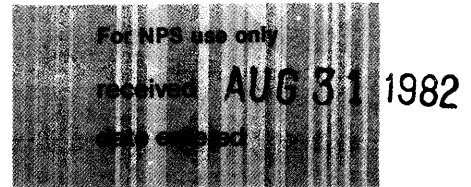


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Jeremiah Wood House

and/or common Jeremiah Wood House

2. Location

street & number 802 River Street

not for publication

city, town Sabula

vicinity of

~~congressional district~~

2

state Iowa

code 19

county Jackson

code 097

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" 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 Carl and Juanita Haynes

street & number 802 River Street

city, town Sabula

vicinity of

state Iowa

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jackson County Recorder's Office

street & number Jackson County Courthouse

city, town Maquoketa

state Iowa

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Iowa Historic Resource Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Office of Historic Preservation

city, town Des Moines

state Iowa

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 setting for this dignified limestone house is the banks of the Mississippi River. The house is associated with the Wood family, who were among the first to found Sabula. Its riverfront location is appropriate both because of the importance of the river to Sabula's economy and because its first owner, Jeremiah Wood, became a steamboat pilot on the river.

Constructed of limestone quarried nearby, the house is an example of vernacular building techniques. Prominent features include modillions along the rooflines of the two- and three-story portions, ocular windows at the main gable ends, a regular arrangement of large 2/2 windows, and transomed doors. A simple marble plaque with "J. Wood 1866" incised on it is centered above the front doors.

The plaque dates the three-story main block of the house at 1866, but it is possible that the smaller two-story portion at the rear is of earlier construction, perhaps as much as thirty years. The somewhat awkward arrangement of the plan, the presence of two staircases in a relatively small dwelling, the two exterior doors on the small two-story part and the difference in lintels all suggest different dates of construction. The plan, in particular, is puzzling, for the two-story part existed as an appendage extending back from the main body before later changes filled in that shape. A further one-story addition, which also breaks up the rectangularity of the main body, is tacked onto the other rear corner.

Undated photographs showing women in long skirts depict an earlier, airy wood porch having pierced decoration, a small porch over the second story door and a balustrade surmounting the main porch. An equally lighthearted picket fence surrounded the property. This earlier porch connected the two- and three-story parts of the house quite satisfactorily, but was replaced in 1923 with a more austere two-story front porch having large squared columns. A garage has been added to the rear and a small back porch enclosed.

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
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<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 1866–present **Builder/Architect**** Jeremiah Wood

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jeremiah Wood house calls attention to the settlement of Sabula and is also associated with that most romantic of occupations, piloting a steamboat on the Mississippi. It appears to be the sole reminder in Sabula of the Woods' early contribution to its settlement.

In 1836 Dr. Enoch A. Wood and his father James Wood arrived on the site of Sabula, making them among the very first settlers. They built the first log cabin there, opened a store and built the first saw mill. Jeremiah, brother of Enoch, arrived the following year and joined the family business. With other early settlers, the Woods bought out some land owners and in 1836 platted the town of Sabula, as it was renamed in 1846.

Jeremiah continued in the family business until 1852, when he probably became a steamboat pilot. Certainly by the 1870s, he was pilot of the steamer "Alexander Mitchell." Married in 1860, Jeremiah built the major portion of his house six years later. Later the Woods lived across the river in Illinois.

9. Major Bibliographical References

see continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Savanna

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UMT References

A

1	5	7	3	4	1	1	0	4	6	6	0	9	9	0
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B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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G

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification
10.

Sabula, Iowa-Union Township Block 1, Lots 7, 8, 9, and

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

state N.A. code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barbara Beving Long and Ralph J. Christian

organization Office of Historic Preservation

date August 1982

street & number East 12th and Grand Avenue

telephone 515/281-5111

city or town Des Moines

state Iowa

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



title Director, Iowa State Historical Department

date August 25, 1982

For NPS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

8/25/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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