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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

Machek, Robert, House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1305 North 19th Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Milwaukee

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

STATE

Wisconsin 53205

___ VICINITY OF

CODE
55

COUNTY

Milwaukee

CODE

079

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

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nasgowitz

STREET & NUMBER

1305 North 19th Street

CITY, TOWN

Milwaukee

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 53205

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Milwaukee County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

901 North 9th Street

CITY, TOWN

Milwaukee

STATE

Wisconsin 53233

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Volume II: The Inventory

DATE

1971

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

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

Designed and built in c. 1893-1894 by a gifted immigrant Viennese wood carver, Robert Machek, this two-story residence can only be called eclectic in style. In her Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory form of April 15, 1968, Mary Ellen Young (Page 1) states:

In style the home defies categorization, for on exterior and interior Machek employed motifs borrowed from Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and even Oriental design. It is a wood-framed structure, treated with wood strips simulating half-timbering on the south, east, and west elevations and shingled on the north side. Doorways, windows, vergeboards, porches -- all are abundantly ornamented with abstract and representational carvings; and ornamental woodwork, intricate and intriguing, abounds on the interior as well.

The house is in an excellent state of preservation, due largely to the restorative work which the current owners began as soon as they acquired the property in 1964. The exterior retains essentially its original appearance. Interior alterations are minimal and consist largely of installation of electricity and central heating, and conversion of the original pantry space into a bathroom. Otherwise most of the interior has undergone painstaking restoration over a considerable period of time.

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 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 1893-1907¹

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert Machek

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Machek house is significant in Milwaukee because it not only reflects a direct European influence on the architecture of the city² but is also singularly unique and "notable for the charming individuality of its design, the intricacy and fine craftsmanship of its ornament..."³ Zimmerman calls it "The only house of its kind ever built here..."⁴ Its designer-builder was a skilled wood carver from Vienna who "had been a distinguished craftsman in his native Austria and in 1884 had received the Silver Medal from the King of Serbia, Milan I, for exceptional service rendered to the Crown in work done on the Royal Palace at Belgrade."⁵

The Machek house's inclusion in the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS No. WIS-250) further attests to its architectural significance. It was designated an official Milwaukee Landmark in 1968.

1. Young, Mary Ellen
2. Perrin, Milwaukee Landmarks, 77
3. Wietczykowski, Mary Ellen, and DeHaas, John, HABS Data Report
4. Zimmerman, The Heritage Guidebook, 125
5. Perrin, op. cit., 77

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic American Buildings Survey [WIS - 250], Inventory and Data Sheets, 1968-1969 (Pagel, Mary Ellen), "The Machek House," Wisconsin Architect, XXXIV:24-26 (April, 1966)
 Perrin, Richard W. E., Milwaukee Landmarks, (Milwaukee, 1968), 77-78
 Zimmerman, H. Russell, The Heritage Guidebook: Landmarks and Historical Sites in Southeastern Wisconsin, (Milwaukee, 1976), 125

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded by limits of Nsgowitz lot at northwest corner of North 19th Street and McKinley Boulevard.

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

Donald N. Anderson, Historian & Registrar, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

3 September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608/262-0746

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

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

Richard E. Curney

TITLE

Acting Director
 State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

4/25/77

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

Donald M. Greenberg

Actg

DATE

10-28-77

ATTEST

Charles D. Shull for Charles H. ...

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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