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Jeremiah Platt House

Jeremiah Platt was an early member of the faculty at Kansas State Agricultural College (KSAC) and a prominent figure in the Congregational Church in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Platt moved to Manhattan in 1864 during the formative period for both the town and the college, and was an important figure in the college's early development. Platt served as the first head of the preparatory department and as a professor of vocal music. Subsequently, he also taught mathematics and English. However, his active role as a prohibitionist led to the demand for his resignation in 1889.

Following his resignation from KSAC, Platt worked as an agent for the Congregational

Church, helping to establish Sunday schools throughout Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Platt House, built in 1871, is notable as a rare example in Manhattan of domestic architecture erected in the decade immediately following the Civil War.



Jeremiah Platt House, 2005 Claflin Ave

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When it was built, the Platt House was far removed from portions of the community then developed and much of Platt's own land was used for farming. The tract was not far from Kansas State Agricultural, then located at the corner of Claflin Road and College Avenue, and was adjacent to the homestead of Isaac Goodnow, one of the founders of Manhattan and Kansas State Agricultural College.

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