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Phillipena J. Strasser House

The Strasser House is an excellent example of a Gable-Front-and-Wing Stone House as described in the Multiple Property Documentation Form for *Late Nineteenth Century Vernacular Stone Houses in Manhattan, Kansas*. The building is locally significant in the area for its associations with the evolution of residential development during the nineteenth century in Manhattan and, in particular, its associations with the development of stone masonry construction.

Originally constructed as a two-story gable-front house for Phillipena J. Strasser, a widow, in 1874, the subsequent owner, Hiram Keyes, added a two-story intersecting wing to the east side of the house circa 1875.

The dates of construction and location are documentation of the settlement of the area

in the early 1870s. It shows the residential nature of land use in the area north of downtown at a time when the railroad lines



Strasser House, 326 Laramie Street

and flooding caused a shift to industrial and railroad-associated land uses south of downtown. The Strasser House is the last remaining dwelling on its block as the other

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dwellings have been cleared for new development.

The Strasser House is significant for its association with the architectural history of Manhattan as an intact example of vernacular stone residential buildings practices and of the high level of craftsmanship present when the community was settled.

*Source: Kansas State Historical Society
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