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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 87000011

Date Listed: 2/5/87

Harriman, Dr. O. B., House
Property Name

Franklin
County

IA
State

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Bill Boland

Signature of the Keeper

3/27/89

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The correct acreage is less than one.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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

1. Name

historic Dr. O. B. Harriman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 26 10th Street Northwest ___ not for publication

city, town Hampton ___ vicinity of

state Iowa code 019 county Franklin code 069

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	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 Ms. Nielsine M. Nielsen

street & number 26 10 th Street Northwest

city, town Hampton ___ vicinity of state IA 50 441

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Franklin County Courthouse

city, town Hampton state IA 50441

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 O. B. Harriman House is a two story frame Italianate "T" plan. It retains the majority of its roof and porch detailing. The house is associated with a forty-five acre tract along the west edge of the town of Hampton.

The "T" core is oriented with the stem to the south. Hip roofs surmount both portions beneath a continuous roof ridge. The public face of the building is indistinct, but is focused to the east and not to the public road due south. Single story porches fill the southeast and northwest corners of the overall plan. A two-part rear kitchen wing, one and a half story on the east, single story on the west, covers the north end of the plan. The northwest corner porch unites wing and core.

Italianate characteristics include the cubic central core of the plan, the tall narrow windows (2/2), the two story combination lower square cut bay and upper portico on the east center of that core, the corbelled frieze and the entablature-like effect created by the eaves and soffit treatment. Two cupolas with rounded gableboards are also Italianate derivatives. One surmounts the "T" stem above the eavesline on the south, the other the east roofplane of the north kitchen wing, being bisected by the eavesline.

Delicate gableboard gingerbread is found on the pediments of the southeast porch front, facing south and east. A diamond shaped window pierces the first story east wall alongside the bay window. All porches display well preserved turned columns and ornate gingerbread work.

The main chimney stack is centered in the main house core. A kitchen stack with corbelled brick cap is centered on the north wall of the kitchen wing. The house is sheathed in narrow clapboard. The foundation is of stuccoed stone.

Alterations have been generally few in number. A Fred W. Douglas drawing of the farm, apparently dating to Dr. Harriman's residence, indicates that a round-topped tower with widow's walk surmounted the east roof plane of the main core. A dormer level window with rounded heading faced east. The bay window below had no portico but a single door serviced a small open balcony. All windows were shuttered with dark wooden shutters. The porch on the northeast corner was not present and an additional single story rear addition with a balcony set atop its hip roof was north of the kitchen wing. Decorative cast iron cresting encircled the flat cap of the main house's roof. The picture hints at a steeper original hip roof but this is probably the same roof which remains today. The Nielsen residency brought electrification, removed a rear stairway, eliminated a chimney and rebuilt another and added insulation. The present owner has just restored the front of the house, repairing porches and replaced four windows.

A painting from the Nielsen years shows a two stall garage northwest of the house (not included in this nomination). A rectangular barn (c. 1920) stands north of the house (also not included). The earlier drawing of the house shows barns, a windmill (still extant, not included) and other outbuildings north of the house. A lane from the public road to the south runs north just east of the house and intersects an east-west lane which goes north of the house. This approach is still used today. A wire fence surrounds the house yard. The house interior is very well preserved, featuring plaster ceiling medallions, in-grained doors, at least one stone fireplace and kitchen wainscoting.

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		
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Criterion B:	Social History, Notable local physician.	Contributing Resource Count: 1				
Specific dates	1881-1905	Builder/Architect	Unknown			

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Dr. Oscar Bryan Harriman (1836-1905) was a locally significant physician and community leader in Hampton, Franklin County, Iowa. His county-wide medical practice of nearly fifty years was accompanied by a broad range of leadership roles in local and state professional medical organizations. His political service centered on his role as the county democratic party leader, and included a host of elected offices and appointed posts. He operated a local drug store and built and operated the Harriman Opera House. His lengthy and productive career exemplifies local community leadership of this era. His home, which he occupied from 1881 until his death, is the only surviving building that can be associated with his productive life.

Dr. Harriman settled in Hampton in the spring of 1865, a graduate of Dartmouth and Bellevue Medical Colleges. He quickly rose to prominence locally within his profession, serving as the first president of the county medical association which organized in 1876. Harriman led the association until 1880 and the group dissolved soon thereafter. He participated in a number of state and regional medical organizations, including the Austin Flint Medical Society, the Iowa State and National Associations of Railway Surgeons, and the Iowa State Medical Society. In 1895 he served on the Iowa State Medical Examiners Board. He served ten years as County physician and one two year term (1875-76) as County Coroner. He was president of the Hampton board of United States pension examiners beginning in 1893. Harriman authored several minor medical articles including "Fracture of both Patellae at the same Time" (1881, The Medical and Surgical Reporter), "Diseases of Shell Rock Valley (not found)", "Skeleton Sketches of Prairie Practice" (not found) and "Twenty Years in the West" (not found). Harriman devoted his last few years to his medical practice.

W. R. Arthur's "Medical History of Franklin County" (Journal of Iowa State Medical Society, 32 (December 1912), 575-78) provides a complete listing of county physicians, thereby describing the professional context within which Dr. Harriman worked. The vast majority of physicians worked less than two years in the area before moving on. Of those who were of the same generation, who remained a comparable length of time, the following can be noted:

Dr. J. B. Galer (1821-85) worked his last twenty-five years in Hampton.

Dr. James Hutchins (1845-1912) arrived in Hampton in 1873 and remained there until his death.

Dr. H. P. Roberts (1828-1901) was in the county after 1882, but practiced mostly in Chapin.

Dr. T. H. Baker was an early physician and was still practicing as of 1883.

Dr. A. J. Hobson (1859-1926) practiced in the county beginning in 1892.

Dr. Louis E. Haecker (1863-1936) practiced forty-one years in the county, beginning in 1895.

Dr. J. C. Powers began his practice in 1899 and remained in practice as of 1942.

Dr. F. E. E. St. Clair (1876-1931) arrived in 1904.

Harriman was older than all but three of these. Harriman's first partner, Dr. John M. Pride remained only one year before leaving for Kossuth County.

Harriman was also locally a leader in commercial and political involvements. He founded the first drugstore in town by 1868 in partnership with brother H. A. Harriman. The firm was called "[O.B.] Harriman and [L.] Langstaff" for two or three years when Harriman changed partners. Advertisements in January and February located the drug store and his

9. Major Bibliographical References

Refer to continuation sheet 9-2.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 4 acres

Quadrangle name Hampton South

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The south 175' of the west one half of the northwest one quarter of the northwest one quarter of Section 33, T-92N, R-20W, Fifth P.M. Includes house and the east driveway, and the property located south of and east of the house. Excludes outbuildings.

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

State Historical Society of Iowa, Bureau of Community

organization Programs, Office of Historic Preservation date November 19, 1986

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

city or town Des Moines state IA 50310

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 David [Signature]

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer date 12/10/86

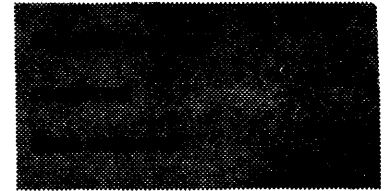
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature] Keoper of the National Register Entered in the National Register date 2/5/87

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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office in the same building on the east side of the courthouse square. Harriman's residence was then with Mr. E. S. Stiles, proprietor of the Phoenix Hotel. The drug firm was still in operation in 1896 under the name Harriman & Son, being operated by son J. Edwin Harriman. Harriman built the "Harriman Block" in 1878 on the corner of Main and Fourth (Lots 7-8, Block 13, southwest corner Federal and 1st Ave. N.E.), a two story building with four storefronts considered "then one of the most imposing structures in Hampton." Harriman's Opera House occupied the upper floor. The latter was "used for all purposes of amusement." That building was functionally replaced by the Windsor Theater in 1912 and burned c. 1945-46.

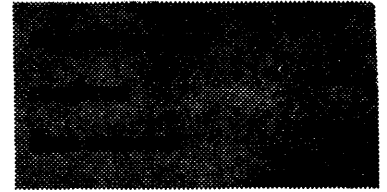
Harriman was an important town figure when the community incorporated in 1871, having at that time a population of six hundred. A description of the major entrepreneurs at that time included nine individuals or partnerships. This included Dr. J. A. Norton and Dr. O. B. Harriman, both druggists. Harriman served three terms as mayor of Hampton, 1877-79, the first to serve so long in that post. He was a council member, and in 1885 was appointed postmaster of Hampton by President Cleveland. This appointment was doubtless a reward for Dr. Harrison's unwavering fidelity to the Democratic Party, a minority politically in the county. Harriman's high point was his candidacy as an elector for the Tilden-Hendricks ticket. He attended the 1892 national democratic party convention. Harriman was one of the founders of the only democratic paper in the county, the Hampton Globe, and served for some time as senior editor. Harriman was elected president of the local Old Settlers Association in January 1901.

The Hampton Chronicle summarized Harriman's life:

"In his younger days he was a most popular physician and his practice made him a wealthy man. He has been closely allied with the Interests and growth of Hampton and has always been an extensive land owner and tax payer both in the municipality and the county."

The Franklin County Recorder called Harriman "One of the Best Known Physicians in the State" and described at length the hardships endured by the earliest area physicians. "In politics, Dr. Harriman was an uncompromising democrat. Notwithstanding this, he was several times elected a member of the town council and three times mayor of this city, which is and always has been strongly republican...[He] was universally recognized as the leader of his party in the county...and was nominated for the legislature and other offices as often as he would allow his name to be used, always running ahead of his ticket." Harriman was also a force to be reckoned with. "Dr. Harriman was a forceful man, with not only the courage of his convictions, but ready at all times to stand up and advocate them. He was born with able temper, and doubtless said and did many things that he afterwards, in his cooler moments, regretted."

Harriman was associated with a number of buildings in Hampton during his productive lifetime. His Opera House Block is non-extant (burned c. 1945-46). Another Harriman Block, located at 110-12 First Street N.W., is extant but lacks any direct linkage with O. B. Harriman. The block featured two storefronts, with inset stone blocks at each corner and flanking the central entryway bearing the names of two Harriman brothers, Henry A. Harriman (1844-1901), and Fred A. Harriman. One stone is gone and one is defaced so it is

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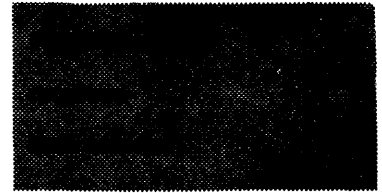
possible that Dr. Harriman's name was engraved on one of these. By 1901 the building was referred to as the "New Harriman Block". Second floor bay windows were added after 1907. A first floor doctor's office was there in 1892 and 1897 but other doctors are associated with that office as of 1901.

The 1875 Andreas Illustrated Atlas of Iowa located Harriman in Section 31, two miles west of town. There is other known documentation to support his residency at this point. The subject property, 26 10th Street Northwest, is in the northwest corner of Section 33. Dr. Harriman acquired this property effective August 4, 1881 along with forty-five acres (by 1875 Harriman already owned five hundred acres in the vicinity of Hampton). This was Harriman's residence until his death in 1905. His Franklin County Recorder obituary described the funeral which "...was held at his residence...The services were held on the spacious lawn, under the wide spreading branches of the trees that he had himself planted, and the thought came to us, that if the selection of a place for the gathering could have been made by him in his life time it could not have been more appropriately chosen." The house itself apparently predates Harriman's ownership but little is known about its origins. Harriman's address is consistently given as Fourth Street, east of Main between 1872 and 1882. This apparently refers to a different place of residency than the subject property. Harriman's house is remarkably similar in plan and style to a country house which was owned by his brother H. A. Harriman. The house was apparently remodeled in 1890 by Harriman, the inscription "W. P. Smith 1890 150 for H#" having been found on molding from the living room of the house. Smith was operating a local lumber yard as of 1881 in Hampton.

Following Dr. Harriman's death, the property's next owner was Henry Skow, a blacksmith, who resided there between 1908 and 1920. Christ Nielsen, then operated a dairy operation until the mid-1950's. That family still owns the property and built the dairy barn which still stands. The garage on the property is undated but postdates Harriman's period of ownership.

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Please make the following change to the verbal boundary description and justification of the Dr. O. B. Harriman House, 26 10th Street, Franklin County, Hampton, Iowa, National Register listing:

The west one half of the northwest one quarter of the northwest one quarter of Section 33. T-92N, R-20W, Fifth P.M. A 105' diameter circle, its center point being the center point of the house's interior. Excludes everything but the house.

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Keeper Beth Roland 3/27/89