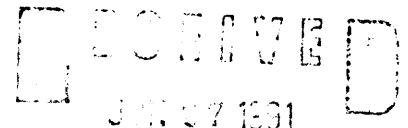


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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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 George Cooper Residence  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 413 West Platt  not for publication  
city, town Maquoketa  vicinity  
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52060

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

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.

*David* 6/19/91  
Signature of certifying official Date  
State Historical Society of Iowa  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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:) \_\_\_\_\_

*Roth Boland* 8/9/91  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

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DOMESTIC /Single Dwelling

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DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

High Victorian Eclectic

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foundation limestonewalls brickstone quoinsroof asphalt shinglesother \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

This two story brick house from 1884 is located on the south side of Platt between Niagara and Prospect streets. If Fifth Street continued south across Platt, it would go through this house. The house features a cross gable roof, with a gambrel dormer. Small corner porches are located on the north elevation (facade). A polygonal bay is found on the east gable end. Windows are segmental arched with keystones, corner blocks, and sills of limestone. Limestone is used for the foundation and watertable. The most noteworthy feature of this house is the use of limestone quoins on the corners. This is one of five houses in Maquoketa which feature this quoined treatment. It is of special interest because an exact date of construction is known, "1884" is found on the front gable. Several of the houses have only attributed construction dates.

A historic photograph is available for this house. It shows that the side porch has been remodeled, and the sawn wood gable elements removed. The corbelling was lost on the chimney when it was rebuilt. Despite the alterations, this house retains the original shape and proportions, and the remaining decorative elements (quoins, hoodmolds, bay, front entrance) would make it readily identifiable by its original owner, George Cooper. A detached garage is located at the rear of the lot.

The neighborhood in which this house is located remains primarily residential in nature, though commercial growth is taking place a few blocks to the west. The heavy traffic on IA 61 does change the original character of the street. Houses from several decades of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries line both sides of the street, in varying degrees of alteration. West Platt does not retain sufficient integrity to be nominated as a historic district, but it should be maintained in present condition, without additional changes.

See continuation sheet

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1884  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1884  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation  
N.A.

Significant Person  
N.A.

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

This house is primarily significant under criterion C as an example of the "quoined corner" group of houses built in Maquoketa between 1877 and 1896. It is also representative of the large houses built in Maquoketa during the "Boom Years" due to the rapid growth and economic development taking place following the arrival of the railroads in 1870 and the designation as the county seat in 1873.

The existence of a group of five houses with stone quoined corners in a community is unusual (actually seven: the Sheriff's residence is non-extant, and 601 West Summit has been greatly altered), but added to that is the group of four houses which have cream colored brick laid to simulate quoined corners. This pattern has not been seen in other towns in the area. A single architect or builder was probably responsible for these houses, but that has not yet been determined. The George Cooper residence appears to have been the second one built with this quoining, the first having been the A.S. Carter house on West Pleasant (just southeast of the Cooper house) from 1877. While the Carter house was Italianate in design, the Cooper house can best be described as High Victorian Eclectic, with its decorative gable ends, inset porches, bay window, and gambrel dormer. This gambrel shaped dormer is seen on many Maquoketa houses (frame as well a brick) from the last two decades of the nineteenth century. The major design element however, remains the limestone quoins. The use of stone is carried over into the window treatment, with stone sills, keystones, and cornerblocks. The limestone foundation was commonly found during this period. The Cooper residence achieves additional importance because it can be dated so exactly to 1884. This definite date is helpful in dating the others of the quoined corner group.

The George Cooper house represents the scale and style of houses being built by community leaders during the "Boom Years."

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Sentinel Souvenir Edition, 1854-1904.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

**UTM References**

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 Zone Easting Northing

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 Zone Easting Northing

D 

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Shaw's Addition, Block 10, W76' of Lot 5.

City of Maquoketa

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

This is the area historically associated with this residence.

See continuation sheet

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RESIDENCE OF GEORGE COOPER.

Photograph from Jackson Sentinel Souvenir Edition: 1854-1904.