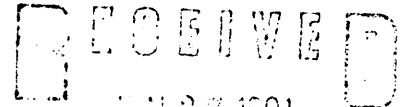


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NATIONAL REGISTER

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 W.B. Swigert Residence  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 309 N. Main  not for publication  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	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<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.

[Signature] 8/19/91  
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. Both Boland 8/9/91
- 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:)

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)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

High Victorian Eclectic

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation limestone

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walls brick

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roof asphalt shingled

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other 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

This one and one-half story brick residence is located on the east side of North Main Street, approximately one block north of the business district. Resting on a limestone foundation and watertable, the basic plan of the house is rectangular with cross gable wings. A mansard roof is used on a wing to the rear and a small corner area at the front. The south elevation features a gambrel dormer, and a single story polygonal bay window. The gable (and gambrel) ends have decorative Stick Style trusses. It is the use of cream colored brick as a decorative element that is significant. The brick is used in the segmental arches above the windows, and on the corners in a quoin-like manner. This is one of four houses in Maquoketa with this type of brick detailing. Two of these houses are altered and do not appear eligible for the National Register. The fourth is the Alexander Organ residence at 607 West Summit.

A historic photograph shows the major alterations to this house to be a remodeled porch in front, and rebuilt chimneys. A detached garage is located at the back of the lot. The neighborhood has changed over the years. Commercialism is creeping north on Main Street, and the area is no longer strictly residential. These changes do not appear great enough to negate eligibility.

**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)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

c.1885  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

c. 1885  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 residence is significant under criterion C as it illustrates an unusual architectural design (use of cream colored decorative brick as part of the "quoined corner" group). It is representative of the houses built for local businessmen during the "Boom Years," that period in Maquoketa's history when the community grew rapidly due to the arrival of the railroads in 1870 and the designation as the county seat in 1873.

This residence is important as one of only four houses in town with light colored brick quoins. This decorative brick treatment is continued in the segmental arches above the windows which alternate cream colored and regular red bricks. These houses with the brick "quoins" must have been influenced by the residences with the limestone quoins which were built between 1877 and 1896. No architect or builder has been specifically identified, but it is possible that John Lake may have been the builder responsible. He used a similar brick treatment on the I.O.O.F. Building in 1886, and while his own house featured stone quoins, it has a similar roof shape, complete with the gambrel dormer. The use of a mansard roof on portions of the house is not unique, several other examples have been identified in Maquoketa, but the houses were not otherwise significant.

Although it has not been determined if this house was originally built for W.B. Swigert, it is known that he was a long-time inhabitant of it. The Swigert family holds an important place in Maquoketa's history, as publishers of the Sentinel. The first issue of the Maquoketa Sentinel was published on June 1, 1854. It was just four pages, with seven columns to a page, but it was a newspaper for the fledgling town. Later renamed the Jackson Sentinel, the Swigert newspaper was a force in the developemnt of Maquoketa and Jackson County during the years. Other newspapers came and went (the Maquoketa Excelsior, Maquoketa Record, Maquoketa Independent, and even a German language paper Der Jackson Demokrat) but the Swigert family, and the Sentinel set the standards. The Sentinel continues today as part of the Maquoketa News.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Jackson Sentinel Souvenir Edition, 1854-1904.

See continuation sheet

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

**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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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Original Plat, Block 17, Lot 4.  
City of Maquoketa

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

This is the area historically associated with this residence.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

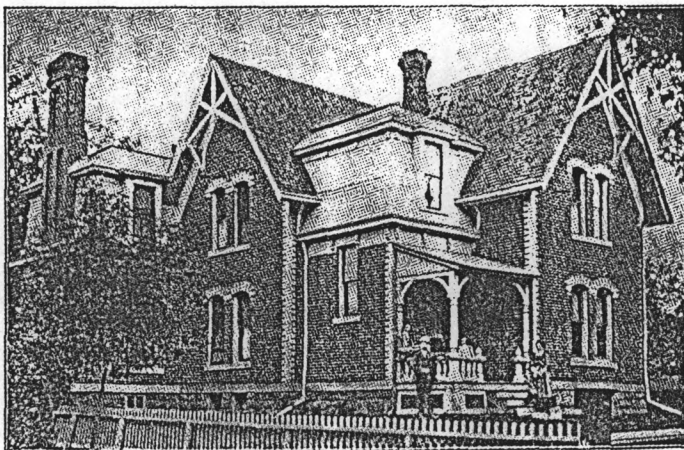
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RESIDENCE OF W. B. SWIGART.

Photograph from Jackson Sentinel Souvenir Edition: 1854-1904.