

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 Bingham, Judge John A., House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
621 14th Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Monroe
STATE
Wisconsin 53566

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd
VICINITY OF
CODE
55
COUNTY
Green
CODE
045

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Raymond R. Kubly, Jr.
STREET & NUMBER
621 14th Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Monroe
STATE
Wisconsin 53566

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Green County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Monroe
STATE
Wisconsin 53566

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Volume II: The Inventory
DATE
1975
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
CITY, TOWN
Madison
STATE
Wisconsin 53706

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

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 Bingham House, built in 1850, is a typical example of Greek Revival style. Constructed by a local carpenter-builder, Norman Churchill, brother-in-law of the owner, this two-story common bond brick house is distinguished by its fine craftsmanship and formality. The front facade displays returned cornices at the gable end. The asymmetrically placed entrance, with its entablature supported by miniature pilasters, sidelights, and carved center panel, contributes considerably to the geometric simplicity of the design. The recessed doorway is flanked by two twelve-pane sash windows on the right. The three second story windows are similar in style, and the side elevations show similar fenestration. All windows have louvered shutters. Flat-arched brick lintels with radiating voussoirs crown windows and entrance. The wood moldings set the entrance apart from the rest of the composition. The house has a pitched roof; the cornice and the gable end moldings are undecorated but skillfully articulated. Essentially, the entire design is very formal.

The original six-room portion described above remains the main living area despite two large subsequent additions. A back wing was built in 1877, considerably expanding the residence, and a further addition was made more recently, probably in the 1940's. These alterations are at the rear, however, and do not greatly affect the integrity of the original house.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Association with historically significant person
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Norman Churchill

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant because it is the remaining structure most closely associated with Judge John A. Bingham, who figured prominently in several aspects of Monroe's early growth and development. Its nomination as a Wisconsin Registered Landmark was approved in 1971.

Bingham was born in Morristown Corners, Vermont in 1819. He taught school there at 15 and studied at the Johnson, Vermont, Academy. He read law at a Stowe, Vermont, attorney's office. Bingham traveled to Milwaukee in 1841, taught school briefly in Racine County, and settled in Monroe in 1842, where he opened a law office. He was married in 1843 to Caroline Churchill. He served as district attorney in 1846-47 and was probate judge from 1848 to 1856. In partnership with Arabut Ludlow and Asa Richardson, Bingham opened a brokerage office in 1854 which became a money exchange and two years later was chartered as the State Bank of Monroe, Green County's first bank. When the health of Bingham's law partner, Andrew Brundage, failed, James Bintliff, another prominent pioneer Monroe resident, joined the firm. The two lawyers, with financial backing from the Bank of Monroe, succeeded in promoting the Monroe branch of the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad from Janesville to Mineral Point, thus giving the village the transportation facilities it needed for growth. In 1864, Bingham organized the First National Bank of Monroe and became its first president. He also owned a flour mill and a brickyard. A member of the school board for nearly 20 years, Bingham played an active role in the development and improvement of Monroe's school system. Despite his many activities, he enjoyed taking time to visit classes frequently and to counsel teachers. He was active politically in Wisconsin's newly developed Republican party and was a delegate to the national convention in 1864 which renominated Lincoln. The following year, Judge Bingham's untimely death deprived Monroe and Wisconsin of the full measure of his unquestioned talents in law, banking, public service, and politics.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Registered Landmark nomination, 1971.
History of Green County (Springfield, Illinois, 1884)
Monroe Evening Times, Historical Supplement to Anniversary Edition, October 13, 1948.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1.0

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
ZONE 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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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

13 August 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 X

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

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James Morton 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

1/2/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/31/75

Acting

Ronald N. Brunberg

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Biruta Erdmann, Preservation Planning Assistant

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11 August 1975

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