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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  
\*\* C.S.A. (Czecho Slovakian Association) Hall

AND/OR COMMON  
The Preucil School of Music

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
524 North Johnson Street

CITY, TOWN  
Iowa City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
One

STATE  
Iowa

COUNTY  
Johnson

CODE  
103

### 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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:

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
William and Doris Preucil

STREET & NUMBER  
317 Windsor Drive

CITY, TOWN  
Iowa City

STATE  
Iowa

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Johnson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
Clinton St.

CITY, TOWN  
Iowa City,

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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The C.S.A. Hall is a red-brick, two-story structure that shows some influence of the nascent colonial revival style. It measures 72' x 42', and has a stone foundation and stone decoration on the facade. A small, one-story portico of the Roman ionic order covers the main entrance. The loss of a balustrade from the roof of the porch has been the only exterior change. The hipped roof is covered in standing seam metal roofing, and is terminated by a classical cornice, except at the corners where the slightly projecting corner pavilions have a decorative brick parapet that extends above the cornice line.

The upper floor is one large assembly room with a balcony at one end and a stage at the other, lighted by semicircular-arched windows. The vaulted ceiling has wood paneling, the floor is yellow pine. The downstairs contains an assembly room, studio, waiting room with kitchen facilities, ticket office and washrooms. Floors here are of hard maple.

Wainscoting throughout the structure is pine, with a dark, reddish-brown finish. The walls are of lathe and plaster. Original furnishings include 3 tables, approximately 150 hardwood chairs, one potbellied stove (non-functional), cabinets in the kitchen and library.

Restoration, begun in 1974, includes replastering and refinishing, new heating plant, and electrical fixtures appropriate to the period of original construction. The upper floor will be restored for use as a concert hall.

# 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 checked="" 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 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

1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure was originally built as a meeting place for the Czechoslovakian Protective Society (later Czecho Slovakian Association). This local association was organized in 1882 by Czech immigrants to Iowa City, who lived almost exclusively in the north and northeast parts of town. The C.S.P.S. offered its members assistance in time of need (illness, death), and also maintained a busy calendar of social, cultural, educational and gymnastic events. The lodge and meeting hall was host to plays, poetry readings, concerts, instruction on American laws and customs -- in effect, functioning as a center of community activity for newcomers to a strange land.

The building's location reflects its importance: it is adjacent to a public park, and is a focal point of the residential Old Bohemian District, which even today retains much of its early character.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Weber, Irving B., "How's Your Building I.Q.?", Iowa City Press Citizen, 12/26/73  
 Informal Interviews with officers and members of C.S.A. Lodge, 1975: Nora  
 Novotny, Mary Ludwig, Libby Novy, Milo Novy, Frank Zeman, John Hors, Will  
 Hayek

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	6, 2, 2, 6, 5, 0	4, 6, 1, 3, 6, 7, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: William Preucil (co-owner)

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: August 1975

STREET & NUMBER: 317 Windsor Drive TELEPHONE: 337-2558

CITY OR TOWN: Iowa City, STATE: Iowa

# 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: Adrian W. Anderson

TITLE: Director, Div. of Historic Preservation DATE: 4-22-76

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

NATIONAL DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST: [Signature] DATE: 11/9/96

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE: 4/1/76