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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Veith Building

(LC13:C9-5)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

816 P Street

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Nebraska

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE

31

COUNTY

Lancaster

CODE

109

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_SITE

\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

\_\_OCCUPIED

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_PARK

\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J & L Incorporated

STREET & NUMBER

2295 South 48th Street

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds, County-City Building

STREET & NUMBER

555 South 10th Street

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln

STATE

Nebraska

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Historic and Architectural Site Survey of Malone, Near south and South  
Salt Creek Neighborhoods Lincoln, Nebraska

DATE

September 1, 1978

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Nebraska State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln

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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Veith Building is a two story, with basement, commercial building constructed in 1884. It is an example of late Victorian commercial architecture and features excellent cast-iron and pressed-metal detailing.

The P street (south) facade is composed of brick laid in a running bond and a cast-iron and wood storefront. At the street level, some brickwork has been plastered over and the storefront has been altered. Both ground floor openings remain in their original locations, however. Above, a cast-iron lintel spans the ground floor opening. On either side of the facade, brick pilasters (the side bearing walls) are present which feature sheet metal decoration bearing medieval mason's marks. At the second floor, the four window openings feature stone sills and flat-topped arch decoration in metal. The cornice, the outstanding feature of the facade, is also erected in sheet metal. It features a frieze bearing a leaf-like decoration and is topped with four finials. The center portion of the cornice features a semi-circular pediment on which the words "Veith" and "1884" are cast.

Structurally, the building is a rectangle bearing on brick walls on the east and west sides. The walls are not tied to adjacent buildings. The first floor is supported on wood joists which bear on the walls, as well as a row of columns in the basement. The wood joists of the second floor and roof clear span the bearing walls. The built-up roof slopes to the rear.

Alterations, in addition to the storefront, include the cutting of an opening to the building to the west and the coating of the back (north) wall with gunnite.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	1884	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Veith Building is a significant architectural landmark in Lincoln. It is one of the oldest commercial buildings in the city, and is the best surviving example of Victorian commercial architecture in Lincoln proper. It has been virtually unaltered.

Constructed in 1884 as a grocery by the Veith family, the building has been through a succession of owners. Surprisingly, it has not suffered the pains of alteration as badly as buildings its age often do. The existing storefront could be restored to its original status with a minimal effort - the original storefront cast-iron columns remain in place.

