

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

Leander Reeve House

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

SE of Hampton on IA 134

STREET & NUMBER

US134

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hampton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Iowa

VICINITY OF  
CODE

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burkley

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Geneva

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 50633

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Franklin County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hampton

STATE

Iowa

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Windshield Survey

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Div. Historic Preservation, Iowa City IA

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Leander Reeve house was built about 1855, and is believed to be one of the oldest extant houses in Franklin County. It is located in a rural area south of Hampton, the county seat, at the junction of two county roads. It has been vacant for many years, and has suffered vandalism and neglect.

The house has dimensions of approximately 26' x 32'. It is 1½ stories on a full basement, with foundation and exterior walls of rubble limestone. The front gable roof (reshingled in 1962) has a rather shallow pitch, and narrow wooden cornices. A single chimney is centered on the roof ridge.

The front (west) elevation is three bays wide, with main entrance to left of center. There are two windows in the attic story. The north side is divided into four bays, with an entrance in the second bay leading into the kitchen area at the rear of the house. The south side has another kitchen entrance, with a window to the left. The east (rear) facade is similar to the front, but has no entrance. The southeast corner wall has disintegrated, leaving a rather large hole. Window and door lintels are oak, window casings walnut. Replacement 6/6 d.h.s. windows were installed in 1962, but many are now broken. Doors are pegged oak.

Interior walls have light wood members, covered with lathe and plaster. The kitchen area occupies most of the rear half of the house, with a small room (pantry) in the southeast corner. At the front, the main entrance opens directly into a large square room. The southwest corner has two small rooms, one of which contains the staircase to the attic story. The upper floor has one large room at the rear, and a small square room at the northwest corner.

Since last fall (1978), there has been increasing local interest in the possibility of repairing the building and finding something useful to do with it. The question of profitable use for the house will be difficult to answer, due to its rural location. For some years, the County Conservation Board held title to the property, but this group was unable to maintain it. It has since reverted to private ownership.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Leander Reeve

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The simple form, straightforward use of local materials, and age of the Reeve house place it in a significant category of Iowa's architectural resources: the stone structures built by early settlers in mid-19th century Iowa before brick or milled lumber became readily available. There are relatively few such houses remaining in the state; but, wherever found, they display a directness and simplicity which make them distinctive in the Iowa landscape. The Reeve house is forthright in its use of local materials: limestone from area quarries, native oak and walnut. The stone is uncut, the wood lintels are simple slabs, and doors, window casings and cornices are plain. The house is nicely proportioned, with some thought taken in the arrangement of the front and rear elevations, and in the easy access via doors on each side. In form, and in the arrangement of the front facade, the house suggests the Greek Revival (although wholly lacking the detail characteristic of this style) -- perhaps a reflection of the builder's youth in Ohio's Western Reserve.

Leander Reeve came to Franklin County in 1853, following his brother, James, who arrived here the previous fall. They were among the first permanent settlers in this county. According to local tradition, Leander Reeve built this stone house about 1855, but, as his wife Harriet was unhappy with life in Iowa, the Reeves returned to Ohio in 1858. Other members of the Reeve family remained in the state, and contributed to the early development of Franklin County.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Vol. 1, pp. 81-91.  
 Foster, Mrs. J.E. (ed.) Franklin County History, 1852-1970. Franklin County  
 Historical Society, 1970, pp. 18-22, 93-98.  
 "Incidents in the Life of Leander C. Reeve", mss., n.d. Franklin County Historical  
 Society, Hampton, Iowa.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.43

QUADRANGLE NAME Waterloo, Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:250,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 486600 4724700

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet

## 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

M.H. Bowers, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market Street

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

DATE

April 1979

TELEPHONE

319/353-6949

STATE

Iowa 52240

# 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Adrian A. Anderson*

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

5/8/79

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

*William H. Brannan*  
 ATTEST: William H. Brannan

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7-17-79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

7-13-79

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing at the center of intersection of North and South Road (formerly known as Road No. 10) and State Highway No. 134, running thence East along center of State Highway No. 134, 134 feet, thence south 140 feet, thence west 134 feet to the Center of North and South Road (formerly known as Road No. 10), thence north to the place of beginning, containing 0.43 of an acre, more or less, being a part of Lot 1 in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23-91-20.

