

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 000013<sup>7</sup>7

Property Name: Zweibel Farmstead

County: Sarpy State: Nebraska

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Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Arudo McClelland*                      November 30, 2000  
Signature of the Keeper                      Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

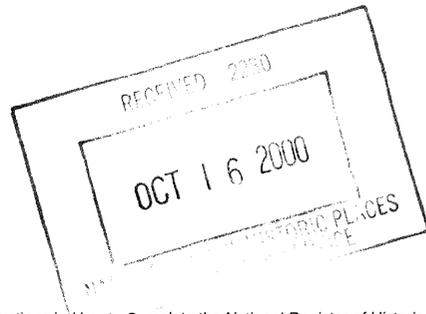
Section 7. Description: The third paragraph of the narrative is, hereby, amended to indicate that two, not three, dormers are located on each side of the original gable.

Section 8. Significance: "C" is, hereby, added to the National Register Criteria; the Period of Significance is, hereby, amended to "1867-1871;" and "1860" is, hereby, dropped from the list of Significant Dates, to correspond more accurately to the significance as stated in the nomination form.

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The Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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**DISTRIBUTION:**  
National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 *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" 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 Zwiebel Farmstead

Other names/site number SY00-041

## 2. Location

Street & number 16302 South 63<sup>rd</sup> Street

Not for publication

City or town Papillion

Vicinity

State Nebraska

Code NE

County Sarpy

Code 153

Zip code 68133

## 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.)

*Lawrence Sommer*  
Signature of certifying official

10/10/00  
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.)

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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.

see continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.

see continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Jana McClelland*  
Signature of Keeper

11/30/00  
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- X Private
Public-local
Public-state
Public-federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- X Building(s)
District
Site
Structure
Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows: Buildings (3), Sites, Structures, Objects, Total (3).

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
AGRICULTURE/outbuildings

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
AGRICULTURE/outbuildings

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

NO STYLE

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Foundation limestone

Walls limestone

Roof asphalt shingle

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.)

- X 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.)

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 #

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SETTLEMENT
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1860-1948

Significant Dates

1860 - Original pre-emption land grant

1867 - House constructed

1871 - Barn constructed

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Primary location for additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local Government
University
Other
Name of repository:

Zwiebel Farmstead

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property Approximately 4

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	751050	4551150	3.			
2.				4.			

### 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.)

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Jill M. Ebers

organization Nebraska State Historical Society

date August 23, 2000

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city or town Lincoln

state NE

zip code 68508

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## Additional Documentation

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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.)

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## Property Owner

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

name/title Janice Lind

street & number 3903 Vista Circle

telephone (402) 733-7942

city or town Bellevue

state NE

zip code 68147

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Located a few miles south of Papillion, Nebraska, in rural Sarpy County, lies the Zwiebel farmstead, which is still held in private ownership by the descendants of the people who first settled on this section of land. Members of the Zwiebel family have owned the farmstead for 140 years. The Platte River lies less than a mile south of the farmstead, and Omaha sits less than ten miles to the north. Early on, the farmyard was scattered with a handful of limestone buildings. The house was built in 1867, and was soon joined by a barn in 1871, and later on a smokehouse. An icehouse was once found on the property, but it has collapsed. A summer kitchen was replaced with an historic addition to the main house.

The farmstead is an excellent example of a mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> century farmstead that was established in this part of the country. It has a charming farmhouse, a substantially large barn, and several other outbuildings associated with the property. The difference between this farmstead and others like it in Nebraska is that the buildings were constructed entirely of limestone. In 1867, it was difficult to find anyone in the state who was experienced in building with stone. It would also have been a challenge to locate enough limestone to build four buildings. Sitting so near the Platte River, the Zwiebel farmstead was unique in that it had a supply of native Nebraskan limestone readily available and the means to make use of it.

The 1867 farmhouse is a one and one-half story limestone structure with an asphalt shingled, cross-gable roof. The original portion of the house is rectangular in shape, with a 1948 kitchen addition creating a t-shaped plan. The roof has three hipped dormers on either side of the original gable, which are wood-framed and sided like the addition. The façade contains an enclosed porch, also a 1948 addition. Inside the porch, the original wide doorway is covered by a large limestone lintel on which is carved the date "1867." Limestone lintels also cap the two-over-two double hung windows, and are paired with stone sills. Two chimneys are found just off the front gable, one on the ridgeline of the original part of the house and one on the enclosed porch addition.

The limestone smokehouse, of an indeterminate age, is a small, rectangular plan with a front gable roof. A wooden door is located under the end gable, and a small window is found under each side gable. One window is simply covered with a wooden shutter, while the other is glass. A large limestone chimney is located on the rear of the smokehouse. On the interior, the fireplace has a wide arched opening with chains controlling the aperture of the flue. Smithed hooks are laced through the rafters standing ready to suspend flanks of beef or slabs of bacon ready for smoking. The roof is deteriorating in places, and has been covered in plywood for a temporary fix.

A large banked barn is located east of the house. The gable roof is covered in wood shingles. The main entrance to the upper level is a set of two large tin sliding doors located under the side gable facing the house. The foundation and walls are all made of limestone. Inside, large stone columns provide support for the structure. Two or three small clerestory windows are located under each gable end, providing light and ventilation to the structure. They are narrow outside, and wider on the inside of the wall, allowing for more distribution of light.

The interior of the barn is divided into three spaces. The bottom level, entered from the west side of the building, provided three spaces for cattle to feed from mangers that were supplied with hay from above. There are two deep windows on each side, with fixed sashes of glass on the upper section of the window, and a recessed space under the fixed sash that allows more light to disseminate throughout the room. Enormous rough-hewn beams support the floor above. The middle space above is entered from the tin sliding doors on the east side of the building. It has spaces for storage and working areas. There are three windows on each gable end on this level. The top section of the barn is reserved for a hayloft, although the wooden flooring that formed the loft seems to have disintegrated completely. Rough-hewn beams remain, but the flooring is gone.

This farmstead is an excellent and unique example of an early settlement era house and farm located in a rapidly growing and increasingly developed portion of the state of Nebraska. Three miles north of the farm sits Papillion, a town of 13,000

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that is increasingly becoming a suburb of Omaha. Even though urban sprawl is encroaching on the property nearby, the farm site itself still feels extremely remote. The setting and feeling of the site still relate the sense of agricultural life in the mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The materials, location, workmanship and design of the buildings are still intact.

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The Zwiebel farmstead is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A, possessing an association with a broad pattern in American history. The farmstead is an excellent example of a mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> century farmstead that was established in this part of the country. George and Sophia Zwiebel, originally from Ohio, arrived in Nebraska in the fall of 1856. Their arrival, just two years after the official establishment of Nebraska as a territory, entered them into the ranks of over ten thousand others that had moved to the Nebraska territory for new opportunities in farming and other endeavors. The Zwiebel family would prove very adept at adapting to the agricultural needs of a different climatic region.

Prior to the Homestead Act of 1862, settlers could obtain a parcel of land under the Pre-Emption Law of 1841, by purchasing up to 160 acres of the public domain for \$1.25 per acre. Under this law, Zwiebel obtained his original thirty-three acres of land in 1860. George Zwiebel also acquired additional acreage from soldiers who had been given titles to lands in the west in lieu of payment, a common practice at the time. This included land purchased in 1862 from a soldier, Private William Hewett of Captain Dulan's Company of the Virginia Militia, who was a veteran of the War of 1812. Additional acres were obtained in 1866 from another soldier, Private Francisco Chave of Captain Bragon's Company of the New Mexico Volunteers. He was a veteran of the Navajo War. George W. Zwiebel purchased an additional land in 1883 for an estimated forty dollars per acre.

The Zwiebels lived in a log structure for the first few years of their residence on their new lands. Later, in 1867, they built a new home of native limestone found nearby, abandoning the log structure. In 1871, they built a barn of the same limestone. It is not known when the smokehouse was added to the complex of buildings. At one time, there was also a limestone icehouse, but it collapsed due to disrepair. It is difficult to determine where it was located. A summer kitchen was situated near the limestone house, but it was torn down when a frame kitchen was added to the house in 1948.

George Zwiebel left the farmstead to his son Phillip, who remained on the farm until his death. Phillip in turn left portions of the farm to each of his children, who donated approximately one hundred acres to the Girl Scouts of America for use as a camp. The remainder of the land was incorporated into a small family business called A. H. Farms, Inc., formed by Anna Zwiebel Hahn in 1976. The last family member to live in the farmhouse was Christine Zwiebel, who passed away in December of 1968.

The Zwiebel farmstead in rural Sarpy County is eligible to the National Register due to its association with Nebraska's early settlement patterns. It is one of few surviving early examples of a 1860s farmstead that still maintains a high degree of historical integrity, particularly rare given its proximity to Omaha's rapidly growing suburbs.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 24, Township 13 North, Range 12, Sarpy County.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundaries encompass a tract of land that contains the buildings historically associated with the farmstead.