RESOLUTION - EXHIBIT I
EDGAR ZABRISKIE RESIDENCE
LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED BY THE LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF OMAHA:

WHEREAS, James M. Bechtel is the owner of the Edgar Zabriskie Residence; and,

WHEREAS, the owner, on July 14, 1980, requested that the Edgar Zabriskie Residence be designated as a Landmark under the City of Omaha's Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Edgar Zabriskie Residence was designed by the Omaha architectural firm of Fowler and Beindorff; and,

WHEREAS, the Edgar Zabriskie Residence, constructed in 1889, is a flamboyant version of the Queen Anne style of architecture; and,

WHEREAS, the Edgar Zabriskie Residence is one of the two best Eastlake-influenced houses in the city; and,

WHEREAS, the Edgar Zabriskie Residence is historically related to ship officer, Civil War veteran and Union Pacific general agent Edgar Zabriskie who purchased one of the first lots in Bemis Park, a new residential suburb planned by George P. Bemis in the late 1880s.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:

THAT, the Edgar Zabriskie Residence, 3524 Hawthorne Avenue, be designated as a Landmark of the City of Omaha.
Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

INSPECTION DATE
8/15/80

REQUEST
X Landmark Designation
___ Landmark Heritage
___ District Designation
___ Certificate of Approval
___ to Perform Work

CATEGORY
___ District
X Building
___ Structure
___ Site
___ Object

APPLICANT
James M. Bechtel

LOCATION OF PROPOSED DESIGNATION OR WORK
3524 Hawthorne Avenue

PRESENT USE
Private Residence

CONFORMANCE WITH MASTER PLAN
Conforms to 1977 Community Development Master Plan's effort to "restore and preserve property of historic, architectural or aesthetic significance wherever possible."

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER
Existing:

Redeveloping early twentieth century residential neighborhood with single family and converted houses.

Probable future effect on neighborhood if designation is granted or work is approved.

Designation will provide additional impetus for the creation of a neighborhood district, and encourage continuing redevelopment of other neighborhood homes.

PRESERVATION ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION
Approval

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION
Approval

ADDITIONAL DATA
Listed in National Register of Historic Places, 1978
Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission
APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK OR LANDMARK HERITAGE DISTRICT DESIGNATION

NAME OF STRUCTURE
Historic
Edgar Zabriskie Residence
and/or Common

LOCATION
Street and Number
3524 Hawthorne Avenue

CLASSIFICATION

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OWNER OF PROPERTY
Name
James M. Bechtel
Street and Number
3524 Hawthorne Avenue
City, State and Zip Code
Omaha, Nebraska 68131
Representative

Phone Number
556-8312

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
The South 113 feet of Lot 4, Block 4, Bemis Park Addition, Douglas County, Nebraska

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
Title
National Register of Historic Places
Date
1978

Federal ___ State ___ County ___ Local ___

- over -
Title: Nebraska State Historical Society, Douglas County #D009, 14-4.
Date: 1978
   X State

Title: Omaha City Architecture, Landmarks Inc.
Date: 1977
   X Local

Title: Historic Omaha Building Survey, Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission, Omaha
Date: 1980
   X Local
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME
HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Edgar Zabriskie House

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
3524 Hawthorne Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Omaha
STATE
Nebraska

CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
DISTRICT
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
NONE

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL
ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRIAL
MILITARY
OTHER:

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
X YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO

3 CLASSIFICATION
PRESENT USE

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PRESENT USE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Register of Deeds, Omaha/Douglas County Civic Center
STREET & NUMBER
1819 Farnam Street
CITY, TOWN
Omaha
STATE
Nebraska

OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
See continuation sheet
STREET & NUMBER

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
Omaha City Architecture
DATE
1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Cynthia Schneider, 314 S. 67 Street, Omaha, NE
CITY, TOWN
Omaha
STATE
Nebraska
DESCRIPTION

CONDITION
- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
- UNALTERED
- ALTERED
- MOVED
- ORIGINAL SITE

DESCRIPT THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Edgar Zabriskie House is a flamboyant version of the Queen Anne style. Built in 1889, the house is one of the few extant examples in Omaha of the style.

Typical of the Queen Anne style, the house has a profusion of projections from the multi-gabled roof, Eastlake style porches, balconies, details and variations in the wall surface. A round corner tower stands three stories tall on the southwest corner of the house. The original bell-shaped roof has been removed. The large single-paned window on the first floor of the tower is striking because of the curve in the glass. Large gables project from the third floor on the south, east, and west sides and are highlighted with fish-scale shingles and carved wood panels with pendants. The multi-gabled roof originally had cresting and finials, probably of metal, along the ridge and small deck on the southeast corner, which have been removed. The tall chimney has the original fancy brickwork. A band of shingles, which are flared from the wall surface, divide the first and second story and are also along the third story of the tower.

The Eastlake porches and balconies are the most striking features of the exterior. The front (south) porch and east porch opening off the back parlor/sitting room have identical detailing. The original intricate spindles and lattice-work exist in the porch frieze, balustrade and porch base. The balcony above the front porch is roofed by a pediment decorated with spindles and lattice-work and topped with a finial. Small carved wood panels are located in each of the pediments and small pediment over the front porch entrance. The original front door is extant. The covered balcony on the east side is detailed differently than the other porches or balcony. The only major alterations to the porches are the replacement of the bottom half of wooden posts on the front porch with brick piers and the replacement of the wooden railing on the front steps with brick.

The interior, like the exterior, remains relatively unchanged from the original. The first floor has the original mantelpieces, wainscoting, parquet flooring, and gas and electric chandeliers. The impressive vestibule, which includes the space in the tower, has an open staircase with grille-work (see photo #3). A small washroom off the vestibule has a painted wash-bowl. Sliding doors open from the vestibule into the front and back parlors. The mantel-piece in the front parlor is an elaborate combination of small shelves and spindles around the mirror and low-relief figured tile around the fire opening. The other fireplace is in the dining room (see photo #2). The library, pantry, and kitchen are also on first floor. A hand pump is still located next to the sink in the kitchen.

There are five bedrooms and two bathrooms on second floor. The one bathroom has a water closet, probably the original, and a claw-foot bathtub. Gas wall sconces are in each bedroom and a gas chandelier is in the hallway. The third floor has a round room in the tower and three large rooms and attic. The basement has a laundry room with hand water pump, furnace room, east room and an outside entrance under the east porch.
The two-story carriage house has many of the same exterior elements as the house—projecting gables, flared second story, and shingles on upper floor. The Zabriskies adapted the carriage house into a dwelling many years ago, and it now serves as a residence under separate ownership.
The Zabriskie House is significant to the architectural heritage of the Omaha area. It is one of the two best Eastlake-influenced houses in the city and one of the few remaining Queen Anne houses. The Queen Anne style was popular in Nebraska during the 1880's, a time of economic prosperity, and many were built until the 1890's in eastern Nebraska and until the turn of the century in the western part of the state. Many of Omaha's Queen Anne houses have been destroyed or have lost their Queen Anne or Eastlake porches to the classical versions around the turn of the century. The house has many characteristics of the Queen Anne style discussed by Whiffen (1969, page 115) including different wall surfaces, high multiple roof, round turret, straight and round-arched windows, and prominent gables and chimneys. In Nebraska it appears that the classical details, described by Whiffen, occur mostly around the turn of the century (see Andrew M. Hargis House, Grand Island, Nebraska NRHP nomination) and are not usually evident in houses of this period. The form of the Zabriskie House, an articulated square with prominent corner tower, is representative of a popular type of Queen Anne house in Nebraska.

Edgar Zabriskie (1840-1908) led an adventurous life as a ship officer, Civil War veteran, Union Pacific general agent and accountant. Born in New York City in 1840, Zabriskie was of Polish descent; Soborewski was the ancestral spelling of his surname. At the age of fifteen, he went to sea working as an apprentice, then office and paymaster, of the Pacific Mail Steamship company. During the Civil War, he enlisted and served with the Eighth New York Artillery. He first came to Omaha in 1869 staying briefly before working for the Union Pacific Railway Co. in various places for about ten years. In 1885-86 Zabriskie located permanently in Omaha working as a self-employed accountant and also managed various properties in receivership. Zabriskie was one of the first purchasers of a lot in Bemis Park, a new residential suburb planned by George F. Bemis in the late 1880's. The development did not succeed during the 1890's but boomed after the turn of the century. After the death of Zabriskie, his son lived in the house until his death so the house remained in the family until 1968. The son, Edgar B. Zabriskie, had a law practice for nearly fifty years. Today the house remains a single-family dwelling.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

House: Block 4, Lot 4 except north 41 feet in Bemis Park, City of Omaha.
Carriage house: Block 4, Lot 4, north 41 feet in Bemis Park, City of Omaha.

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Penelope Chatfield, Preservation Historian, and David Murphy, Architect

ORGANIZATION
Nebraska State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER
1500 R Street

CITY OR TOWN
Lincoln

STATE
Nebraska

DATE
June, 1978

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

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

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE
7/9/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE
11/28/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Landmarks, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska file on Edgar Zabriskie House.


*Omaha City Directories 1880-1908*.


LHPC Case No. H1-80-12, APPLICANT James Bechtel requests LANDMARK DESIGNATION for 3524 Hawthorne Street. Area to be designated is shaded.
ORDINANCE NO 29308

AN ORDINANCE to designate the Edgar Zabriskie Residence, located at 3524 Hawthorne Avenue as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

Section 1 That the Edgar Zabriskie Residence is located at 3425 Hawthorne Avenue, which is legally described as follows

The South 111 feet of Lot 4, Block 4, Bemis Park Addition, Douglas County, Nebraska

Section 2 That for the reasons recited in Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit I, and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein, the architectural characteristics of the Edgar Zabriskie Residence are hereby deemed significant and worthy of preservation

Section 3 That the Edgar Zabriskie Residence is hereby designated pursuant to Section 24-61 of the Omaha Municipal Code, and hereby subject to all of the provisions of Landmark Heritage Preservation, Ch 24, Art II of the City of Omaha

Section 4 That this Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect fifteen (15) days from and after the date of its passage

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

[Signature]

APPROVED

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OMAHA DATE

[Signature] 10/26/20

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document now on file in the City Clerk's Office.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Signature]
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PUBLICATIONS

PUB'N OF HEARING
Date 10/3/80

PUB N OF ORDINANCE
Date 10/24/80

PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

1st Reading SEP 30 1980
Hearing 10-7-80

Hearing OCT 7 1980 Motion to Continue Public Hearing to Third Hearing on 10-14-80

Final Reading OCT 14 1980
Passed

Mary Bolingan Orteno
CITY CLERK
AN ORDINANCE to designate the Edgar Zahnike Residence located at 3224 Hawthorne Avenue as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha.

MARY GALLIGAN COMERST
City Clerk
10-3-80

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
AN ORDINANCE to designate the Edgar Zahnike Residence, located at 3224 Hawthorne Avenue as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha.

SUMMARY
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PASSED October 14 1980
APPROVED
ALVEY
MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF OMAHA
MARY GALLIGAN COMERST
10-3-80
City Clerk