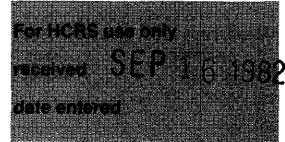


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic E. F. Hempstead House (PW06-1)
and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Southwest corner 14th & "H" Streets N/A not for publication
city, town Pawnee City N/A vicinity of congressional district First
state Nebraska code 31 county Pawnee code 133

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Hartman
street & number P.O. Box 289
city, town Pawnee City N/A vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pawnee County Courthouse, Register of Deeds
street & number Southeast corner 6th and "F" Streets
city, town Pawnee City state Nebraska

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date On-going federal state county local
depository for survey records Nebraska State Historical Society
city, town Pawnee City state Nebraska

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The E. F. Hempstead house is a large frame dwelling, irregularly shaped in plan and covered with a variety of gabled and hipped roof lines. Textured wall surfaces, decorative gables, ornate window hoods, full frontal porch, side porch and two sided bay enhance the design of the house. Stylistically the house exemplifies the Victorian Queen Anne style of architecture. The house, known as "The Hempstead Mansion", was built by Mr. Hempstead in 1887-88.

The E. F. Hempstead House is a two and one half story frame Victorian Queen Anne dwelling, basically an articulated rectangle in plan, with later additions being made on the north and west facades. The house sits on a slightly raised rusticated stone foundation. The roofline is a combination of gable and hipped contours with pedimented gable ends on the north and south facades. The gables are adorned with imbricated shingle siding. The roof is covered with original wood shingles. Two of the three original exterior fireplaces are no longer extant. The house displays a full frontal porch on the east (main) facade (see photo #4) providing sheltered entry to the house through double doors of wood and colored glass panes. A smaller side porch on the south provides additional access to the house (see photo #6). Both feature porch walls faced with imbricated shingles and pierced with vents of open latticework. Columns above support oval shaped openings ending in circular finials at the entries. The frontal porch has a shed roof with a pedimented gablet showing the sunburst pattern in the tympanum. This motif is repeated in the roof ends of both porches. Fenestration throughout the house includes one over one double hung sash or single pane openings. Window surrounds are made up of pilasters and have corniced and bracketed window hoods with linear ornamentation. Gable peaks are decorated with sunburst patterns. The two-story bay window (south facade) has a profuseness of ornamentation, including window surrounds and panels of a recessed "checkerboard" design with circular discs in bas-relief between the first and second story (see photo #7). The east (main facade) displays a second story square bay window with similar window treatment (see photo #5).

Later additions were made to the house including a first story addition with flat roof on the north and a one story addition with shed roof on the west, which provides access to the rear of the house. Both additions are of frame construction with concrete foundations. The property includes a one story frame garage, located immediately southwest of the house.

Distinctive interior features of the house include the ornate open staircase in the front foyer, (see photo #8) and four Eastlake parlor stoves of ceramic tile and decorative wood (see photo #9). All woodwork is incised with curvaceous designs of plant and floral forms. Original wooden shutters on first and second floor are still extant and in working condition. Large hinged oak doors divide the living spaces on the first level. Oak and pine floors are found throughout the house. The current owners are in the process of converting the structure from apartments, which were installed beginning in 1939-40, back to a single family dwelling. The house is presently being stabilized, with preservation/rehabilitation plans beginning immediately.

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The property also includes a huge Genola Maple tree (see photo #3), located directly south of the house, that was shipped to Nebraska from West Virginia by relatives of previous owners. The Genola Maple tree was planted c. 1925, and has become an important part of the landscape surrounding the house as well as having much sentimental value to past and present owners.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1887-88 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The E. F. Hempstead house is significant as an example of the Victorian Queen Anne style of architecture, which was popular in the eastern half of Nebraska in the late 1880's and through the 1890's. The Queen Anne style is characterized by irregularity of plan and massing and variety of color and texture. E. F. Hempstead was significant as a prominent businessman in the town of Pawnee City, establishing the Pawnee Electric Light Company and serving as owner and president of the Nebraska State Bank.

The E. F. Hempstead house attains architectural significance as a representation of the Victorian Queen Anne style, which played an important part in the development of residential architecture in Nebraska during the late 1880's-1890's. The Queen Anne, a picturesque style, was one of the most popular architectural styles in 19th century Nebraska. The style is characterized by asymmetrical compositions consisting of a variety of forms, textures, materials and colors. Features readily identified with Queen Anne houses include towers, turrets, bay windows, massive chimneys, projecting pavilions and ornate porches. (John J.-G. Blumenson, Identifying American Architecture.)

E. F. Hempstead came to Nebraska from LaSalle County, Illinois, and settled in Pawnee City in December of 1886. Shortly after his arrival Mr. Hempstead and S. Edward Smith became owners of the Nebraska State Bank. They purchased the bank building and fixtures for \$10,000 cash from W. C. Henry, previous owner and builder of the bank. In the spring of 1887, Mr. Hempstead was granted a franchise which led to the construction of an electric plant. In December of that year, Mr. F. B. Webber, serving as an engineer for the Thomson-Houston Electric Light Company, headed the installation of the Thomson and Houston system for Pawnee City. Arc and incandescent lights were furnished. The plant included over two miles of wire and required a 25 horse power engine to operate. The total cost was over \$8,000. In January, 1888, upon completion of the project, Mr. Webber turned the electric light plant over to Mr. Hempstead, proprietor and owner. All principal parts of the town were provided with electricity from Mr. Hempstead's plant, which was known as the Pawnee Electric Light Company.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Pawnee City

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>4</u>	<u>7</u> <u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>7</u> <u>1</u> <u>5</u>	<u>4</u> <u>4</u> <u>4</u> <u>4</u> <u>3</u> <u>6</u> <u>5</u>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is located on lots 1, 4 and 5, Block 1, North Pawnee City Addition in Pawnee City, Pawnee County, Nebraska. Including all of the historically associated real estate.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joni Gilkerson, Survey Associate

organization Nebraska State Historical Society date July, 1982

street & number 1500 "R" Street telephone 402/471-3850

city or town Lincoln state Nebraska

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Marion D. Knott 8/27/82

title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society date

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

Melvin Bryan
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 10/19/82

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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In December of 1889, suspension of the Nebraska State Bank prompted Mr. Hempstead to make a voluntary assignment of the bank's holdings for the benefit of creditors. According to newspaper accounts, ". . . rumors, calculated to impair the credit of the bank, were set afloat by certain parties for selfish purposes." ("Suspension of Nebraska State Bank," The Pawnee Republican, December 26, 1889). All real estate property belonging to Mr. Hempstead, including the bank building, two houses (including the Hempstead Mansion), and the electric light plant in Pawnee City and 640 acres of land in Osborne County, Kansas, were conveyed to the sheriff of Pawnee County. Despite his failures in the banking business, Mr. Hempstead played an important role in the moral and material welfare of Pawnee City in the late 1880's.

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