

Inventory Number 45-3010-134

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property Shalor W. Eldridge House

Location 945 Rhode Island Street
(street and number)

Lawrence, KS 66044
(city, town, or vicinity location)

Lot 91, Rhode Island Street
(legal description)

Douglas
(county)

Owner of Property John Morris, John Knapp, Chandler Hoerner

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National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the National Register by Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review _____

date entered in National Register _____

Description: Facing east on a corner lot, the S.W. Eldridge House is a two-story, gable-roofed residence consisting of two rectangular brick sections with a later frame addition forming an ell to the north.

A frame porch across the front and south side of the house is terminated by a one-story brick projection. The porch has square posts and curved ornamental brackets. Otherwise, there is very little exterior decoration. Brick walls are painted; the frame addition has wooden lap siding. The roof is covered with split cedar shakes. There is a one-room brick outbuilding behind the main house.


The Eldridge House was substantially rehabilitated in 1979. In this work the owners attempted to reuse existing material and retain important historical features.

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Significance According to the 1867 tax assessment records, Shalor W. Eldridge's house
on the corner of Tenth and Rhode Island Streets in Lawrence, Kansas was the most
valuable single property on the city's east side. From the time he arrived in the
territory in 1855 until his financial ruin in 1874, Eldridge was one of the leading
entrepreneurs in Kansas. He was also an active leader in the political struggles
culminating in the admission of Kansas to the Union as a free state in 1861. The
Eldridge residence, which was probably built in 1857, is an example of the more
sophisticated and substantial homes associated with the early history of Lawrence.

Form prepared by Dale Nimz, Historic Preservation Department date 8-14-81

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places
by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on 8-10-81
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas
Places.



State Historic Preservation Officer

Aug. 17, 1981
Date