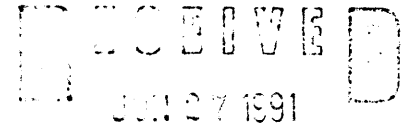


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

NATIONAL  
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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 Henry Taubman Residence  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location 303 East Pleasant

street & number 303 East Pleasant  not for publication  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	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</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.

*Doreen*  
Signature of certifying official  
State Historical Society of Iowa  
State or Federal agency and bureau

6/19/91  
Date

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

*Beth Boland*

8/9/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-Nineteenth Century

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Greek Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

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walls weatherboard

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roof asphalt shingled

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other 

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two story wood frame residence sits on a large lot (105'x180') in the middle of the block, on the south side of East Pleasant Street. It is approximately three blocks east of the Main Street business district, in a residential neighborhood. It is located in the quarter section that originally belonged to John Goodenow and his wife Eliza. The house is a two story rectangle, gable end to street, with a single story side wing to the east. The three bay facade features a central door (no sidelights or transom), cornice returns, and pilastered corners. Originally a small porch ran across the front of the side wing. A historic photograph is available showing the original design, including exterior shutters, and a picket fence. No date has been established for the photograph.

It appears that the major alterations to this house have been the loss of the porch and shutters, and the installation of new windows (though these are the same size and shape as the original six over six). A detached garage is located on the southwest corner of the lot. The neighborhood remains residential in character.

This house is one of five Greek Revival residences extant in Maquoketa. All are of wood frame construction, and all feature entrances on the gable end. Two of the five are located on West Platt, and have been altered by the application of new siding. The other three (including this one) are in southeast quarter of town, and are basically unaltered.

**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)  
Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance  
c. 1854  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates  
c. 1854  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation  
N.A.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person  
N.A.

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

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

This residence is significant under criterion C because it is a good vernacular example of Greek Revival design from the 1850s. It represents one of the earliest extant houses built in Maquoketa during its early growth period (between settlement in 1838 and the arrival of the railroads in 1870).

This residence at 303 East Pleasant is significant as one of five extant vernacular Greek Revival houses in Maquoketa. All of these houses share characteristics from the popular Greek Revival style, but in each case, these elements have been applied to a simple vernacular design. This house at 303 East Pleasant is of wood frame construction, two stories tall with gable roof, and a single story wing to the east side. The three bay facade on the gable end features a central door, sans sidelights and transom. Cornice returns and pilastered corners are major Greek Revival characteristics. Though the railroad had not yet arrived, the cornice returns and pilasters may have been mass produced elements which were brought in by wagon. This house is a very simple example of a vernacular Greek Revival residence that should be maintained, both because it represents an early structure in Maquoketa's history, and because it is a good example of its style and period.

Two of the other Greek Revivals are located nearby at 213 East Pleasant and 111 East Maple, and two are located on West Platt (503 and 707). The two houses on Platt must be considered ineligible due to alterations. The two nearby houses are also being nominated to the National Register as part of this Multiple Property nomination.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Abstract of Title, Lot 2, Blk 11, Goodenow's First Addition.

Historic photograph collection, Jackson County Historical Society.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**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**

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

Goodenow's First Addition, Block 11, Lot 2.

City of Maquoketa

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

This is the area historically associated with this residence.

See continuation sheet

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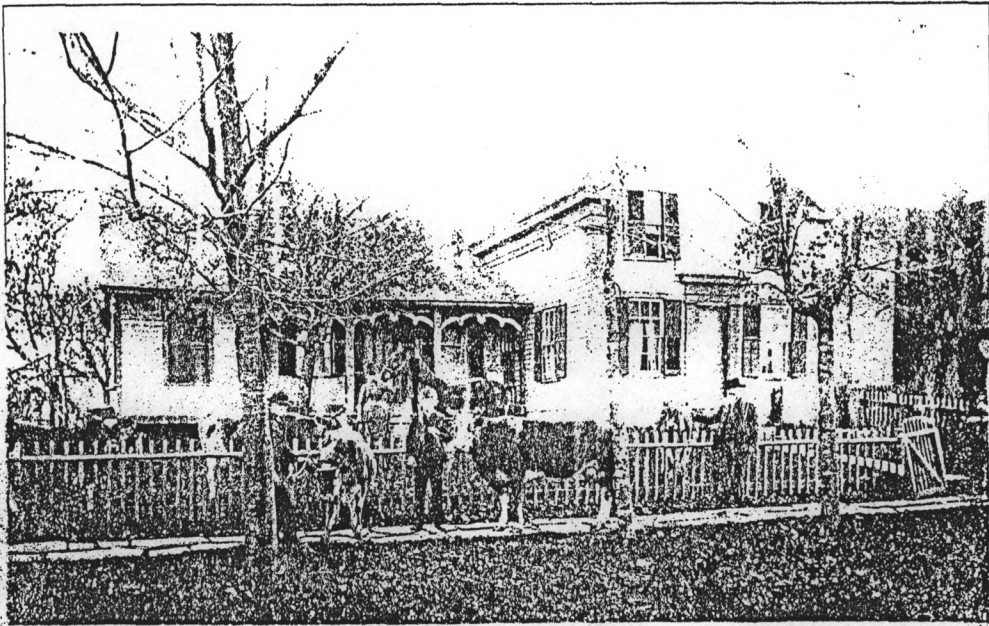
city or town Maquoketa state Iowa zip code 52060

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*303 East Pleasant*

Historic view of Henry Taubman residence.  
(Both photographer and date are unknown.)

Note small boys with cows along fence,  
and young woman with horse in front yard!

Photograph courtesy of Jackson County Historical Society.

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Research indicates that the house was probably built originally for Henry Taubman. Taubman arrived in Maquoketa in 1850 and purchased the property at 303 East Pleasant in 1853. In the 1854-1904 Sentinel Souvenir, an article about his son Lee Taubman said, "the subject of this sketch was born on what is known as the Taubman homestead on East Pleasant Street, March 15th, 1859....." This provides the most concrete date of construction for any of the Greek Revival houses, sometime between 1853 and 1859. Henry Taubman established himself as a merchant tailor, and was engaged in that business for decades. Sometime during the late 1850s or early 1860s Taubman had constructed for his business the original Taubman Block at 110-112 South Main. This building, along with the Rhodes Block and Young Block, were known collectively as the Excelsior Block. The 1875 Andreas Atlas spoke glowingly of this commercial complex. The original Taubman Block collapsed in 1919 and was rebuilt almost immediately.