

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 McLaughlin-Waugh-Dovey House (CC14-67)

and/or common "Banker's House"

2. Location

street & number 414 B Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Plattsmouth ___ vicinity of congressional district Second

state Nebraska code 31 county Cass code 025

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input 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 checked="" 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 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Esmay

street & number 414 B Avenue

city, town Plattsmouth ___ vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cass County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

street & number

city, town Plattsmouth ___ vicinity of state Nebraska

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Ongoing federal state county local

depository for survey records Nebraska State Historical Society

city, town Lincoln ___ vicinity of 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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated atop the Missouri River bluffs in a residential neighborhood in Plattsmouth (1970 pop. 6,370), the McLaughlin-Waugh-Dovey house is a two-story masonry structure with a hipped roof, raised basement, and irregular plan. Built in about 1883, the exterior features include a two-story bay window on the east facade, a rectangular corner bay window, a corbelled brick cornice and other ornamental brickwork. The classical terracing and approaches on the hillside in front of the house were added in the 1930's.

The floor plan is basically 5 rooms over 5 rooms with a two-story stairhall and two, two-story sleeping porch additions at the rear of the house. Distinctive interior features of the house include the ornate main staircase fashioned of turned and sawn wood (photo # 7) and two Eastlake fireplaces (photo # 8). Colored art glass windows adorn the stairhall and several rooms on the first floor.

The current owners are in the process of converting the structure from four apartments, which were installed in the 1930's, back to a single family dwelling. The house is presently being stabilized and preserved on both the exterior and interior.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1883 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The "Banker's House" in Plattsmouth is significant in the areas of commerce and architecture, because of the contributions made by its occupants to the commercial growth of Plattsmouth and also its unusual design.

Built for one of the first cashiers of the First National Bank in Plattsmouth, A. W. McLaughlin, it served as the home for succeeding cashiers of the institution for nearly 50 consecutive years. The First National Bank, founded in 1872, grew to become one of the largest financial institutions in Cass County during the years the three men associated with this house were involved in the organization. McLaughlin served as cashier 1883–1886, Samuel Waugh, 1886–1900, and Horatio N. Dovey, 1900 to 1927. Through the years, as the house was sold to each succeeding cashier, it became known to area residents as the "Banker's House," a term still used today.

Architecturally, the house is a fine example of the Queen Anne Style of architecture which is the style most associated with Nebraska's early boom years. This structure has long been regarded as a landmark to Plattsmouth residents.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Plattsmouth, Nebraska-Iowa

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREEAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

5	2	5	7	4	4	0	4	5	4	4	0	6	0
Zone	Easting			Northing									

B

Zone	Easting			Northing									

C

Zone	Easting			Northing									

D

Zone	Easting			Northing									

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Zone	Easting			Northing									

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Zone	Easting			Northing									

G

Zone	Easting			Northing									

H

Zone	Easting			Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

This property is situated on Lots 7-10, Block 13, original town of Plattsmouth.

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

state 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 1980

street & number 1500 R

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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 Merrin E. Knott 7/31/80

title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

date

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

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

date 10-14-80

Attest: [Signature]
Chief of Registration

date 10/10/80

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