United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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 R	esidence		
other names/site number			
2. Location street & number 607 W Summitt		T	not for publication
<u>city, town Maquoketa</u> state Towa code TA	county JACKSON	code 097	zip code 52060
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3. Classification			
Ownership of Property Cate	gory of Property	Number of Resou	rces within Property
private X b	uilding(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
X public-local	listrict	1	buildings
public-State	ite		sites
public-Federal s	tructure		structures
o	bject		objects
		1	O Total
Name of related multiple property listing:		Number of contrib	outing resources previously
Architectural & Historical Reso	ources of Maquoketa, IA	listed in the Natio	nal Register0
4. State/Federal Agency Certification			
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In my opinion, the propertymeetsc	loes not meet the National Registe	er criteria. 🔲 See c	ontinuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official	9		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. 	John Boland		<u> </u>
removed from the National Register.			

Signature of the Keeper

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling	DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
	foundation <u>limestone</u>
High Victorian Eclectic	walls Brick
	roofasphalt 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.

8. Statement of Significance								·····	
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Applicable National Register Criteria	A	□в	ХC	D					
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	A	□в	□c	D	Ē	F	G		
Areas of Significance (enter categorie	s from i	nstructio	ons)		Period	of Signi	ficance		Significant Dates
Architecture		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			189	0–96		······	1890–96
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Significant Person					Archite	ct/Builde	ər		

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This residence is significant under criterion C because it is an example of the "quoined corner" group of houses that used cream colored brick rather than limestone for the quoining. It also is representative of the houses constructed in Maquoketa to meet the need of a growing population during the "Boom Years," that period of growth brought about by the arrival of the railroads in 1870 and the designation as the county seat in 1873.

This house is one of four in Maquoketa which had cream colored brick laid in a quoin-like pattern on the corners, and also had the colored brick above the segmental arched openings. These houses must have been influenced by the group with limestone quoins at the corners. While no architect and/or builder has definitely been identified for these houses, it is possible that John Lake was involved with their construction. Lake owned one of the brick houses with stone quoins on West Platt. That house also had a gambrel dormer, an element found on several of the "guoined corner" houses. Lake was responsible for the construction of the I.O.O.F. Building in 1886 which featured the use of cream colored brick in a decorative manner above the windows. Whether or not Lake was involved, these "quoined corner" houses (both the limestone and brick quoins) form a unique aspect of Maquoketa's architectural development during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The Alexander Organ residence is an important part of this group.

Historically this has been referred to as the Alexander Organ residence. Organ was a successful clothing merchant in Maquoketa. As the community grew during the "Boom Years" many of the large brick houses were constructed for Main Street businessmen. Other examples are the houses of A.S Carter and Dexter Field on West Pleasant, and the D.H. Anderson residence on East Locust.

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Maquoketa Excelsior, March 20, 1896, p.4	, c.1.
Historic photograph collection, Jackson	County Historical Society.
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:
preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)	State historic preservation office
has been requested previously listed in the National Register	Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark	X Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings	
Survey #	Other
recorded by Historic American Engineering	Specify repository:
Record #	···
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10. Geographical Data	••
Acreage of property Less than one acre.	
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Verbal Boundary Description	
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City of Maquoketa	
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Boundary Justification	
This is the part of the lot remaining the	at has historically been associated
with this residence.	
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11. Form Prepared By	
name/title Molly Myers Naumann, Consultant	(515) 682–2743
organization <u>Maquoketa Historic Preservation Co</u> street & number <u>City Hall</u> , 201 S. Olive	<u>omm.</u> date <u>May 1991</u>

_ state _____ Towa_____ zip code _52060____

city or town <u>Maquoketa</u>

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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.

