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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Iowa	
COUNTY:	Mills	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Pony Creek Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
NE 25th Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Vicinity of Glenwood

STATE	Iowa	CODE	19	COUNTY:	Mills	CODE	129
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mills County Conservation Board--Public and Private

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood

STATE: Iowa

CODE: 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of County Recorder, Mills County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Glenwood

CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood

STATE: Iowa

CODE: 19

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

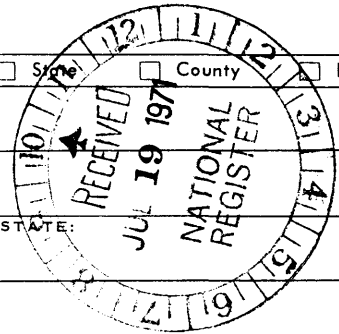
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pony Creek Park, with its prehistoric house sites, is located on a wooded portion of loess bluffs along Pony Creek in the vicinity of Glenwood, Mills County, Iowa

A gravel road passes the park entrance, providing easy access from Interstate 29 and Highway 34.

The park was constructed following State and Federal guidelines and is equipped with picnic tables, recreational equipment, a pressure water system, sanitation facilities and overnight camping areas. A resident custodian provides constant maintenance.

The appearance of the park area has been little altered from what has been reconstructed as its prehistoric appearance. The forest cover, largely oak-hickory forest community types, is in keeping with early historic accounts of the natural vegetation.

The aboriginal house sites are presently unmarked, but their locations have been determined.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The archaeological significance of the Pony Creek Park rests upon the existence of two, and possibly more, prehistoric earthlodge sites within the confines of the park. These house sites, identified as components of a Central Plains Tradition community, are the only examples of such houses presently located on public property where they might be preserved and protected, and perhaps serve as the basis for an interpretive center for the archaeology of this region. There are no compact villages during this phase of the Central Plains Tradition; houses were irregularly distributed over the landscape. If attention is to be properly directed to this significant prehistoric cultural unit, which once occupied the Missouri Bluffs in Iowa, it must be on the basis of one or two house locations. Pony Creek Park is located in the center of the only area in southwest Iowa where archaeological investigations have been conducted. It would be very appropriate to designate the park, with its prehistoric house sites, as an area included in the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Anderson, Adrian D. The Glenwood Sequence. Journal of the Iowa Archaeological Society, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 1-101, Iowa City, Iowa. 1961
2. Brown, Lionel. Pony Creek Archaeology. Smithsonian Institution Bureau of American Ethnology River Basin Survey Papers No. 5 (New Series) Washington, D.C. 1965

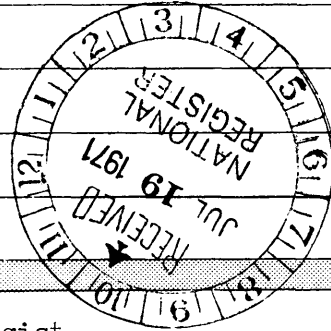
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	41°	4'	24"	95°	47'	26"						
NE	41°	4'	24"	95°	47'	06"						
SE	41°	4'	15"	95°	47'	06"						
SW	41°	4'	15"	95°	47'	26"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **53**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Adrian D. Anderson, Assistant State Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION: Office of State Archaeologist DATE: 17 July, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
129 S. Capitol Street

CITY OR TOWN: Iowa City STATE: Iowa 52240 CODE: 19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: William J. Petersen

Title: Supl. State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Ia

Date: July 19, 1971

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

James A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:
William J. Hueston
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

NW 15/265 670/4550 400
 SE 15/266 070/4549980
 SW 15/265 670/4549990
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