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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 Anson Wilson House
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *S of Maquoketa off US 61*
T84N R2E, Section 25

CITY, TOWN	Maquoketa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICINITY OF	Second	___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
STATE	Iowa	CODE	Jackson	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
			COUNTY	CODE

CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Grace W. Holihan

STREET & NUMBER R.R. #4

CITY, TOWN Maquoketa VICINITY OF STATE Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jackson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 201 W. Platt

CITY, TOWN Maquoketa STATE Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two-story Wilson house is constructed of large, coarsely-dressed limestone blocks laid in random ashlar pattern, and sits on a foundation of the same material. It is rectangular in plan (24½' x 32'), and has doors centered in east, north and west facades. Three windows are in each wall on both floors, with heavy stone sills and lintels. The front (west) door has four-pane sidelights. There are two chimneys, and the gable roof is covered in composition shingle. The only decorative feature of the house is a plain cornice of white-painted wood beneath gables and eaves.

A one-story frame addition to the east side was made in 1896. It was replaced in 1969 with a similar, but more modern structure.

The interior has five rooms downstairs (kitchen, pantry, dining room, living room and parlor) and upstairs (three bedrooms and two dressingrooms). An open stairway connects the floors, which are bisected by central hallways. Floorboards are 6" oak and walnut, walls are plastered. Alterations to this section have been limited to the removal of shutters, installation of aluminum sash windows, modern heating, electrical and water systems.

A 7' x 7' smokehouse, built the same time as the house, is located to the northeast of the house. It has a hip roof and a highly unusual use of brick quoining.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPOSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Anson Wilson; F. Zimmerman

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wilson house exhibits a craftsmanlike use of local materials in the construction of a typical midwestern "farmhouse style" dwelling. It was built by Anson Wilson with assistance from a stonecutter, F. Zimmerman, in 1860. Wilson (1816-1907) was born in Canada and came to Jackson County in 1839. In 1840 he made a "prairie claim" to land, and squatted there until it became available for purchase from the US government in 1846. During his early years in Iowa, Wilson supported himself by digging wells, hiring out as a teamster, particularly for hauling lumber, and at one point formed a brief partnership with Jason Pangborn to make plows. By 1860 Wilson evidently felt financially secure enough to replace his first log house with one of limestone. Outbuildings for farm operations were also built, and Wilson did his own milling and threshing on the property. Over the years, he became well known locally for his avoidance of debt, simple living, and strict attention to his own affairs.

The property has remained in the hands of Wilson's descendants.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Jackson County, Iowa, I. Chicago: S.J. Clarke, 1910.
Personal documents of Anson Wilson, presently owned by Grace Holihan: "diary" dictated during the 1890's, an account book, 1839-60

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	6,9,0	2,2,0	4,6	5,0	7,8,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C							D			

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
Grace W. Holihan

ORGANIZATION
Jackson County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 1335

CITY OR TOWN
Maquoketa

DATE

TELEPHONE

STATE
Iowa

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
John A. Anderson

TITLE
Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE
1/26/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE 11/17/77

DATE 11-16-77

ROBERT B. ROTHG
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Charles H. ...
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER