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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 ** Hardware Building
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 223 Mill Street
CITY, TOWN Wadena VICINITY OF Second
STATE Iowa COUNTY Fayette CODE
--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input 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 checked="" 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 H.R. Johnson
STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 849
CITY, TOWN Monroe VICINITY OF North Carolina 28110 STATE

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fayette County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN West Union STATE Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
--- FEDERAL --- STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hardward Building is a two-story rectangle (26' x 54') of coarse rubble limestone on a slightly raised basement. The gable roof is covered with sheet metal.

The front facade was originally covered with limestone. This has been replaced by brick at the second floor level, but dressed limestone laid in ashlar bond remains at the sides on the first floor. The cornice on this "false front" is of patterned brick. A brick chimney toward the right rear has been shortened and a modern extension attached.

Window treatment varies. Second floor windows on the front are semicircular arched with limestone hoodmolds bearing keystones and 6/9 lights. Windows on the sides of the building (on the second floor and basement levels only) are segmental arched, either filled in or having 6/6 lights in a double hung sash.

The first floor front, with entrance and display windows, is unaltered from the original design. Two large windows of 9 lights each flank the door, which has sidelights and a rectangular transom of four lights. Also flanking the entrance are two square, slender wood columns with capitals suggesting the Corinthian order. The entrance is reached by concrete steps (originally wood).

The interior has been altered several times since construction, but the basic plan is one large room in the basement and on the first floor, while the second floor (reached by a stairway at the rear) is partitioned into a number of smaller rooms. The ceiling on the first floor is board-and-batten, and both levels have wood floors.

A metal lean-to has been attached in recent years to the back of the building, and is used for storage.

The Hardware Building is located on the main street of this small (pop. 237) town.

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 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 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hardware Building is very typical of small-town late 19th-century commercial architecture, with its multi-paned display windows, and false front. It has housed a variety of commercial and public enterprises since its construction. Originally, a saloon was located in the basement, a hardware store on the first floor, and a storeroom on the second. Later, the Post Office and local telephone exchange found quarters here. At all times, the Hardware Building was a focus of community life and informal social activity. It is now unoccupied, but local plans are to make it a combination museum, community hall and recreation facility.

Names associated with the Hardware Building are Frank Talcott, his partner, Dye, and John Kennedy. Talcott and Dye also owned and operated a mill in the vicinity of Wadena. Frank Gehring is said to have owned the building in the early 1890's, and to have traded the building for Frank Talcott's farm in 1892.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wadena History (private printing). (1972)
History of Fayette County, Iowa (1858)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 6, 0, 9 7, 5, 5 4, 7, 4, 3 6, 8, 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
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

Marjorie Knox

ORGANIZATION

Wadena Bicentennial Committee

DATE

February 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Wadena

STATE

Iowa 52169

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 D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

1/12/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

W. M. ...

DATE

2/15/77

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles ...

DATE

5-8-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER