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Keith Sedellus  
Form 10-280  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(TYPE all entries – complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Mueller-Schmidt House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
112 East Vine

CITY OR TOWN:  
Dodge City

STATE  
Kansas  
CODE  
67801

COUNTY:  
Ford  
CODE  
057

3. CLASSIFICATION

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□ Site  
□ Structure  
□ Object | □ Public  
□ Private  
□ Both | □ Public Acquisition:  
□ In Process  
□ Being Considered | □ Occupied  
□ Unoccupied  
□ Preservation work in progress |
| □ Building | | | | |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

□ Agricultural  
□ Commercial  
□ Educational  
□ Entertainment  
□ Government  
□ Industrial  
□ Military  
□ Religious  
□ Museum  
□ Scientific  
□ Transportation  
□ Other (Specify)  
□ Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Ford County

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Ford County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Dodge City

STATE:  
Kansas  
CODE:  
67801

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, etc:  
Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Ford County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Dodge City

STATE:  
Kansas  
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67801

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
NONE

DATE OF SURVEY:  

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  

STREET AND NUMBER:  

CITY OR TOWN:  

STATE:  

CODE:  

ENTRY NUMBER:  

DATE:  

FOR NPS USE ONLY
The Mueller-Schmidt House at 112 East Vine in Dodge City is a rectangular two-story stone residence with a full basement. The native yellow-brown limestone is cut in uniform heights and is laid in regular horizontal courses. The stone face is unusually rough, giving a heavy coarse texture to the building. Sharply contrasting with the wall texture is the smooth quoining at the four corners. The first floor level is raised several feet above ground level permitting large windows in the basement.

An ornate porch centered on the front facade over the double entrance doors is a replica of the original porch. The porch steps are stone and the original wood porch floor has been replaced with concrete. The railing around the porch and down the steps is of wood newel post design. Paired square columns flank the head of the steps. Ornamental brackets make the transition from the columns to the porch cornice. A balustrade is mounted above the porch cornice.

The house roof is gabled, with decorative facia boards, and the gable ends are stone. A cross gable is centered above the front entrance. Window openings on the first floor are simple rectangles with stone sills. The window heads are shallow curves of stone extending partially down each jamb. A keystone is located in each window head. Windows on the second floor are similar to those on the first floor except that the heads are semicircular. The front door is a French multi-paned door with a shallow head trim.

This building is an excellent example of stone vernacular architecture.
Construction of the Mueller-Schmidt House in Dodge City was begun in 1879 by John Mueller and completed 18 months later. Mueller was assisted in the construction by William Hessman and sons, who did the stone work, and William Strubel, who finished the woodwork. A boot maker in Dodge City, Mueller also ran large herds of cattle near the town. Because of a blizzard in 1886, most of the cattle were lost and he was forced to sell the home for financial reasons.

Adam Schmidt, a Dodge City blacksmith who came to the United States from Bavaria, Germany, purchased the stone house from Mueller in 1890; his family owned the house until 1965. The only major changes made to the structure during their occupancy were to the front porch and the first floor kitchen. In October, 1965, the Ford County commissioners purchased the house from Schmidt's daughter, Elma Schmidt, for use as a museum by the Ford County Historical Society. A porch resembling the original replaced the one added by the Schmidt family. Several items of furniture were left in the home by Miss Schmidt. The building is now open to the public with guided tours offered.

The Mueller-Schmidt House is an excellent example of the stone vernacular architecture of the Kansas plains as executed by the more affluent Kansans of the 1870's and 1880's. The building is also one of the two oldest homes in Dodge City.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant
                Richard Panekratz, Planner
ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society
STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street
CITY OR TOWN: Topeka
STATE: Kansas
CODE: 66612

12. STATE LIASON 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 [x] Local [ ]

Name: Nyle H. Miller
Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society
Date: Nov. 30, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date