

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Wisconsin</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Brown</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER <b>70-448.0002</b>	DATE <b>4/28/70</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Cotton House**

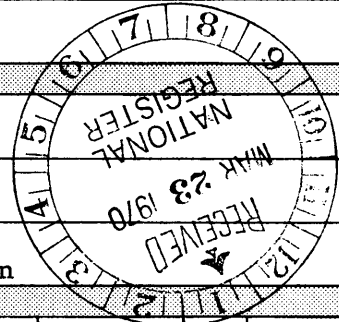
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2632 South Webster Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Green Bay**

STATE: **Wisconsin**      CODE: **48**      COUNTY: **Brown**      CODE: **009**



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Brown County Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Green Bay**      STATE: **Wisconsin**      CODE: **48**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Brown County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Green Bay**      STATE: **Wisconsin**      CODE: **48**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**None**

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

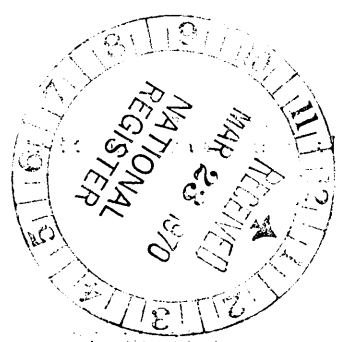
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wood, Temple style house of the Greek Revival period, consisting of a main two-storied frame portion with a deep piered portico supported by two Doric columns in the manner known as distyle-in-antis. Extending from the main building on both sides are single story wings flanking the house symmetrically from the front of the piers to the rear of the house. Paired brick chimneys rise alongside the southwest side of the main building, extending partially through the roof of the southwest flanking wing.

The otherwise simple pediment above the portico has a single, circular, ornamental light with a Greek-style cross in the center.

The Cotton House is excellently restored, structurally sound and well maintained.



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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) 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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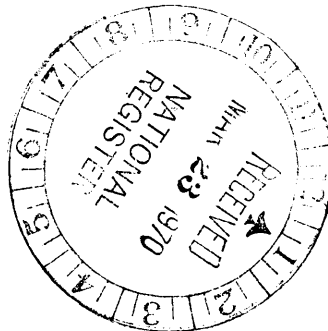
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stately Cotton House's significance lies chiefly in its excellence as an example of the pre-Civil War use of the Temple style of Greek Revival architecture in wooden houses in Wisconsin. Many consider it Wisconsin's most outstanding example of this architectural style. It is also unique among Wisconsin's wooden Greek Revival houses in having the distyle-in-antis treatment of the two-story high portico.

The house was built, probably in 1840, by Judge Joseph Penn Arndt for his son-in-law, Lieutenant John Cotton, a West Point graduate who was stationed for a time at Fort Howard in Green Bay beginning in 1824. He married Judge Arndt's daughter Mary in 1825, and from 1826 until 1848 they were located at various military posts from the southeast to mid-continental United States. Cotton is credited for the style of the house, having done wide research in architectural styles during his army travels and deciding that his future home would be Greek Temple in design.

In 1941 the house was moved from its original site about one mile away to the site of old Camp Smith and placed atop a hill where it has an imposing overview of the Fox River. It was during the move that the date 1840 was found inscribed above the doorway, indicating that the house was built in or before that year.

Marked with an Official Wisconsin Historical Marker.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 "Cotton House Rises in Grandeur Near Reformatory at Green Bay," Appleton Post-Crescent, Appleton, Wisconsin, May 30, 1960.  
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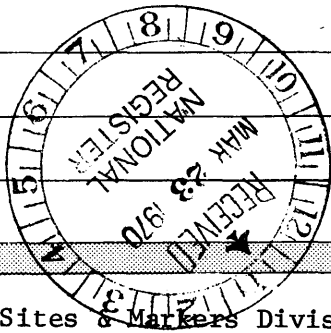
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **4.0**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**D. N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Wisconsin**      DATE: **1/15/70**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison**      STATE: **Wisconsin**      CODE: **48**

**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: Richard D. Emery

Title: Acting Director  
State Historical Society of Wis.

Date: March 18, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: APR 28 1970

ATTEST:

William J. Kautz  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: APR 13 1970

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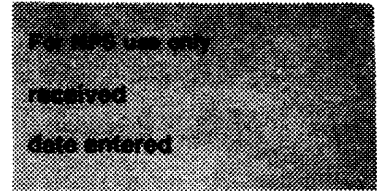
Hazelwood

Guth, Alexander Carl, "Early Day Architects in Wisconsin,"  
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**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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New street address is 2640 South Webster Avenue

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SIGNEE, SHPO OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE