

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building was erected ca. 1856 as a long, rectangular, two story structure with a gable roof and two feet thick limestone walls. While the building is only modestly pretentious, Greek Revival influence is suggested by the low pitch of roof, the design of the windows, and the use of cornice boards and cornice returns. Situated high on the edge of a bluff just west of the Missouri River, the house purportedly faced east originally and had a two story porch (probably removed prior to 1900) across the east facade. The walls of the Hamilton House and several other stone buildings of the 1850's and 1860's in Bellevue have been faced with grout for at least sixty years. Whether this use of grout is original to the buildings is uncertain. Grout-faced stone buildings in Nebraska are rare outside of the Bellevue area.

The Harry B. Patrick family have owned and occupied the structure as a private residence since August, 1941. In 1941-42 some alterations were made to the present front (west) doorway, which may or may not be original to the house. Although the Patrick family extensively remodeled the interior in 1941-42, they retained the early partitions. Formerly unattached to the house, an old summer kitchen was incorporated into a two story wing added to the east side of the house in 1956. The Patrick family, who have furnished the house with many antiques, now refer to the structure as "Riverton Lodge." The Patrick home and property occupy Bellevue lots C2, D2, and D5 in Section 31, Township 14 North, Range 14 East. These three lots define the boundaries of the land now being nominated for inclusion in the National Register.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nebraska	
COUNTY: Sarpy	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-10-26-0011	DATE 10/15/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hamilton (William) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2003 Bluff Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bellevue

STATE: Nebraska CODE: 26 COUNTY: Sarpy CODE: 153

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
				No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural Government Park Transportation Comments

Commercial Industrial Private Residence Other (Specify)

Educational Military Religious

Entertainment Museum Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Mrs. Harry B. Patrick

STREET AND NUMBER:
2003 Bluff Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bellevue STATE: Nebraska CODE: 26

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
County Clerk, Sarpy County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
122 East Third Street

CITY OR TOWN: Papillion STATE: Nebraska CODE: 26

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca. 1856**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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Founded as a fur trading post early in the nineteenth century, Bellevue was Nebraska's only non-military settlement in existence prior to the territorial organization of Nebraska in 1854. Among the most important of Bellevue's surviving early buildings is the ca. 1856 Hamilton House. It is one of the oldest dwellings in Nebraska and one of Nebraska's few extant buildings exhibiting Greek Revival influence. However, the building derives its significance primarily from its association with its first owner, Rev. William Hamilton (1811-91), a leading figure in Nebraska's early religious and political history. Father Hamilton, who occupied the house from about 1856 to 1867, was an influential pioneer missionary in Sarpy County and, later, in Thurston County. He first came to Nebraska in 1853 to direct the Presbyterian Indian Mission established at Bellevue in 1846. In 1854 he became intimately involved in the struggle over the location of the Nebraska territorial capital. In 1856-58 Father Hamilton supervised the construction of the present Bellevue Presbyterian Church, believed to be the oldest church edifice in Nebraska. Most of his life was devoted to ministering to Nebraska's Omaha Indians.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Writers' Project, Old Bellevue, 1937
Files, Nebraska State Historical Society

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41° 08' 21"	95° 53' 16"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

NO
UTM
CD

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John Q. Magie, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society DATE: August 27, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 "R" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln STATE: Nebraska 68508 CODE: 26

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Martin O. Kvitt

Title Director, Nebraska State Hist. Soc.

Date Sept 22, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 15 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Smutney
Keeper of The National Register

Date OCT 6 1969



LA PLATTE 37 MI. 55'
PLATTSMOUTH 9 MI.

1 340 000 FEET (IOWA)

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. - 1967

• R. 13 E. R. 14 E. 258000m E.

41°07'30"

95°52'30"

(PACIFIC JUNCTION)
6866 III SE



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Medium-duty ————
- Light-duty —————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- U. S. Route (Shield symbol)
- State Route (Circle symbol)

OMAHA SOUTH, NEBR.—IOWA
N 4107.5—W 9552.5 / 7.5

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
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1956

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Form 10-301
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Omaha South			
SCALE: 1: 24,000			
DATE: 1956			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			