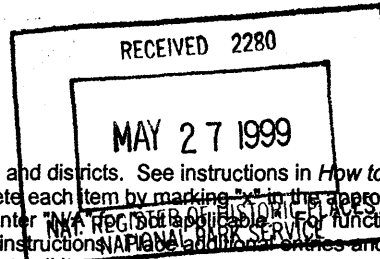


United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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 How to Complete 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".

1. Name of Property

historic name Burckhardt House other names/site number NeHBS# LC13:C6-340

2. Location

street & number 1236 Washington St. city or town Lincoln state Nebraska code NE county Lancaster code 109 zip code 68502

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] 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.

Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 5/24/99

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: [x] entered in the National Register. [] determined eligible for the National Register. [] determined not eligible for the National Register. [] removed from the National Register. [] other, (explain): Signature of Keeper [Signature] Date of Action 6/25/99

Burckhardt House

Name of Property

Lancaster County, Nebraska

County and State

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	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
African American Historic and Architectural
Resources in Lincoln, Nebraska

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instruction)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER
American Foursquare

foundation rusticated concrete block
walls asphalt siding

roof other
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.
[x] 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.)

ETHNIC HERITAGE/BLACK

Period of Significance

1903-1941

Significant Dates

NA

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

Oliver B. Burckhardt and Anna Jones Burckhardt

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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 for Additional Data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
[x] Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	693920	4518600	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

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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/title Van Le Nguyen and Thi Bichthuy

street & number 1236 Washington Street

telephone _____

city or town Lincoln

state NE

zip code 68502

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Burckhardt House

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DESCRIPTION

The Oliver J. and Anna Burckhardt House in the Near South neighborhood of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska is a small, one and one-half story, wood-frame Prairie Box style residence. The property consists of one contributing building—the house—and a non-contributing garage that was altered after the period of significance. The property is related to the Multiple Property Documentation Form entitled "African American Historic and Architectural Resources in Lincoln, Nebraska " exemplifying the property type "dwellings." The frame dwelling was constructed in 1903. The house is an example of a rare property type in Lincoln, Nebraska. This property retains integrity of location, design, materials, feeling, and association. The exterior material, asphalt siding with a brick-like appearance, covers the original clapboards but was installed in 1939, within the period of significance.

The Oliver J. and Anna Burckhardt House at 1236 Washington Street in the Near South neighborhood Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, was the home of two of Lincoln's most influential and beloved African American residents from 1903 to 1945. Deeds and directories indicate that the house was constructed for the Burckhardts in 1903. The one and one-half story Prairie Box style house has a cross gabled roof with return box eaves on the south facing front gable, a shed roofed dormer on the west side, and a hipped roof porch on the front facade. The house has a simple rectangular plan. The present exterior asphalt siding with brick-like appearance was applied to the house by the Burckhardts in 1939, within the second historic context period.

The principal entrance facade of the house faces south. This facade features a full width porch with rusticated concrete-block pedestals supporting neoclassical wooden columns. A wooden balustrade with simple square-section balusters surrounds the porch. Decorative elements include a small wooden balcony at a second story center bay window on the east facade, and double-hung windows with decorative muntins in the upper sash.

A gable roof wooden garage at the rear of the property was enlarged and modified in 1960 and hence is regarded as a non-contributing feature. Its location to the rear of the property is not intrusive upon the setting or feeling of the house.

The Burckhardt House is regarded as an example of a rare property type in Lincoln, Nebraska. The house retains a high degree of historic integrity as is illustrated through retention of all significant features from its period of significance, 1903 to 1941. These include its location and residential setting, design characteristics, materials, feeling and association.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Burckhardt House is significant on the local level under criterion B for its association with Oliver J. Burckhardt who provided secular and spiritual leadership to both the African American and broader Lincoln community from 1890 through 1951; and for its association with Anna Jones Burckhardt, a nationally recognized artist and local art teacher. The Burckhardt House is related to the Multiple Property Documentation Form entitled "African American Historic and Architectural Resources in Lincoln, Nebraska." The property demonstrates the historic contexts entitled "Early Settlement including the First Exodus, 1870 - 1913" and "Institution Building in an Era of Segregation, 1914 - 1941." Its date of significance begins with the current structure's construction date of 1903 and extends through 1941, the last date of significance of the second historic context identified in the Multiple Property Document Listing.

The house at 1236 Washington Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska is significant on the local level under criterion B for its association as the home of Oliver J. and Anna Burckhardt from 1903 through 1945. Oliver J. Burckhardt worked throughout his life to improve conditions for African Americans both in Lincoln and in the state of Nebraska. He provided leadership, counsel, and spiritual guidance within the African American community and to elected officials. Anna Jones Burckhardt was a nationally recognized artist and locally respected and beloved art teacher. The Burckhardt House contributes to the Multiple Property Documentation Form entitled "African American Historic and Architectural Resources in Lincoln, Nebraska." The property relates to historic contexts entitled "Early Settlement including the First Exodus, 1870 - 1913" and "Institution Building in an Era of Segregation, 1914 - 1941."

Oliver J. Burckhardt was born in Howard County, Missouri in 1868. He attended Lincoln Institute, a school organized by African American civil war veterans in Jefferson City, Missouri, before coming to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1890. Throughout his life Oliver Burckhardt worked to better conditions and provide spiritual guidance to fellow African Americans. In 1910, Burckhardt was a missionary evangelist of the African Methodist Church. Upon learning of a new African American settlement in rural Brownlee, Cherry County, Nebraska, he visited the settlement and provided leadership resulting in the settlement's growth to over two hundred African Americans. He also established a church, St. James R.M.C., before returning to his Lincoln home in 1912.

Included among Oliver Burckhardt's local endeavors was helping charter the Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1918. As the organization's first membership chair, Burckhardt recruited influential citizens including the State's Lieutenant Governor and Governor-elect. Also in 1918 as a representative of the NAACP, Burckhardt joined J. E. Jeltz and William Woods in successfully blocking the proposed Lincoln showing of the film *The Birth of a Nation*. Local courts ruling that the film tended to "inflare public opinion against backs at a time when blacks were doing their part in the war effort." In 1932 Burckhardt was a key supporter of the formation of the Lincoln Urban League. Local and state officials frequently sought his advice regarding issues effecting the African American community. Included among those who requested Rev. Burckhardt's insight was A. E. Sheldon, President of the State Historical Society. O. J. Burckhardt's extensive civic activities were all undertaken as he, like most others of his race in Lincoln, earned his livelihood in service occupations, as a porter and waiter.

Oliver Burckhardt worked for social change while also focusing on the larger Lincoln community's spiritual needs. His involvement included serving for twenty years as Associate Chaplain at the State Penitentiary, and organizing and serving as president of the interracial and interdenominational Christian Alliance. Upon his wife's death in 1945, Rev. Burckhardt moved to Omaha where he served as pastor of the Church of Christ Holiness until his death in 1951.

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In a tribute to Oliver Burckhardt in 1943, Rev. A.V. Wilson referred to him as "an outstanding civic and religious counselor who knows no distinction in race or social status and whose great concern is about the poor, destitute and friendless . . . His aid to the homeless and needy and to unfortunate humanity has been extensive."

Anna Jones Burckhardt was born in Burlington, Iowa in 1868 to James and Matilda Jones. In 1898 the Burckhardts were married and Anna joined her husband in Lincoln. Living in an era when most African American women were limited to work as maids or cooks, Anna Burckhardt's development of her creative talent as an artist and work as an art teacher was unusual. For over forty years she taught art to students from her studio in the home at 1236 Washington Street. She was primarily known for her work in oils. During her life-time she received numerous awards including a bronze medal for china painting at the Jamestown Exposition in 1907.

The Burckhardts contribution to the community is eulogized by their tombstones at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln. The headstones are inscribed "Rev. O. J. Burckhardt: Here Lies a Helper of Unfortunate Mankind" and "Anna Burckhardt, The Artist: Here Lies the Helper of the Helper of Men."

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property consists of Lot 11 of Block 42 of the Original Plat of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

These boundaries include all the property historically associated with the Burckhardt House.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

The following information applies to all photographs:

Burckhardt House

Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

Photos taken by Kathryn E. Colwell

Photos taken April 1999

All negatives at Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

Photo 1 of 2

View looking northeast of Burckhardt House

Photo 2 of 2

View looking northwest of Burckhardt House