

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Plough Inn

historic Paunack House

and/or common Plough Inn (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 3402 Monroe Street not for publication

city, town Madison vicinity of congressional district Second

state Wisconsin code 55 county Dane code 025

3. 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Roland Stebbins

street & number Four Winds Manor, 303 South Jefferson Street

city, town Verona vicinity of state Wisconsin 53593

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dane County Courthouse

street & number 210 Monona Avenue

city, town Madison state Wisconsin 53709

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Designated Madison Landmark has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date November 3, 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records Madison Landmarks Commission

city, town Madison state Wisconsin 53709

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Plough Inn is a sandstone and brick structure that has been covered with stucco. The part of the dwelling that faces Monroe Street is brick, while the back part, which is nestled against the slope of Copeland Avenue, is sandstone. The house is two stories high with a gable roof and a partially exposed basement. The gable end faces south toward Monroe Street. Originally this side contained the main entrance, which was reached by a wide, wooden, roofless porch. This doorway has been converted into a window. A below-grade doorway that still exists led to the basement, which was the taproom for the inn. Today the main entry is near the front of the house on the west side. Also on that side is a sun porch added in the early twentieth century. Greek Revival elements in the house include returned eaves and a shallowly-hipped roof. The shuttered windows are double hung with flat lintels. The northeast corner of the house is cut off at an angle corresponding to the property line at the time the house was constructed. Behind the house is a frame garage that is not significant to the nomination. The side yard to the west is a pleasantly overgrown area of flowers and trees.

The interior is simple in design. In a long hall which extends from the entrance to the back of the brick section is the stairway, which appears to have been enclosed in the twentieth century. In the large parlor at the front of the house are two built-in china closets and the original wide plank floor. A hall lined with shelves, and a bathroom, both added later, separate the parlor from a large room in the center of the house which extends the width of the building.

In the late 19th century the parlor was a common room for the inn. The floor in this room has been covered with narrow plank flooring, and a large fieldstone fireplace was also added. Behind this room is the kitchen, which has been remodeled extensively through the years. The kitchen door is an elaborately carved and paneled antique from Brittany that the Stebbins family added. The first floor and basement are now an antique shop, while several smaller rooms upstairs serve as residential quarters. As time and finances permit, the current owners intend to restore the house, which has suffered some deterioration, especially of the plaster and brick walls.

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4. Ms. Rita Wlodarczyk
409 Nichols Road
Madison, Wisconsin 53716

6. Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places
1973
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Madison

State

Wisconsin 53706

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 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 checked="" 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 1853; 1858¹ **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Plough Inn is a significant remnant of Madison's early development. Serving pioneer farmers, traveling businessmen and legislators, Civil War soldiers and city visitors, this was one of several such inns that once dotted the fringes of Madison. But most of these pioneer buildings were demolished as the city expanded into the countryside.

The two major early roadside inns remaining in Madison are the Plough Inn and the Old Spring Tavern (NRHP 1/21/74) just down the street. Both were built in the early 1850s and are vernacular brick buildings with elements of the Greek Revival, a style once common in Madison but now very rare. Both houses were built as residences and quickly converted to inns as the number of travelers on the newly improved Madison-Wiota Road increased.

The Plough Inn, in addition, is constructed partly of local sandstone. This material was used extensively in the finest of Madison's 19th century buildings, many of which have been lost. The stone portion of the Plough Inn was built in 1853 by Frederick and Amelia Paunack, natives of Saxony, Germany.

Paunack emigrated to America in 1849, living in Baltimore until 1852 when he arrived in Madison. A stone cutter by profession, he immediately found work here in the university buildings and later the state capitol. After a few years he had saved enough money to purchase a stone business which he actively maintained until his death in 1876. The quarry for Paunack's business was located somewhere on what is now University Avenue near Ridge and Harvey streets--Quarrytown--where several stone structures remain to this day. There is reason to presume that the stone for the house, however, was quarried locally on the site of "The Glen." The oral tradition that surrounds the creation of the park and the existence of exposed rock faces in an unusual topographic arrangement seem to support this judgment. The Paunack family continued to be prominent throughout the 19th century with interests not only in the stone business but in architecture and banking as well.

The property was conveyed briefly to a Thomas Griffiths, who held it between February, 1855 and September, 1857, at which time the house became the property of John Whare, listed as a tavernkeeper in the 1860 census. He had a wife, Isabella, and four children: George, May, John and William. It was during Whare's ownership that the building acquired the name "Plough Inn." During his ownership Whare improved the building; a substantial rise in his assessment occurred in 1858, presumably the year of the brick addition.

The inn fronted directly on the Madison-Wiota Road, constructed as an access road from the State Capitol to the southwest and improved by authorization of the legislature in 1851-52. It was also near the route of the St. Paul Railroad tracks that would be laid beginning about 1854. In fact, census tracts for 1855 for the Town of Madison in the area of Plough Inn lists a household of 21 males headed by "John Dooling rail road." Another establishment in the neighborhood apparently indicates booming activity, for one house-

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 0.15
Quadrangle name Madison West, Wis. **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED** Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	6	3	0	1	7	1	0	4	7	6	9	4	1	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Bounded on the south by Monroe Street; on the east by Copeland Street, and on the north and west by the lot lines of the parcel.

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 Katherine H. Rankin, Lance Neckar, and John O. Holzhueter

organization Madison Landmarks Commission date January 2, 1980

street & number 351 West Wilson Street telephone 608/266-6552 (Rankin)

city or town Madison state Wisconsin 53709

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Richard M. Mancy

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin date 2/27/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for W. Ray Luce date 5/29/80
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin T.O. Connell date 5/28/80

Chief of Registration

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hold headed by Jonathan Witherby (Killoughly?) housed eight males and twelve females-- an unusual proportion. During Whare's ownership through 1865, the area was one of considerable popularity among both the local and traveling populace, including the men in blue encamped nearby.

In later years the house was occupied by the Roland Stebbins family. Mr. Stebbins was a University professor and a painter.

¹Dane County Tax Rolls

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Revised verbal boundary description as furnished by the Madison, Wisconsin, City Planning Department 05-05-80:

"SEC 28, T7N, R9E, PRT NE 1/4 COM E COR OF LOT 7 BLOCK 5 GLENWOOD
THE SELY 20 FT TO POB TH CONT SELY 149.9 FT TO NW LN MONROE ST TH
SWLY ALG S D ST 125 FT, TH NVLY PARA to GLENWAY 150 FT, TH N 47
DEG 38 MIN 1."

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