

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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

C. D. Hulburt House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1205 - 13th Avenue

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Wisconsin

CODE

55

COUNTY

Green

CODE

045

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
\_\_\_ STRUCTURE  
\_\_\_ SITE  
\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
\_\_\_ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
\_\_\_ IN PROCESS  
\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE  
\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL  
\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT  
\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
\_\_\_ MILITARY  
\_\_\_ MUSEUM  
\_\_\_ PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS  
\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
\_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Richard H. Trainor

STREET & NUMBER

1205 - 13th Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Green County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1976

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

## CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In the French Second Empire style, this small (36' x 36') house is located on the southwest side of Monroe. In plan, the house is divided into three sections, a rectangular main (southeast) block with the front entrance facing east, a north wing and a west wing. It is one-and-one-half stories tall with the attic story tucked behind the bell curved mansard roof. The roof is covered with reddish asphalt shingles. According to a previous owner, small cedar shingles fishtailed together in an ornate design composed the original roof. The second story is lit by dormers with flat hoods and windows the scalloped round arches of which are echoed by similar wood decoration on the sides of the dormers.

The first story has cream brick walls pierced by windows with stilted round arches and stone impost blocks and keystones. Under a similar arch, the front door is round arched with side lights and a transom which are also capped by round arches delicately carved of wood. The original etched and colored glass in and around the front door has not survived, but the original brass hardware and door bell are in working order. To the right of the door, in the north wing, is a three-sided brick bay with a mansard roof. In the crook of the ell formed by the north and west wings is a wide frame porch which was screened in the 1920s. A similar porch on the south side of the west wing was enclosed at the same time and now serves as the kitchen.

The original kitchen was in the basement under the main block. The ground slopes downward to the south exposing a high stone basement and allowing outside access from the kitchen by a door on the south side of the house. The original kitchen room remains, devoid of its furnishings. A cistern in the basement which originally held water draining off the roof also remains but has been filled in. The original stairs, simple in design with a large, gracefully turned newel post, lead to the first floor under the main staircase which is tightly curved around a spirally-fluted column. Delicately attenuated banisters, a heavy, turned newel post, and wainscoting with maple inset panels trim the walnut staircase. The stairway is so narrow that upstairs furniture has to be brought in through the dormer windows.

The stairway is in the central hall which widens at the entrance, where the floor is parqueted of walnut and oak (the floors in the rest of the house are all of hardwood, including oak and bird's-eye maple). A Victorian lantern with ornate foliate designs wrought in metal lights the hall. To the left is the living room which features a massive fireplace composed of marble and four kinds of wood with a mirrored overmantel. The windows, as in most of the house, have molded black walnut surrounds. Across the hall are a bedroom and a bathroom which occupy the space of the former dining room. The dumb waiter remains as a closet in the bathroom. The west wing is one large room which now serves as a family-dining room. On the second floor are three bedrooms. Interior doorknobs are of white porcelain.

Hulburt planted many exotic trees on his lot. Of these only a huge ginkgo in front of the house and a Chinese tamarack in the backyard are still alive.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    1878<sup>1</sup>

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hulburt house is a fine example of the French Second Empire style as interpreted for a prosperous small town businessman.

Chauncey D. Hulburt was born in Onandaga County, New York in 1829 and moved with his family to Green County, Wisconsin in 1847. In 1852 he married Sara Searles and settled in Albany where he engaged himself in carpentry and operated one of the early sawmills in the county. In 1865 he sailed from Boston, on the "City of Boston," on a voyage around the world. Local legend states that Hulburt found inspiration for his unusual house plans on this trip.

In 1874 Hulburt settled permanently in Monroe where he engaged in lumbering. It is probably because of his profession that Hulburt's house, which he built in 1878, displays such a variety of woods simply but elegantly worked.

The Hulburt house is among the finest of the Victorian houses in Monroe, a city known for its 19th century domestic architecture. It is the only example of the French Second Empire remaining not only in Monroe, but in all of Green County.

<sup>1</sup>Tax records for the City of Monroe, in the collections of the Area Research Center, UW-Platteville.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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History of Green County, Wisconsin, Springfield, Ill., 1884, p. 975.  
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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/3 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Monroe, Wis. - Ill.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

North 100 feet of the East 154 feet of Block 6, Russell's Donation, City of Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Orene Lamboley

ORGANIZATION

Woman's Club of Monroe

DATE

October, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

1703 Lake Drive

TELEPHONE

608-325-4531

CITY OR TOWN

Monroe

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

# 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

*Richard Hervey*

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

3/9/79

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

*Charles A. ...*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 ATTEST: *Mary B. Franklin*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

5-8-79

DATE

5-3-79

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