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DATA SHEET

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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



Windrem House

AND/OR COMMON

Windrem-Green House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

604 Iowa Ave.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Iowa City

VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Johnson

CODE

103

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edwin B. Green

STREET & NUMBER

604 Iowa Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Iowa City

VICINITY OF

Iowa

STATE

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Johnson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Clinton Street

CITY, TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 Windrem House is a two-story dwelling of traditional plan and mass. The plan is rectangular, 35' x 24'. It is side-gabled, double pile, with two rooms on either side of a center hall, and with a five-bay front and two end chimneys. The house is set on a slight slope with the rear of the house built about 7-8 feet into the ground. The first floor is of limestone, the second of brick. The earliest known view of the house dates from 1895, and shows the front essentially as it is today, with wooden lintels (painted white or near-white) over windows containing 6/6 sash.

Formal front entrances are found on both stories, and consist of sidelights above panelled aprons, with no toplights, and, again, finished with wood lintels. The lower entrance is set within deep single-panel reveals. These remain unchanged except for the later replacement of the doors (the original door on the first floor would have been a stylish single or double panel, as indicated by the single panel of the reveals). The 1895 photograph shows a small wooden porch in front of the lower entrance with a balcony above. This has since been replaced by a longer, narrow redwood balcony supported in cast-iron brackets. The house in 1895 had no windows on the west side, and probably none on the east side.

The cornice is especially handsome and consists of a frieze board which misses touching the lintels of second-story windows, a cornice soffit well-hidden to create a line of deep shadow, a corona separated from the cymatium by a fillet. The cymatium is in the form of a generous quirk ogee. The cornice itself is returned along the sides; the frieze board is not.

Various changes were introduced as part of a 1941 remodelling. The two chimneys were rebuilt, and windows were cut in the west wall. Other than these minor changes, and the change in balcony form, the house remains essentially as it must have looked originally.

The original plan of the interior was two rooms to each side of a central hall, on both floors. The present disposition is: first floor, central hall with study and furnace room to the left, and dining room and kitchen to the right; second floor, central hall with two bedrooms on the east and one large living room on the west (part of the 1941 remodelling). The staircase, originally extending from the front of the house to the back, was reversed in 1941. The following interior features are still intact: original oak wide-board flooring on the second story; original wainscoting in the dining room, and two early mantel pieces (fireplaces on the east side of the house were removed).

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	
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<input 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 ca. 1850

BUILDER/~~ARCHITECT~~ William Windrem

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Windrem House is one of the few remaining houses from the earliest period of Iowa City, which was chosen in 1839 as the location of the Iowa Territorial capital. The house is most interesting for the fineness of its exterior detail, and for the unusual variations on traditional elevational schemes and use of materials.

William Windrem was born in Ireland, and came to this country in 1830. He learned the carpenter's trade in Ogdensburg, New York. Windrem came to Iowa City in 1842, and worked on the construction of the first territorial capitol building. In 1845, he purchased land in the town, and shortly thereafter began work on this house. The interior carpentry is probably Windrem's own work, with the stone- and brickwork of the exterior done by other local craftsmen.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Edwin B. Green

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

604 Iowa Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa

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

Edwin B. Green

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

1/17/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Wm. H. ...

DATE

9/13/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles ...

DATE

9-2-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER