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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	IOWA
COUNTY:	JOHNSON
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ENTRY DATE	SEP 17 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Kirkwood House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1101 Kirkwood

CITY OR TOWN:
Iowa City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Johnson CODE: 103

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

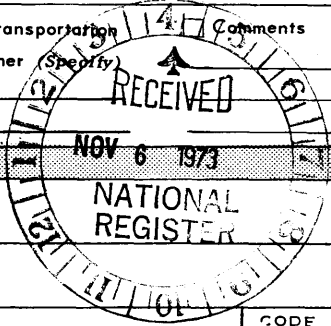
OWNER'S NAME:
Sydney V. James and Jean M. James

STREET AND NUMBER:
1101 Kirkwood

CITY OR TOWN:
Iowa City

STATE:
Iowa

CODE:
14



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Clinton Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Iowa City

STATE:
Iowa

CODE:
14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
County Survey Volume 3 page 119

DATE OF SURVEY: July 26, 1924 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Recorder Johnson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
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7. DESCRIPTION

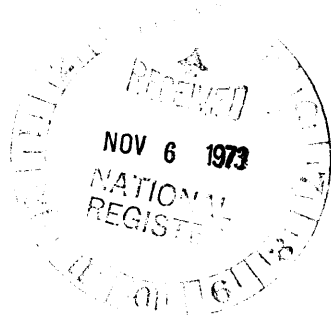
CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house as it stands is the original structure. Some additions on the rear were removed by the second owner, E. W. Chittenden. The garage is a late addition but not connected to the house. Alterations have been made; the front door has been shifted from north to east (see photo, small high window now occupies the original location of the front door), a bay window on the first floor front (parlor) has been removed and replaced by two windows. One, possibly two exterior chimneys have been removed. The interior is essentially unaltered. Bathrooms have been installed, one on the first floor, one on the second. Alterations have been made to the front porch; the original columns are gone and a low wall installed where there was none before. Otherwise, except for routine maintenance and modernization (plumbing, wiring, furnaces, paint) the house is little changed.

The house lot is lot 5 of the S. J. Kirkwood Homestead. The remaining lots (not included in this nomination) have long since been sold off. A smoke house (also excluded) is the only remaining structure other than the house built by Kirkwood and is on what is now the lot adjacent to the east. This smokehouse is a small rectangular structure with gable roof and is included in this application. A two story L-shaped, white clapboard frame building, the Kirkwood house has paired brackets and roof line cornice returns as its only ornamental details.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1864

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was the home of Samuel J. Kirkwood, an Iowa City lawyer and business man who served three terms as Governor of Iowa (1860-1864 and 1876-1877), was twice sent to the United State Senate (1866-1867 and 1877-1881), and served as Secretary of the Interior in the cabinet of President James A. Garfield from 1881-1882. The house was built in 1864, just after Kirkwood stepped down as Governor for the first time, according to Dan E. Clark, Samuel Jordon Kirkwood (1917), page 301.

The house was not a scene of great events. Nor is it a monument of architecture as much as a testimonial to the rural and unpretentious style of living that the Kirkwoods preferred. Though comfortable in size it was built without expansive ornamentation. The best feature is the front stairway with its splendidly, if somewhat amateurishly curved walnut bannister. In the front yard is standing a linden tree planted soon after construction of the house. A companion tree fell over in a high wind on July 12, 1970, on which occasion the owners counted growth rings back into the 1870's before reaching the limit set by a rotted central core.

Built in 1864 for Samuel Kirkwood himself, this house replaced Kirkwood's former home in the nearby town of Coralville. He lived here until his death in 1893. His widow also lived here until her death in 1923.

As noted above between the years 1864 and 1893, Kirkwood served as a senator, Governor and U. S. Secretary of the Interior.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Auner, Charles Ray, Leading Events in Johnson County, volume 1, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Western Historical Press
 Clark, Dan Elbert, Samuel Jordon Kirkwood, Iowa Biographical Series, Iowa City, Iowa, The State Historical Society of Iowa, 1917
 Harlan, Edgar Rubey, A Narrative History of the People of Iowa, Volume 1, Chicago and New York, American Historical Society 1931
 Keyes, Margaret N., Nineteenth Century Home Architecture of Iowa City, Iowa City, Iowa, University of Iowa Press

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

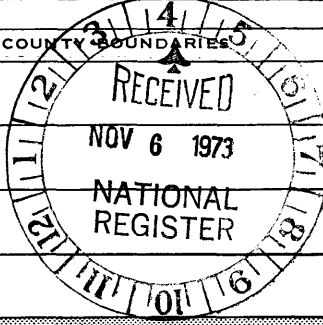
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/4 of an acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Sydney V. James and Jean M. James
 ORGANIZATION _____ DATE February 15, 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER:
1101 Kirkwood
 CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE Iowa CODE 14
Iowa City

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
 National State Local
 Name Adrian A. Anderson
 Title Historic Preservation Officer
 Date 10/29/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
A. R. Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date 9/17/74
 ATTEST:
W. S. Mortensen
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 9.16.74