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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
** College Hall
AND/OR COMMON

Alexander Dickman Hall

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
East Clark (200 block)

CITY, TOWN
Fayette
STATE
Iowa
VICINITY OF
Second
COUNTY
Fayette
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second
CODE
1-5

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Upper Iowa University, now known as Upper Iowa College
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Fayette
STATE
Iowa
VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Assessor's Office, Fayette County Court House
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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alexander Dickman Hall is a simple dressed-stone building which shows the influence of several architectural styles. The three story structure is nine bays long and three bays deep, and shows the simplicity of the neo-classical style. Openings are evenly spaced with an arched doorway at the middle of the front facade. Palladian windows, showing the influence of the Federalist style, appear above this doorway, and the tripartite arrangement is topped at the roof by a pedimental rise of the facade. The windows are six-over-six double hung sash windows with simple slab lintels and sill. The eaves of the roof are supported by brackets and cornice of an Italianate design. A single stone course divides the first and second floors. The roof bears a domed and louvered, square-in-plan cupola.

The interior of the structure has undergone major revisions through the years, and little of the original wall material is even exposed. The exterior of the building was restored and the interior renovated in 1963. As a result, the facade and cupola are in excellent condition, but the original room arrangement, wall and floor materials have been altered. Also, a review of an undated historic photograph shows that certain openings may have been altered in size and location. Chimneys of brick were removed and a metal statue was placed atop the cupola. It is not know at this point how closely these changes conform to the 1857 appearance of the structure. The exterior changes, however, do not result in the denial of the overall simple style of the building.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Alexander Dickman Hall is architecturally significant as one of the largest and best preserved native stone buildings still in use in Iowa. As the first and only building of Upper Iowa University for many years, it was also crucial to the early settlement and growth of Fayette.

The first settlers came to Fayette County in 1840, settling southwest of Fayette. Westfield was laid out in 1851 and Fayette in 1855. The construction of Alexander-Dickman Hall was begun in that year, and according to the County History, "the presence of strangers in town engaged in erecting the college building stimulated the formation of a stock company to build a hotel." From the time the building of the University was assured, the development of Fayette as a market place and trade center of the county was steady, and its main competitor, Westfield, faded from existence.

Not only has Upper Iowa University helped the people of Fayette commercially, but culturally as well. The County History of Fayette County stated in 1910 that "the environments of the University have brought people to the town for the better education of their families, and few, indeed, are the citizens of the place who have not at some time attended this institution of higher learning."

Alexander Dickman Hall has been variously known over the years as "Old Sem", "Old Main", and "College Hall", although it was officially designated Alexander-Dickman Hall in 1963. Alexander was the man who first put up the money to build the college, and Dickman served as President in the 1920's.

The building itself was completed in 1857. School opened in January of that year with four faculty, making it one of the earliest colleges in Iowa. For many years it was the only structure on campus, providing housing for the president and students, classrooms, a museum, and a library. It now serves to house administrative offices and some classrooms.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Fayette County, 1878
 The Palimpsest, March, 1965. State Historical Society, Iowa City, Iowa
 Pamphlet, Rededication of Alexander Dickman Hall, 1963
Past and Present of Fayette County. B.F. Bowen and Co., 1910.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	590780	4740340	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
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Harold E. Kamm, Director of Institutional Advancement

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Upper Iowa College

22 August 1973

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Campus

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Fayette

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 A. 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

ATTEST: *[Signature]*

DATE 11/7/96

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11/2/76