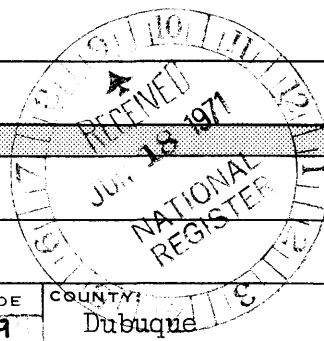


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE: IOWA
COUNTY: Dubuque
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ENTRY NUMBER: 71-6, 19, 0001
DATE: 6/23/71

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON: DUBUQUE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
AND/OR HISTORIC:



2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 720 Central Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque
STATE: Iowa CODE: 19 COUNTY: Dubuque CODE: 061

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNERS NAME: Dubuque County, Iowa
STREET AND NUMBER: 720 Central Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque, STATE: Iowa CODE: 19 52001

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dubuque County Recorder
STREET AND NUMBER: 720 Central Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa CODE: 19 52001

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: Dubuque, Iowa, Original Survey of City Lots 286, 287, 288
DATE OF SURVEY: November 1, 1838 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Dubuque County Recorder's Office and U.S. Dept. of Interior, Washington, D.C.
STREET AND NUMBER: 720 Central Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa CODE: 19 52001

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

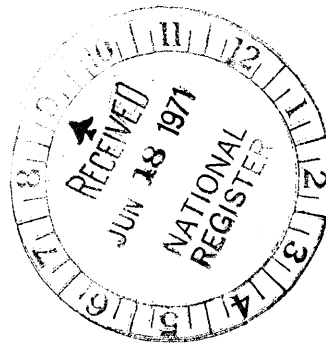
Original - Exterior: First story of gray Bedford limestone, those above of brick and molded terra cotta, the frieze of galvanized iron or zinc, and the roof of slate. The tower 190 feet high surmounted by a 14 foot statue of Justice. Total height 213 feet above street level. Various allegorical figures of laminated pewter are arranged at the four corners of the roof and above the main portal.

Interior: The shaft of the tower terminated on 4th floor in a dome of stained glass. Woodwork and fittings of oak with carving in Richardsonian character. Encaustic tile throughout main corridors and stair landings.

Present - Exterior unchanged in almost every detail but requires sand-blasting and replacement of wooden frames and sills. New roof a requisite.

Interior plan basically unaltered except tower was closed to house elevator shaft.

Ammanogus + Ammanogus



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

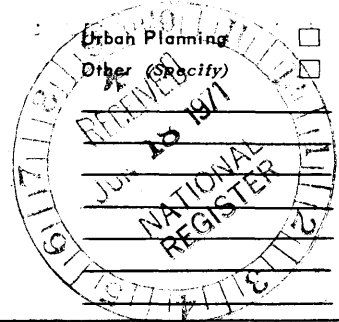
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ~~Not known~~ 1891-1893

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Designed and built by Fridolin Heer & Son, 1891-93, the significance of the Dubuque County Courthouse can be categorized and defined in two main areas based on both tangible and intangible judgements;

1. It was erected to serve as a functional center in which the Judiciary and other county government departments could adequately fulfill responsibilities as defined in the Constitution of the State of Iowa. Immense pride and superlative artisanship in both exterior and interior details were mandatory to merit respect and honor of the citizens and reflected the affluence of the era. The building still functions as originally intended.
2. The Courthouse is a building of majestic scale and dignity, towering above the city as a symbol of security and consolidation within the community. It is a personification of dependability and strength and represents a vital "sense of place" essential to the identity of the area. It stands for the transition from past to present to future; it is the badge of orderly evolution of government. It has been a part of our cultural heritage - the same heritage to which our children's children are entitled.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

DUBUQUE WEEKLY TIMES, Page 4, January 20, 1893

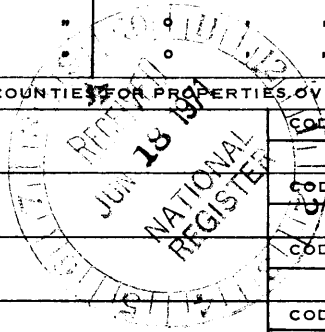
Report to NATIONAL TRUST for HISTORIC PRESERVATION by Denys Peter Myers,
consultant, Dubuque, Iowa, May 16, 1971

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		42° 30' 4" N	90° 38' 48" W	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0			39' 51"	
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None		None	
"		"	
"		"	
"		"	



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Kenneth E. Mercer, President

ORGANIZATION: Dubuque County Historical Society DATE: June 5, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 2241 Lincoln Avenue -- P.O. Box 305

CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa CODE: 19 52001

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: Sup. Superintendent - State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc.
 Date: June 15, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 JUN 23 1971

Date: _____
 ATTEST: William J. Petersen
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	IOWA
COUNTY	DUBUQUE
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ENTRY NUMBER	216.19.0001
DATE	7/16/71

1. NAME Dubuque County Courthouse

COMMON: Dubuque County Courthouse
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

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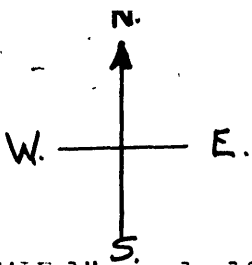
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: Original Town of Dubuque, filed in Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.

SCALE: 150 feet to the inch
DATE: November 1, 1838

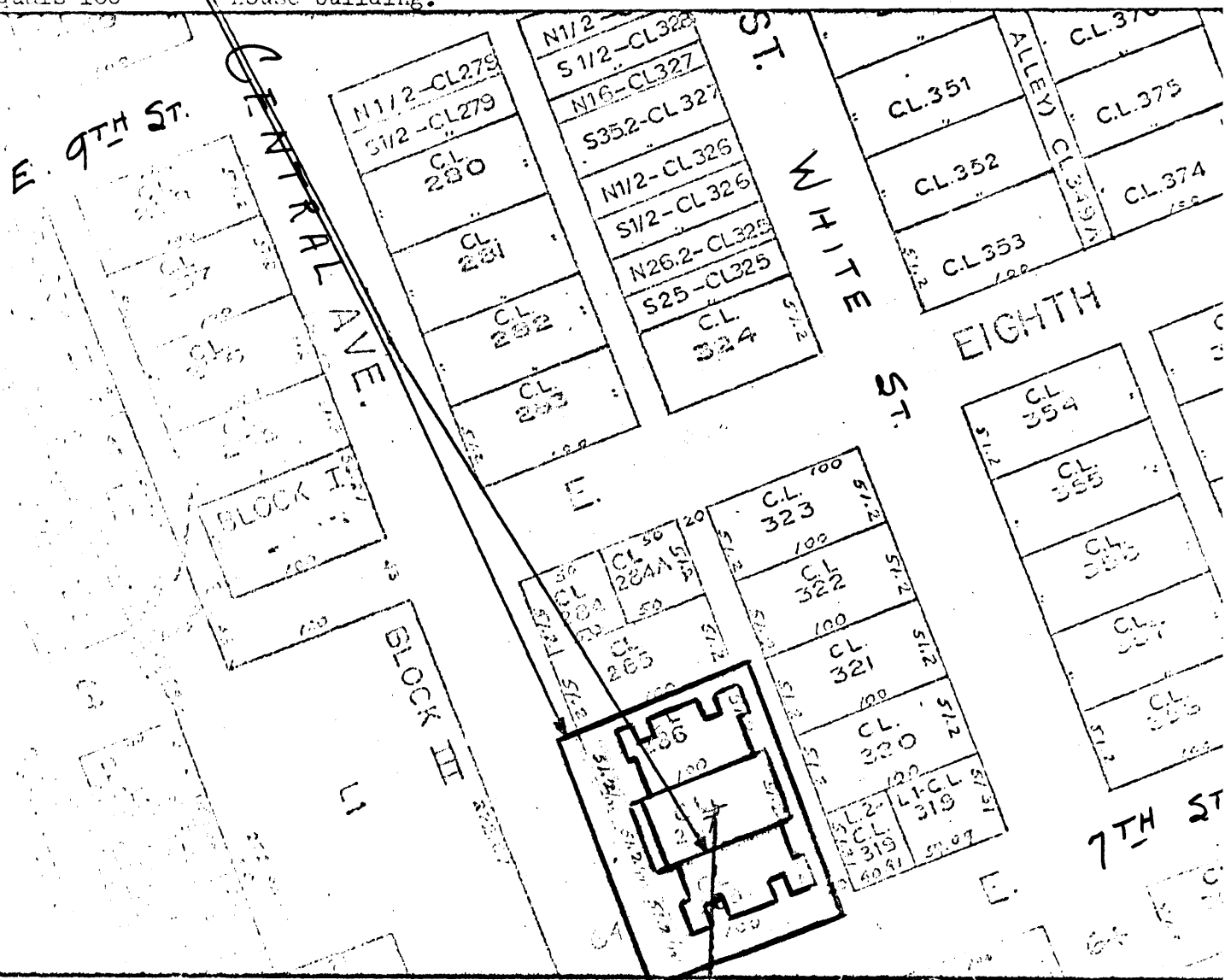
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



SCALE 1" equals 100'

Red outline indicates the Court House building site
 Green outline inside the red site outline defines the actual Court House building.



Center of Court House building location
 LATITUDE - 42° 30' 4" North
 (Reads 42 degrees, 30 minutes, 4 seconds-North)
 LONGITUDE -90° 39' 48" West
 (Reads 90 degrees, 39 minutes, 48 seconds-West)

"Latitude and Longitude Coordinates"

State of Iowa)
 County of Dubuque) ss:

I, Harold P. Meloy, the undersigned, County Auditor of Dubuque County, Iowa due hereby certify that the above plat as appears on this page is a true and correct copy of the plat records on file as part of the records of the County Auditor's Office and shows that part of the plat records as they apply to the location of the Dubuque County Courthouse and Dubuque County Jail as identified thereon.

In testimony, whereof, witness my hand and the seal of Dubuque County, Iowa this 2nd day of June, A.D. 1971.