permanent building was constructed in 1894 at the northeast corner of Cottonwood (Main) and Hopkins (5<sup>th</sup>) Streets.<sup>10</sup> Both 443 and 423 Cottonwood (317 and 410 Main) Street are two-story brick buildings, some of the first constructed in Neligh.

In addition to commercial buildings, Neligh's population growth attracted the attention of the Columbus Association of Congregational Churches, which chose Neligh as the site for a college in 1881. The school, named "Gates College" in honor of N. H. Gates, Superintendent of the Congregational Churches of the Nebraska, opened in 1882. As enrollment grew, the college constructed additional buildings to support its students. Gaylord

<sup>3</sup> Antelope County Historical Society, *The History of Antelope County*, 177-179.

<sup>4</sup> Marie Krohn, *The History of Neligh, Nebraska: 1873-1998*, Unpublished Manuscript, Antelope County Historical Society, 9.

<sup>5</sup> Neligh's east-west street names changed in 1950 and the north-south street names changed in 1960. See page 16 for a detailed explanation of street name changes.

<sup>6</sup> Krohn, *The History of Neligh, Nebraska*, 9.

<sup>7</sup> Ruth A. Wagner, "Neligh, Antelope County" Virtual Nebraska: Nebraska...Our Towns, <http://www.casde.unl.edu/history/counties/antelope/neligh/>. Accessed June 21, 2017; Krohn, *The History of Neligh, Nebraska*, 15.

<sup>8</sup> Krohn, *The History of Neligh, Nebraska*, 9.

<sup>9</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska* (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1893), 1.

<sup>10</sup> The courthouse is extant. NR #80002438, listed 12/3/1980.

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Hall, a residence and dining hall, was constructed in 1887; a gymnasium was constructed in 1892. Gates College lost its accreditation as a college and closed in 1898.<sup>11</sup>

Continued population and economic growth through the late nineteenth and early twentieth century prompted the construction of new commercial and civic buildings in downtown Neligh. George E. MacDonald and Fred Thornton designed the Antelope County Courthouse, a two-story brick structure, in 1894. The courthouse, located just north of Neligh's commercial center, originally housed courtrooms, offices, and a jail. The rapid expansion of Antelope County, particularly Neligh, caused the services within the courthouse to outgrow their space. By 1900, the sheriff's offices and jail moved to the former Gates College Gymnasium east of the courthouse.<sup>12</sup> A one-story brick building at 206 Putney (110 E. 4<sup>th</sup>) Street (contributing), constructed in c. 1904, housed city council rooms and the volunteer fire department.<sup>13</sup>

In 1900, Neligh's population was 1,135. As the city grew, so did the number of brick and brick-faced buildings in its commercial center. While some small wood structures remain, the majority of buildings shown in the 1904 Sanborn map were multi-story brick structures with metal or composition roofs that had a larger footprint than the older wood-framed buildings (*Figure 7*). These buildings had long, narrow storefronts on the first story. If the building contained more than one storefront, walls would often divide only the first story spaces; upper floors were large open halls where social gatherings were held. 420 Cottonwood (402 Main) Street housed a bank and furniture store on the first floor and offices and a lodge room on the second floor; the building is not extant.<sup>14</sup>

By 1910, Neligh's population grew to 1,566, a 38% increase from 1900. The commercial district continued to rapidly expand.<sup>15</sup> Between 1904 and 1909, ten new buildings were constructed on the east side of Cottonwood (Main) Street between Putney (4<sup>th</sup>) and Hopkins (5<sup>th</sup>) Streets (*Figure 8*). Many of these new buildings were offices, possibly housing services related to the county courthouse one block north. While businesses that supported the daily needs of a small town such as agricultural implement stores, drugstores, bakeries, and general stores were established during this time, buildings associated with the social life and leisure activities of Neligh's citizens opened as well. By 1909, Neligh's commercial district had jewelry stores, saloons, restaurants, and a billiards hall and bowling alley, an indication that the city and its citizens were prospering.<sup>16</sup> Social clubs, such as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), Masons, and Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R) had charters in Neligh. Some social clubs rented spaces for meetings on the second story of commercial buildings like those at 409, 420, and 444-445 Cottonwood (302, 402, and 319 Main) Street (all contributing), while other clubs built their own buildings.<sup>17</sup> The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) constructed an Opera House in Neligh in 1907 at 460 Cottonwood (427 Main) Street (contributing). The first floor held an auditorium; the I.O.O.F. used the second floor as a lodge hall (*Figure 9*). Movies as well as live performances in the I.O.O.F. building entertained Neligh's citizens.<sup>18</sup> In addition to social clubs, the commercial district was often the site of parades. Neligh's citizens would gather along the streets of the parade routes through the commercial center, celebrating holidays and civic events (*Figure 10*).

Early roads in Nebraska were built and maintained by individual counties and were not connected to roads in neighboring counties, which made travelling across the state by automobile difficult. The State Board of Irrigation,

<sup>11</sup> Tom Buecker, "Gates College Gymnasium," National Register Nomination (Lincoln, NE, 1980), 3

<sup>12</sup> Tom Buecker, "Antelope County Courthouse," National Register Nomination (Lincoln, NE, 1980), 3; Gates College Gymnasium is extant. NR #81000367, listed 4/20/1981.

<sup>13</sup> The courthouse and 110 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street are extant.

<sup>14</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska* (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1904), 1-2.; "Census of Population and Housing," U.S. Decennial Census. <https://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html>. Accessed June 22, 2017.

<sup>15</sup> "Census of Population and Housing," U.S. Decennial Census. <https://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html>. Accessed June 22, 2017.

<sup>16</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska* (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1909), 2-3.

<sup>17</sup> "History of Neligh, Nebraska," <https://nebraskagenealogy.com/antelope/neligh-antelope-county.htm>. Accessed June 21, 2017. 302 Main Street is extant; 319 and 402 Main Street are not extant.

<sup>18</sup> Krohn, *The History of Neligh, Nebraska*, 19.

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established in 1895, was the first state agency in Nebraska responsible for road maintenance. In 1911, the agency's name changed to the State Board of Irrigation, Highways, and Drainage. In addition to the name change, the agency became responsible for road construction as well as maintenance. However, the availability of both state and federal funds for highway construction and maintenance were limited. Private organizations were responsible for much of the early road development. These groups promoted the designation and improvement of regional and cross-country highways. They lobbied federal, state, and local governments to construct roads, and played a role in the development of a national highway system. The Federal Highway Act of 1916 appropriated a total of \$75 million for highway construction and maintenance.<sup>19</sup> A 1915 road map of Nebraska illustrates roads to be constructed with federal-state aid (*Figure 11*). In Antelope County, the map depicts present-day Nebraska Highway 14 (north-south) and U.S. 275 (east-west) running through Neligh. Both roads were established as state highways by the early 1920s. Neligh was the terminus of Nebraska Highway 14 until the 1930s when the road was extended north to Niobrara; U.S. 275 was originally named the "Blue Pole Route" and had various state highway numbers until 1932 when it became a U.S. highway.<sup>20</sup> Neligh supported the growth of road-related commerce and tourism by paving the streets of its commercial district in 1919. The City Council ordered Main Street paved from the mill north to Boyd (7<sup>th</sup>) Street and Coe (3<sup>rd</sup>) Street paved from the east city limits west to the railroad depot.<sup>21</sup> Other improvements to the district include the construction of a new power plant and ice factory at 102 Cottonwood (202 Main) Street (contributing) in 1928; new street lights in 1929, and the installation of new roads and storm sewers in 1934, funded by the Civil Works Administration.<sup>22</sup>

By 1920, Neligh's population grew to 1,724.<sup>23</sup> As road conditions improved and the popularity and availability of the automobile grew, so did the presence of automobile-related businesses in the District. A ten-car garage and auto-parts store opened at 426-427 Coe (W. 3<sup>rd</sup>) Street in 1915; the building is extant and a contributing resource. The 1920 Sanborn Map shows one other auto-related business in the district: an oil station at 427 Cottonwood (418 Main) Street; however, six other automobile-related businesses such as garages, repair shops, and dealerships occupied the blocks just east and west of Cottonwood (Main) Street (*Figure 12*).<sup>24</sup> By 1934, there were four automobile-related businesses in the District: the garage and auto-parts store at 426-427 Coe Street, new filling stations at 346 Cottonwood (424 Main) and 406 Coe (110 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>) Streets, and the Herman Miller Chrysler dealership in first floor of the c.1905 Sieg Building at 501 Cottonwood (502 Main) Street (contributing) (*Figure 13*); eleven other automobile-related businesses such as garages, repair shops, filling stations, and dealerships occupied the blocks just east and west of Cottonwood (Main) Street (*Figure 14*).<sup>25</sup>

By the 1930s, downtown Neligh had a fully developed commercial center (*Figure 14*). The dense blocks of buildings formed unified streetwalls, housing businesses such as offices, restaurants and bakeries, shoe and clothing stores, grocers, drugstores, jewelers, hardware stores, doctor's offices, milliners, gift shops, and general stores that provided goods and services to the citizens of Neligh. In December of 1929, the newly constructed

<sup>19</sup> Mead & Hunt, Inc., and Heritage Research, Ltd, *Nebraska Historic Highway Survey*, Report prepared for Nebraska State Historical Society and Nebraska Department of Roads (August 2002), 11-13.

<sup>20</sup> "Nebraska Highways Page," <http://www.northernplainhighways.org/nebraska/>. Accessed June 23, 2017.

<sup>21</sup> "Eighteen Block Paving Ordered," *Neligh Leader*, June 20, 1919.

<sup>22</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska* (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1920), 3, 5; 202 Main St. is extant and is now city hall; Antelope County Historical Society, *The History of Antelope County*, 177-179; Krohn, *The History of Neligh, Nebraska*, 31.

<sup>23</sup> "Census of Population and Housing," U.S. Decennial Census. <https://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html>. Accessed June 22, 2017.

<sup>24</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska* (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1920), 3, 5; the oil station at 418 Main Street is not extant. The auto-related resources surrounding the District in 1920 were not are part of Neligh's dense commercial core and many are no longer extant.

<sup>25</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska* (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1934), 3, 5; the Sieg Building at 502 Main Street is extant; the filling stations at 424 Main and 110 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets are not extant. The auto-related resources surrounding the District in 1934 were not are part of Neligh's dense commercial core and many are no longer extant.

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Moon Theater at 416 Cottonwood (approximately 320 Main) showed the first talking motion picture; the opera house showed movies as well hosting dances and lodge meetings.<sup>26</sup>

Although it decreased in the 1920s, Neligh's population grew from 1,649 in 1930 to 1,796 in 1940. As Neligh progressed into the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s the façades of historic buildings were remodeled to keep up with current architectural styles. Thirteen new buildings were constructed, almost a quarter of the total extant buildings in the District. Newly constructed and remodeled buildings both featured streamlined façades, simple window surrounds, and slim, flat parapets. Six buildings were constructed in the District between 1940 and 1949; five buildings were constructed between 1950 and 1959; and two buildings were constructed in 1962. Most of the new buildings such as 319 Main Street (contributing), replaced commercial buildings like the Wolfe Brothers general store, constructed soon after the town's founding.<sup>27</sup> However, some buildings constructed in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s replaced structures destroyed by large fires in 1944 and 1960. Businesses within the District during the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s were similar to those of earlier periods. Department stores, bars and restaurants, beauty parlors and barbershops, insurance agencies, law firms, shoe and clothing stores, doctor's offices, car dealerships, drugstores, hardware and paint stores, florists, furniture stores, dry cleaners, and banks served the citizens of Neligh. Movie Theaters such as the New Moon Theater (320 Main St.) entertained the community.<sup>28</sup>

On the evening of March 3, 1944, a fire started behind the Wanek Drugstore building at 415 (316 Main) Street. The fire spread, destroying the drugstore, and the adjacent Moon Theater, J.C. Penney store, and Hewitt Jewelry Store. An hour after the fire started, an explosion blew the roof off the theater and broke the windows, injuring several onlookers. Fire departments from neighboring Brunswick, Clearwater, Elgin, Oakdale, and Tilden helped put out the blaze. Damage to all buildings involved in the fire totaled \$200,000 (*Figure 15*). All of the buildings were rebuilt; the Moon Theater was renamed the New Moon Theater.<sup>29</sup> Another fire on February 5, 1960, started the just after midnight; fire departments from Neligh, Oakdale, Elgin, and Clearwater worked together, putting out the fire by six o'clock the next morning. The Firestone Store and White Spot Bar at present day 406 and 408 Main Street were destroyed in the blaze and five others were damaged.<sup>30</sup>

Other improvements to Neligh's commercial center during the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s include a street repaving project in October of 1951 as well as street name changes in 1950 and 1960.<sup>31</sup> In July of 1950, Neligh City Council members voted to rename the east-west streets in Neligh in order to make addresses clearer. The east-west streets, originally name streets, were renamed as number streets to include the entire city. In Neligh's commercial district, Coe Street became 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The numbers ascended going north (Putney St. became 4<sup>th</sup> St., Hopkins St. became 5<sup>th</sup> St.) and descended going south (Mill St. became 2<sup>nd</sup> St.). The number streets east of Cottonwood Street were designated as "east" and those west of Cottonwood were designated "west."<sup>32</sup> In May of 1960, the north-south streets, originally named after trees, were changed to letters of the alphabet when the Post Office requested Neligh change the street names for easier mail delivery. Cottonwood Street, already renamed as Main Street, became M Street. Streets east of Main Street descended from L to A; those west of Main street ascended from N to Z.<sup>33</sup>

Economic decline due to changes in Neligh's agricultural industry began in the 1960s. By 1960, the Chicago Northwestern Railroad discontinued train service to Neligh, although freight trains continued using the line. The

<sup>26</sup> Antelope County Historical Society, *The History of Antelope County*, 187; the Moon Theater is not extant and an explanation is provided on page 16.

<sup>27</sup> 319 Main Street is extant.

<sup>28</sup> 320 Main Street is extant and a contributing resource.

<sup>29</sup> "Neligh Has Its Worst Fire," *The Neligh News*, March 9, 1944.

<sup>30</sup> "Four Departments Battle Blaze Here," *The Neligh News*, February 11, 1960.

<sup>31</sup> Krohn, *The History of Neligh, Nebraska*, 45.

<sup>32</sup> "Street Names Change Planned in Neligh," *The Neligh News*, July 13, 1950.

<sup>33</sup> "Street Names to Change," *The Neligh News*, May 26, 1960.



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depot was demolished in 1969. Without easily accessible transportation from the railroad, the Neligh Mill stopped running in 1964. The mill, the last nineteenth-century flour mill with extant milling equipment in the state, opened as a branch museum of the Nebraska State Historical Society in 1973, the year of Neligh's centennial.<sup>34</sup> The District continued to serve as the city's commercial core through the 1970s. Neligh's population peaked at 1,893 in 1980.<sup>35</sup>

**CONCLUSION**

The Downtown Neligh Historic District illustrates the commercial development of Neligh from a small town in the late nineteenth century into a thriving rural city in the late twentieth century. The District contains the largest extant group of Neligh's historic commercial and civic buildings, which communicate the city's pattern of development as a whole. The buildings express the commercial history of the city and provide connections to the past, creating a unique sense of place. The diversity of functions, architectural styles, and property types enhances the visual character of the District. The District's continued development, reflected in the evolution of building styles, expresses the commercial improvements or updates and highlights its importance to the social and economic strength of the city during the period of significance.

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<sup>34</sup> Antelope County Historical Society, *The History of Antelope County, Nebraska*, 179.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other (Name of repository)  
Antelope County Historical Society

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): See Section 7

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 8.1 acres USGS Quadrangle Neligh

(Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates. Delete the other.)

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: N/A

1.	Latitude	<u>42.129864</u>	Longitude	<u>-98.030588</u>
2.	Latitude	<u>42.129596</u>	Longitude	<u>-98.029226</u>
3.	Latitude	<u>42.128846</u>	Longitude	<u>-98.029047</u>
4.	Latitude	<u>42.128616</u>	Longitude	<u>-98.029253</u>

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5. Latitude 42.127400  
6. Latitude 42.127395  
7. Latitude 42.126600  
8. Latitude 42.126581

Longitude -98.029273  
Longitude -98.029854  
Longitude -98.029870  
Longitude -98.030600

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundaries of the district are roughly the east and west sides of Main Street from 2nd Street to 5th Street.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary encompasses the historic commercial core of Neligh and contains the largest concentration of intact historic resources.

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO for any additional items.)

**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

Name of Property Neligh Downtown Historic District  
City or Vicinity Neligh County Antelope State Nebraska  
Photographer Brad Finch Date Photographed June 7-8, 2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera.

1. 500 Block of Main Street, view northwest.
2. 400 Block of Main Street, view southeast.
3. 400 Block of Main Street, view southwest.

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4. 400 Block of Main Street, view northwest.
5. 400 Block of Main Street, view northeast.
6. 100 Block of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, view northeast.
7. 112-118 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, view northeast.
8. 100 Block of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, view northwest.
9. 100 Block of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, view southeast.
10. 300 Block of Main Street, view southeast.
11. 300 Block of Main Street, view southwest.
12. 300 Block of Main Street, view north.
13. 300 Block of Main Street, view northwest.
14. 300 Block of Main Street, view northeast.
15. 100 Block of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, view southeast.
16. 200 Block of Main Street, view southeast.
17. 200 Block of Main Street, view southwest.
18. 100 Block of West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, view southwest.
19. 100 Block of West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, view southeast.
20. 100 Block of West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, view east.

**Figure Log**

**Figure 1:** Contextual map. *Google Earth, 2017.*

**Figure 2:** District Boundaries and Contributing Properties. *Antelope County Assessor GIS, 2017.*

**Figure 3:** District Boundaries with coordinates. *Google Earth, 2017.*

**Figure 4:** Photo Map

**Figure 5:** Neligh Train Depot, n.d. *Antelope County Historical Society. The History of Antelope County, Nebraska, 1868-1985. Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corp, 1986.*

**Figure 6:** Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1893. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.

**Figure 7:** Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1904. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.

**Figure 8:** Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1909. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.

**Figure 9:** I.O.O.F. Building, c. 1907. *Antelope County Historical Society Archives.*

**Figure 10:** Fourth of July Celebration, 1905. *Antelope County Historical Society. The History of Antelope County, Nebraska, 1868-1985. Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corp, 1986.*

**Figure 11:** 1915 road map of Nebraska. *Nebraska State Historical Society Archives.*

**Figure 12:** Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1920. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.

**Figure 13:** Herman Miller Chrysler Dealership, n.d. *Antelope County Historical Society. The History of Antelope County, Nebraska, 1868-1985. Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corp, 1986.*

**Figure 14:** Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1934. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.

**Figure 15:** Damage to buildings from 1944 fire. *Antelope County Historical Society Archives.*

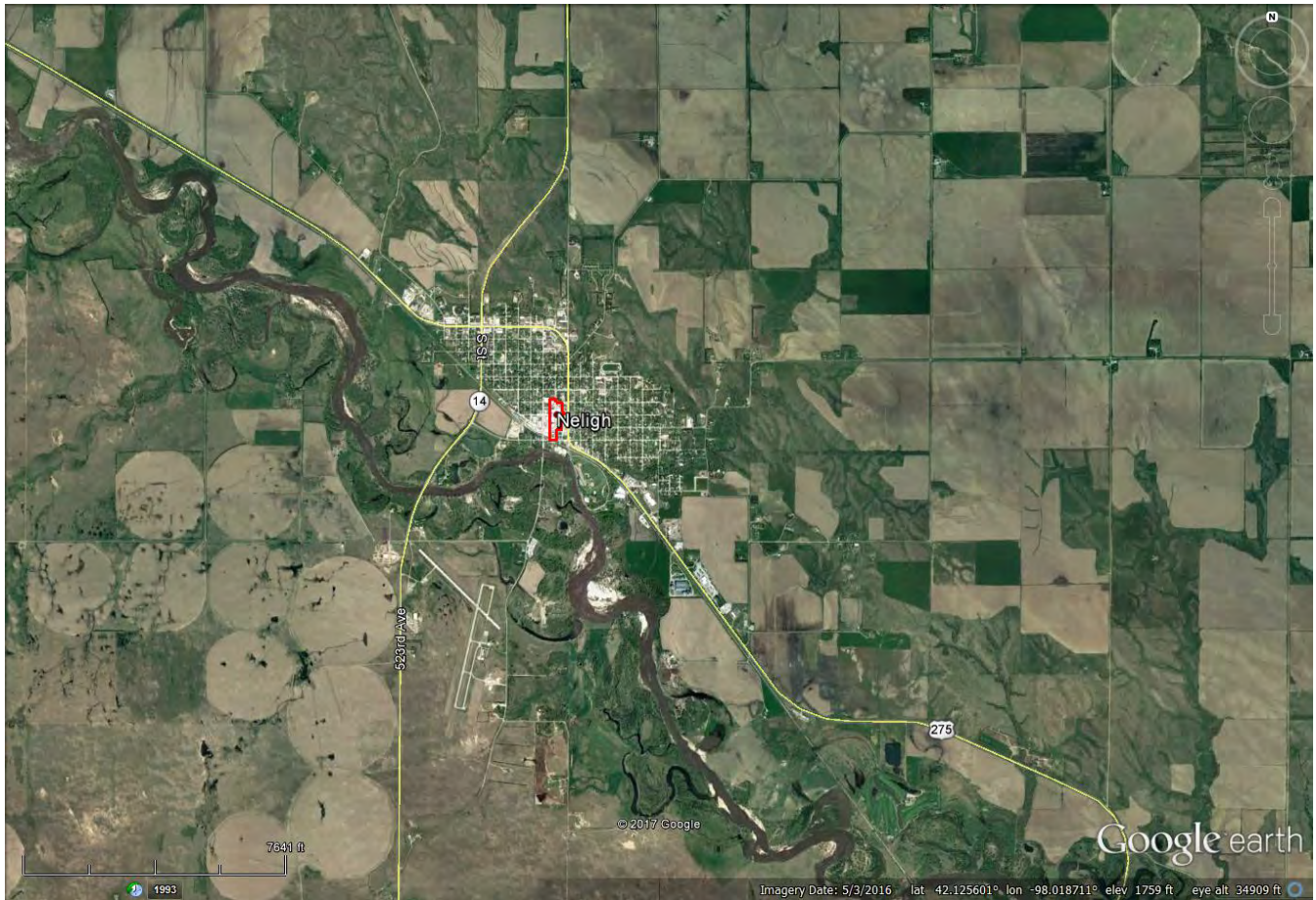
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Figure 1: Contextual map. Google Earth, 2017.



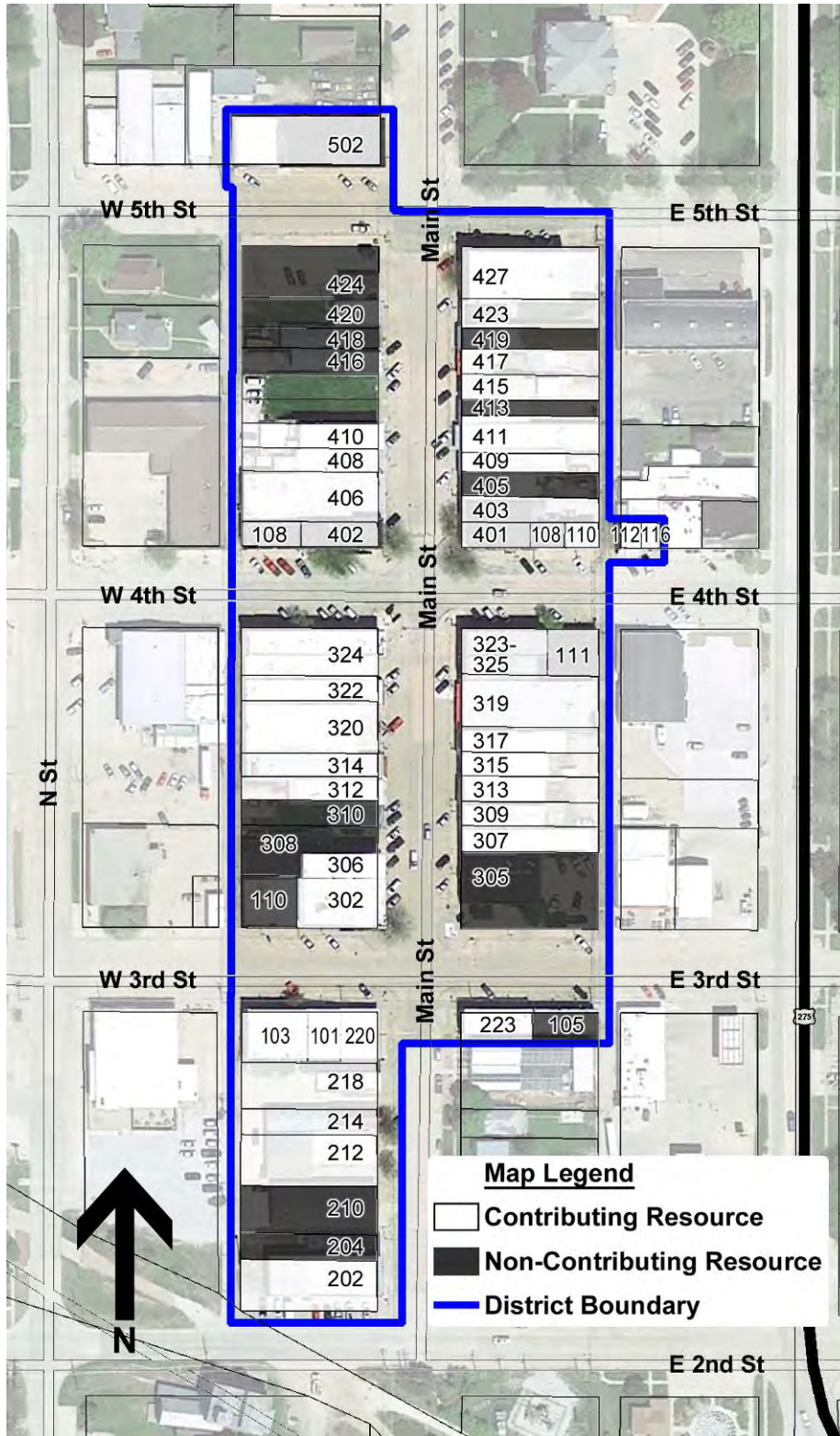
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Figure 2: District Boundaries and Contributing Properties. Antelope County Assessor GIS, 2017.



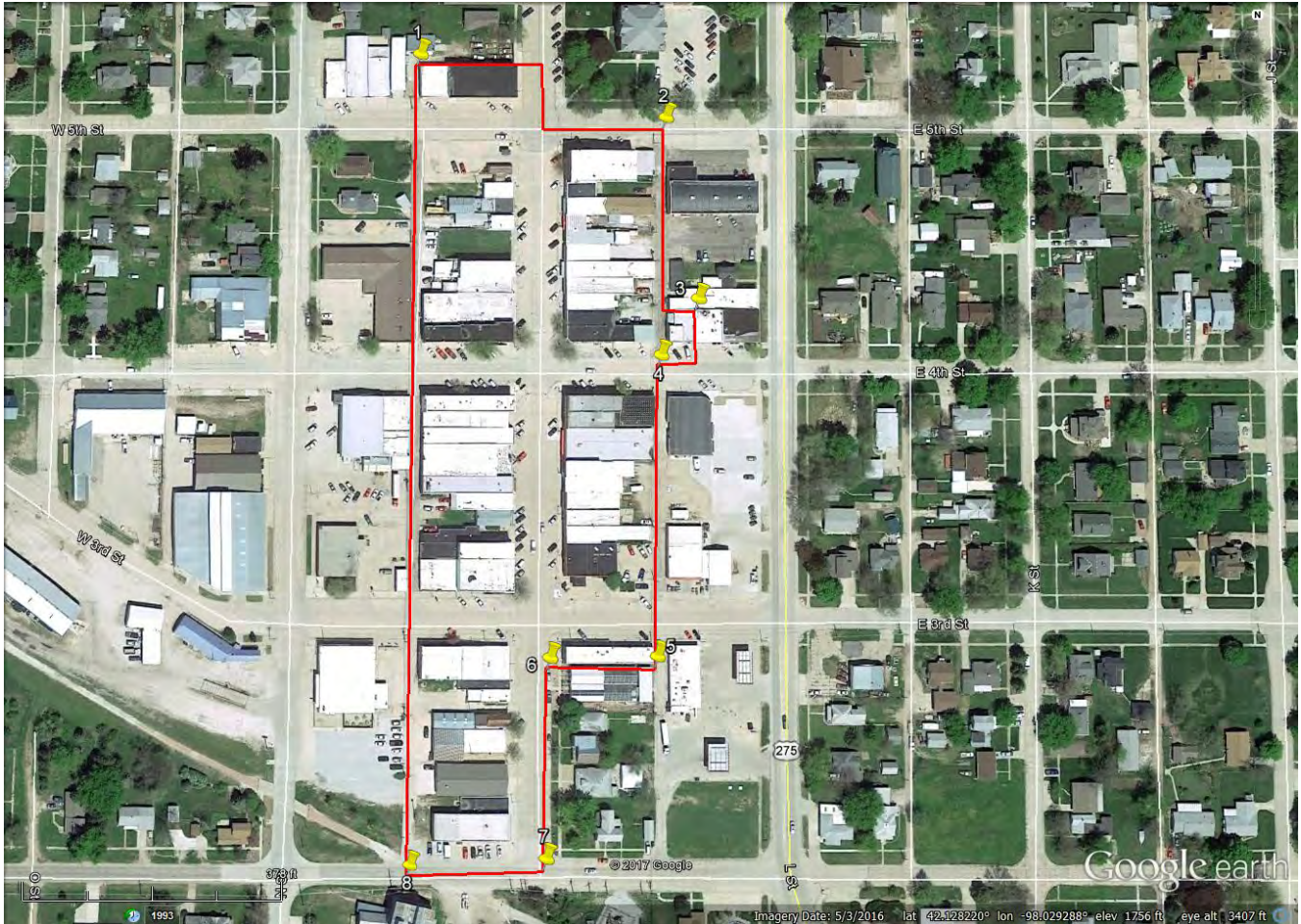
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Figure 3: District Boundaries with coordinates. Google Earth, 2017.



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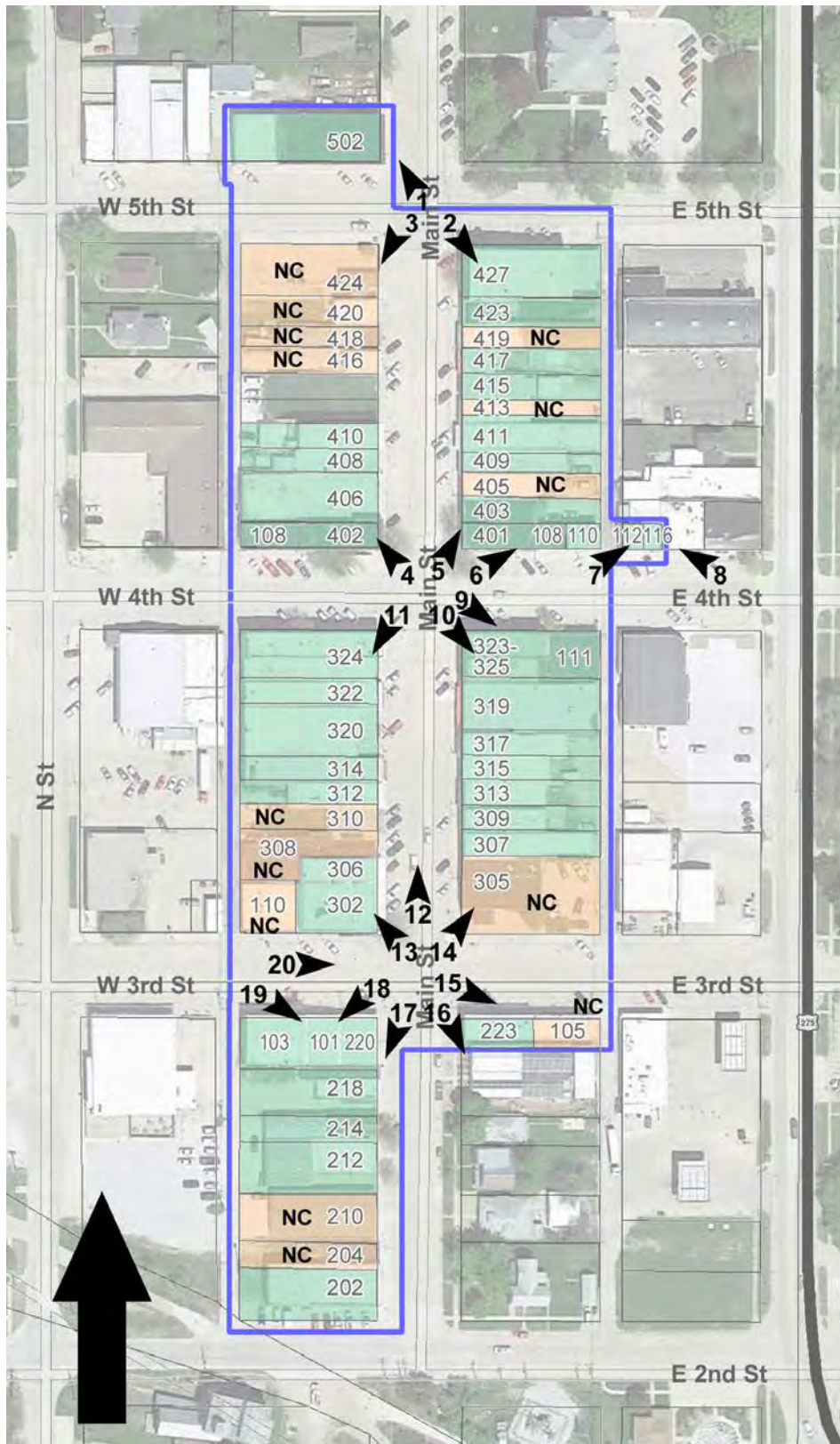
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Figure 4: Photo Map





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**Figure 5:** Neligh Train Depot, n.d. *Antelope County Historical Society. The History of Antelope County, Nebraska, 1868-1985. Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corp, 1986.*



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Figure 6: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1893. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.



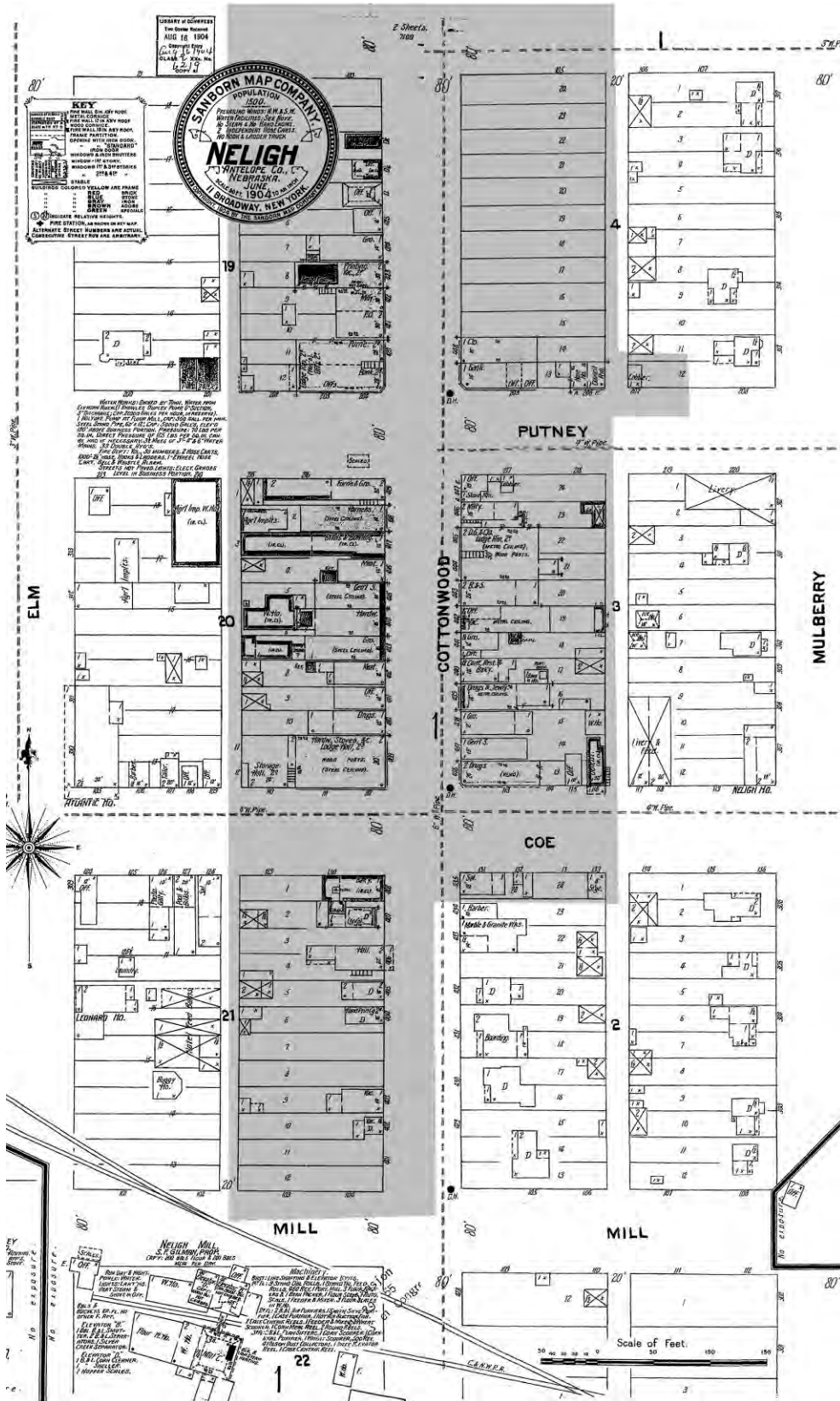
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Figure 7: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1904. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.



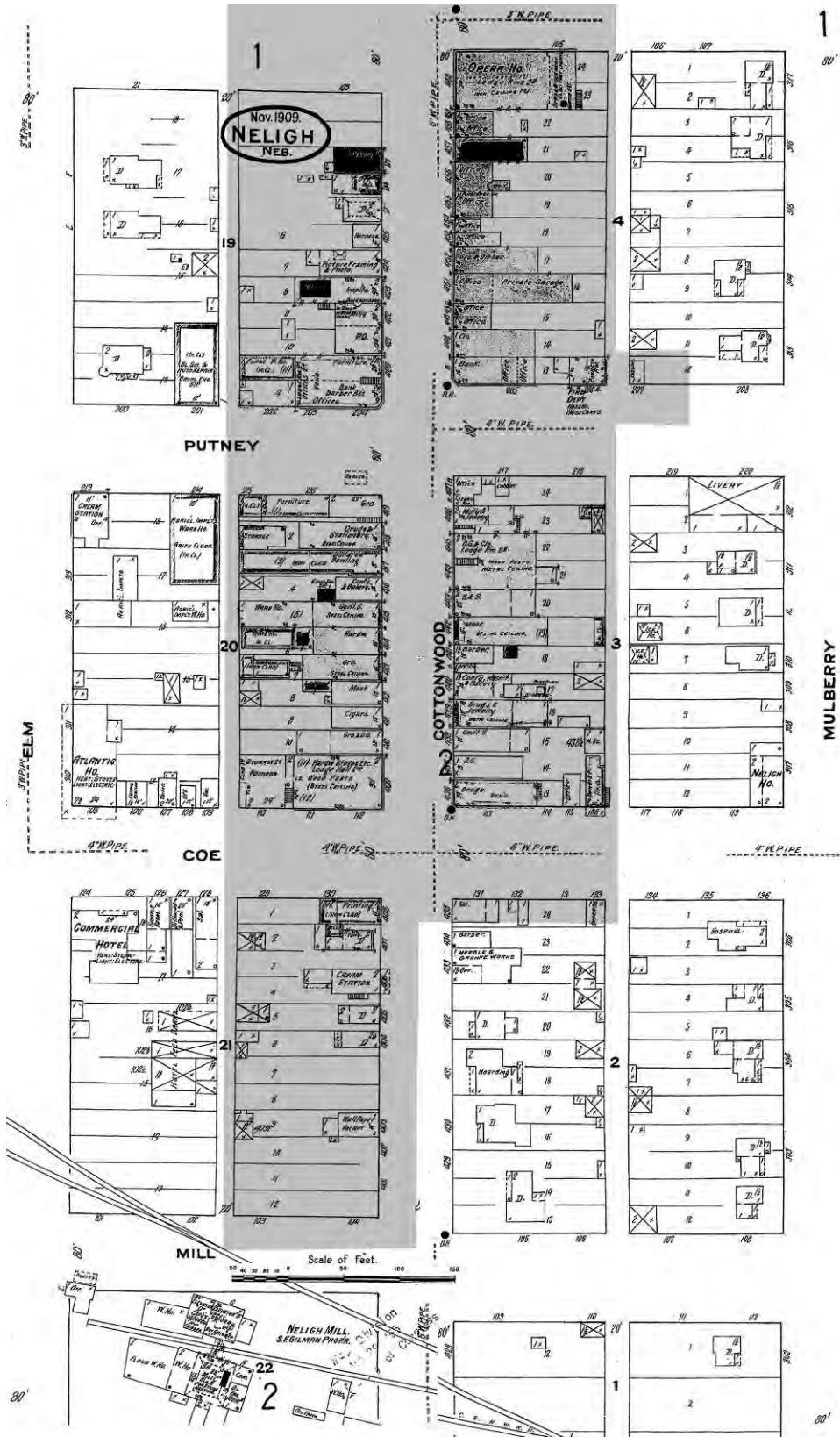
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Figure 8: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1909. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.



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**Figure 9:** I.O.O.F. Building, c. 1907. *Antelope County Historical Society Archives.*



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**Figure 10:** Fourth of July Celebration, 1905. *Antelope County Historical Society. The History of Antelope County, Nebraska, 1868-1985. Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corp, 1986.*



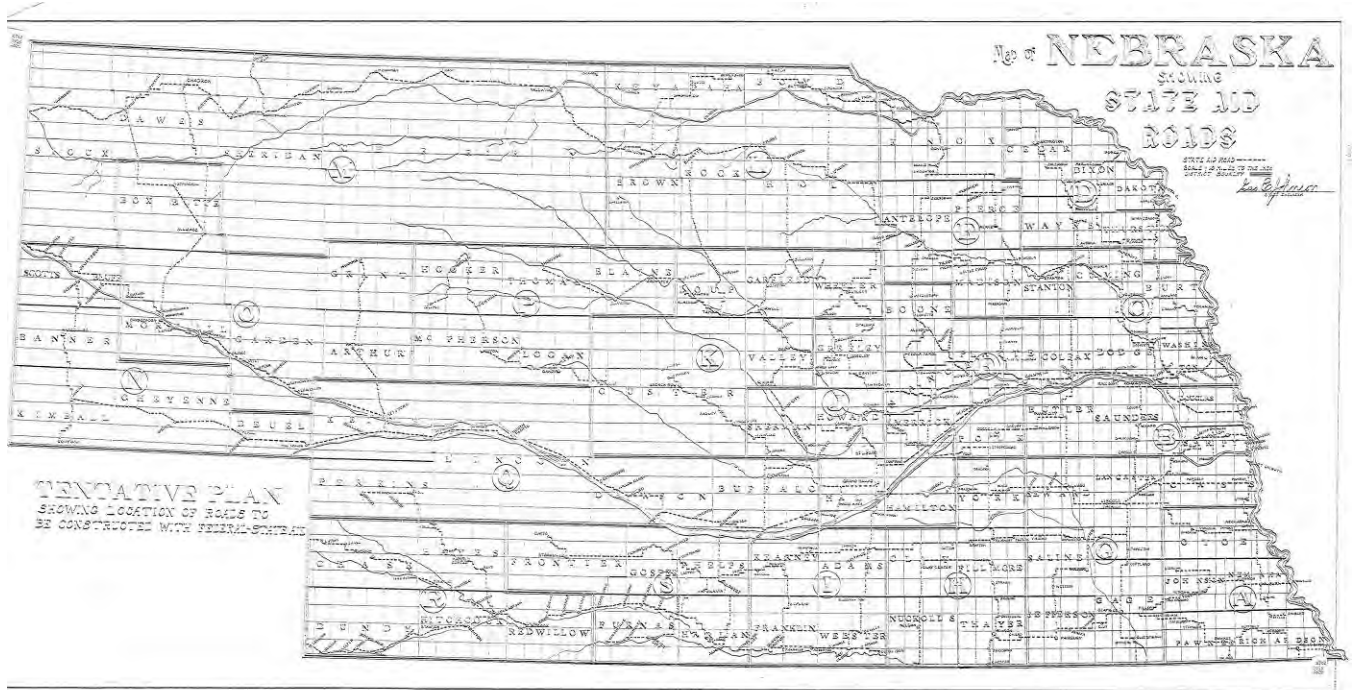
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Figure 11: 1915 road map of Nebraska. *Nebraska State Historical Society Archives.*



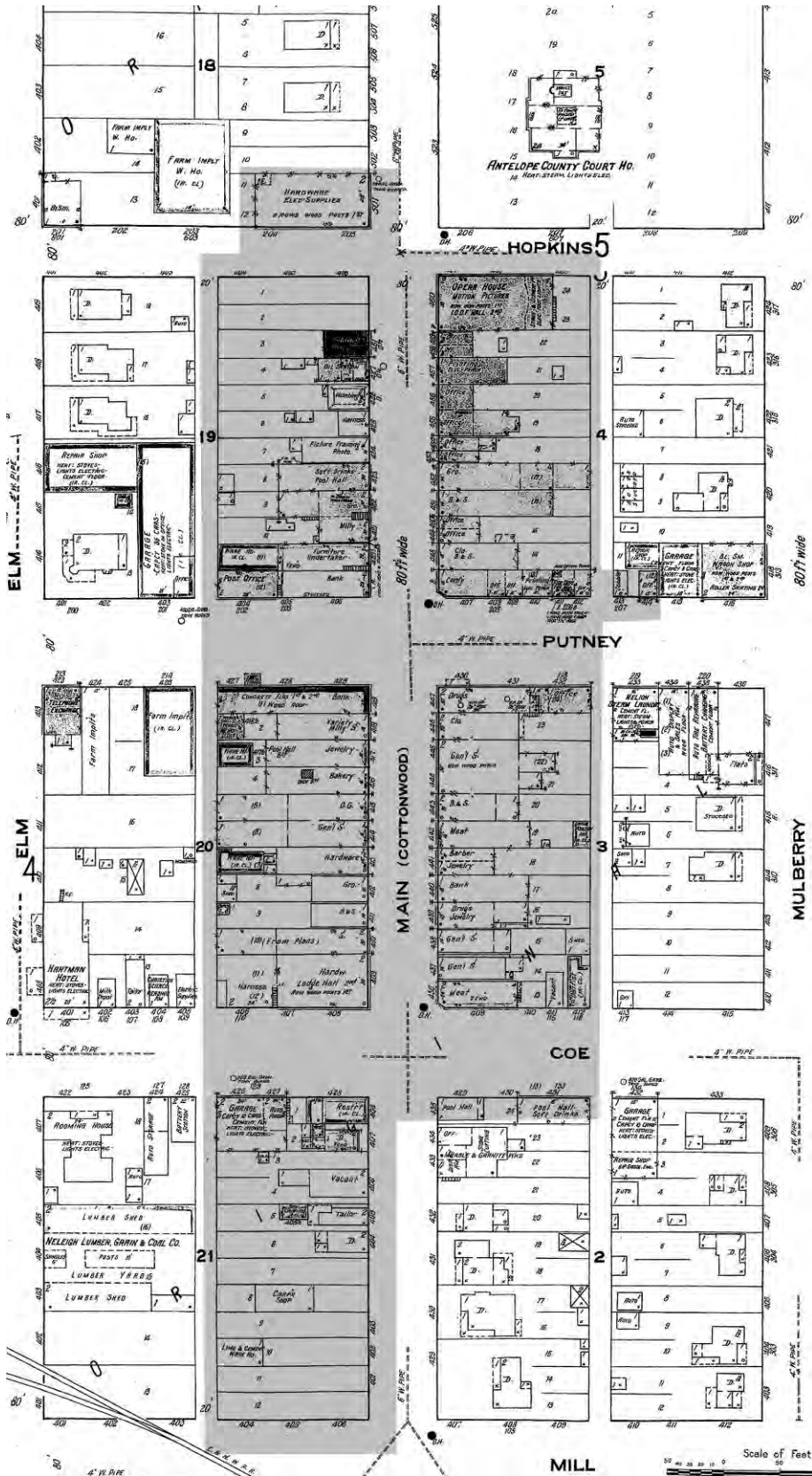
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Figure 12: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1920. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.





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**Figure 13:** Herman Miller Chrysler Dealership, n.d. *Antelope County Historical Society. The History of Antelope County, Nebraska, 1868-1985. Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corp, 1986.*

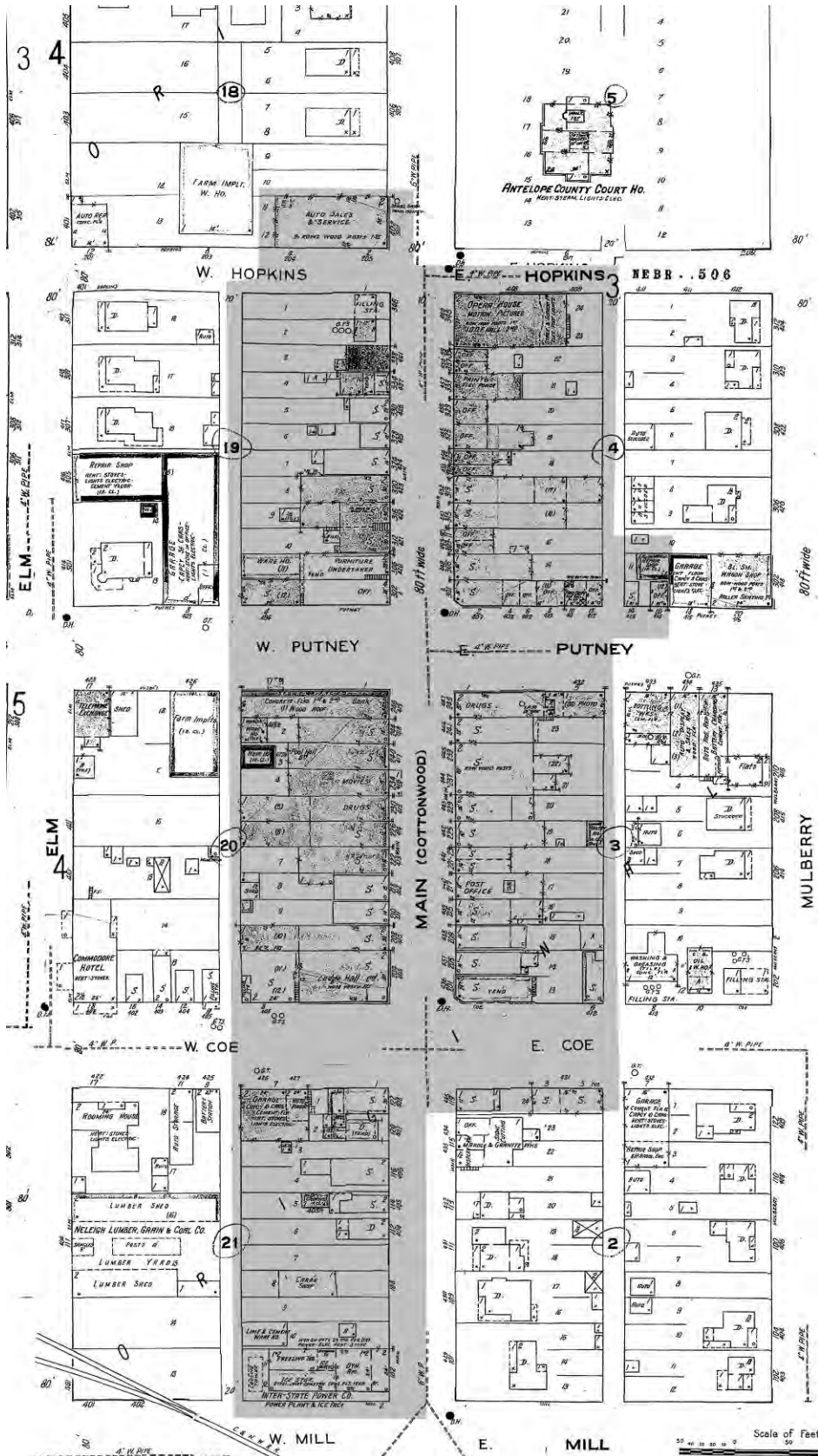


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Figure 14: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company map, 1934. Shaded area indicates district boundaries.



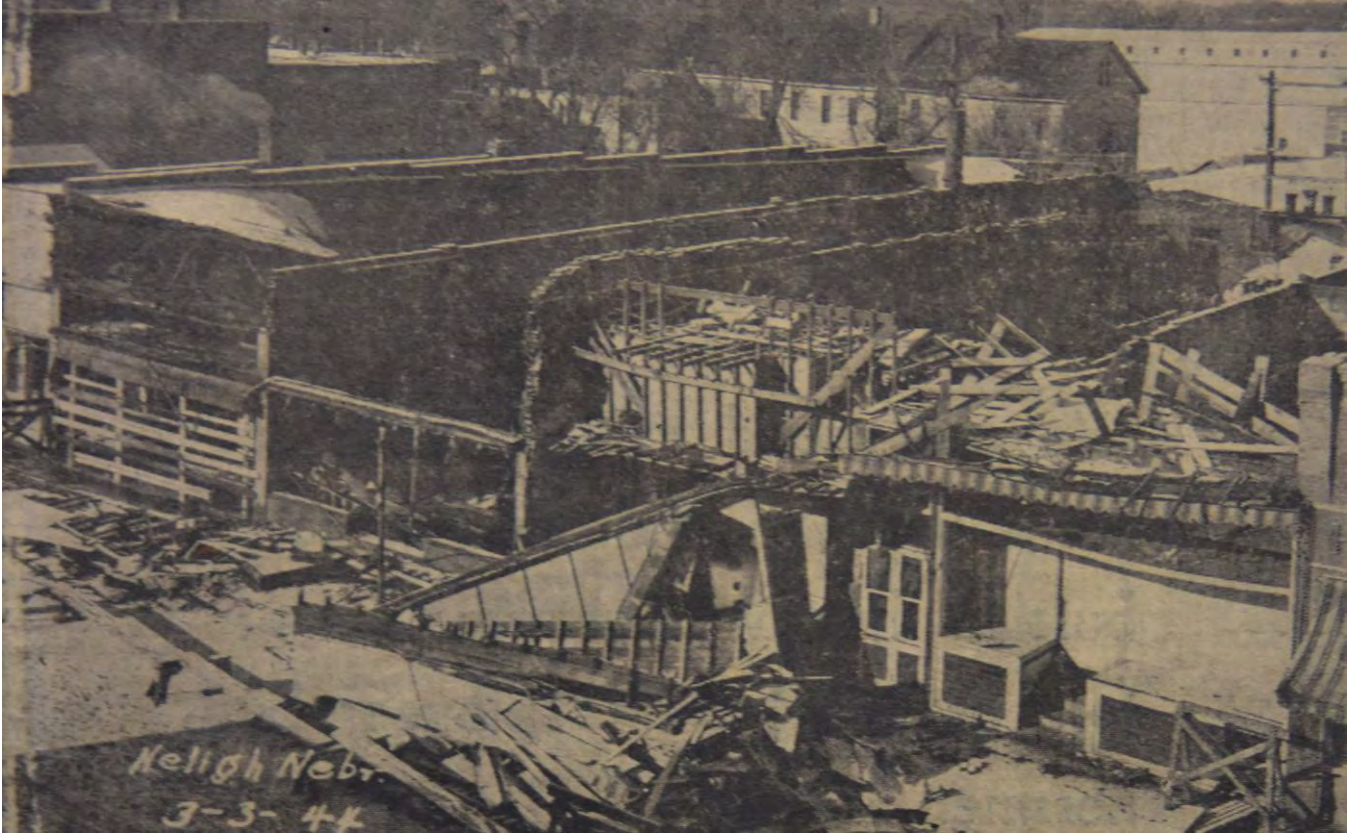
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**Figure 15:** Damage to buildings from 1944 fire. *Antelope County Historical Society Archives.*



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OWNER INFORMATION

Number	Street	Owner Name	Owner Address
105	E 3RD	HANSON, ROBERT A	84950 CEMETERY RD, NELIGH NE 68756
108	E 4TH	MARSHALL, RONALD J & LOIS A	401 E ST, NELIGH NE 68756
110	E 4TH	PITZER DIGITAL LLC	110 E 4TH ST, NELIGH NE 68756
111	E 4TH	MORRISON, DORIAN E	85826 519 AVE, CLEARWATER NE 68726
112	E 4TH	SCHREGER V	322 E DOUGLAS ST, ONEILL NE 68763
116	E 4TH	PITZER ENTERPRISES LLC	52637 844 RD, OAKDALE NE 68781
202	MAIN	CITY OF NELIGH	PO BOX 87, NELIGH NE 68756
204	MAIN	CITY OF NELIGH	PO BOX 87, NELIGH NE 68756
210	MAIN	SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM INC	PO BOX 2, NELIGH NE 68756
212	MAIN	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #8	PO BOX 89, NELIGH NE 68756
214	MAIN	TUNINK, ARLYN D	512 WEST 6TH ST, NELIGH NE 68756
218	MAIN	JDMZ PROPERTIES LLC	906 R ST, NELIGH NE 68756
220	MAIN	REINKES FARM & CITY SERVICE INC	1270 E HWY 275, NELIGH NE 68756
223	MAIN	GASKILL FAMILY tr	1012 FOX LAKE LN, EDMOND OK 73034
302	MAIN	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #8	PO BOX 89, NELIGH NE 68756
305	MAIN	FIRST NATIONAL BANK NELIGH, HERITAGE~BANKATTN: KEVIN HENDERSON	PO BOX 329, AURORA NE 68818
306	MAIN	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #8	PO BOX 89, NELIGH NE 68756
307	MAIN	ALLEMANG, LUCILLE etal	307 MAIN ST, NELIGH NE 68756
308	MAIN	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #8	PO BOX 89, NELIGH NE 68756
309	MAIN	HOEFER, TRENT & HANNAH	1010 P ST, NELIGH NE 68756
310	MAIN	PETERSON, TRACIE	101 WALNUT GROVE LN, NELIGH NE 68756
312	MAIN	MICKELSON, SUSAN L etal	312 MAIN ST, NELIGH NE 68756
313	MAIN	STENKA, SHAWN M & SHAYLENE G	510 E 3RD ST, NELIGH NE 68756
314	MAIN	JERDEN LLC	203 COTTONWOOD LN, NELIGH NE 68756
315	MAIN	AHLERS, SARAH L & JUSTIN A	51363 855 RD, CLEARWATER NE 68726
317	MAIN	JESSEN, DOUGLAS G & DORINE K	317 MAIN ST, NELIGH NE 68756
319	MAIN	JERDEN LLC	203 COTTONWOOD LN, NELIGH NE 68756

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320	MAIN	KLABENES, STACY M	606 E 5TH ST, NELIGH NE 68756
322	MAIN	JENSEN, TERRY M & RHONDA K	PO BOX 206, NELIGH NE 68756
323-325	MAIN	MORRISON, DORIAN E	85826 519 AVE, CLEARWATER NE 68726
324	MAIN	NATIONAL BANK OF NELIGH	PO BOX 129, NELIGH NE 68756
401	MAIN	MARSHALL, RONALD J & LOIS A	401 E ST, NELIGH NE 68756
402	MAIN	DENNIS, DOUGLAS A & GLORIA A	107 H ST, NELIGH NE 68756
403	MAIN	BAKER, TODD J & CHRISTINE R	403 M ST, NELIGH NE 68756
405	MAIN	ANDERSON, DENNIS H & JERI L	203 COTTONWOOD LANE, NELIGH NE 68756
406	MAIN	SNODGRASS, SETH & SHELBY	205 4TH ST, ROYAL NE 68773
408	MAIN	SCHINDLER, EDMUND J	909 R ST, NELIGH NE 68756
409	MAIN	GREGORY & JENNIFFER BLACKBURN-NIELSEN~funnel tr	409 M ST, NELIGH NE 68756
410	MAIN	CW INC	84640 524 AVE, NELIGH NE 68756
411	MAIN	MILLER, LONNY R & MARYETTA etal	304 N HICKORY ST, NORFOLK NE 68701
413	MAIN	JURACEK, LYLE F & LORETTA J	801 K ST, NELIGH NE 68756
415	MAIN	JOHNSON, KAREN D	300 FIRST AVE, VERDIGRE NE 68783
416	MAIN	ADAMS, TEDD	416 M ST, NELIGH NE 68756
417	MAIN	HARTZ, VINCENT JOE & BEVERLY A	809 M ST, NELIGH NE 68756
418	MAIN	MEADOWS, DONALD L & BEVERLY R	418 MAIN ST, NELIGH NE 68756
419	MAIN	RED BARN ENTERPRISES LLC	PO BOX 46, NELIGH NE 68756
420	MAIN	TAYLOR, BENNIE C & MARY ELLEN	609 L ST, NELIGH NE 68756
423	MAIN	RED BARN ENTERPRISES LLC	PO BOX 46, NELIGH NE 68756
424	MAIN	NATIONAL BANK OF NELIGH	PO BOX 129, NELIGH NE 68756
427	MAIN	SCHULLER INVESTMENTS LLC	5335 TROON DR, LINCOLN NE 68526
502	MAIN	URBANEC, LISA R	601 W 9TH ST, NELIGH NE 68756
101	W 3RD	REINKES FARM & CITY SERVICE INC	1270 E HWY 275, NELIGH NE 68756
103	W 3RD	REINKES FARM & CITY SERVICE INC	1270 E HWY 275, NELIGH NE 68756
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September 21, 2017

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Dear Mr. Gabbert,

Enclosed is the complete nomination packet for the Downtown Neligh Historic District, Antelope County, Nebraska. The enclosed contents are as follows:

- The signed first page of the Downtown Neligh Historic District nomination.
- One archival disk with the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Downtown Neligh Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places in PDF format and:
- PDF of correspondence related to the nomination.
- One (1) disc with the photographs for the Downtown Neligh Historic District nomination.

If you have any questions regarding the submitted materials, feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David L. Calease". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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