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DATA SHEET

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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 **\*\*** Rath, Johann Christian, Frederick, House  
AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1204 Mt. Loretta Ave. \_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN: Dubuque CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second

STATE: Iowa VICINITY OF: Dubuque

COUNTY: Dubuque CODE: 61

## 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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald

STREET & NUMBER: 1204 Mt. Loretta Ave.

CITY, TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa

VICINITY OF: Dubuque

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dubuque County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rath House is a 1½-story rectangle, 30' x 40'. The steep slope of the property allows for a walk-in basement at the rear.

The foundation is limestone, the 18"-thick walls of the house rose brick, set in Flemish bond and painted white. Windows throughout (except for the dormer) are segmental arched, with 6/6 lights in double hung flush frames. There are louvred shutters on windows of the main floor. Door openings, one at the front, and on basement and main floor levels at rear, are centrally placed in the symmetrical facades. All three are segmental-arched, with sidelights and transom windows; lights in the front door transom are lozenge shaped.

The shingled gable roof is extended slightly at the rear to cover a two-story wood porch. It is supported by narrow columns, and has latticework on the main floor balustrade and at each end on the ground level. Also at the rear, two small dormers have been connected (1940) to form one long dormer: it is covered with modern siding and has modern aluminum windows. There are four interior chimneys, two at each end, placed equidistant from the roof ridge.

The interior is divided on all levels by a central hallway which also contains stairways. The original arrangement was two rooms on either side of the hall; this has been slightly altered only on the main floor. These alterations and that of the dormer were made in 1940. No other structural alterations have been made.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1852-53

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rath House is a modest, well-preserved residence from a rather early period in Iowa. It is distinguished by the number of features strongly Georgian Revival character, from the general form to the window shapes, chimney placement and five-bay, symmetrical composition.

The house was built in 1852-53 by Johann Christian Frederick Rath, who came to Dubuque from Hanover (Germany) in 1851. Rath was a cabinet maker, truck-farmer, and, once in the ore-rich area of Dubuque, a lead miner. Over the years he acquired much land along Wilde (now Mt. Loretta) Street, parcels of which he gave to his children as they came of age. Rath died in 1881; the house remained in the family until 1937.

