

**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 F. M. Walcott House (CE14-1)

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 431 N. Hall St. N/A not for publication

city, town Valentine N/A vicinity of congressional district Third

state Nebraska code 031 county Cherry code 031

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
	<u>N/A</u>	<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 Randel Anderson

street & number 431 N. Hall

city, town Valentine N/A vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cherry County Courthouse

street & number 365 Main

city, town Valentine state Nebraska

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date On-going federal state county local

depository for survey records Nebraska State Historical Society

city, town Lincoln state Nebraska

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The F. M. Walcott House is located in Valentine, Nebraska (1981 pop. 2824), the county seat of Cherry county. The frame dwelling has a limestone foundation and is covered with gabled and hipped roof lines. A frontal porch, textured wall surfaces, bay windows and an elegant Palladian window enhance the design of the house. Stylistically, the house represents a fine, vernacular Neo-Classical Revival dwelling, based upon earlier upright-with-wing or temple-form houses common to the Greek Revival style in the eastern and mid-western states. The house was built by Mr. Walcott in 1892.

The F. M. Walcott house, built in 1892, is a one-and-one-half-story frame dwelling, based in plan upon the earlier upright-with-wing houses found in residential architecture. The eight room house has a native limestone foundation and a hipped and gabled roof line. Gable peaks are adorned with imbricated shingle siding, dropped bracketed eaves and cornice returns. Bay windows are found on the east and south facades. The frontal (east) porch features Doric columns, a pedimented gablet and porch walls faced with imbricated shingle siding. Fenestration in the house consists primarily of double hung sash with one over one pane arrangement. The east (front) facade displays a colored lead glass window reminiscent of the Art Nouveau style (first level) (see photo #6) and a distinct Palladian window (second level (see photo #3), which has leaded glass ✓ and is capped with an arched window hood pierced with a keystone ornament. The north facade shows a single window crowned with a fanlight and keystone ornament.

Distinctive interior features of the house include a ornate open staircase near the front foyer (see photo #5), double fold French doors leading into the living room, and a built in china closet in the dining room. Two original chimneys are still extant, and recently, a wood parlor stove was installed in the living area. The original yellow pine trim is intact, with a majority of the woodwork still retaining its original finish. Decorative moldings are also found in the house interior.

The nominated property includes only the frame dwelling. At one time a barn was located to the rear of the house, but it was torn down in earlier years. Previous owners erected a short picket fence around the yard.

The site on which the house was built was the northeast corner of town in the early 1890's. The lot was originally 100 feet wide and 150 feet deep. In 1937, thirty-five feet of the width of the property was sold and another small house built there. From 1942 to 1970, the Walcott house served as a Lutheran parsonage. The stained glass pieces and the two arched windows remind many Valentine residents of its ecclesiastical connections.

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 checked="" 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		

Specific dates built in 1892 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The F. M. Walcott House is significant as an example of a vernacular Neo-Classical Revival dwelling, based upon earlier upright-with-wing or temple-form houses common to the Greek Revival style in the eastern and midwestern states. F. M. Walcott was significant as a prominent judge, establishing one of the largest legal practices in the state of Nebraska. Mr. Walcott also held the offices of county judge and county attorney.

Valentine is a relatively young town for Nebraska being incorporated in 1884. The land on which this dwelling sits was first purchased in 1882. F. M. Walcott purchased the lot in May of 1892 for \$137.50 and built the house that summer. A note in the Cherry County Independent newspaper of July 28, 1892 said "Judge Walcott's house is nearly completed." The judge took out a mortgage on the house of \$600.00 on December 2, 1892. The judge died in 1920 and the account of his funeral and his obituary in The Republican newspaper relates a life that indicates he was a prominent early resident.¹ His casket was escorted by his fellow Masons from his home to the old Methodist Church two blocks away. That church, built from native limestone about the same time as the Walcott house, is in good condition and now being used by a Lutheran congregation.

The historic importance of the original owner is significant, but also significant is the architecture of his house, a fine, vernacular Neo-Classical Revival dwelling, significantly based upon earlier upright-with-wing or temple-form house common to the Greek Revival style in the eastern and midwestern states. The Neo-Classical Revival style gained popularity in Nebraska around the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Characteristics of the style include use of the Greek order, linteled window and door openings and pedimented porticoes. The Greek Revival called for bilateral symmetry as a general rule, making exceptions in the building of houses, where an L-form plan may be employed (Whiffen, Marcus, American Architecture Since 1780). Of particular importance to Nebraska is the existence of this decorated temple-form house so reminiscent of the Greek Revival style, a style whose popularity was waning when settlement first started in Nebraska, and whose only extant examples are simplified vernacular versions of the style (see Tecumseh Historic District, Johnson County Nebraska, Item #8, page 3).

1. "Probably no other Valentine man was known to so many people as Judge Walcott. Hundreds were turned away at the church doors (at the funeral) for lack of room. . . He held the office of county judge for four terms. He was elected county attorney. During his long residence in Valentine he built up one of the largest legal practices in the state. In 1912 he was admitted to practice before the Nebraska Supreme Court. He has always taken a prominent part in

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Valentine, Nebr.-South Dakota

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A	1 4	3 7 3 0 5 1	4 7 4 8 0 1 6	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification The property is block #8 lot #1 original town of Valentine, including all of the remaining intact historically associated real estate. It is bordered on the north by 5th Street (hwy. #12) and on the east by Hall Street.

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Randel Anderson/ edited by Joni Gilkerson, Preservation Associate
 Owner/
 organization Nebraska State Historical Society date June 1980/ August 1982
 street & number 431 N. Hall/1500 "R" Street telephone (402) 376-3766/471-3850
 city or town Valentine/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 Maryann E. Knott date 8/30/82

title <u>Director, Nebraska State Historical Society</u>	date
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>J. Delores Byers</u>	Entered in the
Keeper of the National Register	National Register
	date <u>10/7/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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and good government."

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