

DATA SHEET

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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

W.H. Tedford House (Poston House)

AND/OR COMMON

Poston House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

312 S. West Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Corydon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Wayne

CODE

185

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

Heirs of Kathryn B. Poston, c/o T.C. Poston (executor)

STREET & NUMBER

Box 403

CITY, TOWN

Corydon

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 50060

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wayne County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Corydon

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

This house is a late 19th century residence in the bracketed Italianate style. Foundations and outer walls are brick, with a stone water table. The mass consists of a 24' x 32' main block and a 15' x 20' rear kitchen wing, both two stories high. On the north side is a protruding, two-story rectangular bay fully 16' wide. On the south is a much smaller, single-story polygonal bay window, with small bracketed pentroof. A dominant feature is the porch, extending the full length of the front (east) facade and wrapping around the northeast corner to meet the east facade of the two-story bay. That portion of the porch on the north side has been screened. The porch, supported on slender, chamfered posts, is highly decorative, with spindle balustrade, pendant brackets and "frieze" with perforated designs.

The main facade is three bays wide, with entrance to the right of center. Segmentally arched window and door openings feature molded metal keystone hoods and narrow sills. The eaves of the hipped roof, with a deck balustraded in wrought iron, have paired pendant brackets and widely spaced modillions. The cornice "frieze" is simply brick painted white. There are small, blind triangular roof dormers on east and north sides, in which decoratively-incised panels take the place of windows.

A two-story frame addition was made to the southwest corner in 1918. It is sheathed with narrow clapboards and has a flat roof with wide eaves, directly below which is a band of five rectangular windows. The outer entrance to this addition is flanked by pairs of double hung sash windows which share a narrow cornice and flat surround.

The main entrance opens directly into the stairhall, with dining room (in the rectangular bay) at the end. A large living room occupies the west side of the main block. Kitchen and laundry facilities are at the rear. There are four bedrooms on the second floor. The upper floor of the 1918 addition is a sleeping porch.

There is a small, hipped-roof frame garage near the southwest corner of the house, which does not contribute materially to the significance of the property.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tedford house is a well-preserved example of late 19th century vernacular Italianate residential architecture. It is highly typical of houses of this style in Iowa, with its low, crested hipped roof, rectangular form with protruding bays, and prominent veranda. The house displays a good variety of exterior ornamentation: bracketted cornices, large window hoods, and elaborately detailed woodwork of the porch, which is perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the house.

The house is believed to have been built in 1887, for W.H. Tedford, a then-prominent attorney in this county seat town. Tedford was born in Tennessee in 1844, and with his parents came to Louisa Co., Iowa in 1851. He served three years in the Civil War, rising to the rank of captain. He returned to Iowa to attend Grandview Academy in Louisa Co. (no longer extant), and then went on to obtain a law degree at the University of Iowa. He moved to Corydon in 1869 and established a law partnership with Lewis Miles that lasted until 1879. From 1891 to 1901 he was a justice of the district court. After Tedford's death in 1917, the house was sold to Eugene E. Poston, a local farmer, businessman and politician, and has remained in the Poston family since that time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biographical and Historical Record of Wayne and Appanoose Counties, Iowa. Chicago: Inter-State Publishing Co., 1886, p. 300
 Obituary, W.H. Tedford, in Annals of Iowa XIII (January 1922), p. 237.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Centerville, Iowa; Missouri

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:250,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 | 4, 7, 2 | 7, 0, 0 | 4, 5 | 1, 1 | 6, 0, 0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Commencing at the southeast corner of Block 1 in Clark's Addition to the Town of Corydon, Iowa, running thence north 114', then west 160' then south 114', then east 160' to place of beginning, comprising the south 34' of lot 5 and all of lot 8 in said Block 1; and also commencing at a point 160' west of the southeast corner

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES (see continuation sheet)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.H. Bowers, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market St.

TELEPHONE

319/353-6949

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa 52240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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 2/8/79

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

for *Charles A. ...*
 ATTEST: *William H. Brashers*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 2-30-79

DATE

3-28-79

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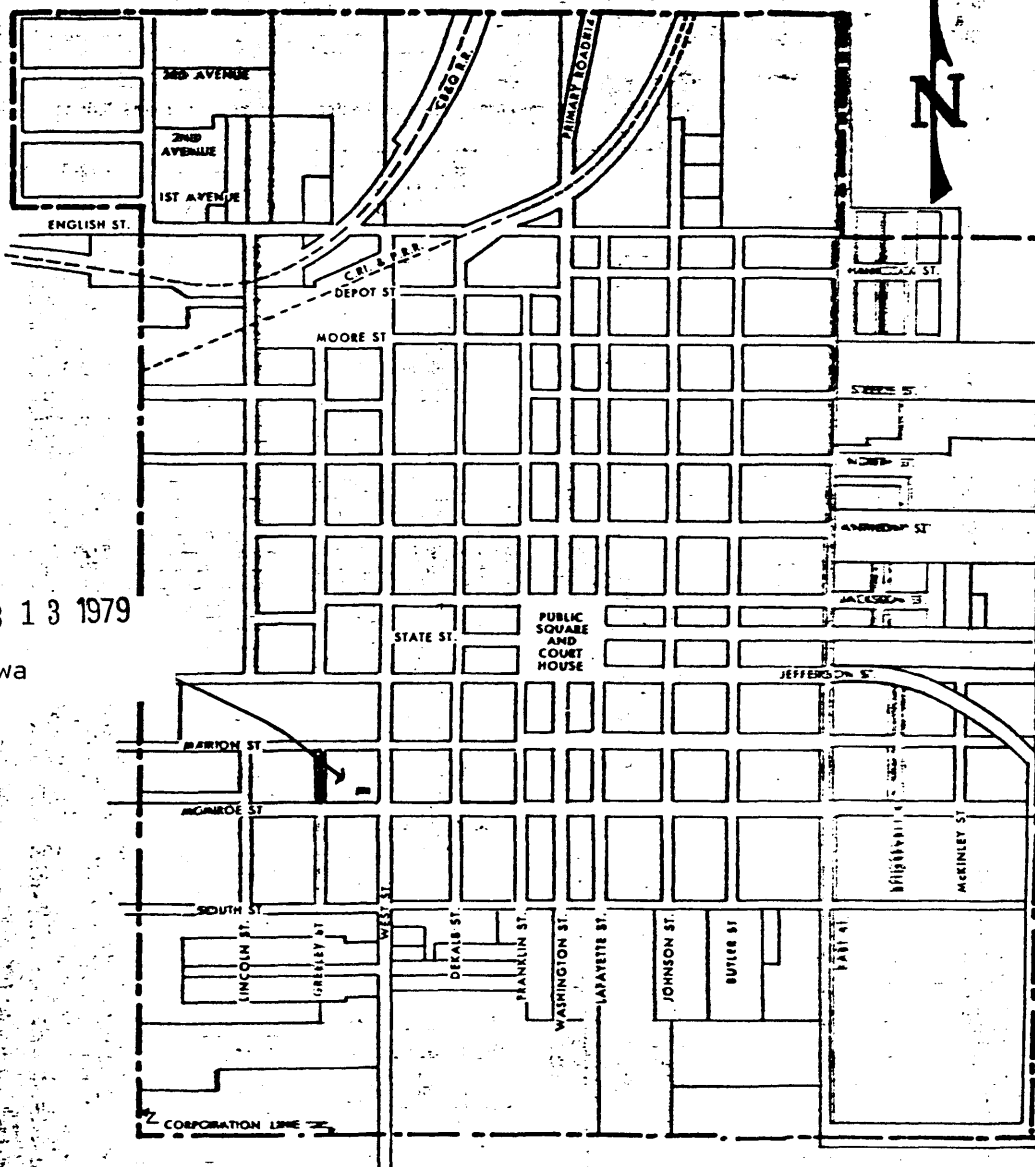
W.H. Tedford House, Corydon, Wayne County, Iowa

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of Block 1 in Clark's Addition to the Town of Corydon, Iowa, running then north 114' , thence west 20' , thence south 114' , thence east 20' to point of beginning.

CORYDON



W.H. Tedford House
Corydon, Wayne Co., Iowa

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