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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
Honey Creek Friends' Meeting House
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER SW of New Providence

CITY, TOWN New Providence VICINITY OF 5
STATE Iowa COUNTY Hardin
CODE COUNTY CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Honey Creek-New Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN New Providence VICINITY OF STATE Iowa 50206

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

CITY, TOWN Eldora, Iowa STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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

This Quaker meeting house was built in 1916, to replace a much older wood frame structure, that was also used as an area school.

The meeting house is constructed of clay tile, with exterior walls veneered in brick. The basement area above grade is faced with a brick slightly lighter than that of the structure proper. The main gable is oriented north-south, with an intersecting front gable on the east side. A smaller gable is set asymmetrically at the outer corner of the north and east gable ends. The latter small gable, supported on square brick piers, shelters the main entrance. Behind it rises a short square belltower with crenellated parapet and pairs of elliptical arched openings on each side of the bellchamber. The small gable on the north side covers a secondary entrance and vestibule.

The meeting room or sanctuary is illuminated on north, south and east by larger, segmental arched openings with semi-circular ordered arches, into which are set (in groups of three) 9/1 double hung sash windows flanking a slightly larger 15/1 d.h.s. window, the three grouped beneath a multilight transom. All other window openings are simply rectilinear.

The main entrance consists of a pair of panelled doors, each with a semi-circular light at the top. It opens into a vestibule and stairhall (the sanctuary is a few steps above the level of the entrance) that in turn leads into the meeting room proper. This room occupies most of the main floor area, with lectern and readers' platform located in the SW corner. A room off the east (situated beneath the east gable) was used for additional seating.

In the basement are a large assembly room, restrooms, classrooms and kitchen. A 1950's addition to the basement provided more classroom space across the west side.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

1916

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Honey Creek Friends Meeting House is locally significant as an unusual application of the Craftsman style to an ecclesiastical structure. Reflections of this generally residential style are seen in the asymmetrical arrangement of open gables, and in the treatment of the wide eaves with their plain, triangular brackets. Only the crenellated belltower suggests the religious function of the building. This discretion is appropriate in a Quaker church, since the Society of Friends has traditionally eschewed the use of religious iconography in its meeting houses.

The building was erected in 1916, replacing an older (c. 1860) wood frame meeting house. Ernie Moon, a local builder, was responsible for construction. The provenance of the design is unknown, although church records indicate that "two architects from Marshalltown" presented plans for structures costing \$6000 and \$8000 to the building committee in May, 1916. Of interest in this respect is the Bangor Friends' Church in Marshall County (adjacent to Hardin Co. on the southeast) that also dates from early in the 20th century. In the Bangor church, the Craftsman idiom is very diluted, finding expression principally in the roof shape and eaves treatment of the main block and entrance vestibule -- but the similarities are interesting.

The Honey Creek Monthly Meeting was first organized in 1852, by a group of Friends originally from Yadkin County, N. Carolina. They arrived in Hardin County in 1851, and the preparative meeting, at which the Monthly Meeting was established, took place in the fall of the following year. The first meeting house was a log structure, erected in 1854. It was replaced, after a fire in 1859, with a 32' x 48' building that, with various subsequent additions, was used until 1916. In 1967, the Honey Creek and nearby New Providence Monthly Meetings merged, and a new meeting house for the Honey Creek-New Providence Monthly Meeting was opened in 1973. The 1916 Honey Creek meeting house is now used only for special events.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Honey Creek Monthly Meeting Minutes, and Minutes of the Iowa Yearly Meeting, Oskaloosa.
History of Hardin County. Chicago: Union Historical Co., 1883.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Waterloo, Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:250,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 4,8,4 5,5,0 4,6,7,7 4,0,0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Commencing at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 21 in Township 86 N, Range (20) W of 5th PM., Hardin County, Iowa, running thence 16R West, running thence 15R South, running thence 16R East, running thence 15 Rods N., to place of beginning.

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

M. H. Bowers, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historical Preservation

DATE

September, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa 52240

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

Adrian S. Federspiel

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

December 3, 1979

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

Carol D. Stull
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2-8-80

ATTEST: *William H. Bradham*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 2.4.80