

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas
COUNTY: Atchison
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
McInteer Villa

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1301 Kansas

CITY OR TOWN:
Atchison

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
No. 2, Bill Roy (Martha Keys after Jan.)

STATE: Kansas 66002 CODE: 20 COUNTY: Atchison CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) None
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
George Gerardy

STREET AND NUMBER:
320 N. 13th

CITY OR TOWN:
Atchison

STATE:
Kansas 66002

CODE:
20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Atchison County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Atchison

STATE:
Kansas 66002

CODE:
20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kansas State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 West 10th

CITY OR TOWN:
Topeka

STATE:
Kansas 66612

CODE:
20

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DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

McInteer Villa is a two and one-half story irregularly shaped building which is basically rectangular in plan. The Victorian style house measures approximately 80 feet east to west and 40 feet north to south. It faces south although a major entrance was formerly on the east end under an ornate porch which has since been removed. The tower at the southeast corner rises almost four stories in height.

The exterior walls are of red brick laid in running bond and trimmed with native stone. Horizontal stone belt courses are located at the first and second floor window sills.

The south facade has two frame porches. The large one centered on the bay gives access to the front entrance. Its flat roof is supported by circular wood columns with Ionic type capitals. Dentils are featured on the cornice. A smaller porch with an outward sloping roof is located at the southwest corner of the structure, over one of the house's rear doors.

The building has a steeply pitched slate hip roof with many intersecting gables. A profusion of elaborate dormers of all shapes and sizes adds variety to the roof. Five ornamental chimneys project above the roof line. The conical roof of the corner tower has two circular dormer windows which face the east and the south. Circular dormers are also situated at the roof line on both the north and south facades.

The roof is separated from the walls by a decorative white metal cornice consisting of a wide band of dentils topped by a curvilinear projection. The circular tower corbells out at the second floor and again at the third floor, giving it a massive overhanging appearance. Windows on both floors rise from the stone belt lines as slender rectangles and are of the double-hung type. Most are terminated by massive rough hewn single stone lintels. Exceptions are the elaborately carved lintels of the first floor bay windows on the east and the smooth cut stone lintels found on most of the south side windows.

There is one round arched window opening on the north facade which is situated directly above a large rectangular stone plaque bearing the legend "McInteer Villa." Another decorative carved stone plaque is located on the east side, centered between two windows at the second floor level.

The third floor of the tower, as well as the dormers on the east and north, has a decorated gray metal covering. The east gable of the main roof is also covered with stamped metal. A small balcony is placed at the third floor above a bay running the height of the first and second floors on the south.

Stained glass was used in many of the transom-like windows which were located over most of the door and window openings.

The interior is composed of many small rooms. When the Conlon family wanted to remodel the house by removing some walls, a contractor stated that the walls were so thick and substantial they would not be removed by ordinary means. Thus, the structure's integrity has not been greatly compromised.

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Very few changes have been made to the exterior; the porch on the east end has been removed and the east entrance boarded up; the steps on the south porch have been removed. The exterior is in obvious need of repairs and maintenance but otherwise is little changed from the original.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1889-1890

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McInteer Villa, one of Atchison's most unique residences, was built in 1889-1890 for a pioneer businessman of the city.

Born in Ireland in 1827, John McInteer came to the United States alone as a boy. Settling first in Philadelphia, he later went to Indiana where he learned the trade of harness maker. Hearing of the opportunities existing in the West, he moved to Kansas in the early 1860's. After first homesteading in Doniphan county, McInteer established a small shop in Atchison where he manufactured harness and saddles. His products became noted for their workmanship, and he did a great amount of business with the wagon trains plying the overland trails. His enterprise was so successful that he had to enlarge his facilities and manufacture his products on a large scale. The wealth accumulated from his saddle and harness business was invested in real estate in Atchison and nearby St. Joseph, Mo. He also erected a number of business blocks in Atchison.

McInteer's large impressive brick residence was constructed in 1889-1890 at an estimated cost of \$14,000. The architect has not yet been identified, but the builder was Owen E. Seip, a long-time Atchison contractor who erected almost 500 homes and business buildings in Atchison between 1858 and 1907.

McInteer's first wife died in 1892. In 1895 he married Anna Conlon Donovan, a widow with three sons. After his death in 1901, she continued to live in the house until her death in 1916. During her ownership the house was home to large numbers of her Conlon relatives, including many children. After 1916 until about 1925 her brother Judge Charles J. Conlon, a prominent Atchison lawyer, and his family made it their home.

For the next 25 years it was a rooming house. In 1952 it was purchased by Mrs. Isabel Altus, a retired professional violinist and an eccentric, according to her Atchison neighbors. She lacked the financial resources to follow through on her desire to restore the house and in 1969, shortly before her death, sold it to George Gerardy, who has started to rehabilitate it.

McInteer Villa is one of the most unusual and picturesque houses built in Atchison. It was constructed for one of the city's most respected early-day businessmen. Its chief significance is in its appearance; its remarkability is signified by the abundance and overabundance of ornamentation and detail in stone, brick, wood, and metal.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Atchison Daily Globe, July 16, 1894.
 Atchison Patriot, Sept. 9, 1890.
 "Early Harness Makers," Atchison Daily Globe, Dec. 28, 1922.
 Ingalls, Sheffield, History of Atchison County (Lawrence, Kan., Standard Publishing Co., 1916), pp. 494, 495, 651-653.
 Malone, D., Compiler, Atchison City Directory, 1872-1873, p. 55.
 "Owen E. SEip, Pioneer Contractor," Atchison Daily Globe, May 31, 1907.

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 TEN ACRES							
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one-two

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard D. Pankratz, Admin. Officer I, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: Oct. 3, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West 10th

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Nyle H. Miller
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Date October 5, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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