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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Thaddeus Binford House

and or common City Federation of Womens' Club

2. Location

street & number 110 North 2nd Avenue not for publication

city, town Marshalltown vicinity of

state Iowa code 019 county Marshall code 127

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: fraternal

4. Owner of Property

name City Federation of Womens' Club

street & number 110 North 2nd Avenue

city, town Marshalltown vicinity of state Iowa 50158

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Marshall County Courthouse

city, town Marshalltown state Iowa 50158

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

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 Thaddeus Binford House (1874, 1888) is a good local example of the Italianate stylistic influence. Particularly noteworthy are the ornate paired brackets and modillions which support a broadly projecting eavesline.

The Binford house combines the Italianate influence with a basically symmetrical plan, that of a rectangle (60' x 45') with matching side wings on each side. The two story brick house has a hipped roof and central chimney. The house has a cut stone foundation, surmounted by a broad stone water table. Elaborate windows are arranged on three sides of the house, from one bay facade to the other. These consist of paired rounded Italianate openings, which are joined by a molded stone flattened elliptical arches with side brackets. Stone sills are supported by plain square stone inlays which are in line with the sides and the center formed by the window grouping. First floor windows are floor length in keeping with the style. A similar hood is above the front door and fanlight. A wide elaborately ornamented frieze with a dentil band supports large paired brackets which, on the main building mass, are alternated with paired modillions to support the eaves. Single rectangular windows of identical scale with flat stone sills and lintels or segmental brick arches fill in the rear walls of the house.

Corner verandahs, single story on the southeast corner, two story (only first indicated as such in the 1931 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map) in the southwest corner, flank the south wing. These feature carved posts and candelabra-type brackets which support the porches. A row of closely spaced modillions underscore the porch cornice lines.

The following alterations have been made to the main house: an attached brick single story carriage house with segmental arched doors and windows and bracketed frieze and cornice (constructed between 1884 and 1888) now has a wood screen in front of its original entrance, a chamfered bay was added to the first floor of the south wing (between 1884 and 1888), the two story corner porch appears to have been added between 1921 and 1931, the original double front door has been replaced, the original metal roof was replaced by 1888, any original roof cresting or treatment is lost, and a handicap access ramp (1982) and some poor tuckpointing work are more recent changes.

The house is located on the east end of a large lot (95' x 180') in north central Marshalltown. It is the only early brick house in the immediate area and one of several in the entire town. Historically the house has stood between a prominent school reserve to the north (a junior high school) and mixed commercial uses to the south (including a major livery complex which occupied the southwest quarter of the same block which functioned as late as 1921). The original carriage house on the property was replaced after 1888 and before 1894 by a building which served as a garage as late as 1931 (not included in nomination, insufficient information available).

Inside the house, a curved cherry wood staircase, and a parquet floor in the dining room are notable surviving elements. All other woodwork has been painted.

# 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** 1874, 1888      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Thaddeus Binford house is a good local example of the Italianate stylistic influence, being particularly noteworthy for its ornate paired brackets and modillions which support a broadly projecting eavesline.

Thaddeus Binford (1849-1917), Marshalltown attorney, came to that city in 1864. His family occupied a small frame house on this site until 1872 when that house was demolished and this house eventually constructed. This house was completed in 1874. Mr. Binford helped organize the Fidelity Savings Bank, the Marshalltown Telephone Company, and was a director of the Pilgrim Hotel Company. A daughter, Jessie Binford, met the noted Jane Adams of Chicago who was a guest in this house. She worked each summer at Hull House until 1906 when she became a full time worker there. She was executive director of the Juvenile Protective Association from 1916 until 1952, and directed Hull House following Jane Adam's death. Jessie Binford died in Marshalltown in 1966. The Binford family, represented by Thaddeus' widow, Angelica, was still occupying this house as late as 1923. The City Federation of Womens' Clubs currently occupies the building.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Refer to Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Marshalltown

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

A 

1	5	5	0	7	4	9	0	4	6	5	5	2	3	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

E 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

F 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

G 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot One (except the westernmost 50') and all of Lot 2, Block Two, in the plat of the town of North Marshall, Marshalltown, Iowa. This includes only the house and attached carriage house, excludes garage and garage addition.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N.A. code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date 8 December 1983

street & number Historical Building  
E. 12th & Grand Ave. telephone 515-281-8152

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50319

# 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 A. Andersen

title Executive Director Iowa State Historical Department date 8 December 1983

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

Joel Alous Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 1/12/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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