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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 Garland House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1090 Langworthy Avenue not for publication

city, town Dubuque vicinity of

state Iowa code 019 county Dubuque code 061

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Paul and Pam Peckosh

street & number 1090 Langworthy Avenue

city, town Dubuque vicinity of state Iowa

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Dubuque County Courthouse

city, town Dubuque state Iowa 52001

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Dubuque Iowa Architectural Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978-79  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Iowa SHPO

city, town Des Moines state Iowa 50319

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Garland House (1907) presents a unusual combination of Georgian Revival elements in a large residential plan with uncommon materials. The house is constructed using a rusticated concrete block veneer, a building material which is not otherwise to be found in the city in a similar application. The house is also noteworthy for the inclusion of a variety of innovations including an indoor swimming pool.

The Garland house is rectangular on plan (43' by 37'), two stories tall, and has a hipped roof with short ridge line. A 24" wide rusticated stone foundation, capped with stone water table supports the concrete block veneer and brick backing wall. Stone lintels and sills and a projecting flat stone belt course which runs just beneath the second story windows add to the texture of the wall masses. A plain metal frieze and projecting cornice dominate the second floor, beginning just above the second floor window tops. A pair of pedimented gabled dormers are perched above the cornice line on all but the rear facade. A large corbelled chimney projects through the west slope of the roof.

A two-tier pedimentd portico is centered on the main facade. An elongated bulls eye window dominates the portico pediment. Two doric columns support the portico and second floor balustraded balcony. The front porch is raised, and is surrounded by a concrete balustrade laid with staggered coursing. The front door is topped by an elliptical fan light of beveled glass, and bordered by matching side lights. Main facade windows are composed of a transom above a single square light.

The east side facade is dominated by a centered semicircular vault dormer which tops a ground level elliptical arched portico and a second story pavilion with galvanized metal exterior. The vault's cornice is modilioned and a palladian window is recessed between cornice returns. A second palladian window is placed at the stair landing level within the pavilion. The entry portico is supported by two pairs of plain columns.

The rear or southern facade is dominated by a two-tier verandah, which in turn is topped by a large centered gabled dormer. The roof of the house projects to cover the verandah. The enclosed basement area of the verandah houses a very early interior swimming pool. Four doors on this facade have transom lights. The west facade is the only asymmetrical side of the house. A two story chamfered bay projects from the rearmost one third of the west facade, beneath an oversized gabled dormer. A third palladian window fills the dormer face.

A matching garage southeast of the house measures 15' by 11' on plan, has the same roof line and materials as does the house. A transomed door and a band of four square windows pierce the west side, and five identical windows are on the east side. The garage houses an underground gas tank with hand pump, designed to facilitate fueling the family automobile.

The house has changed very little over time, both inside and out. The slate roof has been replaced, as has the board and batten balustrade on the verandah, and a square spindled

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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** 1907 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Garland House is a fine example of the Georgian Revival style, and is significant due to its unique treatment of those stylistic elements in combination with large scale concrete block construction. The house reflects the creative and progressive nature of its builder and first occupant, Joseph C. Garland of Dubuque.

Joseph C. Garland (1857–1933) came to Dubuque in 1889 and established a general insurance agency. He purchased the land for this house on December 18, 1906 (Lot 3) and April 6, 1907 (Lot 4) and built this house in 1907. The builder and architect are not identified. Garland became general agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, and covered twenty five counties in Iowa with his agents by the time of his death. He was described as being "...one of Dubuque's outstanding citizens" when he died in 1933. "He took an active part in all movements for the advancement of the community. He gave freely of his time in the support of all projects for the betterment of the city, and contributed liberally to all calls for financial aid for civic or charitable organizations." He was most remembered for his personal charitable efforts during the depression years. "He was not only a liberal supporter of organized charities of the city, but ...indulged in many private charities among needy families whose condition came to his attention." He also served as deacon and trustee of the First Congregational Church in Dubuque.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Refer to Continuation Sheet 9-2.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre.

Quadrangle name Dubuque South Iowa-Illinois

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

### UTM References

A 

1	5	6	9	0	8	7	0	4	7	0	6	9	9	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

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F 

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G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 3 and East 30' of Lot 4, Sub-Division of Lots 2 and 3 of Mrs. L. H. Long's Subdivision of Part of Mineral Lot 73 in City of Dubuque, Iowa. Parcel contains house and garage only.

### 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

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date May 25, 1983

Historical Building

street & number E. 12th & Grand Ave. telephone 515-281-4137

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50319

# 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 John A. Anderson

title Executive Director, Iowa State Historical Department date May 25, 1983

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

Entered in the National Register

date 7/7/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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balustrade on the east entrance portico roof. The verandah steps, once inside the basement, are now outside on the west end of the verandah. The house trim was originally painted gray to simulate stone. The house's interior retains its first floor oak, second floor fir woodwork, three pairs of pocket doors, three coved ceilings, and oak paneling and beams.

The original owner made several novel innovations within the house. These included the pool, a small yet early innovation, a ventilation system which used underground tunnels and in wall channels, the garage gas tank arrangement, central vacuuming, a dumbwaiter with a phone which allowed one to more readily answer calls on either floor, and a floodable exterior tennis court to permit ice skating in the winter.

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