

**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 C. Segelke Building (PT01-77)

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 1065 17th Avenue N/A not for publication

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

state Nebraska code 31 county Platte code 141

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
		<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: art gallery

4. Owner of Property

name Jerome C. and Janice M. Griesman

street & number 633 Leonard's Mobile Village

city, town Columbus N/A vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 14th Streets and 26th Avenue

city, town Columbus 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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The C. Segelke Building in Columbus, Nebraska, exemplifies the simplified commercial Italianate style of architecture through its ornamentation and general massing. The main brick building was built by Charles Segelke in 1887 as the Columbus Bottling Works. It is paired with a long, low frame store-house across the adjacent alley. Structural integrity is preserved except for some windows which need repair or replacement.

The C. Segelke building represents an example of a simplified commercial Italianate style of architecture. The two story rectangular brick building has a raised basement and flat roof with parapet walls. The front (west) facade features a pressed metal bracketed cornice with corner finials and a central pedimented crown upon which in relief is stated: "1887, C. Segelke." The tall, narrow two-over-two pane windows have stone lug sills and stilted segmentally arched window hoods with keystone ornaments. The double door entry has a transom window and a similar arch treatment found in the window design. The pressed metal hoods are adorned with decorative motifs of vines and plant forms. The structure houses two internal chimneys. The one story addition to the rear has a window and large garage doors. The south facade originally had a wooden dock along the alley, which is no longer extant. The brick foundation has been stuccoed. Across the alley, the property includes a turn-of-the-century one story frame, rectangular building with a gable roof, end chimney, pedimented window hoods, gable entry and side addition (south facade). The building served as a storage shed and is located directly south of the brick building.

The C. Segelke building was built by Charles Segelke in 1887 as the Columbus Bottling Works and served in later years as the Columbus Coca-Cola Bottling Company. The building is presently owned by Jerome Griesman, who is using it as an art gallery. Mr. Griesman is presently in the process of restoring the exterior with plans to rehabilitate the 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 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 1887 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architecturally significant, the C. Segelke building is a simplified yet locally notable example of the commercial Italianate style, which was a popular commercial style in Nebraska from the 1860's through the 1880's. Significant in the area of commerce, Charles Segelke and his three brothers played an important role in establishing bottling companies throughout southeastern Nebraska. As one of the early settlers of Columbus, Charles Segelke became a prominent businessman in the community, establishing the Columbus Bottling Works, and later conducting the business with his son.

The C. Segelke building represents an example of the simplified Italianate style of architecture, which was popular in the United States during the 1840's through the 1880's, and in Nebraska, from the 1860's through the 1880's. The style was characterized by low pitched, heavily bracketed roofs, rectangular plans and tall narrow windows with straight sided arches. Marcus Whiffen states in his book, American Architecture Since 1780, A Guide to the Styles: "It was not an ecclesiastical or a governmental style but a domestic and (above all) commercial one. It is tempting to call it the commercial vernacular of the High Victorian decades. . . "

Charles Segelke was born in Germany in 1848 and came to the United States in 1870. He and his three brothers came to the states to escape the Prussian war which had already claimed the life of one brother. After his arrival in New York, Charles Segelke traveled to Chicago where he was married to Wilhelmina Hackelberg, also a native of Germany. It was in Chicago the Segelke brothers learned the bottling trade. Charles Segelke and his wife came to Columbus in the spring of 1876. Charles Segelke then established the Columbus Bottling Works. His three brothers, August, William and George, set up businesses in Crete, Omaha and Beatrice, respectively. At present, the August Segelke building in Crete is the only other Segelke structure, that is known to be extant. In later years, Charles Segelke conducted the business in association with his son Charles, under the name Segelke & Son. Mr. Segelke also established branch plants in surrounding towns, including David City in Butler county, and Humphrey, in Platte county. Charles Segelke resided in Columbus during the years from 1876 to 1919, in which "He lived to see the little village grow to a thriving city, and the little business, which he founded, grow to be one of the largest of its kind in central Nebraska." (The Columbus Telegram, Friday, May 2, 1919). Mr. Segelke was a member of the Modern Woodmen order and the Maennerchor society. He was also an honorary member of the Columbus fire department, having served his time on the active list in earlier years. Charles Segelke died in Columbus in 1919. After his father's death, Charles Jr., bought his father's interest from the Segelke estate and retained the ownership of the bottling company until he retired from business in 1936.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Columbus

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	4	6	3	8	0	6	0	4	5	8	7	2	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification The property is located on the south 30 feet of lot four (4) and the north thirty-nine feet (N39') of lot five (5), all in block one hundred and eleven (111), Original City of Columbus, including all of the historic real estate associated with the property.

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 Joni Gilkerson, Survey Associate

organization Nebraska State Historical Society date April, 1982

street & number 1500 "R" Street telephone 402/471-3850 or 471-3270

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 Marvin D. Knott date 5/13/82

title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society date

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

Melona Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 6/25/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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