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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

AND/OR COMMON

** Kurtz House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

305 South Avenue C

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Washington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Iowa

VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

182

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- __DISTRICT
- X BUILDING(S)
- __STRUCTURE
- __SITE
- __OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- __PUBLIC
- X PRIVATE
- __BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- __IN PROCESS
- __BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- X OCCUPIED
- __UNOCCUPIED
- __WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- X YES: RESTRICTED
- __YES: UNRESTRICTED
- __NO

PRESENT USE

- __AGRICULTURE
- __COMMERCIAL
- __EDUCATIONAL
- __ENTERTAINMENT
- __GOVERNMENT
- __INDUSTRIAL
- __MILITARY
- __MUSEUM
- __PARK
- X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- __RELIGIOUS
- __SCIENTIFIC
- __TRANSPORTATION
- __OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

H. Ernest and Frances A. Lund

STREET & NUMBER

305 South Avenue C

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder's Office, Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

The Kurtz House was built between 1867 and 1869, of locally made brick. It is two stories high, vernacular Italianate in style. The main block measures 25' x 33'; the one-story rear addition, 16' x 33'. The former is four bays wide on the side, three bays across the front, with the main entrance to the left of center. Tall, segmental-arched windows (some with shutters) have 4/4 lights, and plain, curved heads of brick painted white. The hip roof, with deck, has wide eaves and wood cornice, supported by paired brackets which top wall and corner pilasters of brick. There are four interior chimneys, two on each side. On the east side is a small entrance, covered with a small, bracketted, gable roof. Pilasters are lacking from this site; the two sets of paired brackets are set beneath the chimneys.

The rear section (now a garage) has a curved, bracketted mansard roof, and a small gabled dormer on the east end. Windows in this section conform to those of the main block, though smaller in scale. At the west end is a small, latticework porch over the garage entrance.

An original wood porch across the front has been removed; this appears to be the only significant exterior alteration.

The interior is divided into four rooms on each floor, with staircase and hallways on the east side. Two bedrooms (one used now for storage) are located in the mansard section of the house.

The house is set on a small, corner lot in a residential area of the town.

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1867-9

BUILDER/ARCHITECT ~~XXXXXXXX~~ V.W. Andrus; M. Barratt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kurtz House is a good local example of vernacular Italianate architecture. It is distinguished by fine proportions and carefully restrained use of detail. The loss of the front veranda does not detract from the significance of the house; indeed, its absence allows better appreciation of the basic form.

The house was begun in 1867 by V.W. Andrus. Through lack of funds to complete the structure, Andrus sold the house to M. Barratt, a local lumberyard owner, who supervised the final construction. J.F. Kurtz, by whose name the house is locally known, lived here from 1919 until 1943.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, May, 1909
 Washington City Directory, May, 1903, p. 20
 Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County, Iowa. Chicago: Acme Publishing Co., 1887, p. 186.
 Information on ownership supplied by H. Ernest Lund (owner and initiator)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one
 UTM REFERENCES

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| A | [1,5] | [6,0,9] | [2,1,5] | [4,5] | [7,2] | [3,7,0] | B | [] | [] | [] |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | [] | [] | [] | [] | [] | [] | D | [] | [] | [] |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Residential Lot, 76' x 92', bounded on north by Jefferson St., on east by South Avenue C, Town of Washington, Iowa

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

H. Ernest Lund

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

305 S. Avenue C

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Washington

Iowa

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

4/26/77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Charles D. Hermitage

DATE

9-22-77

ATTEST:

Wendy S. Cole

DATE

9-22-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER