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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89002105

Date Listed: 12/27/89

Hotel Hurst  
Property Name

Jackson  
County

IA  
State

Maquoketa MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Beth Boland*

Signature of the Keeper

*12/27/89*

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Item # 8: Significance:

Architecture is an area of significance.

The period of significance is 1897.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Hotel Hurst (Hotel Delmonico)  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number 227 S. Main  not for publication  
city, town Maquoketa  vicinity  
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52060

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural & Historical Resources of Maquoketa, IA  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 11/1/89  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Bureau of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet. Bob Boland 12/27/89

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet. \_\_\_\_\_

determined not eligible for the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_

removed from the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_

other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Hotel

COMMERCIAL/Restaurant

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Hotel

COMMERCIAL/Restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Second Empire

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation limestone

walls brick

roof asphalt shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Constructed in 1897, the Hurst (Delmonico) Hotel is a three story brick building with a mansard roof, situated on the east side of Main Street at the south end of the business district. The building measures 56' x 110'. It has a symmetrical facade with a "colonial style" portico. Windows on upper floors of the facade feature decorative cast hoodmolds, while those on the side and rear elevations have brick patterned hoods. A pressed metal bracketed cornice is located just below the mansard roof which originally was capped with iron cresting (non-extant). Some alterations have been made to the first floor windows on the facade, but these changes appear to be reversible.

No architect has been identified for this building, but it is the only example of commercial Second Empire design in Maquoketa. The style and scale of the building add to its significance in the community.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Commerce

Period of Significance  
1870-1897

Significant Dates  
1897

Cultural Affiliation  
N.A.

Significant Person  
N.A.

Architect/Builder  
Builders: Wm. Hancock & W.P. Thomas

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Hotel Hurst is significant under criterion A as the finishing touch to the "Boom Years," and under criterion C because it is a fine example of Second Empire design.

The Delmonico Hotel Company was formed by a group of local businessmen for the express purpose of constructing a first class hotel. The growth of the city, the number of business travelers coming through, and the local need for a fine dining place, led to the decision to build. This hotel represents the last major construction which took place in Maquoketa's downtown during the "Boom Years," that period following the arrival of the railroads in 1870 and the designation as county seat in 1873. The hotel effectively closed off commercial development at the south end of Main Street, establishing the boundary of the business district.

The style and scale of this hotel both speak to the enthusiasm that was felt in the community at the time. The newspapers were full of information, and speculation, during the construction. A two column article heralded the opening of "A Hostelry of Which Our City May Well Feel Proud." Just as the Decker House had exemplied the finest in current design when it was built early in the "Boom Years" (1876/77), so the Delmonico represented the finest at the close, in 1897. The Second Empire style was considered appropriate for an elegant hotel, a "commodious and magnificent hostelry."

The hotel never lived up to original expectations financially, and in 1907 it was purchased by Alfred Hurst and the name changed. Evidently it experienced a number of problems over the years, because in 1915 it had another owner, and when the centennial edition of the newspaper was published in 1938, yet another owner. In all cases however, the articles always stressed the comfortable lounge, reading room, and

9. Major Bibliographical References

Articles of Incorporation of the Delmonico Hotel Co., of Maquoketa, Ia., adopted March 25, 1896, filed April 20, 1897.
Maquoketa Excelsior, May 13, 1897, p.4, c.1
May 17, 1897, p.2, c.3
June 24, 1897, p.4, c. 1&3
July 12, 1897, p.2, c.5
August 5, 1897, p.5, c.3
December 9, 1897, p.5, c.3
December 30, 1897, p.5, c.4&5
March 13. 1903, p.2, c.3
January 6, 1905, p.2, c.2
Our Magazine, (Holiday Edition), 1915, p 47
Jackson Sentinel, Souvenir Editions, 1838-1938, and 1854-1954.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

- Primary location of additional data:
State historic preservation office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other
Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

UTM grid forms A, B, C, D with Zone, Easting, and Northing columns.

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Verbal Boundary Description

O.P. S 8' Lot 4 & all Lot 5 & N 10' Lot 6 Blk 20
Sec 19 T84N R3E

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes lots historically associated with the building.

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11. Form Prepared By

Form with fields for name/title (Molly Myers Naumann), organization (City of Maquoketa), date (March 1989), street & number (167 W. Alta Vista), telephone (515) 682-2743, city or town (Ottumwa), state (Iowa), zip code (52501).

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promoted the dining room for individual meals and as the meeting place for Rotary, etc. The Hotel Hurst was definitely a hub of the community.

Architecturally the hotel is significant as a good example of Second Empire design. It must have been an architect designed building, though no information has been located to prove this. The style and scale are not what you would normally expect to find in a relatively small county seat town, even one experiencing the "boom" that Maquoketa had been going through.

The building continues in use as a hotel today, but with a number of permanent residents.