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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

## 1. Name

historic John Barnd House (BF05-85)

and/or common NA

## 2. Location

street & number 320 E. 31st Street NA not for publication

city, town Kearney NA vicinity of

state Nebraska code 31 county Buffalo code 019

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>NA</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 David and Lorma Wiebe

street & number 320 E. 31st Street

city, town Kearney NA vicinity of state Nebraska

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Buffalo County Courthouse

street & number NA

city, town Kearney 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 Lincoln state Nebraska

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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>NA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The John Barnd house is located in Kearney, Nebraska (1981 population 21,149), the county seat of Buffalo County. The large two and one half story frame dwelling has a rusticated stone and brick foundation and is covered with a variety of gabled and hipped roof lines. A prominent encircling verandah with turned spindlework, a second story balcony and decorative wall surfaces enhance the design of the house. Stylistically, the house exemplifies a fine example of the Victorian Queen Anne style of architecture. The house was built by John Barnd circa 1892. Structural and historical integrity has been preserved except for interior alterations where modernizations have occurred in the kitchen and laundry area, and a second story linen closet was converted to a bath. The addition of a small covered entry on the east facade provides access to the basement.

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The John Barnd house is a two-and-one-half story frame Victorian Queen Anne dwelling, basically an articulated rectangle in plan with approximate measurements of 50 x 60 feet. The house sits on a rusticated stone and brick foundation and is covered with a variety of gabled and hipped roof lines. The encircling verandah, located along the south and east facades of the house, displays a pedimented gablet with a sunburst motif in the tympanum, bracket supports, a decorative balustrade, rounded archways with sunburst motifs and elaborate turned spindlework (see photo #5). The second-story walkout (south facade), located above the porch entry, features a spindled railing and rounded archways repeating the sunburst motif. The double-door front entry has transom windows and also shows decorative spindles used in the woodwork design. The west facade displays a second story cut-out bay window. The gables are adorned with bargeboards and wooden horizontal members. A frieze-like panel of rounded arches also decorate the gable facade. A gabled dormer window penetrates the hipped roof and is treated in a similar fashion, with bargeboards and arched window openings. The gabled east facade shows a grouping of three tall, narrow windows with fanlights (at the stair landing), and a porthole window. A projecting second story gable displays a modillioned cornice and recessed balcony area framed with a round arched opening and balustrade. Windows of one-over-one pane arrangement with recessed panels below flank the balcony area. The gable apex is adorned with vertical clapboarding and pseudo-half-timbering (see photo #6). The large brick chimney is located on the east facade of the house. The west facade features a side porch leading from the dining room. Stringcourses, corner pilasters and other decorative framework enhance the design of the house. A non-original porch and covered entry leading to the basement are located on the east facade.

Fenestration consists of single and grouped window openings of double hung sash with one-over-one pane arrangement. Transom windows are incorporated into the first level window design on the south and west facades (see photos # 4, 5).

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The interior floor plan includes a foyer, front and back parlor, dining room, kitchen, bath, butler's pantry and ice room (presently used for laundry facilities). The second level has five bedrooms, a bath, and a large linen closet, which has been converted into an additional bath area. The third floor attic space is unfinished. The interior space features a large oak-panelled entry displaying window seats, a large ornate parlor stove and a dog-leg open stairway with landing (see photos #8, 9, 10). Other distinctive interior features include parlor stoves in the dining room (see photo #11) and the second floor bedroom, walnut woodwork in the front parlor, oak and pine flooring, and sliding doors dividing the main living areas. A copper sink is found in the Butler's pantry, and the original ice room still retains its outside delivery door.

The house was built by John Barnd c. 1892. It has remained in use as a private residence over the years. The property includes a frame carriage barn which is presently used as a garage.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** c. 1892 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John Barnd 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. As a prominent attorney, John Barnd played a significant role in the legal interests of Kearney, establishing a law practice and serving as county judge for two terms. As a prominent businessman, Mr. Barnd played an active role in the banking interests of Kearney, helping to establish the Mutual Loan and Investment Company of Kearney and also serving as co-owner of the Commercial and Savings Bank of Kearney.

The John Barnd 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, bay windows, tall chimneys, projecting pavilions, and encircling porches or verandahs (Blumenson, 1977, p. 63).

John Barnd was born in 1844 in the town of Findley, Hancock County, Ohio. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1861 as a member of Company C, Twentieth Illinois Infantry and served until the close of the war in July, 1865. After his marriage to Mary C. Stevenson, in McLean County, Illinois, Mr. Barnd began teaching school and also pursued the study of law. He was examined before the Supreme Court of Springfield, Illinois and admitted to the bar in January, 1874. That same year he came to Kearney, Nebraska, and opened a law office in connection with a collecting and land agency. He served this position for 15 years, during which he was elected county judge of Buffalo County for two terms, one in the fall of 1879 and again in 1881. In 1888, Mr. Barnd, along with other parties, organized the Mutual Loan and Investment Company of Kearney, with Mr. Barnd serving as vice-president and treasurer. In August, 1889, Messrs. Barnd and St. John, purchased a private bank, the Commercial & Savings Bank of Kearney, from L. R. Robertson, with Mr. Barnd serving as cashier. John Barnd was also somewhat involved in political affairs, working with the democratic party initially and later affiliating with the prohibitionists.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Kearney, Nebr.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A 

1	4	4	9	3	5	6	10	4	5	0	15	9	6	15
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is located on lots 57, 58, 59, 60, Forest Park Addition, Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, including all of the historically associated real estate.

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

state NA code county code

state NA code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joni Gilkerson, Preservation Associate

organization Nebraska State Historical Society date January, 1983

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Mervin W. Knott 2/21/83

title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society date

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

J. Allene Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 3/31/83

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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