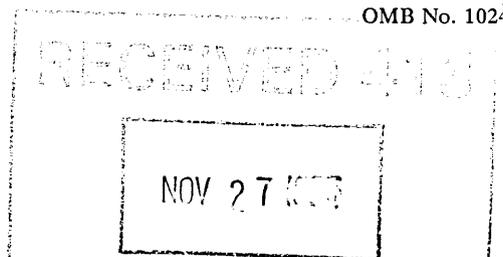


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. ~~See instructions in NPS Form 10-900a, the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.~~

1. Name of Property

historic name George & Nancy Turner House
other names/site number NeHBS #DD05:C-213

2. Location

street & number 78 South C Street not for publication [n/a]
city or town Fremont vicinity [n/a]
state Nebraska code NE county Dodge code 053 zip code 68025

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 nationally statewide locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Jarvis Lee Sumner 11/14/95
Signature of certifying official Date
Director, Nebraska State Historical Society
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register 1.11.96
[] determined eligible for the National Register
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[] removed from the National Register.
[] other, (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

n/a

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Commerce/business: office building

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

foundation brick
walls brick
roof metal
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1868-1891

Significant Dates

1868
1874, 1891

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

Turner, George (builder)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	709480	4589240	3.			
2.				4.			

[] See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carol Ahlgren, Architectural Historian

organization Nebraska State Historical Society date August 1995

street & number 1500 R Street telephone (402) 471-4773

city or town Lincoln state NE zip code 68501

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name John Ronan, Sr.

street & number 78 South C Street telephone (402) 727-8850

city or town Fremont state NE zip code 68025

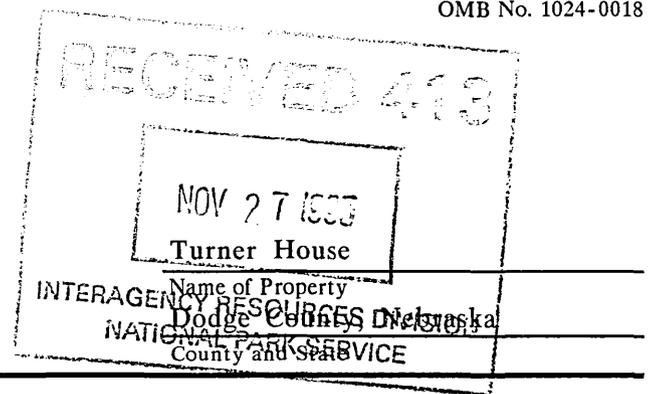
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Description

The George and Nancy Turner House, a two story brick Italianate style residence is located in Fremont, Dodge County Nebraska. The main portion of the house, including a small one story kitchen wing, was completed in 1868. A second one story rear addition was added in 1874, and a Queen Anne style entrance was added to the main facade c.1889-1891. The house was renovated in 1980-82 for its current use as offices. Interior and exterior integrity have been retained. The nomination consists of one contributing building: the house.

The George and Nancy Turner house, constructed in 1868, is located approximately one block north of the rail yards in Fremont, an east-central Nebraska city (1990 population: 23,680). The two story brick Italianate style house is located within Block 211, original plat, a portion of Turner's original homestead claim. The main facade faces west to South C Street which originally extended south to the railroad tracks; the street has been abandoned by the city. The former Chicago & Northwestern freight house is visible to the west and Fremont's central business district (National Register, 1995) is north of the depot. The area east and north of the house is residential, predominantly one story frame vernacular style houses.

The Turner House is an excellent example of the centered gable subtype of Italianate residential architecture (McAlester, 1985). The two story brick house, basically square in shape, has a front-facing centered gable on the main (west) facade which projects from the low-pitched hipped roof. Other characteristic features of the style include the wide overhanging eaves, decorative paired cornice brackets, and narrow segmental arch windows with decorative hoods. The main two story portion of the house, completed in 1868, measures approximately 26 by 34 1/2 feet. The east facade of the house features a small one room rear kitchen wing which measures approximately 17 by 26 1/2 feet, including a covered entry porch on the south side.

The rear kitchen wing was expanded in 1874 with a one story brick wing. The room, which also measures approximately 17 by 26 feet, has exterior doorways on the east and north facades. The wing has simplified brick window molds although the exterior north doorway features the more elaborate molding found on the windows of the main portion of the house. In the spring of 1874 the local newspaper noted that Mrs. Turner was "improving" her residence; at the end of the year, the work was valued at \$750 (Fremont Tribune, 4/24/1874; 1/29/1875). The county tax assessment rolls confirm a substantial change in the residence with a total increase of \$800 from 1873 to 1875.

The main facade features a c.1889-1891 Queen Anne style entryway which measures approximately 7 by 4 feet. Although the exact year of construction has not been determined, the county tax assessment rolls indicate an increase of several hundred dollars between 1889 and 1891. On the exterior of the main (west) facade, features a partially covered porch with turned spindles and fretwork. The porch has a slightly gabled roof which serves to emphasize the central projecting gable of the main roof. A smaller exterior covered balcony which also features turned spindles, fretwork, and a gable roof is located immediately above the entrance. The area is accessed by an exterior doorway.

The main entrance is flanked by sidelights with wood paneled bases and ruby red panes. A transom, also ruby red, features the house's South C Street address, "78" etched in clear glass. The floor is white and maroon hexagonal marble tile in a simple geometric pattern. Windows on the north and south sides feature large panes of patterned clear glass flanked by square and rectangular panes of yellow and purple.

The main door features a fanlight and sidelights and leads directly into a central hallway with a staircase leading to the second floor. The room on the north side of the hallway is the former front parlor/dining room. To the south is the original living room/parlor. The hallway leads to the rear wing

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of the house which originally contained the kitchen and a living area. A stairway at the east end of the hall leads to the lower level. During the 1980 renovation, a covered doorway at the east end of the hall was removed and the lower level expanded into a full basement.

The second floor originally contained three bedrooms and a nursery. Similar to the first floor, the area has a central hallway flanked by rooms on the north and south. At the west end of the hall is an alcove framed by elaborate spindle work with wooden beads. A round arched doorway leads to the covered exterior balcony, added in 1889-1891. The bedrooms, which are now offices, retain their original fenestration and woodwork. Interior bedroom walls, however, were removed to create one large room on each side of the hallway. The north room was originally two bedrooms, and the south room was the master bedroom and featured a small nursery area at the east end of the room, accessed by a door with a transom.

The house was occupied by the Turner family and descendants from the time of its construction in 1868 through 1980 when it was purchased by the current owner for use as insurance company offices. The original floor plan and woodwork were substantially retained. Two small, severely deteriorated frame shed entrances were removed from the rear wing of the house. The exterior brick was cleaned and repaired, then repainted to match the original paint color.

According to available "birds' eye" views (c1876, 1889), and Sanborn Fire Insurance maps (1920, 1928), the Turner House shared Block 211 with various other buildings throughout its 127 year history. These buildings, such as an 1868 carriage house, at least one frame dwelling and a c.1925 garage, are non-extant. The Turner family retained ownership of the block but leased several lots to an oil refinery company in the 1920's. Storage buildings and office were located southeast of the house near the railroad tracks. The company also had a small frame gas station at the southwest corner of First and Union streets, the original route of the Lincoln Highway through Fremont. A one story c.1940 concrete block service station is still extant, located northeast of the house. Remodeled into offices during the 1980 renovation of the house, it is not part of the current nomination.

When the property was acquired by the current owner in 1980 it was densely wooded and overgrown. Foliage and full grown diseased trees were removed, while flower beds southeast of the house with hollyhocks, lilies, and peonies were retained. Extensive replanting occurred with varieties of pine and maple, and flowering trees such as magnolias. The original brick sidewalk on the west facade which had been replaced with concrete in the 1940's, was restored with old brick.

Statement of Significance

The George and Nancy Turner House, located at 78 South C Street in Fremont, Dodge County Nebraska, is significant on the local level under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of an Italianate style residence. The two story brick house, constructed in 1868, is surrounded by landscaped and open lots within Block 211, a portion of George Turner's original homestead claim. Since 1980, the house has been used as executive offices for an insurance company, and exhibits a high degree of interior and exterior integrity. The period of significance, 1868 - 1891, includes the original date of construction through significant later additions.

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The George and Nancy Turner House is significant on the local level as a well-preserved example of an Italianate style residence. The two story brick house, completed in 1868, is a relatively rare example of

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the centered-gable subtype of the Italianate style. The house retains characteristic features of the style with its central projecting gable roof on the main (west) facade, paired decorative cornice brackets, and narrow segmental arch windows with decorative hoods. The house was built for George and Nancy Turner, early Dodge County settlers, and represents one of the earliest permanent dwellings in the area which retains a high degree of integrity.

The Turner House is located in a portion of George Turner's original 1858 homestead claim. The townsite of Fremont had been platted in 1856 and was described as a small settlement of "6 or 8 log cabins scattered on either side of Military Avenue," when the Turners arrived in the area (Fremont Herald 2-18-1921). By 1860, the village was incorporated and designated the county seat. George Turner became one of the first commissioners of Dodge County in 1860 and was reelected to serve from 1862-1868 (Scoville, 1892).

Fremont's future was secured with the completion of three rail lines through the city, including the Union Pacific in 1866. Turner donated his property located south of the commercial district to the Union Pacific for right of way (Andreas, 1882). Like other early area settlers, the Turners replaced their original log cabin with a substantial permanent dwelling. The house, completed in 1868, was one of several noted by the local newspaper as indicative of the "superior class of houses" being built. The newspaper continued that the "day of cabins" had passed (Fremont Tribune, 7-4-1868). The area south of the house soon developed into rail yards, warehouses, factories, and scattered worker housing.

George Turner died suddenly in 1870 of an appendicitis attack; he was 42 years old. His widow continued to reside in the house, adding the rear wing in 1874 and remodeling the main entrance in 1889-1891 respectively. Direct descendants of George and Nancy Turner continued to occupy the house until 1980 when it was sold to the current owner.

The Turner House is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion C on the local level as an Italianate style residence which retains a high degree of integrity. The Italianate style dominated residential architecture in the United States from 1850 to 1880 (McAlester, 1985), but had a relatively brief period of popularity, and limited expression in Nebraska. Residential examples date from c.1870-1885, and are limited to the eastern one-third of the state.

In Fremont, there are nine (9) extant Italianate style houses in addition to the Turner House. Seven (7) however, lack sufficient integrity to be considered individually eligible for the National Register due to substantial alterations. These alterations include replacement of porches, inappropriate additions, and the application of non-historic siding. Unlike the Turner house, the other Italianate houses were built after 1870 in areas that became residential neighborhoods. One of these areas, the Barnard Park neighborhood, was listed on the National Register in 1990. The other area is concentrated around Nye Avenue, an early thoroughfare northwest of downtown. The Nye Avenue area was identified as a potential National Register district during the 1993 Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey of Dodge County.

The Barnard Park Historic District is located approximately three-quarters of a mile northeast of the Turner House and includes three examples of the Italianate style. One of the houses (DD05:C-077), is a frame centered gable type with exceptional integrity. Unlike the Turner House, however, it features an elaborate full front porch with decorative brackets and balustrades. The main entrance is asymmetrical, which further de-emphasizes the centered gable form of the house.

The two remaining Italianate houses within the Barnard Park District lack sufficient integrity to be considered individually eligible for the National Register. DD05:C-133 has been substantially altered by a c.1915 two story addition to the primary facade which obscures its Italianate form, massing, and details.

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DD05:C-127, a frame front gable type, retains its form and decorative eave brackets but has been compromised with the addition of wide aluminum siding. Within the general Barnard Park area but outside the district boundaries, is a brick two story Italianate style house (DD05-208) with a one story mansard roof wing. The porches on the main facade, however, have been substantially altered, compromising integrity.

The Nye Avenue neighborhood, located approximately one and a half miles northwest of the Turner House, includes five (5) Italianate style residences which were built between 1870 and c.1880. Four have been significantly altered: DD05:A-002 has aluminum siding; DD05:A-005 was converted into apartments with stylistic details removed and stucco siding added; DD05:A-044 was converted into a duplex and the porch on the main facade was severely altered. DD05:A-004, a good example of a two story brick, centered gable subtype, has unfortunately had a porch on the main facade filled in with brown aluminum frame windows. Although this alteration may be reversible, it compromises the integrity of the house.

The remaining Italianate style house (DD05:A-028), is located on Nye Avenue and exhibits a high degree of integrity. Constructed c.1871, the house is a good example of the asymmetrical subtype of the Italianate style (McAlester, 1985). A two story frame house with a full front porch, its scale and massing differ from the Turner House although both exhibit characteristic features of the Italianate style such as low pitched hipped roofs and decorative eave brackets.

On its large landscaped lot facing west to the former Chicago & Northwestern freight depot, the Turner House conveys a strong sense of its historic origins. Occupied by the Turner family and descendants for over 125 years, it is a relatively rare example of a centered gable Italianate style residence. Locally, it is one of only three Italianate style houses which retains its historic integrity. The two additional examples of the style are located in National Register listed or eligible residential neighborhoods. The Turner House differs in its setting as well as its massing and brick construction. In its location southeast of Fremont's commercial district near the railroad tracks, the Turner House conveys a strong sense of its historic importance to the area.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The George and Nancy Turner House is located in a tract of land described as follows: A parcel of land being part of vacated Block 211, and part of vacated C Street, of Barnard, Kittle, Smith, and Turner's Addition, to the City of Fremont, Dodge County, Nebraska, begin described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Block 206, of said Barnard, Kittle, Smith, and Turner's Addition, and assuming the South Line of said Block 206 to have a bearing of N90°00'00"W; thence S05°41'27"W, a distance of 174.93 feet to the true point of beginning; thence N89°37'39"E, a distance of 250.00 feet; thence S00°22'21"E, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence S89°37'39"W, a distance of 250.00 feet; thence N00°22'21"W, a distance of 150.00 feet to the true point of beginning, containing 0.86 acres, more or less.

Boundary Justification

The nominated area encompasses a tract of land historically associated with the house.