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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Alexander Organ Residence other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 607 W. Summitt not for publication city, town Maquoketa vicinity state Iowa code IA county JACKSON code 097 zip code 52060

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public, building(s)/district/site/structure/object, and contributing/noncontributing resources.

Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural & Historical Resources of Maquoketa, IA Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: David [Signature] Date: 6/19/91 State or Federal agency and bureau: State Historical Society of Iowa

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official Date State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

High Victorian Eclectic

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Brick

roof asphalt shingled

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two and one-half story brick residence sets back from the street on the southeast corner of Summit and Vermont. It is elevated slightly above streetlevel, and faces north. The large lot (151' x 276') is all that is left of the original three and one-half acre tract on which the house was built c. 1890. The house rests on a limestone foundation with watertable. It is a gable roof rectangle in shape, with a two and one-half story gable wing forming an "L" to the east, and a two story rear wing with gable roof. A single story polygonal bay window is located on the east elevation. The entrance is off set to the right on the three bay facade. The door is capped by a bracketed canopied porch (with cresting). Windows throughout are segmental arched, with the arches laid of cream colored brick for decorative patterning, and the same cream colored brick used at the corners in a quoin-like manner. This is one of four houses in Maquoketa to have this brick quoined treatment. Two are not considered to be National Register eligible due to alterations, the fourth is the W.B. Swigert residence at 309 North Main.

Two historic photographs exist of this house, one without the east wing, and one after it was added in 1896. No firm date has been located for the original construction, but it probably took place between 1890 and 1896.

The neighborhood has greatly changed over the decades. When this was built, there was another large brick house to the east, the Wynkoop residence (a brick house with stone quoins, not considered eligible due to massive roof alterations), and to the west was the mansion of Job Reynolds (1882). The Reynolds house later became the Iowa Sanitorium, and was demolished in 1949 for a new, modern, residence. Originally on the south edge of town, this residence is now surrounded by smaller houses, a water tower, and the high school is just to the south. Because of the size of the lot, these encroachments have not had a strong impact on the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Maquoketa Excelsior, March 20, 1896, p.4, c.1.

Historic photograph collection, Jackson County Historical Society.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

W 151' of the N 276.5' of O.L. E of Vermont, T84N R2E.

City of Maquoketa

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This is the part of the lot remaining that has historically been associated with this residence.

See continuation sheet

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TOP:

A stereoptican view of the
Alexander Organ residence
shortly after construction,
c. 1890.

RIGHT:

A photograph of the house with
the "new" east wing, sometime
after 1896.

