

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON: Maupin-Mecaskey House
AND/OR HISTORIC: Ludington House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 1613 Tennessee St.			
CITY OR TOWN: Lawrence		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: no. 3, Larry Winn	
STATE: Kansas	CODE: 20	COUNTY: Douglas	CODE: 045

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Tom Maupin and Neil Mecaskey	STATE: Kansas
STREET AND NUMBER: 1613 Tennessee St.	
CITY OR TOWN: Lawrence	
STATE: Kansas	CODE: 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds	COUNTY: Douglas
STREET AND NUMBER: Douglas County Courthouse	
CITY OR TOWN: Lawrence	
STATE: Kansas	CODE: 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE	FOR NPS USE ONLY
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: 	
STREET AND NUMBER: 	
CITY OR TOWN: 	STATE:
	CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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

The Ludington House was built in two sections, the front part in 1860 and the back in 1872. It is a red brick structure with light-colored stone quoining at all outside corners of the original 1860 section.

The roofline varies in height from one to three stories with both round and square towers being employed. It is further complicated by the seven brick chimneys serving the ten fireplaces in the house.

Two balconies extend from the east facade; these are the only horizontal projections from the very vertical wall design. No lines tend to carry the eye around at any given level.

Most openings for windows and doors are rectangular with stone lintels and sills. The exceptions are the arched window and door lintels of the square tower and the round windows in the gable ends of the 1860 section.

To the rear a large rambling wooden porch protects the first floor and terminates in a porte-cochere.

With its cherry woodwork, gold leaf moldings, embossed leather wainscoting, and ten fireplaces, it is regarded as the most splendid of the early houses of Lawrence.

Since the present owners acquired the Ludington House in 1959, they have restored the house to its nineteenth century appearance.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) 1860 and 1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 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 Ludington House was designed in 1860 by John G. Haskell, one of Kansas' best known early architects. It was commissioned by Reuben W. Ludington, an important businessman and civic leader in Lawrence.

Judge Solon O. Thacher, who had been chairman of the 1859 Wyandotte convention which wrote the Kansas constitution, acquired ownership in 1869. Following Thacher's appointment by Pres. Chester A. Arthur in 1872 as "Ambassador to Central and South America and Mexico," the house was remodeled extensively and the entire back half with its round tower and porte-cochere was added.

The Ludington House is an excellent building by one of the earliest prominent Kansas architects, John G. Haskell. The house incorporates a variety of influences including Romanesque arches in the tower, English Manor House chimneys, and Renaissance window pediments.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lawrence Journal-World, November 13, 1959.
Nineteenth Century Houses in Lawrence, Kansas (Lawrence, University of
 Kansas Museum of Art, 1968), pp. 30-33.
 "Old Houses of Lawrence," Topeka Capital-Journal, December 1, 1963.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		38	57	15
SE	° ' "	° ' "		95	14	23
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2-3

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant
 Richard Pankratz, Director, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: Nov. 6, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 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
 Title _____

Date Sent to NR: 2/8/71; 3/24/71

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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