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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Taylor, David, House

AND/OR COMMON

Sheboygan County Museum

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3110 Erie Avenue

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sheboygan

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Wisconsin 53081

__ VICINITY OF

CODE

55

COUNTY

Sheboygan

CODE

117

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__ DISTRICT

 BUILDING(s)

__ STRUCTURE

__ SITE

__ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC

__ PRIVATE

__ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__ IN PROCESS

__ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED

__ UNOCCUPIED

__ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED

__ YES: UNRESTRICTED

__ NO

PRESENT USE

__ AGRICULTURE

__ COMMERCIAL

__ EDUCATIONAL

__ ENTERTAINMENT

__ GOVERNMENT

__ INDUSTRIAL

__ MILITARY

 MUSEUM

__ PARK

__ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__ RELIGIOUS

__ SCIENTIFIC

__ TRANSPORTATION

__ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

County of Sheboygan

STREET & NUMBER

615 North Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN

Sheboygan

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 53081

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Sheboygan County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

615 North Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN

Sheboygan

STATE

Wisconsin 53081

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Volume II: The Inventory

DATE

1975

__ FEDERAL STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-story, cream-colored brick house, built in the early 1850's in Italian Villa style. The main block is approximately square, three bays wide by three bays deep, although openings on the side elevations are not placed symmetrically. A single-story veranda extends across the front, with the roof supported by plain, square columns. At the rear is a two-stage wing, the first part being 1 1/2 stories with a hipped roof and the second, in tandem, one-story with a gable roof and clapboard siding. The wing is part of the original construction.

Typical of the style are the low hipped roof of the main block with wide eaves supported by brackets. A large, square belvedere, also hip-roofed and having an arcade of six round-arched windows on each side, occupies the center of the roof. Window and door surrounds of the first floor and sides of the house are quite plain, but the three paired windows of the second story front facade are surmounted by bracket-supported entablatures, of which the middle one has an ornamental crest at the center. The upper central pair of windows are round-arched; all others are rectangular. Early illustrations of the house indicate that there were window shutters, ornamental iron cresting along the edge of the belvedere roof, and ornamentally carpentered porch columns and rails. The shutters and belvedere cresting no longer exist and the porch columns are now plain, square supporting members, but in all other respects the exterior of the house is essentially the same as when it was built. The interior has been altered to some extent but details are not known. The mason-contractor who constructed the house was Henry E. Roth.

The Taylor House, now a property of the County of Sheboygan, is leased on a 99-year basis to the Sheboygan County Historical Society and serves as its museum.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Association with historical significant person.
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henry E. Roth (mason-contractor)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although it is a rather modest but distinctive example of Italian Villa styling, the David Taylor house is nominated not for architectural merit but as the surviving structure most closely associated with a historical person.

Born in New York State (1819), educated at Union College, Schenectady (B.A., 1841), and admitted to the New York bar (1844), David Taylor moved to Wisconsin in 1846, settling in Sheboygan where he established a law practice and was soon involved in local affairs and politics. In 1849 he was appointed to the Harbor Committee and became a member of the newly organized County Board of Supervisors. He won election to the State Assembly in 1853 and to the State Senate in 1855. From 1858-1869 he was prominent and popular as Circuit Judge of the 4th District. During this period, starting in 1858, he worked on revising the Statutes of Wisconsin, performing the task so capably that he was asked to repeat it in the 1870's. The result was a two-volume revision which became popularly known as "Taylor's Statutes." Taylor left Sheboygan in 1872 while again serving in the Senate, moved to Fond du Lac, and in 1878 was appointed to the State Supreme Court. He nevertheless returned to Sheboygan often and maintained contact with both friends and his house there. Re-elected to the state high court bench in 1888, he served on it until his death in 1891. The house he built and was so long associated with in Sheboygan remains a local landmark and is well maintained and in appropriate adaptive use as the museum of the Sheboygan County Historical Society.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A | 16 | 439800 | 484480

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EASTING

NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

August 14, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608/262-0746

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

S.H.P.O. Signature

~~STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE~~

James M. Smith

TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

10/14/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

1/2/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/31/75

Ronald N. Anderson