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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	Atchison
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ENTRY DATE	JUL 12 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Peabody, Harry E., House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Hetherington, W. W., House <sup>use</sup> (preferred name)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 805 North 5th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Atchison CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: No. 2, Cong. Bill Roy

STATE: Kansas 66002 CODE: 20 COUNTY: Atchison CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Peabody

STREET AND NUMBER: 805 North 5th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Atchison STATE: Kansas 66002 CODE: 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Atchison County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Atchison STATE: Kansas 66002 CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE

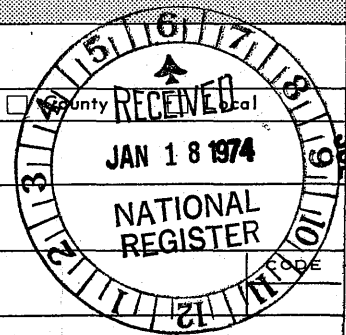
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The W. W. Hetherington house is an irregularly shaped, ten-room, three-story structure with a basement located in one of Atchison's older residential neighborhoods. The house faces east and at the northeast corner features a circular tower which extends above the roof line. An octagonal tower situated on the south side matches the circular tower in height.

The red brick exterior walls are trimmed with detailed carved limestone and have been painted white. The circular tower has ornately trimmed limestone belt courses at the floor lines and three rectangular terra cotta panels between the second and third floors. The top of the tower supports a very detailed cornice with extensions projecting upward, causing it to resemble a castle tower. The north elevation has an extended carriage entry porch with intricately detailed woodwork. There is also a two-story carriage house situated northwest of the main house.

The slate-covered mansard roof has a variety of styles of dormers. A cornice separates the flat roof top from the mansard. The brick walls are separated from the roof by a simple limestone cornice. The roof of the carriage entry is gabled with small dormers in the cornice trim.

Windows on all floors are tall, thin rectangles trimmed in limestone. Some dormer windows have arched heads and the third story windows of the tower are arched, but the rest are rectangular.

The house has five fireplaces with imported glazed tile and trimmed with cherry and walnut wood. The lighting system originally featured gas chandeliers made of brass which were later converted to electricity.

The most obvious change from the building's original appearance is the coat of white paint applied to the exterior. The large porch wrapping around the east and south sides is not original; it replaces a flat-roofed porch which was much more intricate and ornate in detail. A portion of the porch on the south side has been enclosed. A small addition has been built at the southwest corner. The decorative metalwork formerly located along the ridge lines is gone. The carriage house has been adapted for use as a garage.

The general appearance of the house, except for the color, is much as it was originally.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1879-1880**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The W. W. Hetherington house at 805 North 5th street in Atchison was built in 1879-1880 at a reported cost of \$6,500. Plans for the ten-room structure were drawn by architect Alfred Meier, and John Peterson was the contractor.

The Hetherington name is one of the oldest and most important associated with Atchison's economic development. Webster Wirt Hetherington's father, William, founded the Exchange National Bank in 1859, two years before Kansas became a state. Webster was nine years old at the time. After later attending Gambier College in Ohio, he joined his father's bank as a clerk in 1871. Five years later he became a partner in the bank and also the cashier. Upon his father's death in 1890 he became president of the bank. During his long years of association with the bank, he undertook a number of business ventures which proved extremely successful and earned him a national reputation as a skilled financier. According to one account, the younger Hetherington was given such names as "Bonanza King" and "Duke of Kansas" because of his wealth. His brilliant career was ended by his death in 1892 at the age of 42.

The ownership of the house remained with the Hetherington family and was the residence of his widow until her death in 1937 and later of his son Wirt until his death in 1962. The house is still in use as a private residence.

The W. W. Hetherington house has long been a community landmark. The family of Webster Hetherington established a tradition of placing a lighted candle in every window of the large home on Christmas Eve, a custom observed by the house's occupants for almost 75 years.

W. W. Hetherington because of his position with the Exchange National Bank had a significant part in the economic boom of Atchison in the 1880's. His large brick home has been a local landmark since 1880 and additionally is a fine example of Romanesque-influenced architecture as adapted to a Kansas residence.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	34'	12"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	95°	07'	09"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant**  
**Richard Pankratz, Planner**

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **Nov. 5, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West Tenth Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas** CODE: **20**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Nyle H. Miller  
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director  
 Kansas State Historical Society

Date December 7, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/12/74

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7-12-74

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9. "Beloved Woman Resident Dies," Atchison Daily Globe, Jan. 25, 1937.  
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