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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic HENRY PAEPKE HOUSE

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 251 East Doty Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Neenah _____ vicinity of

state Wisconsin code 55 county Winnebago code 139

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Stephen Hoover and Leesa Erickson

street & number 251 East Doty Avenue

city, town Neenah _____ vicinity of state Wisconsin 54956

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Winnebago County Courthouse

city, town Oshkosh _____ state Wisconsin 54901

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places
title Neenah Intensive Survey has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

1977, 1986
date 1982 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison _____ state Wisconsin 53706

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Henry Paepke House is located southeast of the central business district in the city of Neenah on a large, tree-shaded lot. Situated on the southwest corner of Oak Street and East Doty Avenue, the Paepke House is a rare two-story Stick Style residence with Queen Anne references. The plan configuration is irregular with projecting pavillions on the north, east, and west facades. The roof is hipped, rising to a platform with large cross-gables. Roofing materials are asphalt shingles, the siding is clapboard, and the foundations are rock-faced limestone. The fenestration is formally balanced between floors and consists of double-hung, single-paned sash windows. The clapboard siding is accentuated by corner boards, diagonal and X braces, horizontal and vertical bands, bookmatch tongue-and-groove panels at the sill and header of each window, and tongue-and-groove belt courses at the foundation, story, and cornice levels. The cavetto soffit is ribbed with tongue-and-groove paneling, while the gable ends feature pent roofs, Eastlake vergeboards, diagonal board-and-batten finish reminiscent of half-timbering, and paired windows. A one-story bay on the east facade repeats the surface treatment with brackets and a mansard roof. The front porch wraps around the northwest corner of the building, features turned balusters and slender Doric columns, and leads to the entry with a beveled sidelight. A smaller side porch on the east facade repeats these same features. The west entry stoop includes a stained glass transom. These porches and a small attached garage on the south facade postdate the original construction.

Recently restored _____, the Paepke house follows the side hall plan and includes original woodwork, stenciling, and fireplace in the front and back parlors.

The nomination includes:

ONE Contributing Building.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1885¹ **Builder/Architect** Henry Paepke (Builder)²

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Henry Paepke House is of local architectural significance as a rare example of the Stick Style period of construction.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Henry Paepke was born in Germany in 1857. When eleven years old he moved with his family to Neenah, where in the late 1870's Paepke became involved in the construction business. As a building contractor he supervised the construction of various significant structures in the Fox River Valley, including St. Mary's Catholic Church of Menasha in 1883 (528 Second Street), the Outagamie County Jail in 1884 (no longer extant), and the Menasha City Hall in 1886 (124 Main Street, NRHP 1984).² He is also known to have undertaken projects in the Upper Peninsula and the Badlands.³ In 1901 William C. Wing purchased the house from the Paepkes. Then vice president of the George Banta Company in Menasha, Wing lived in the house until 1912.⁴ Subsequent owners were less notable.

ARCHITECTURE

The Henry Paepke House is of local architectural significance as a rare example of the Stick Style period of construction. The era in which it was built was one of great local prosperity, notable for the construction of many fine mansions. The Paepke house is comparable in size to several these located on Wisconsin and Forest Avenues, but is distinguished by its abundant surface decoration, which includes imaginative stickwork, distinctive bookmatch tongue-and-groove panels, and multiple tongue-and-groove belt courses. Incorporated with these features are prominent Eastlake vergeboards, a bracketed mansard roof on the bay, and an unusual cavetto soffit. The presence of these features emphasize the transitional characteristics of the Stick Style, which link the Gothic Revival and Queen Anne periods of construction. The cavetto soffit and the suggestion of half-timbering in the gable ends reflect the Medieval English building traditions common to all three styles. More sophisticated than the Tudor references in Havilah Babcock House (NRHP 1973) built in 1883, the key features of the Paepke house were not recorded by the 1982 Neenah Intensive Survey in any other 19th century structure. The Paepke House is a rare survivor of a period of construction seldom seen in the Fox River Valley.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Titus, William A. History of the Fox River Valley. S. J. Clarke Publishing Company. Chicago, Illinois. 1930.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property .33 acres

Quadrangle name Neenah

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A

1	6	3	8	3	4	3	0	4	8	9	3	1	0	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Plat of Winnebago Rapids, Lots 1 and 2, Block H.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Peter James Adams and Associates

date 9/3/1986

street & number Post Office Box 341

telephone 414/722-8963

city or town Neenah

state Wisconsin 54956

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.

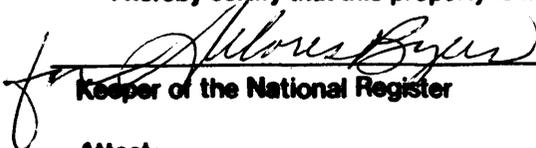
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title _____ date 1/27/87

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

Entered in the National Register


Keeper of the National Register

date 3-13-87

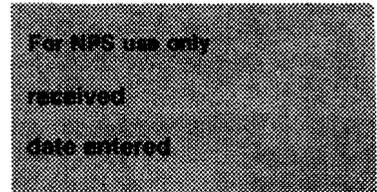
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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¹1885 City of Neenah Tax Roll, page 4.

²Neenah Daily Times: June 12, 1883, page 4; July 23, 1886, page 4;
July 7, 1888, page 4.

³Neenah City Times, 10/5/1878, 4; Neenah Daily Times, 10/5/1886, 4.

⁴Titus, William A. History of the Fox River Valley. S. J. Clarke
Publishing Co., Chicago, 1930. pp.604-606.