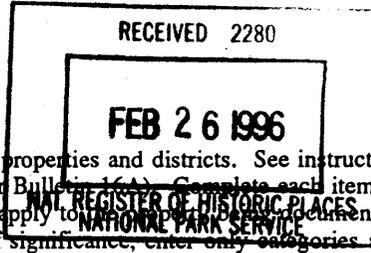


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" on the appropriate line or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name SPURGIN RESIDENCE
other names/site number Rice House

2. Location

street & number 313 College Avenue N/A not for publication
city or town Oskaloosa N/A vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Mahaska code 123 zip code 52577

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant (nationally statewide locally). (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Patricia Oberking DISTRO 2-21-96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property (meets does not meet) the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the 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)

Edson H. Beall Signature of Keeper
Date of Action 3/28/96

Spurgin Residence
Name of Property

Mahaska County, Iowa
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many lines as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one line)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

The Quaker Testimony in Oskaloosa, Iowa

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/college

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other Glass

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" on all the lines that apply)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1916-circa 1930

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance - (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

9. Major Bibliography References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historical Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository

Spurgin Residence
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 | 15 | 529290 | 4572340 |

Zone Easting Northing

2 | | | |

Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

4 | | | |

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William C. Page, Public Historian; Joanne R. Walroth

organization Oskaloosa Historic Preservation Commission date June 3, 1995

street & number 520 East Sheridan Avenue telephone 515-243-5740; FAX 515-243-7285

city or town Des Moines state Iowa zip code 50313

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs - Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items - (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Evelyn E. Poole

street & number 313 College Avenue telephone 515-673-6812

city or town Oskaloosa state Iowa zip code 52557

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Spurgin Residence, Mahaska County, Iowa.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Located in the northwest quadrant of the City of Oskaloosa, which was heavily settled by Quakers, this is a 1-1/2 story, frame, single-family dwelling. It features an ell shaped footprint with a wing at the rear. The facade features a porch and 1-story bay window with a gable-end roof. Windows have 1/1 double-hung sash. Some windows are paired on the second floor. All windows have low-arched millwork lintels. The house has a side gable roof with an intersecting facade gable and intersecting facade gable dormer.

The integrity of this building is very good. The building retains its original clapboard, which is not masked by cover-up siding, as is so often the case with Oskaloosa dwellings. The porch and bay window additionally retain most of their original materials.

HOUSE

The main portion of the Spurgin Residence measures approximately 30' x 26 feet' (width by depth) with a 14' x 10' area forming a portion of the ell on the facade. A wing at the rear of the building measures approximately 12' x 18'. There is also a small modern enclosed porch at the rear of the building and another modern enclosed porch on the east side near the rear.

The building rests on a brick foundation. Of balloon frame construction, the house is clad with clapboard siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

On the interior, the floors of the first and second stories are softwood, now covered with wall-to-wall carpeting. Interior walls feature plaster finishes, with some modern paneling installed. Four rooms are situated on the first floor. Four rooms are also situated on the second floor, each of which is a bedroom. The basement is unfinished and features a concrete floor. The house possesses no attic.

Although there is some settling of the porch and other maintenance needs, the condition of the house is generally good.

SITE

A one bay garage stands at the rear of this property to the north.

The Spurgin Residence is situated on a portion of Lot 8 in Mendenhall's Addition to the City of Oskaloosa. This plat was laid out in only a few lots, each of which was subsequently subdivided. This parcel measures 50 feet on College Avenue and 164 feet on Penn Boulevard and occupies a corner location.

When Penn College purchased this property, the institution effectively extended the Yale Row configuration of its campus along College Avenue.

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The site of this property is generally level in topography. The Iowa Yearly Meeting House-College Avenue Friends Church is located directly across College Avenue to the south from this house. North Market Street is situated approximately two blocks to the east, and Penn Boulevard, which forms the west boundary of the property, runs four blocks north to the new-site campus of William Penn College.

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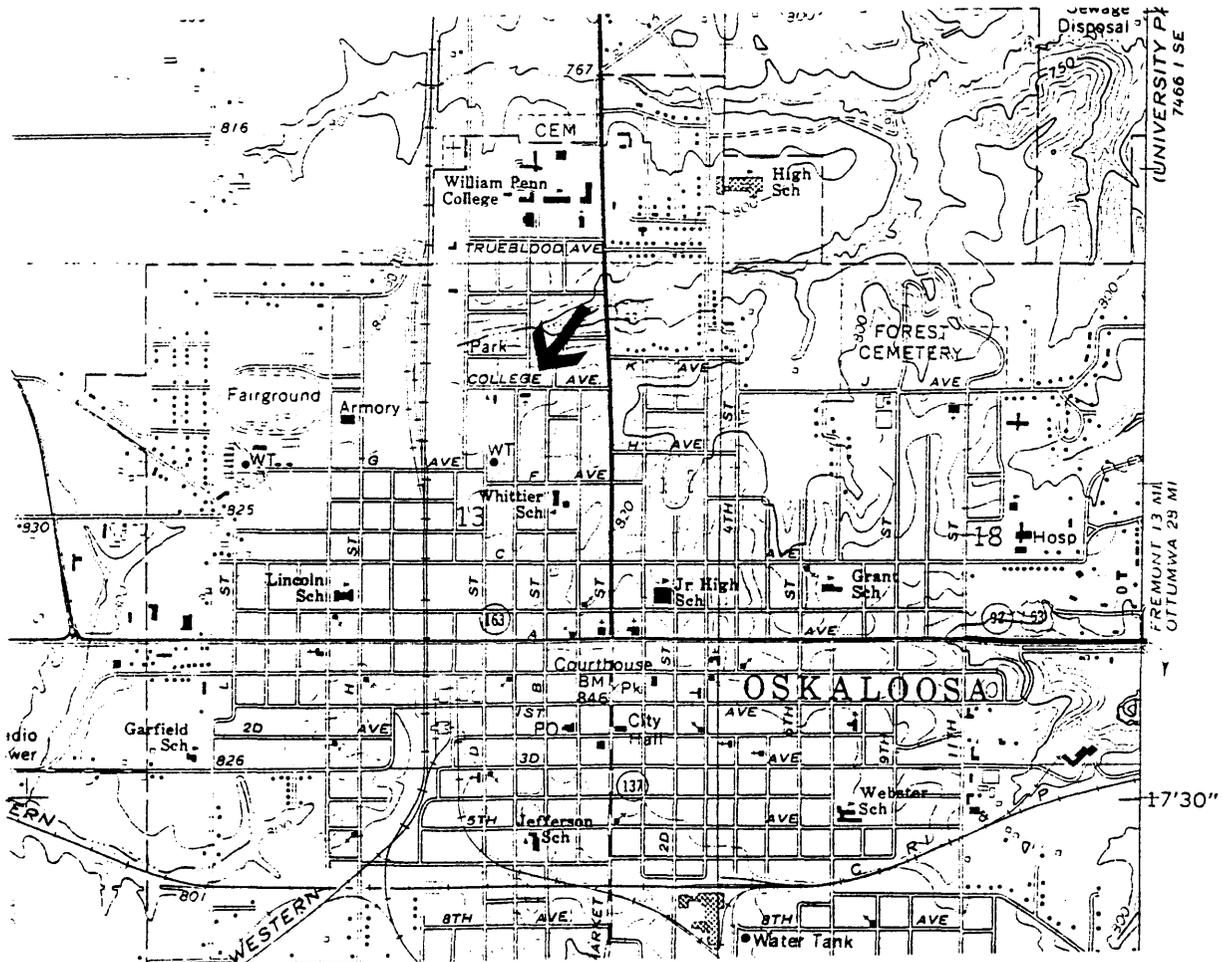
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SITE MAP

ARROW LOCATES PROPERTY



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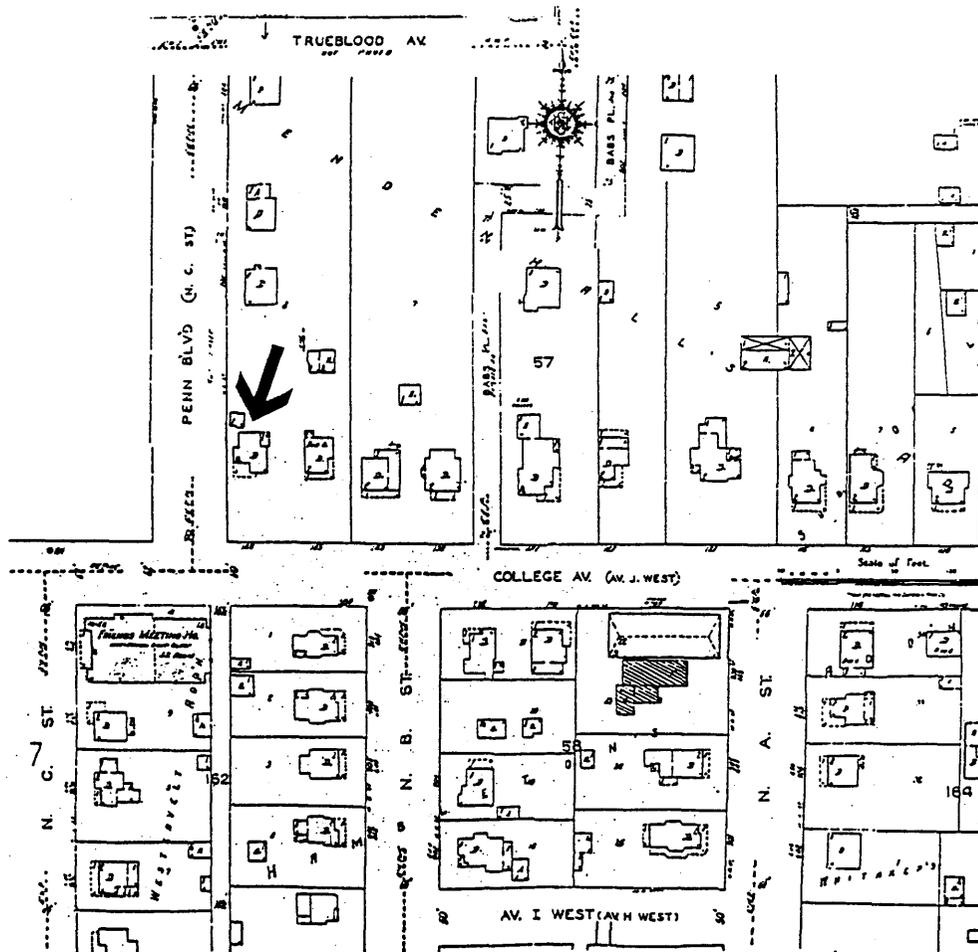
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PLAT MAP ARROW LOCATES PROPERTY



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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built circa 1895 as a single-family dwelling, the Spurgin Residence possesses historic significance, under National Register Criterion A, because it calls attention to events and patterns associated with Penn College within the historic context "The Quaker Testimony in Oskaloosa, Iowa." The Spurgin Residence illustrates the importance of domestic science within Penn College's curriculum during the first decades of the Twentieth Century and the significant role women have traditionally played in this institution. The Spurgin Residence is also significant, under National Register Criterion C, because its siting contributed to the Yale Row configuration of Penn College's old-site campus.

The period of significance, under Criterion A, for the Spurgin Residence is 1916-circa 1936, the time Penn College occupied the building for domestic science instruction and it served as student housing. Under Criterion C, the period of significance is 1916, the year Penn College acquired the building.

The property contains three resources for this nomination--the house, which is contributing, the garage, which is noncontributing, and the site, which is contributing.

This is a good example of a vernacular single-family dwelling constructed during the late Victorian era. Although it is an attractive representation of the type, the building does not obtain sufficient architectural significance for nomination, under National Register Criterion C.

EVENTS AND PATTERNS

The Spurgin Residence is a fine example of a "practice house" used for instruction in home economics. A wide-spread educational trend in the first decades of the Twentieth Century, the so-called "Cottage Plan" employed single-family dwellings as laboratories for practical experience in domestic science and home economics for women students.

Penn College purchased this house shortly after the May 1916 fire that destroyed Main Building. The location of the house directly east of the campus provided a convenient facility for temporary purposes. Immediately after the fire, members of the Domestic Science Department had used the kitchen of the College Avenue Meeting House, but these proved to be close quarters. In the search for space to hold classes, the college decided to use the Spurgin Residence as a practice house for the Domestic Science Department. The college installed laboratory desks with individual gas plates for each student to use.

In the years immediately preceding World War I, other colleges in Iowa also employed the Cottage Plan. At Iowa State College in Ames, for example, several practice houses were constructed to provide home economics students facilities to implement their studies with practice (Page:1992).

The Spurgin Residence also possesses historical significance because it calls direct attention to Elizabeth W. Edwards' directorship of the Domestic Science Department at Penn College during the 1910s. Elizabeth and her husband, Penn President David M. Edwards (1910-1917), also illustrate

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one of the many husband and wife teams who have taught at Penn over the years, an example of the Quakers' respect for the equality of women.

While the practice of shared teaching enabled Penn College to take advantage of the skills and talents of faculty wives and enabled women to contribute to education, it also may have resulted from the institution's proclivity to thrift and close financial management. (The careers of Rosa Lewis, Ella Stokes, and Cassa Conover provided better examples of this phenomenon.)

Finally, the Spurgin Residence possesses historical significance because it provides an example of off-campus housing for students. In the 1930s ownership of the home passed from Penn College to the Rice family, who lived in this home. Helen Rice graduated from Penn College with the class of 1939. In addition, the family rented the upstairs to some male students. Both Don Ackley and Delmar Underwood lived there in the 1930s. Others may have as well (Personal communication with Martha Berry Johnson).

The siting of the Spurgin Residence possesses architectural significance. Although erected as a single-family dwelling, its acquisition by Penn College added another element to the Yale Row configuration of the college's old-site campus in reinforcing its linear siting established by Main Building and the President's Cottage

REPRESENTATION IN OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEYS

The Spurgin Residence was surveyed in 1981 as part of the Area XV Regional Planning Commission's then comprehensive cultural resources surveys of Mahaska County. At that time, the Historical Survey did not identify or evaluate the building within the context of education in Oskaloosa. The Architectural Survey evaluated the building as not eligible for nomination, under National Register Criterion C. In the intervening years, more information has come to light regarding the Spurgin Residence and its place within the historic context "The Quaker Testimony in Oskaloosa, Iowa."

HISTORIC NAME

The historic name for this property, Spurgin Residence, appears to have been that employed during its period of significance by Penn College. This is noted in the *Penn Chronicle* of October 4, 1916. Derived from a previous owner, that person's full name is not included in this nomination's historic name because the building's significance derives from the college rather than the individual.

POTENTIAL FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Although the site's potential for archaeological research is, as yet, unevaluated, there appears to be little if any in this regard.

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ORAL INFORMANTS

Martha Berry Johnson, interview with Joanne R. Walroth, February 7, 1992.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The west 49.6 feet of the south 164 feet in Lot 8 of Mendenhall's Subdivision in the City of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundary contains all land associated historically with this resource.

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Oskaloosa, IA 52557
Looking northwest
Patricia Pierce Patterson, Photographer
April 24, 1994

2. Spurgin Residence
313 College Avenue
Oskaloosa, IA 52557
Looking northeast
Patricia Pierce Patterson, Photographer
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3. Spurgin Residence
313 College Avenue
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Looking southeast
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