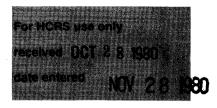
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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

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historic _{Ro}	binson, J. C., Hou	use			(D012-1)	
and/or common	Robinson House					
2. Loca	ation					
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Description

The J. C. Robinson House represents a Neo-Classical Revival style of architecture. The two and one-half story, square house is frame, with a brick foundation. The hipped roof is penetrated by gabled dormer windows; with return gables and Palladian window on the southeast and southwest, and pedimented gables on the northeast and northwest (see photo #1). The front facade features a full-height pedimented portico supported by two massive Ionic columns, bracketed eaves, pseudo-dentilled cornice, and attic window. The square bay front entrance (see photo #2) has a transom window and side lights, flanked by recessed windows with transom lights, pseudo-dentilled cornice, and full height pilasters with Ionic capitals. The second story displays a walk out balcony with balustrade. Palladian windows are featured on the southwest facade (first story) and mullion windows with psuedo-fretwork on the second story. Decorative louvered shutters are present on the front facade. The northwest facade shows a one story bay window with pseudo-dentilled cornice. The southeast facade (see photo #3) has a side porch with columns, balustrade and pseudo-dentilled cornice. Again, entrances have transom lights. The northeast facade has a rear porch (see photo #4).

The interior of the house features four wood-burning fireplaces, (see photos #7, 8) open staircase (see photos #5, 6), and oak woodwork throughout the first floor and golden maple on second. Oak paneling is found on the first floor reception hall and dining room (see photos #5, 6, 8).

The J. C. Robinson house was built at the turn of the century (c. 1900) and designed by A. H. Dyer, architect from Fremont, Nebraska. The house was occupied by the Robinson family until 1960. At that time, its present owners, Philip and Dorothy McCarthy purchased the home.

Today the J. C. Robinson house retains much of its original appearance. The present owners have in their possession the original blue prints.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 X 1800–1899 X 1900–	Areas of Significance—C — archeology-prehistoric — archeology-historic X agriculture X architecture — art — commerce — communications		Iandscape architectur Iaw Iiterature Iiteratury Implication Indication Indica	religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	c. 1900	Builder/Architect A.	H. Dyer, Fremont, N	ebraska

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architecturally significant, the J. C. Robinson house exemplifies a Neo-Classical Revival style, which gained popularity at the turn of the century and which typifies Nebraska architecture between 1900-1920. The house is also an excellent example of the two story square, a ubiquitous Nebraska house type. As a prominent businessman and founder-owner of the J. C. Robinson Seed Co., (Rob-See-Co) Mr. Robinson played a significant role in the agricultural business of Waterloo and Douglas County.

James C. Robinson started his seed business under his own name and was sole proprietor until 1904. At that time he incorporated the J. C. Robinson Seed Company, the capital stock in possession of himself and his family. Shortly after, he established the J. C. Robinson Real Estate Company, which was handled as a holding concern for his family. The Robinson family owned approximately 2,000 acres used for the production of seed crops. In addition, they utilized from 15,000-20,000 acres annually under the contract system. By the year 1917, they had five large warehouses in Waterloo, and another located at Rocky Ford, Colorado. Their business extended throughout the country and the company became one of the best known commercial enterprises in Douglas County. In later years, Mr. Robinson's seed business spread to Canada and Europe.

Mr. Robinson was a director of the Waterloo Bank in Waterloo, and director of the Conservative Savings and Loan Association of Omaha. He served as president of the American Seed Trade Association in 1909 and 1910, being elected at the convention held in Niagara Falls, Canada.

9. Major Bibliographica	I References
	, National Register of Historic Places ch 1980. On file, Nebraska State Historical Societ
"Omaha, The Gate City and Douglas Co Company of Chicago, Illinois, 1	ounty, Nebraska", S. J. Clarke Publishing
10. Geographical Data	UTM NOT VERIFIED
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11. Form Prepared By	county
name/title Joni Gilkerson, Survey Associ	
organization Nebraska State Historical Soc	Waterloo, Nebraska iety date October, 1980
street & number 1500 R Street	telephone 402/471-3270
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12. State Historic Pres	ervation Officer Certification
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