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

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

1. Name

historic R. B. Schneider House (DD05-51A)

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 234 West 10th Street N/A not for publication

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

state Nebraska code 31 county Dodge code 053

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 Roger and Colleen Dilley
234 West 10th Street

street & number

city, town Fremont N/A vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dodge County Courthouse

street & number SW Corner 5th and Park Street

city, town Fremont 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

The R. B. Schneider house represents a transitional Queen Anne-Neo-Classical Revival style of architecture. The two-and-one-half story house is frame, with a brick foundation and hipped roof with flared eaves, penetrated by dormer windows. The roofline features bracketed eaves with a modillioned and dentilled cornice. The two-sided porch has brick columns supporting segmentally-stilted flat arches with dentilled cornice, bracketed eaves and balustrade. The front entrance has side lights, pilasters and dentilled cornice. The east facade features a smaller side porch, with brick columns and balustrade. The second story walkout is now enclosed (sometime prior to 1910) with pillars still intact, and bracketed sill line. The west facade has a one-story bay window with bracketed eaves, dentilled cornice and an exterior chimney. The nomination includes a carriage barn located immediately northeast of the house. Built of frame construction, the barn is a one-story square with hipped roof, bracketed eaves and dentilled cornice.

The original R. B. Schneider house was built in 1887, with later additions being constructed c. 1897 by A. H. Dyer and c. 1909 by Simon Koberlin, both of Fremont. The house served as a private residence until 1946 when it became the Jensen apartments, owned by Thorwald Jensen. Prior to 1978 the house stood vacant and was at one point condemned by the city of Fremont. At this time, its present owners, Roger and Colleen Dilley, purchased the house and began preservation of the exterior and rebuilding of the interior for use as a private residence again. Several exterior features have been altered including the addition of one chimney; the continuation of the frontal porch roof line from the gable peak to the chimney (west facade); and the removal of one large picture window from the west facade to the east facade, and the addition of one small window (second story) on the east facade. In the rear east side porch, the entrance has been moved to the west several feet, removing two vertical windows.

The interior, which is not a part of this nomination, has been extensively remodeled.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1887, 1897, 1909 **Builder/Architect** Unknown/Dyer/Koberlin

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architecturally significant, the R. B. Schneider house exemplifies a transitional period in Nebraska architecture, when the flamboyant styles of the 1880's and early 1890's (i.e. Queen Anne) were beginning to be replaced by the more simple, classical lines (i.e. Neo-Classical Revival) which typify Nebraska architecture between 1900-1920. As a prominent businessman, and founder -- co-owner of the Nye, Schneider, Fowler Company--R. B. Schneider played a significant role in the lumber-coal-grain industry of Fremont. As a member of the Republican party, Mr. Schneider was actively involved in politics during the early 1900's.

R. B. Schneider was born in Beardstown, Illinois, in 1853 and came to Fremont in 1870, where he was employed by W. R. Wilson, who was engaged in the grocery business. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Schneider returned to Illinois to aid in the affairs of the farm and care of his mother and sister. He returned to Fremont in 1877, taking up his employment with Mr. Wilson, who had now established himself in the grain business. After six years, Mr. Schneider was made a partner and the firm became known as W. R. Wilson and Co. Mr. Schneider was stationed at Nickerson where the elevator and office of the company were located. In 1887, the firm was changed to the Nye, Wilson and Morehouse Co. and Mr. Schneider became a member of the Board of Directors. After Mr. Morehouse retired, Mr. Schneider became secretary and treasurer. The Nye, Schneider, Fowler Co. was then established in 1892, and became the largest plant in the Great Missouri Valley Section of the West. Fremont was the general center of their business, which extended throughout Nebraska and Iowa, comprising over 60 branches, and handling lumber, grain, livestock and coal.

Mr. Schneider served as National Republican Committeeman for Nebraska from 1900-1908 and was a member of that group's executive board from 1904-1908. He was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank, president of the Fidelity Trust Co., president of the Fremont Savings Bank, vice-president of the Fremont Manufacturing Co., director in the First Safe Deposit Co., and of the Nebraska State Building and Loan Association and was financially interested in other enterprises. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and aided largely in the support of the church and its Sunday school, in which he frequently served as a teacher. Mr. Schneider was also affiliated with various lodges and was involved in Fremont's educational system.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Fremont east

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	4	7	0	8	9	4	0	4	5	9	0	3	0	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

Zone	Easting				Northing									

D

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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H

Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is located on the South 62' of lot 3, South 66' of lots 4, 5 and 6, block 68, original town, Fremont, Dodge County, Nebraska including all of the historically associated real estate.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joni Gilkerson, Survey Associate

organization Nebraska State Historical Society date November, 1980

street & number 1500 R. Street telephone 402/471-3270 or 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 Marian E. Kuntz 6/8/82

title Director Nebraska State Historical Society date

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

J. Hilona Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 7/15/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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