**1. NAME**

- COMMON: Perry Hutchinson House

**2. LOCATION**

- STREET AND NUMBER: SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 29, T 2 S, R 7 E
- CITY OR TOWN: Marysville vicinity
- STATE: Kansas
- CODE: 66508

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Commercial: Industrial
- Educational: Private Residence

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

- OWNER'S NAME: Olin Deibert
- STREET AND NUMBER: Rural Route 2
- CITY OR TOWN: Marysville
- STATE: Kansas
- CODE: 66508

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

- COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds
- STREET AND NUMBER: Marshall County Courthouse
- CITY OR TOWN: Marysville
- STATE: Kansas
- CODE: 66508

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVIES**

- TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE
- DATE OF SURVEY:
- DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
- STREET AND NUMBER:
- CITY OR TOWN:
The Hutchinson house, which is situated on a rise one mile northwest of Marysville, is a T-shaped two-story residence with the main entrance facing east. The walls are built of cut stone blocks carefully shaped into uniformly sized rectangles. The stone is smoothly tooled on the face with thin unemphasized joints except at the corners of the building. The corner stones are projected quoins with deeply recessed joints giving a strong decorative quality to the corners. The quoining stones are the same size as the wall stones. The foundation wall is of rough hewn stone and is separated from the cut stone above by a projected belt course occurring at the first floor line.

The second floor is enclosed by a large mansard roof covered with Appalachian slate. The roof rests on a wood cornice which traverses the entire periphery of the building. The cornice is further enhanced by coupled wood brackets supporting the roof above. A decorative wrought iron railing is located around the top edge of the roof. The mansard roof is unique in that the vertical surface is curved rather than a straight slope. The roof corners are emphasized by a contrasting material. The masonry chimneys are simple shafts with a weather cap on top. Octagonal bay windows protrude from the mansard roof at the southeast and northeast corners and overhang the wall below. Each bay rests on two enormous and very ornate wall brackets. Windows on the second floor are situated in dormers with semicircular roofs. The windows in the projecting bays also have semicircular heads. Windows on the first floor are simple rectangles rising from stone sills. The window heads are emphasized by projecting stone lintels.

A small rectangular stone addition was built to the west in 1961–62. The addition was of rough stone and set off from the original structure by a connecting passage of the same material so that it would not detract from the original house. Originally a porch was attached to the east front running from the entrance to the north end of the building, and there was another porch over the south entrance. Reportedly both of these were removed when the building was used as a country club in the 1920's. The external appearance of the house is otherwise believed to be unchanged.
The Perry Hutchinson house near Marysville was at the time of its construction in 1872 described as a "... palatial residence, which is one of the finest in northern Kansas."

Perry Hutchinson (1831-1914) was born in New York and lived in Wisconsin and Iowa before emigrating to Kansas. Almost penniless, he brought his family to the Marysville area in early October, 1859. He soon selected a claim about seven miles east of the small settlement, and within a year he was given the opportunity to lease the Barrett Hotel in Marysville. Under the astute management of Hutchinson and his wife the hotel prospered and soon they had saved enough money to buy 80 acres west of Marysville on the Big Blue river. In 1862 Hutchinson organized Company E, Thirteenth Kansas infantry, and was elected its captain. His interest in the hotel was disposed of and he saw active military service for a year or so. Discharged in the fall of 1863 because of illness, he then returned to Marysville.

He secured the water power rights on the Big Blue river, erected a dam and in 1864 erected a sawmill on the east bank. By 1865 flour milling machinery had been installed in the same building; then in 1867 he erected a three-story stone flour mill on the west bank of the river. Hutchinson's mill was one of the earlier water-powered flour mills in the state and the first on the Big Blue at Marysville. The mill was remodeled and enlarged in 1882, and after it was destroyed by fire in 1905, a new facility was built.

In 1872 Hutchinson made plans for the construction of a large stone house facing east on high ground overlooking the Big Blue valley about one-fourth mile west of his mill. The Marysville Locomotive reported on April 13, 1872, that William Crothers had the contract to build "the elegant residence of Captain Perry Hutchinson, and will commence operations on the same next week. When completed this will be the finest residence in Marshall county."

The Atchison Daily Champion of August 2, 1872, had an account of the house under construction: it was built of white stone quarried on the Hutchinson farm and had two high stories, one 12 feet high and the other 11; there were to be two bay windows, a stone one on the north and a frame one on the south. A large frame barn with a stone basement for a stable and a combination stone ice house, smoke house and poultry house were also being built. (The latter building still stands northwest of the house.)
8. By the end of October, 1872, the house was completed, and it remained the home of Perry Hutchinson until his death in 1914. Through the years the building has been used mainly as a residence. Since the present owners acquired the property more than 10 years ago, the house has had extensive renovation work.

In addition to his milling operations, Hutchinson was active in cattle raising, farming and banking. His business activities were an important factor in the early economic development of Marshall county. Additionally he had an active role in politics, serving one term as county commissioner and one term as state senator and attending a number of national presidential nominating conventions as a delegate.

The house is significant because of the contributions of Perry Hutchinson to the local area and to the state. Additionally the house is an excellent well-preserved example of Second Empire Renaissance architecture in Kansas.

Marysville Locomotive, February 24, April 13, June 22, 1872.
Portrait and Biographical Album of Marshall County, Kansas (Chicago, Chapman Bros., 1889), pp. 155-158.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Atchison Daily Champion, August 2, 1872.
"Excelsior Flour Mills Started by Perry Hutchinson in Year 1867," Marshall County News, February 27, 1931.
Historical and Descriptive Review of Kansas (Topeka, John Lethem, 1870), v. 1, p. 170.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: two-three acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant
Richard D. Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka

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: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society
Date

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