

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney Herald, 1900
 Harvey, William Hope. Coin's Financial School

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

28-2500			450-7800		
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

W.P. Cowden, President

ORGANIZATION

Nishna Valley Bank

DATE

4 April 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Riverton

STATE

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 D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE

April 14, 1976

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

Clayton K. Kistner

DATE

10/22/98

ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

10-20-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Riverton Chautauqua Pavilion is significant primarily because of its relationship to a particular economic/political cause at the turn of the century.

In 1897, William "Coin" Harvey, noted "money crank" of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and political ally of William Jennings Bryan, put up \$500 toward the construction of the Riverton Pavilion to provide an "encampment" for his newly founded group, the Patriots of America. This political fraternal order was open to members of all parties. Lodges were to have their own ritual, as in other national fraternal orders, and Harvey even envisioned a women's auxiliary to be called the Daughters of the Republic. Harvey explained that the order would "give us the finances for a national campaign against the money power". Its secrecy and required pledge that members must vote in conformity with majority decisions were intended to foil "cunning and unscrupulous enemies" from working within the ranks.

It was decided to experiment with building a structure to house encampments of the Patriots. Fremont County, having the greatest number of P. of A. organizations of any county in the country (according to the Sidney Herald of 1900), was selected as the best location for such a structure. The city park was leased for ten years, and encampments, featuring noted "free silver" advocates, were held 1897-1900.

The Patriots of America apparently died out within a few years, but the Riverton Pavilion continued to be used by the community. Over the years, it has been used for summer Chautauqua shows, Sunday school and church services, school graduations and May Day services. Riverton citizens are currently working on repairing the old pavilion as a Bicentennial project.

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

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The Riverton Chautauqua Pavilion, built in a decagon, is on the highest ground in the city park. It is 70' in diameter and 35' high in the center. The roof is supported by two rows of red cedar posts planted four feet into the ground. Three posts support each of the ten roof segments, resulting in an arcade effect.

The building is nine feet high at the eaves, and is so constructed that it can be enclosed in canvas when necessary. It has an elevated platform of wood and a cement floor. The roof is of broad conical design, covered originally with wood shingles and now with green asphalt shingles.

Except for roof repairs, the pavilion stands as originally constructed.

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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 *Mr*
Chautauqua Pavilion
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
~~Lot 1527~~ *IA 42*
CITY, TOWN Riverton VICINITY OF Fifth
STATE Iowa COUNTY Fremont CODE *071*

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Town of Riverton
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Riverton VICINITY OF STATE Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Fremont County Recorder
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Sidney STATE Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL