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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

I.O.O.F. Hall

AND/OR COMMON

Garnavillo Lodge Hall

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Centre Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Garnavillo

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Clayton

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

Garnavillo Historical Society, c/o Arnold Roggman

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Garnavillo

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 52049

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clayton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

This two-story, front gable frame building was erected in 1860, by the local Odd Fellows chapter. A few years later, an addition was made to the south end, lengthening the building by about 12 feet. There is a solid stone foundation under the original three-quarters of the building, while the rear is supported on short stone "piers". The standing-seam metal roof has a brick chimney at the southwest corner.

The main elevation (approx. 20' across) features a triangular pediment with louvred fanlight in the tympanum, and corner pilasters. The central entrance has two doors and is flanked by single 2/2 double hung sash windows. There are two 9/6 d.h.s. windows at second floor level, between which is the Masonic emblem.

The west side has two windows on the first floor. On the east side, toward the rear, are three doors, each opening into a separate room. The rear elevation features partially returned cornices and a louvred fanlight, two second-floor windows and a single window on the first floor.

The first floor contains one large room (the dimensions of the original building) used as the public library and community center for many years. It has plaster walls (now panelled) and a dropped ceiling. At the southeast corner of this room is a small vestibule, opening onto the staircase to the second floor, and a small room occupying the rear of the building.

Three-fourths of the upper floor forms the lodge hall, which features a coved plaster ceiling. A platform, about 8" high and 3' wide, runs around three sides of the room, and is furnished with chairs from which lodge members viewed ceremonial proceedings in the center. The rear portion of this floor contains the staircase and two small rooms.

The lodge hall is located on the south side of the town square, with residential area to the west and commercial structures to the east. On the west side of the square is the former Congregational Church, built in 1866 (NRHP 27March1977).

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 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The I.O.O.F. Hall at Garnavillo is a very nice example of Greek Revival architecture, a style which is relatively uncommon in Iowa. (Iowa settlement began at the height of the Greek Revival's popularity, but most of the state's remaining architecture expresses later 19th and 20th century styles.) Principal features of the hall are the triangular pediment and corner pilasters of the main facade. The building is also noteworthy as a very early fraternal hall, and the lodge room on the second floor appears to have retained much of its original character, thus contributing substantially to the building's significance.

The I.O.O.F. lodge at Garnavillo was first organized in 1850. It was reorganized in 1860, apparently for the purpose of erecting a meeting hall for the organization's own use and for that of the community at large. The first floor housed the Garnavillo Union library, and was the site of numerous community gatherings. The IOOF members met in the upper, ceremonial room, which as was (and is) typical of many fraternal organizations, was never open to the public. In 1936 the local Masonic order purchased the building (the Odd Fellows having disbanded). The Masons substituted their own emblems for those of the Odd Fellows, but otherwise left the lodge room intact. The Garnavillo Historical Society purchased the building in 1976, and will maintain it as a museum.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clayton County Journal, 3/9/1855; 2/27/1860; April, 1864.
100F Lodge Records, now in Garnavillo Historical Society Museum, Garnavillo, Iowa.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Garnavillo, Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 6440810 47474710
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The East 51 feet of Lot 8, Block 12, Original Town Plat of Garnavillo, Clayton Co. IA

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

DATE

April 1979

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market Street

TELEPHONE

319/353-6949

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa 52240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

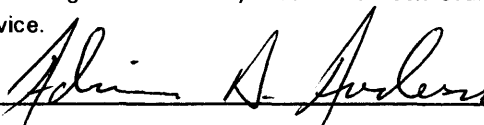
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL 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



TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE 5/1/79

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

Charles A. [Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6.18.79

ATTEST: William H. Brannan
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

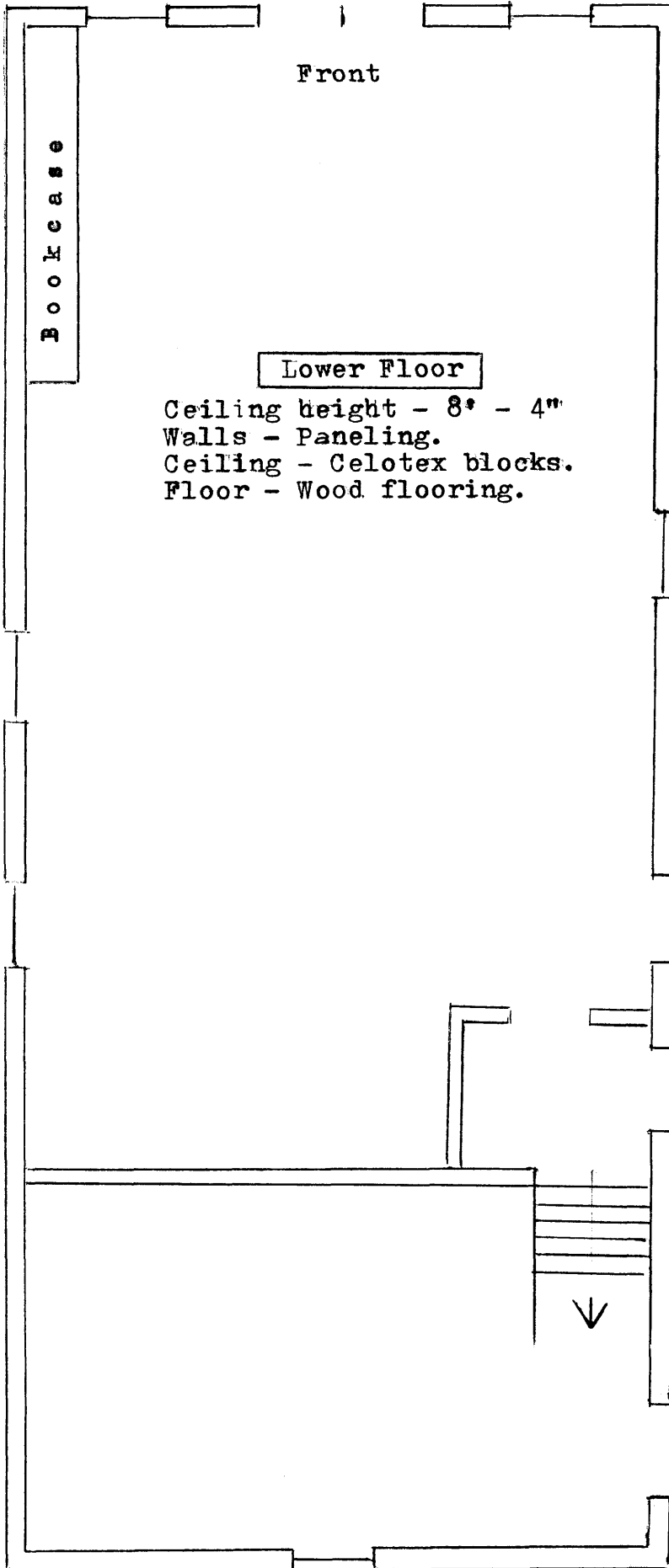
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LODGE HALL
Garnavillo, Ia.

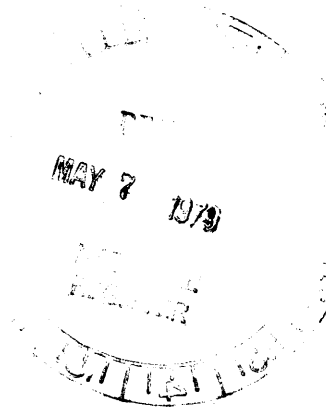
Built in 1860 by the Oddfellows, later owned and used by Masons.

Outside
Measurements
20½' x 48½'

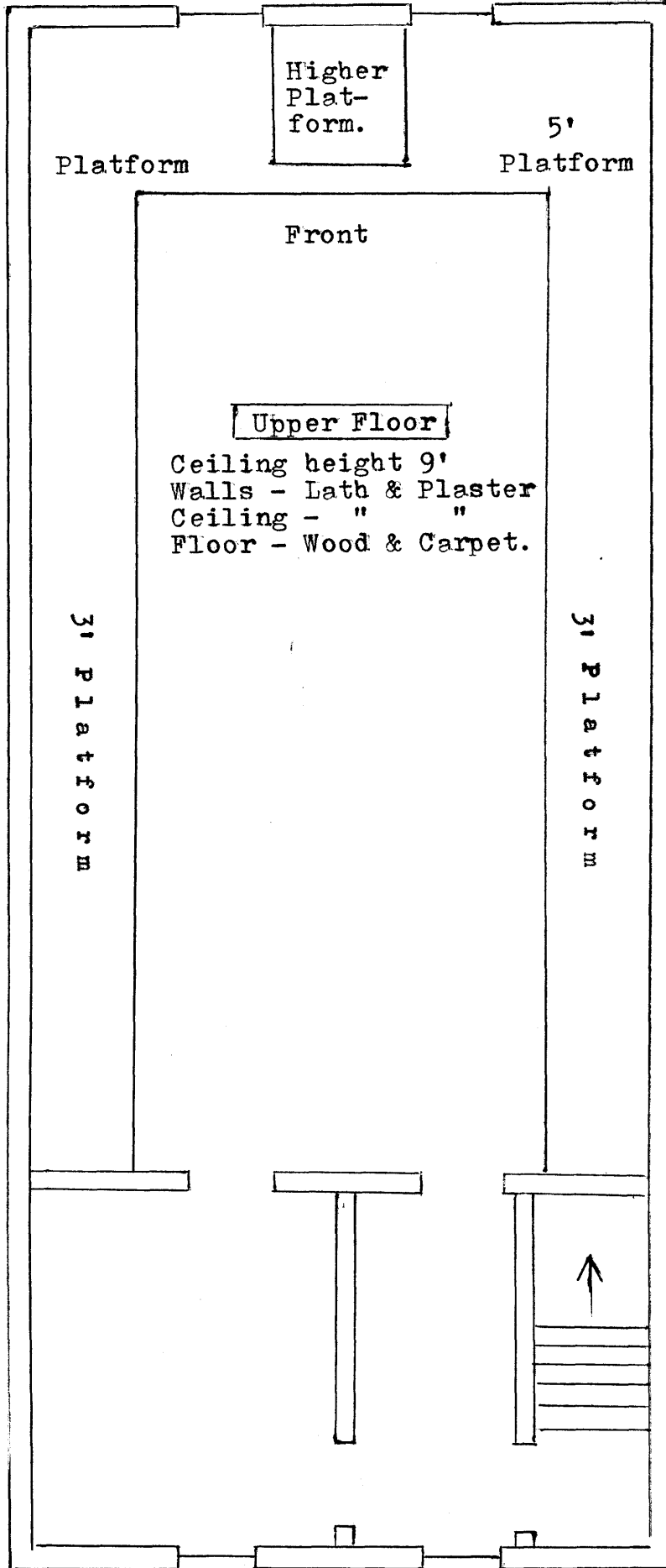
On Center St.
Lot 8, Blk. 12
Facing the City
Square.



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L O D G E H A L L
Garnavillo, Ia.



Outside
Measurements
20½' x 48½'.

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The platforms along each side are lined with chairs, this is where the members sat. The officials were seated on the front platform.

