

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Outagamie
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE NOV 19 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Whorton, John Hart, House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
315 West Prospect Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Appleton,      CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Eighth

STATE:  
Wisconsin      CODE: 55      COUNTY:  
Outagamie      CODE: 087

3. CLASSIFICATION

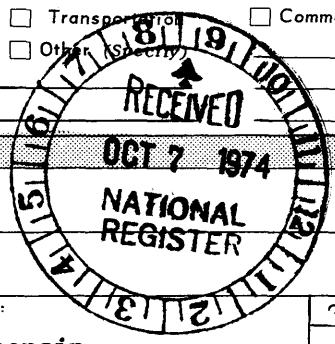
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public      Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Karl A. Schuetter

STREET AND NUMBER:  
315 West Prospect Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Appleton      STATE:  
Wisconsin      CODE: 55



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Outagamie County, Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
410 South Walnut Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Appleton      STATE:  
Wisconsin      CODE: 55

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Wisconsin Historical and Architectural Field Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:  
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Madison      STATE:  
Wisconsin      CODE: 55

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This High Victorian Italianate house was built in the 1870's. Its first known owner was John Hart Whorton, a wealthy Appleton lumberman and banker. The Whorton house is a two-and-one-half story house with a three-story tower. Constructed of cream-colored brick it is decorated with carved wood details. The front facade is asymmetrical. On one side of this facade is a two-story bay with a heavily corniced gable. There is a round attic window decorated with prominent stone keystones and raised bricks. The cornice is supported by elaborately carved wooden brackets. On the other side of the facade is a three-story bay, the third being a square tower with a flat roof visually supported by wooden brackets. Across the front of the house is a one-story porch supported by six wooden columns. The roof above overhangs and is decorated with dentils. Above there is a balustrade marked by posts topped with ornamental finials. The house has a wide variety of fenestration. The main entrance is through arched double doors. There are paired stilted arch windows to one side of the door and a single stilted arch window on the other side, all ornamented with hoodmolds.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Association with</u>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | <u>historically significant person.</u>             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Hart Whorton house was the home of one of Appleton's most influential businessmen and entrepreneurs. Whorton was born in New Brunswick in 1824. He had little formal schooling, having worked with his father as a lumberer from an early age. He settled with his brother in Wisconsin in 1855, and purchased land for timber. Later he constructed a saw mill which he and his brother operated until they had opened a larger mill near Grand Rapids in Wood County. In 1881 Whorton was an organizer of the Commercial National Bank of Appleton which he served first as vice-president and then as president. Whorton was also an important figure in the Ravine Paper Company and in the Fox River Paper Company. He was a trustee of Lawrence College, an important figure in the Methodist Church in Appleton, and a staunch Republican who had been a major supporter of Abraham Lincoln in his first presidential campaign.

Whorton's house is indicative of the wealth and position of its owner. It is finely designed and decorated with High Victorian elaboration. The variety of the decoration, the fine lines, and the beautiful detailing of the Whorton house make it one of the finest High Victorian houses in Appleton.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biographical Dictionary of Representative Men of Chicago and Wisconsin.  
Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1895, pp. 585-7.

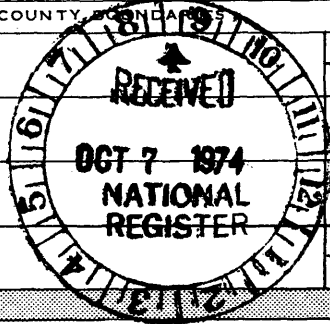
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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 AND TITLE:  
**Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of America**      DATE: **12 August 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison**      STATE: **Wisconsin**      CODE: **55**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National     State     Local

Name James Morton Smith  
**James Morton Smith**

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
**Director, State Historical Society**  
**of Wisconsin**

Date Oct. 1, 1974

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

Al Ruester  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/19/74

ATTEST:

Charlene Stant Engel  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11.15.74