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**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

The Hendee Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

220 East 8th Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cozad

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Nebraska

CODE

COUNTY

Dawson

CODE

999

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. William E. Lewis

STREET & NUMBER

511 East 18th Street

CITY, TOWN

Cozad

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds, Dawson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hendee Hotel is a rectangular two story brick building (65 x 27 feet) with a frame one story extension (26 x 13) on the back side. This extension was used as the hotel kitchen. The interior walls are also constructed of brick. A porch extends the entire length of the front of the hotel and 11½ feet on the east side. The hotel has a gabled roof with asphalt shingles. There are four chimneys that straddle the ridge of the roof, flush with the gables.

There are two doors with transoms above on the front side of the hotel. Each of these doors opens onto its own very small entry hall with a stairway leading upstairs. In the west hallway a door on the left opens into the hotel office which still has the pressed tin ceiling. In the back of the hotel is the large dining room which still has the wainscoting and a door opening into the frame kitchen extension. There are three other outside doors; one opening into the hotel office, one on the east side, and one in back. The kitchen also has two outside doors.

Structurally the hotel has been altered by a stucco cover on the exterior brick surface. There is a small (15 x 12 feet) one story stuccoed addition on the northeast side of the hotel, ca. 1940, and a cement brick addition (22 x 15 feet) on the north side of the hotel, also one story, built in 1958.

Also on the property, next to the northwest corner of the hotel, is a frame false-front building (50 x 23 feet), ca. 1890, that was moved onto the property in 1903 and used as a sample room by the traveling salesmen who stayed in the hotel. It is in poor condition. Also in back of the hotel are two small frame garages, ca. 1915 and ca. 1940, in fair condition. On the east edge of the property is a private drive.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1879

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Not known

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the 1870's when the first towns of Dawson County, Nebraska were being established it was considered essential that some buildings be of brick to show the world they were towns of permanences and substance. Of these brick buildings only the Hendee Hotel survives in Dawson County.

The Hendee Hotel was built by John J. Cozad, probably in 1879, from brick produced at a local kiln also owned by John J. Cozad. John J. Cozad of Warren County, Ohio, in 1874 founded the town of Cozad, which is named after him. He owned extensive land in and around the town of Cozad and between 1874 and 1882 he promoted and financially supported the growth of the town. At different times between 1879 and 1882 John J. Cozad, his wife, and two sons lived in the hotel. His youngest son Robert Cozad, under the name Robert Henri was to become a well-known American artist. He would have been in his teens at the time of his occupancy of the hotel.

In 1882 John J. Cozad was involved in the shooting death of another man, he therefore left the town of Cozad that same year. In 1883 he sold the Hendee Hotel to Stephen A. Hendee of Bushnell, Illinois. It is from this S. A. Hendee that the hotel derives its name. S. A. Hendee, a well-to-do merchant and graindealer, also bought much of John J. Cozad's other land in the area. While Hendee owned the hotel from 1883 to 1910 the hotel was leased to a series of individuals who managed it. The first of these individuals was A. K. Maryott, who along with his family lived in the hotel while they operated it from about 1883 to 1885. His son, Miles Maryott was to become a regionally famous artist, rifle marksman, and baseball player. He showed his skill with the rifle many times in front of the hotel.

It was during this period 1883 to 1910 that the Hendee Hotel played an important part in the affairs of Cozad, a developing frontier community. In the hotel the early settlers stayed until they could move into their own homes. Train passengers, traveling salesmen, and the town bachelors also stayed in the hotel. Traveling doctors had their offices in the hotel before they moved on to the next town. Even traveling fortune tellers offered their services at the hotel. The local lodges also had their banquets in the hotel dining room.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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The Early History of Cozad and the Surrounding Community, Charles E. Allen, editor, 1953.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Cozad, Nebr.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 14 417160 4523440

B [] [] []

C [] [] []

D [] [] []

E [] [] []

F [] [] []

G [] [] []

H [] [] []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Commencing at a point 46 feet east of the southwest corner of the east 250 feet of block 4 of Gatewoods Addition to Cozad. Thence east 105 feet, thence north 150 feet, thence west 105 feet, thence south 150 feet to place of the beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kieth Buss, President

ORGANIZATION

Cozad Historical Society

DATE

October, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

521 East 8th Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Cozad

STATE

Nebraska

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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

Marion D. Knott

TITLE

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE

1/26/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles A. Henry
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-21-79

ATTEST:

William H. Bradham
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

3-20-79

DATE

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Being such an important part of the community meant it also played a part in town disputes. In 1903 an attempt was made on the life of the town marshal in the hotel office after he had been "riding" the town's younger element a little too hard.

In 1910 John C. Simonson purchased the hotel from the Hendee estate and in 1920 he sold it to William J. Foster. It continued in use as a hotel during this time and managed to survive the transition from train to automobile travel because the Lincoln Highway went by it on 8th Street. After William J. Foster's death in 1936 the hotel was used by the Foster family as a private residence and today the hotel is owned by a granddaughter, Mrs. William Lewis.

Despite the long years the hotel has been in use it still retains much of its original character from when it played its part in the area's history and development.