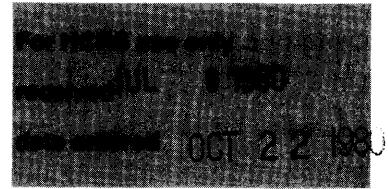


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Mazomanie Town Hall

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 51 Crescent Street _____ not for publication

city, town Mazomanie _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 2nd

state Wisconsin code 55 county Dane code 025

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: to be a museum

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Mazomanie

street & number Rt. 1

city, town Mazomanie _____ vicinity of _____ state Wisconsin 53560

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dane County Courthouse

street & number 210 Monona Avenue

city, town Madison _____ state Wisconsin 53709

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Wisconsin Inventory of _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no
Historic Places

date 1979 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison _____ state Wisconsin 53706

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

The Mazomanie Town Hall is a field stone, rectangular, two-story building with a shed roof, and almost no ornamentation. The dimensions of the building are 23 feet by 40 feet. The front (north facade) of the building consists of cut field stone blocks with two sets of wooden double doors for use on the ground floor, and three **symmetrically arranged** windows on the second floor. Both the sides and the rear of the building are constructed of rough fieldstone and the rear of the building has five windows, two on the ground floor and three on the second floor. All of the building's windows are now covered with wood panels, and each is underscored by a stone sill. A single brick chimney is visible at the rear of the roof. The interior of the building consists of a large open room on each of the two floors; access to the second floor is provided by a staircase at the rear of the building. The building has retained its original appearance, except for the covered windows. Presently the interior is completely unfurnished, but the Mazomanie Historical Society plans to refurbish it for use as a research and records center.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1878¹ **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Used for nine decades as the principal government building for the Town of Mazomanie, the old Town Hall is significant to the local history of the area. It is no longer in use, but in the past has been the location of the fire department, town meeting hall and town clerk's office.

Government. During the 1860s and 1870s the Town of Mazomanie experienced a period of substantial growth. The increase in population was accompanied by an increase in community needs, particularly an efficient and effective fire department.² Although the fire company was able to expand and obtain updated equipment, the most necessary and most difficult requirement was a permanent fire hall. In 1878, the town government, after debate, allocated a small sum to build such a hall and the structure was rapidly erected; the town newspaper described the structure as "very strongly built [but] with not a very fine appearance."³ The fire company used the building from its completion until 1897, when it moved to new quarters provided by the recently incorporated village of Mazomanie. The town continued to use the hall, as the clerk's office had been moved there in 1879. Not until the 1960s did the town move its government to other quarters. In the intervening decades the old hall was used for all town government and record-keeping purposes; during the fire company's residency, it was also a major site for social functions, including dances and suppers, and fundraisers. In 1979, after years of disuse, the annual meeting of the township decided to give the hall to the local Mazomanie Historical Society. The new owners plan to restore the building and use it as a research center.⁴

Notes

- 1) Mazomanie Sickle, October 12, 1878.
- 2) William Kittle, History of the Township and Village of Mazomanie (1900), p. 78. Documents concerning the construction of the hall are in the Mazomanie Town Hall Records.
- 3) Mazomanie Sickle, August 17, October 12, 1878.
- 4) Mazomanie News-Sickle-Arrow, May 10, 1979.

9. Major Bibliographical References

William Kittle, History of the Township and Village of Mazomanie, Madison, 1900.
Mazomanie News-Sickle-Arrow.
Mazomanie Sickle.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 0.25

Quadrangle name Mazomanie, Wis.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Located 17 feet from the beginning of Block 15, in Lot 6, in the Original Plat of Mazomanie, Wisconsin.
see continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Terry L. Shoptaugh, Historian, Historic Preservation Division

organization State Historical Society of Wisconsin date March 12, 1980

street & number 816 State Street telephone (608) 262-3390

city or town Madison state Wisconsin 53706

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Richard Berry

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

date 4/28/80

For HCERS use only

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

John W. Ray Luce
 Keeper of the National Register

date 10/22/80

Attest:

Linda McCalland

date 10.21.80

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet

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Verbal Boundary Description (revised, 10/2/80)

Lot Six of Block Fifteen of the original plat of Mazomanie, Dane County, Wisconsin.

Submitted by Matucheski
(10/2/80)