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

*(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)*

1. **NAME**
   - **COMMON:** Goodnow Memorial Home
   - **AND/OR HISTORIC:** Goodnow House

2. **LOCATION**
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** 2301 Claflin Road
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Manhattan
   - **STATE:** Kansas
   - **COUNTY:** Riley
   - **CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:** no. 2, Bill Roy

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - **CATEGORY (Check One):**
     - District
     - Site
     - Structure
     - Object
   - **OWNERSHIP:**
     - Public
     - Private
     - Both
   - **STATUS:**
     - Occupied
     - Unoccupied
     - Being Considered
   - **ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:**
     - Yes
     - Restricted
     - Unrestricted
   - **PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**
     - Agricultural
     - Commercial
     - Educational
     - Entertainement
     - Government
     - Industrial
     - Military
     - Private Residence
     - Religious
     - Museum
     - Scientific

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
   - **OWNER’S NAME:** State of Kansas
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** State Capitol
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Topeka
   - **STATE:** Kansas
   - **CODE:** 66612

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:** Register of Deeds
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** Riley County Courthouse
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Manhattan
   - **STATE:** Kansas
   - **CODE:** 66502

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - **TITLE OF SURVEY:** Survey of Historic Sites and Structures in Kansas
   - **DATE OF SURVEY:** 1957
   - **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:** Kansas State Historical Society
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:** 120 West Tenth Street
   - **CITY OR TOWN:** Topeka
   - **STATE:** Kansas
   - **CODE:** 66612
The Goodnow House is a simple, rectangular building with a central hall, simple door and window openings, and a gabled roof.

Originally built in 1857, the structure consisted of a stone cabin with a basement and a wine cellar when Goodnow purchased it in 1859. Additions were made periodically during the Goodnow occupancy. By 1869 the main part of the house had been completed. The last addition, a frame bedroom, was built in 1876.

The stairway, window and door frames and casings, and most of the trim are of walnut.

The original stone stable and carriage house stand at the rear of the house. Both require extensive renovation.
### Statement of Significance

Isaac T. Goodnow (1814–1894) came to Kansas from Massachusetts in 1855 and was one of the founders of Manhattan. A strong opponent of slavery, he was one of the representatives from Manhattan at the Free-State convention in Lawrence in August, 1855.

Goodnow was instrumental in establishing Bluemont College, which opened in 1859 as a Methodist institution, became Kansas State Agricultural College in 1863, and is now Kansas State University. In 1858, 1859, and 1860 he traveled extensively in the eastern United States, soliciting funds to build and equip the college.

He served in the state legislature in 1862 where his goal was to get Bluemont College taken over as the state university. He failed in that, but later the school was taken over as the state's agricultural college. Goodnow was subsequently elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1862 and 1864. In that position he played the key role in organizing the Kansas State Teachers Association in 1863 and served as its first president. For his efforts in setting up local public school districts, he has been called the "founder of the Kansas common school system." It has been said that the Kansas education system owes more to Isaac Goodnow than to any other single individual.

Goodnow acquired this home in 1859 and periodically had additions made until 1876. He continued to live here until his death in 1894. After completion of the restoration project, the house will be administered as a museum by the Kansas State Historical Society.
GOODNOW HOUSE

9. cont.


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Columbian History of Education in Kansas (Topeka, State Printer, 1893), pp. 7-9.
Connelley, William E., A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans, v. 4, Chicago,
Goodnow, Isaac T., "Personal Reminiscences and Kansas Emigration," Kansas
Historical Collections, v. 4 (1886-1888), pp. 244-253.
Johnson, Allen, and Dumas Malone, editors, Dictionary of American Biography,
v. 7 (New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1931), pp. 394, 395.
Loyd, Clay, "Goodnow Home a Museum," Kansas Teacher, v. 78, no. 2 (October,

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard D. Pankratz, Director, Historic Sites Survey
ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society
DATE: Aug. 19, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka
STATE: Kansas
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: 

Date Sent to NR: 10/12/70; 12/1/71

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