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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic H.S.M. Spielman House (NeHBS # BT06-2)

and/or common Chamberlain House

2. Location

street & number 1103 "I" Street N/A not for publication

city, town Tekamah N/A vicinity of

state Nebraska code 031 county Burt code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Delmar G. Chamberlain

street & number 1103 "I" Street

city, town Tekamah N/A vicinity of state Nebraska

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds, Burt County Courthouse

street & number NA

city, town Tekamah state Nebraska

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date On-going federal state county local

depository for survey records Nebraska State Historical Society

city, town Lincoln state Nebraska

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>NA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The H. S. M. Spielman house is a one and one-half story brick house of vernacular Neo-Classical Revival design. The house, constructed in 1906, is reminiscent of the Queen Anne style of architecture in its massing, however, Neo-Classical Revival details prevail in the porch, dormer window and cornice design. Situated on a large, tree-shaded, corner lot in Tekamah, Nebraska (1980 population 1848), the house and two frame out-buildings retain their architectural and historical integrity.

The Spielman house is situated on a large corner lot on the site of an 1882 sixth through eighth grade grammar school. This school was replaced by a larger building in another location and the property was purchased in 1905 by Spielman for a dwelling site. The brick school building was razed and the Spielman house was erected in 1906. The original school bricks, stone window trim, and chimney pots were salvaged and used in the house construction. (Sutherland, n.d., p. 88; Tekamah Chamber of Commerce 1954, pp. 152-153). This solid brick house has exterior walls measuring 15 inches thick, with turn of the century Pennsylvania hard-fired brick veneer.

The Spielman house is reminiscent of the Queen Anne style of architecture in its massing possibly because of its 1882 foundation. The one and one-half story structure is more identifiable as Neo-Classical because of its porch, window and cornice detailing.

The front portion of the house has gabled dormers which display Palladian windows and return cornices. The rear half of the house has hipped dormers piercing the wood shingled roof. The full frontal porch also wraps around a portion of the east and west facades. Sidelights flank the front doorway. Brick segmental arches with stone ends crown the door and window openings.

This single family dwelling is in near original condition on both the exterior and interior. The present owners have undertaken major restoration and renovation projects during the early 1980's with the guidance of Lincoln designer Andrew Morrow.

The floorplan of the Spielman house is basically six over six rooms with a central hallway leading from the front door straight through to the back entrance. A frame addition, which serves as a passive solar collector, is attached to the rear facade of the house with entry to this addition gained through the original back door. The interior of the house has been

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tastefully decorated throughout with period furniture, wallpapers and other fixtures (see photos #9 and #10).

There is a full basement under the house. This area is divided into four finished rooms--a laundry room, fruit room, meat room and a large family room. Two frame outbuildings, a barn and garage, are also located on this property and are considered to be contributing structures to this nomination (see photos #6 and #7).

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1906-1916 **Builder/Architect** I.N. Bramhall, Clint Matthew

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The H. S. M. Spielman house is significant in agriculture locally, under Criterion B for its association with Spielman, an important figure in the Burt County farming industry. Spielman was a successful, enterprising farmer for over 50 years and continued to be influential in agriculture matters after his move to this retirement house in 1906. The house is significant under Criterion C as a fine local, vernacular example of the Neo-Classical Revival style of architecture in detailing; Queen Anne style in its massing. The period of significance (1906-1916) is derived from original construction date of the house to the time of Spielman's death.

Pennsylvania native H.S.M. Spielman (1836-1916), was a pioneer territorial farmer who settled in Burt County in 1857, ten years before Nebraska achieved statehood. Spielman was a very important figure in the agricultural history of Burt County. He maintained a high level of agricultural activity for nearly 50 years on his farmstead and became a successful stockraiser and grain farmer. By some accounts, he was the largest landowner in Burt County during the late 19th century. By 1905, when he made plans to build a new home in town, Spielman had accumulated 3,055 acres of prime Burt County farmland which he managed with great financial prosperity.

This retirement house in town is a culmination of Spielman's efforts and success as a farmer. His agricultural accomplishments enabled him, at the age of 70 years, to build this substantial and stylish home in which to live after his retirement from daily farm labor. Even as a resident of Tekamah, he maintained close contact with the family farm operation being managed by his children. The food processing phase of this agricultural production was carried out in this more urban environment. A large "fruit room" for storage of canned meat, vegetables, fruit and fresh produce was constructed in the basement as was a meat room reserved for the cutting and processing of meats after butchering.

Spielman also continued to maintain a working interest in agriculture and agricultural economics by serving on several boards during his residency in this house. He was a stockholder,

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Tekamah, Nebr.-Iowa

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

This property is described as lots 1 & 2, Block 164, Original Town of Tekamah and includes all historically associated property.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state NA code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet Jeffries Spencer, Cultural Historian

organization Nebraska State Historical Society date April 1986

street & number 1500 "R" Street telephone (402) 471-4767

city or town Lincoln state Nebraska

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

James A. Benson

title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

date June 11, 1986

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 7-17-86

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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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director and vice president of the Farmer's Grain and Livestock Association of Tekamah, a stockholder, director and treasurer of the Tekamah and Farmer's Telephone Company, and served as vice president of the Burt County State Bank.

Architecturally, the house is significant locally as a fine vernacular version of the Queen Anne/Neo-Classical Revival style of architecture. Its massing suggests Queen Anne influences, the details of the porch, windows, cornice and the formal, central hall plan definitely reveal the structure to be of Neo-Classical Revival design, a style popular in Nebraska at the turn of the century. In Tekamah, this property has long been considered a local landmark. The one other house in Tekamah which features this architectural style is a large two story frame structure (see NRHP, E. C. Houston House), very different in scale and plan. In the Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey of Tekamah, it was found that only nine other houses of substantial size have retained their architectural integrity. Generally these houses are loose vernacular adaptations of various high styles. Only one, the Houston House mentioned above, displays any quantity of Neo-Classical Revival details. Only one other of these nine houses is constructed of brick, a building material not readily used in Tekamah's residential construction.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Spielman, H.S.M., House
Burt County
NEBRASKA

JUN 18 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 7/12/86 - 8/2/86

Entered in the National Register
Action: ACCEPT 7-17-86
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Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness 81
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource 878
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Photo #1 of 10

H. S. M. Spielman House
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North (front) facade



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H. S. M. Spielman House
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North and east facades



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East facade



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South (rear) and west facades



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H. S. M. Spielman House
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General view looking northeast



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H. S. M. Spielman House
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Barn, south and east facades



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H. S. M. Spielman House
Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska

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General view looking northeast



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H. S. M. Spielman House
Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska

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Entry hall looking north toward front
entrance



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H. S. M. Spielman House
Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska

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Looking northeast into front parlor from
entry hall

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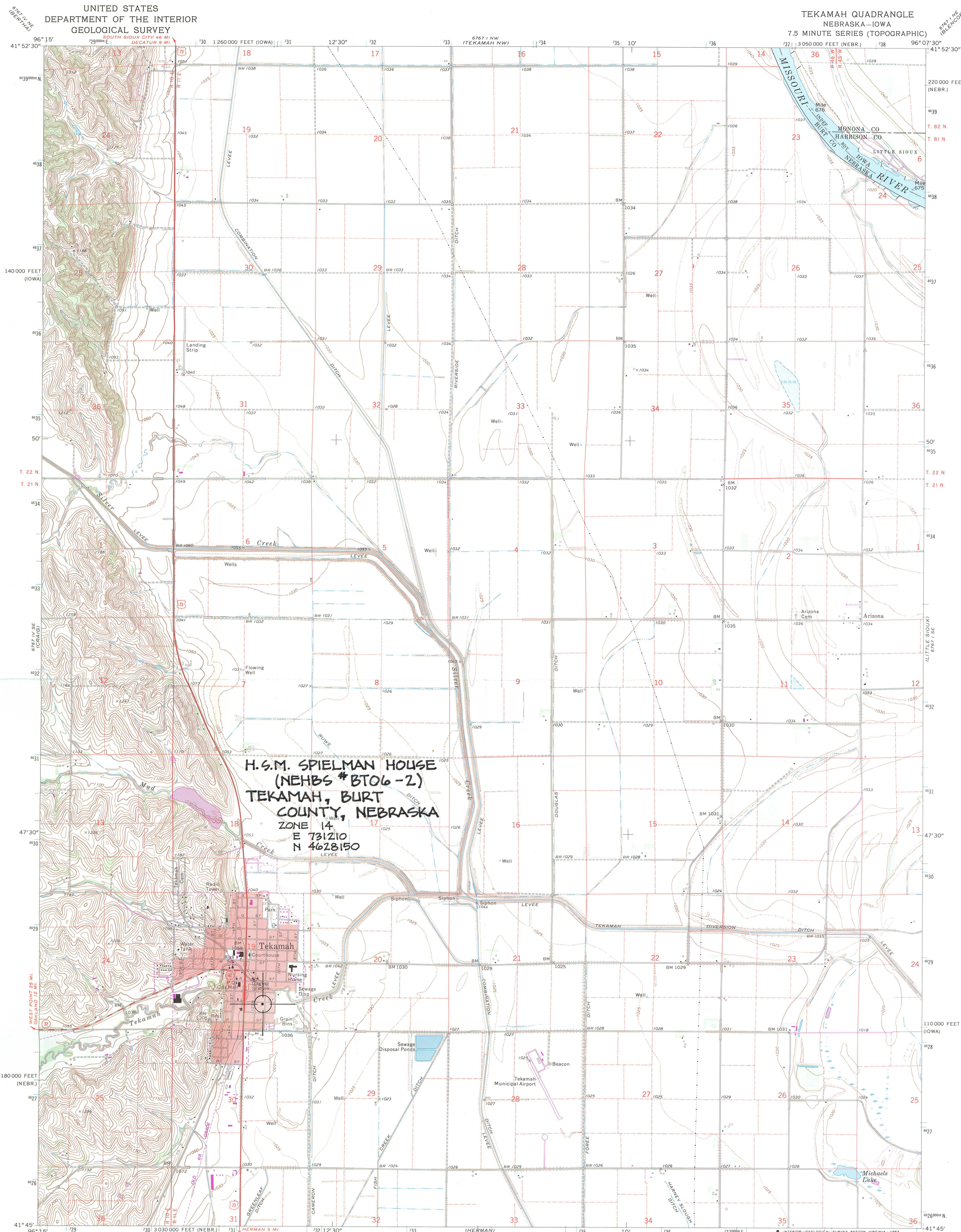
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H. S. M. Spielman House
Tekamah, Burt County, Nebraska

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Dining room looking east-northeast



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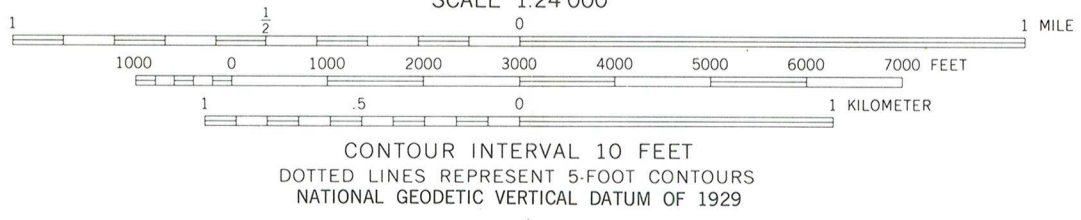
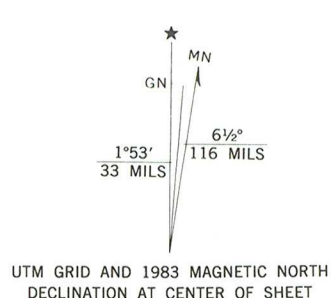
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Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
U. S. Route	State Route

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Re: H.S.M. Spielman House
Tekamah, Nebraska

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the above property. This nomination has met all notification and other requirements, as established in 36 CFR Part 60.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please let us know.

Sincerely,

David Murphy
Acting Deputy State
Historic Preservation Officer

DM:dbm
Enclosures

JUN 18 1986