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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas	
COUNTY:	Ellsworth	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Perry Hodgden House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 104 West Main

CITY OR TOWN: Ellsworth

STATE: Kansas CODE: 67439 COUNTY: Ellsworth CODE: 053

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Ellsworth County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Ellsworth STATE: Kansas CODE: 67439

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Ellsworth County Courthouse STATE: Kansas CODE: 67439

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 Hodgden House in Ellsworth is a 12-room two-story native stone building. The original rectangular structure measures approximately 30 feet long and 20 feet deep. A later addition to the building, which more than doubled its size, measures approximately 30 by 35 feet. There is no basement under either the original house or the addition. The walls are constructed of native stone which is hand hewn and laid in irregular horizontal courses. These massive stone blocks give a heavy, rustic character to the house. Mortar joints are not tooled, giving further emphasis to the massiveness. The roof over the original building is gabled and overhangs the wall below. The overhang is supported by widely spaced coupled brackets. The roof over the addition is hipped and overhangs the wall below. Both roofs are covered with wood shingles.

The main entrance on the north side of the house is accented by a large porch, which is gabled and has wood shingles. Window openings are simple rectangles with wooden double hung sash windows. The sills are single slabs of stone and the lintels are monolithic stones. An exception are the lintels over the second floor windows on the addition. These are made of angular pieces of stone laid in a flat arch. The second floor windows are also grouped in pairs.

The exterior appearance of the house is believed to be little changed from the original. The house is now used as a museum by the Ellsworth County Historical Society. Additional displays are housed in the large stone stable situated just east of the house.

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3. 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) 1870's

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Western settlement</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input 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 Perry Hodgden House, now the Ellsworth County Historical Museum, was one of the first stone houses built in Ellsworth. Hodgden, who came to Ellsworth from Ohio in 1867, was involved in the development of the new town in various ways. He was treasurer of the Ellsworth Town Company, he owned a dry-goods store, he was post master for a time, he was involved in real estate transactions (he purchased an addition to the original townsite), he either operated or had financial interest in a livery stable, he helped organize the County Agricultural Society, he served as the county's Register of Deeds for one term and he was active in the city council.

In February, 1871, Hodgden purchased the lot on which the museum now stands. Later, adjoining lots were acquired until he owned a good portion of the block. His house was built in the late 1870's after a fire had destroyed the frame buildings on that block in 1875. Native stone quarried three miles from Ellsworth was used to construct the two-story house. A large addition was built onto the original structure in the early 1880's which increased its size considerably.

In 1961 the Ellsworth County Historical Society was organized and plans were made to acquire the Hodgden house for use as a county museum. A fund-raising drive began in October and by March, 1962, the society was able to purchase the house for \$9,000. The museum was renovated and opened to the public May 30, 1963. In August the Ellsworth County Historical Society bought the old livery stable next to the Hodgden house to display old farm equipment and other large items.

The Hodgden House is of local historic importance to the Ellsworth community because of the contributions of Perry Hodgden to the growth and development of the community.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Choitz, John F., A History of Ellsworth County, 1854-1885 (unpublished M. S. thesis, Fort Hays State College, 1946), p. 26.
 "Ellsworth County Opens Museum," Hutchinson Weekly Record, June 7, 1963.
Ellsworth Reporter, July 10, 1947.
 "Historical Society Will Restore Garage," Ellsworth Reporter, August 8, 1963.
Kansas Historical Quarterly, v. 29, no. 3 (autumn, 1963), p. 367.
 "Museum A Dream Soon to Be Reality," Ellsworth Messenger, March 14, 1962.
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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	43	42
SE	° ' "	° ' "		98	13	56
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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: Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: June 20, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas CODE: 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
Nyle H. Miller
 Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society
 Date July 5, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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9. "Welcome to the Ellsworth County Museum," 4 pp. pamphlet (n.p., n.d.).