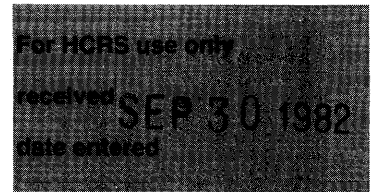


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Whitehall (Olive White Residence) House LC13:G12-11

and/or common Nebraska Center for Children and Youth

2. Location

street & number 5903 Walker N/A not for publication

city, town Lincoln N/A vicinity of congressional district First

state Nebraska code 31 county Lancaster code 109

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name State of Nebraska, Department of Public Welfare

street & number State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South

city, town Lincoln N/A vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds Office

street & number County-City Building

city, town Lincoln 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

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

Whitehall is a two and one half story Neo-Classical Revival house of brick construction. Built in 1910 for Mrs. C. C. White, the dwelling has a foundation and trim of light Bedford stone and a large frontal porch of reinforced concrete. Six massive Ionic columns support a heavy cornice and third floor balcony.

A one story porch on the east facade of the building and the porte cochere are connected, supporting a balcony accessible from the second floor. A one-story porch on the west facade provides a symmetrical balance. The gabled roof is covered with slate shingles.

A rounded protruding vestibule provides access to the interior of the house. The floor plan is that of a central hallway running north and south flanked by two rooms on each side. A stairway rises up to second floor from the center of this hallway.

The interior of Whitehall has remained in near original condition. The structure was purchased from Mrs. White by the State of Nebraska in 1927 for use as a home for dependent children. The administrative offices and 100 children were housed in the building. Whitehall has since been limited to office space because of modern fire codes and the children are residing in new housing located at the edges of the property, but not included in this nomination.

The house has been slightly altered with the addition of fire escapes and hand rails on the exterior.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1910 Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Whitehall is significant in the areas of architecture and social-humanitarianism.

The house was built for Mrs. Olive White, widow of C. C. White who was owner of the Crete Mills from 1888 until his unexpected death in 1895 at the age of 52 years. White was a member of the Nebraska Wesleyan University's Board of Trustees for many years and was widely known as an avid supporter of that institution. After Mr. White's death, Olive White moved to Lincoln where she built Whitehall in 1910 near Nebraska Wesleyan University in the Lincoln suburb of University Place. Whitehall became the scene of many University Place social events and a landmark in the area.

Architecturally, the house stands as an excellent example of the Neo-Classical Revival style. This style enjoyed widespread popularity in Nebraska after the turn of the century, but the grandeur of this particular structure sets it apart from the more usual vernacular interpretations of the style. Whitehall can be compared to the Theron Nye house (see NRHP, Dodge County, Nebraska) in that the Nye house also portrays a refined interpretation of the style. Like the Nye house, Whitehall share Georgian antecedents within the overall Neo-Classical character.

In the area of social/humanitarianism, Whitehall has served as a residence and headquarters for the Nebraska Center for Children and Youth for over 50 years. The Center provides a home for wayward and troubled children. Because of the Center's rural character in a city location, the children are able to gain valuable experience in gardening and outdoor maintenance of the property. This cooperative living arrangement is part of the educational program offered at the Center to help the young people prepare for productive lives as adults.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Lincoln, Nebr.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 14 6990110 4523050
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification This property situated on lots 108 and 22 of the irregular tracts in S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, T10N, R7E. Described by the projection of the eave line of the house and attached porches on the ground. The nomination includes 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 Janet Jeffries Spencer, Cultural Historian

organization Nebraska State Historical Society date June, 1981

street & number 1500 R Street telephone 402/4713850 or 471-3270

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 Marvin E. Knett 9/17/82

title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society date

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

John A. Byles
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 10/29/82

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

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